



Ryedale Woodturners

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October Meeting: Christmassy things

I enjoyed delivering last Thursday's demonstration – I hope you all found something of interest on the receiving end. As I have found before, but clearly not learnt from, I prepared too many items to fit into two hours. As a consequence I finished only one item fully, but I hope I showed you the ideas, techniques, hints and thought processes which lay behind what I was turning. The half-dozen Christmas decoration kits we had in the shop all sold, so I look forward to examples being shown at the next meeting. I will order a batch from Axminster, £2 each, for sale at the next meeting, or from me earlier if you are in a rush. A bulk order will cancel out the £5 postage charge.

It felt like a good atmosphere in the hall, with apposite interjections from the audience, and humour on tap stage right (I especially liked the "ruff-ing gouge" joke when I was texturing the chorister's collar).

51 people attended, with another 5 on Zoom. 51 is our best attendance since October 2011, so we seem to be finishing the year well. 10 of these were guests, one of whom joined, to take our membership for this year to 72, which equals the previous highest back in 2007-8 (coincidentally the year I joined).

The laburnum brought by Keith soon vanished, and raised £80 for club funds. Many thanks to Keith for his efforts with this. The other wood on sale all came from Redmill timber in Pickering, on a sale or return basis: you bought £108 of this, which I will pass on to Simon at Redmill this week. He should be able to provide us with a couple of boxes of blanks each month. Any requests for particular wood, sizes or shapes, let me know. Likewise any comments on quality and price welcome.

It was good to have Keith and Martyn back in charge of sound and vision. Everything seemed to go well, apart from the odd blip with my microphone reacting with my iphone, and a little difficulty logging on to broadcast on Zoom: both solved because we had experienced people in charge, unlike last month!

A video will appear on You Tube sometime in the future. A write-up is available on www.ryedalewoodturners.org.uk/. If you missed some of the detail in the demonstration these should provide you with the missing information.

Engineering needs

Paul Nelson passed on a business card for a friend who can make small engineering parts if required. If you have any missing parts in your workshop, or any ideas for that useful metal item that you have thought of but just cannot find to buy anywhere, Paul might be worth a contact.



Gallery

Our youngest member, Jack, has been busy making some very smart pens. The kits are from [Taylors Mirfield](#), who specialise in pen kits, but are gradually expanding their business to provide all areas of woodturning requirements. They will be at the Harrogate Woodworking Show in November.



Three pictures from the demonstration. I didn't really have time to say much about Santa. The chimney and his hat are sapele, with a red stain applied, and pyrographed bricks. His head is yew, his nose is yew stained red, and the bobble and rim of his hat are sycamore. The beard came from a faux fur pack that Emma Cook (Tiny Turner) sells. The bobble and nose are made the same way I showed to make the chorister's hands. The popular vote in the hall on Thursday went to the lamppost on the right, the fiddliest one to make!



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