



Ryedale Woodturners

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Club Meeting Thursday 5 October Steve Fearnley

Schedule for the evening:

- 6:45 Doors open for setting up audio, video, chairs, tables, refreshments, etc.
- 7:00 Doors open for members to sign in, converse, look at what's on sale etc.
- 7:25 Any announcements
- 7:30 Demonstration begins. I will be turning some Christmassy items from yew branches – a bauble, a choir (with streetlight), an angel, and possibly a Santa. Various transferable techniques will be employed, including some borrowed from pen turning
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- 8:30 Refreshment break.
- 8:40 Raffle drawn while refreshments continue. The usual exciting prizes!
- 8:45 Demonstration continues
- 9:30 Finish (approximately, by 9:45 at latest)
- 9:45 Clear up, everyone out by 10:00.

For those unable to make it on the evening, it will be on Zoom from 7:15 pm as usual. The link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85609355470?pwd=ThHsQcYhtNJC7NQr4yh7qGrOQXuL7A.1>

Meeting ID: 856 0935 5470

Passcode: 588581

Laburnum

Keith Harte has been processing a laburnum tree which has been donated to him. Laburnum is one of the few dark timbers found Britain, though it is not a true native – introduced in the 1560s, hence a *neophyte*. It was used for furniture making before foreign imports of dark timber became more readily available. Keith hopes to bring a batch of this wonderful wood to the next meeting. It has only been felled for about a month, so will either need turning green, or leaving to season for a



while. Keith has sealed the ends. It will be available in the shop priced between £1 and £3, with all donations going to the club – Keith doesn't want anything from the venture other than to know it has gone to someone who can make use of it.

More laburnum

Coincidentally Ian Martin from Rivendell Hotel at Bridlington contacted me to say he is cutting down a laburnum tree, would we like any or all of it? If you would like to visit him and get some of this wood, his number is 07342 343567. Please let me know if you do go.

RDG Tools

I have just ordered some step centres and live centres for our club lathes from RDG Tools. If you haven't come across this company, they specialize in model making equipment, but include a range of useful woodturning items in their range. For example, centres, Jacob's chucks (drill holding chucks for the lathe), calipers, headstock sleeves/reducers, chucks, Japanese hand saws and much more. They offer free postage – my order came within two days. They make most of their stock themselves, but also stock brands such as Proxxon, Moore and Wright, Eclipse, Titebond, ... Have a look on their website at <https://www.rdgtools.co.uk> RDG used to appear at the Harrogate Woodworking show, but were missing last year, and sadly don't appear on [this year's list of exhibitors](#).

Finishes for soap dishes

Ann contacted me seeking advice:

Would somebody be able to give me some advice please? I've bought some olive wood soap, dishes online, but they have arrived as bare wood, in other words, they haven't been waxed and feel a bit rough. I've got some wax from Oak furniture land when I bought my desk. Would this be suitable to use to wax them as a soap dish or should I be using something else?

If anyone has suggestions, please [email to me](#) and I will forward them to Ann.

Hands on and training day at Broughton

We had 18 people at our Saturday training day yesterday. Lots of lathes available and lots of activity. Thanks as always to John Lund for his hospitality, and for Geoff for organising the event. Geoff sent a note round to the "tutors": *I know no one is particularly looking for thanks but even so I want to send a note of appreciation for your support for our Club workshop today. It came across as a happy and worthwhile event and I know that everyone who attended really appreciated your encouragement and support. It was especially good to see some new faces. I wish you a relaxing evening after all your efforts.*





Gallery



No offerings from other members this week so here are my latest commissions. Three matching communion trays for a church in Hampstead Heath. Oak, 8 x 16". Not too much woodturning, lots of drilling. (You could say they were Holey items?)

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