



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club night Thursday 7 March 2024

An excellent turn out to see Chris Parker in action. He turned two items: a small sycamore platter, texturing the rear using the Sorby texturing system –very instructive for those who bought the secondhand versions of these tools that we sold in the shop in the last couple of months - he then reversed it and added some colour with an airbrush and marble paint with a spray. In the second half he turned an ash endgrain bowl, added a three-groove band to the outside, and coloured the inside with acrylic spray and stone paint. The demonstration provided us with a variety of techniques, carefully and clearly explained, as well as a few tips on home made tools and the use of generic tools – particular negative rake scrapers and a hooked parting tool.

Chris kindly gave us permission to record the demonstration. It will be available to club members only as a private viewing on YouTube until the end of March to allow absent members to view or those present to re-watch, after which it will be taken down in respect of Chris's copyright, and his need to make a living out of his demonstrations and IRD's. The link to the video is <https://youtu.be/iuFW-yVRe9I> . There wasn't any sound for the first couple of minutes, so we jump straight in with mounting the work on the lathe.

We welcomed back 4 members who re-enrolled for 2024, taking us to 71 so far this year. There were 57 in attendance, our best since 2008. I think there were also 3 joined us on Zoom.

I hope the improvements to the video presentation were worthwhile, with a second projector allowing screening on both sides of the hall, and three cameras in operation allowing the best angle for different stages of activity. This does all take quite a lot of setting up, and it seems inevitable that a problem will occur – on Thursday the club laptop wanted to install Windows updates very slowly, which cut out any spare time to check all the different settings. Thankfully Keith solved the laptop problem by using his own, which he had had the forethought to bring with him as a standby. Thanks as always to Keith for using his expertise to ensure an effective working system. Thanks also to Ian, who is in training to take over the system if Keith or Martyn are not available, or just want to watch the demo instead of a screen for a change.

As always, if anyone would be willing to get involved with the audio visual, and join “the tech guys” as John referred to us, please volunteer!

Club shop

If anyone has any requests for [Chestnut Products](#) or Simon Hope ([Hopewoodturning](#)) products, please let me know. I need to put in sizeable orders to avoid postage, so it is best to get things on one order if possible.

Should I get a few carbide cutters in to stock? (The ones Chris Parker said that you turn them 4 times when blunt, and then buy new.) Simon Hope 10mm cutters are £10 each. Please [email me](#) in the next 7 days if interested in anything from these two suppliers.

On Thursday collectively you spent £180 on second hand tools, £190 on finishes and abrasives and £270 on wood. I look forward to seeing some of the items turned from all this wood – either as photos for the gallery, or brought along to future club evenings for display. It was good to see all the free part-used bottles and tins go, most of the free abrasives, and a few of the free books and magazines.

Gallery



Another photo from Geoff Walker

An improvement on last week's offering. 13" goblet. The top and base are made from a piece of Spanish chestnut that came from the stock acquired by the Club from Scampston Hall in autumn 2022; the stem, with 3 captive rings, is in African Blackwood.

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