



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

I hope this gets to you. A bit of slow connection here – I am up in Perth for a few days, attending the Dougie Maclean Shades of Amber music festival concerts. If you have never been to Perthshire in autumn, the shades of amber in the trees are a true delight.

It's Bonfire Night

Time to burn all those turning disasters? What does John always say - "I've been turning ornamental firewood". What a guy!

Club Meeting Thursday 5 October Philip Greenwood

Philip gave us a demonstration showing how to turn an emerging bowl. Some clear Blue Peter-style "one I've made earlier" helped show the stages and the jigs required.

After the break he showed us an off-centre jig that would be fairly simple to make. Just one screw adjustment to vary the degree of eccentricity. He showed an example of decorating box lids, but do take the jig idea and think about other alternative uses. It could work well for crossover lattice work perhaps?

To finish he talked about the skew chisel, its various forms and its many uses, with an impromptu demonstration of planing a small spindle. He also talked about the 6-chisel approach to turning. I think I use about 6 frequently, about another 6 now and again, but I counted up when I got home – I am afraid I have 65 turning chisels! Woodturning is about collecting as well as creating, isn't it?

Apologies about the sound and video yet again. We missed Brian's camera – I think we will invest in another for when Brian isn't with us. One camera suffered with a dodgy lead connection in the first half. And there was some interference on the sound. We suspect it was because we ran the Zoom output via Martyn's phone, because the hall internet was down – it turns out they hadn't paid the bill at the end of the month. They paid up on the Thursday, but service wasn't reconnected until midnight. Our search for AV perfection continues ...

Chairman's challenge

Thanks to John for providing us with some blocks of jarrah to make a lidded box. The deal is that he judges entries at the December meeting, gives the winner a lavish prize, and the boxes go into the club store for sale at the next Club sale.

Harrogate Woodworking Show 10 – 12 November.

I am sure many of you will be going to the show. I may see you there.

If you haven't been before, try and watch some of the demonstrations, there will be some first class talent on show.

If you are looking for things to buy at the big market-style tool tables, here's a few I have found over the years: have a think about some calipers and dividers – always good to have more than one pair, and they are usually fairly cheap. Consider some small spanners to use as calipers, magnetic hooks, scalpels, clock inserts, a depth gauge. Also look out for planks of things like pippy oak from British Hardwoods, and burrs and unusual blanks from Blanks and

Planks (please don't buy them all before I get there!) Why not get yourself a turning smock from Lovell's, with your name on so you can remember who you are! Simon Hope's stall always has lots of desirable goodies, but they don't come cheap.

On the *don't buy* side, most items from Chestnut will cost more at the sale than they do at our club shop, because we get 20% off. The same applies to Rhynogrip abrasive – I think we will be cheaper than any offers, at £2.75 per metre.

November sale 18-19 November

Many thanks to everyone who signed up either to sell or to help out over the weekend, or both. Anyone not there last night who intends to bring items to sell, please let either [me](#) or [John](#) know in good time. I will put more details in next week's bulletin. Remember every piece needs a price tag with a sales number on. Please price in whole pounds, or at worst multiples of 50p. No "£4.99 bargains" or similar – it makes it much harder to sort out change and final accounts. Remember when pricing that the club takes 20% commission to cover costs and make a little profit to run club activities, so price accordingly. Don't undervalue your work.

December meeting – competition and social

I will put more details about this in next week's bulletin. Just briefly, we will be providing a buffet and various activities. Members are invited to enter up to 3 pieces in one of the Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced sections. Members are welcome to bring guests along with them – same entry fee as usual, £5 on the door.

Gallery

Phill Armes had a go with some of the laburnum Keith brought along, to make a neat little bell-shaped keyring.



John Whiteley brought two lamps and a vase along to the meeting last Thursday – the gilded one at the rear is jarrah, the vase is laburnum. Not sure on the left-hand lamp stand.

And from John Kershaw: *I have turned these two candle sticks for next week's sale, they are made of oak and are 13" inches tall and 3 1/2" inches wide.*

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