

Hello all

Here's is your weekly update on what is happening with Ryedale Woodturners.

1. Our meeting on **Thursday 3 February** is still going ahead. Keith Harte will be talking about making a chess set – some of you will remember his chess set from the 2018 Christmas competition (photo attached). This will cover how to produce multiple copies of a piece the same size and shape, and he will turn at least one of the pieces at the demonstration. If time permits he will mention how the board was constructed as well.
2. We are asking everyone to wear a mask on entry and whilst moving around the hall. Whatever our personal views on masks are, if wearing them allows others to feel more confident in attending, then it must be worthwhile. We will have a tea break, and obviously masks cannot be worn whilst drinking and eating. Perhaps we can act as if we were in a pub or restaurant – masks removed once we have settled to have our tea and biscuits. Please respect others' space by social distancing, and basically just exercise common sense.
3. For those still uneasy about meeting in person, or not able to attend for any reason, the demonstration will be broadcast on Zoom. Log on details are below. The demonstration will be recorded and will be made available to members via YouTube shortly after the event.
4. We noticed that more people are turning up early for meetings, to chat and to see what bargains may be on offer, so we have formalised this by saying that meetings are:
6:45 Doors open. Setting up equipment, sales, chairs, raffle, etc.
7:00 – 7:30 Arrival. Pay fees, get a raffle ticket, opportunity to chat, buy items on sale, display and look at any exhibits.
7:30 – 8:30 Demonstration part 1.
8:30 – 8:45 Tea break. Raffle drawn.
8:45 – 9.30 (up to 9:45) Demonstration part 2.
9:45 Clear away and depart. (Assistance always welcome.)
5. Thanks to the 26 people who have now enrolled for 2022 via bank transfer. We will welcome other subscriptions by cash or credit card on 3 February, along with the usual £5 attendance fee for the event.
6. There will be **wood turning blanks** from John Bird's garage in York **for sale**; some have already been purchased by people visiting my garage to see what was on offer, but there is quite a lot left, spindle blanks and bowl blanks. There will also be some oak blanks from Frank's barn. All are priced at least half of what their true market value would be, many less than that. Bring some cash with you, or if you hope to buy a few, you can use a credit card.
7. John Whiteley will be setting another of his "**Chairman's Challenges**". I think this one involves silver birch and a thin walled vase. More details on the night.
8. A few items turned from the Scampston chestnut will be on display. Anyone who has turned anything from the wood we gave away at the last meeting, please bring it along to show.
9. 10 members had an enjoyable hands on day at John Lund's workshop last Thursday, with beginners being mentored by more experienced turners. The new Coronet lathe recently purchased for the club was put to good use. A 4th club lathe, a Nova Comet, is being worked on to bring it up to standard. Thanks to John for hosting, and Geoff for organising the event. The next one is on Saturday 19th March at Martyn's workshop, Hunmanby Gap.
10. The **Ryedale Woodturners Facebook group** is now up to 18 members.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/706293867022053/>

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Thursday.



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More than just a monthly meeting

Ryedale Woodturners is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83953375777?pwd=ajN1QUJ2UG53VCtYN2ZjOUx5bi9ZQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 5337 5777

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