



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club night Thursday 3 October – Sticks with Keith Gardam

Keith gave us a very interesting talk on sticks – market sticks, crooks, thumb sticks, ladies sticks, fancy sticks, horn sticks ... He had examples to show us and illustrate the points he made. He showed us how to straighten a hazel shank using some heat and a home made bending jig, how to cut a dowel on the end (by hand), how to fit a handle to this, and how to shape the handle with knife, rasp and abrasives: obviously not to a finish, as the length of time to do this far exceeds what is available at a club meeting.

He also gave an insight into the highly competitive world of showing sticks, and the level of perfection required to be a winner. He judged 276 sticks at the Great Yorkshire Show this year, which took him 3 ½ hours!

A video of the evening is available on You Tube at <https://youtu.be/3Xs96Nk9leo>



We try to provide a varied program of demonstrations through the year, and hopefully members enjoyed “something different” on this occasion. There was a good attendance with just over 40 members and guests present.

Well done to Keith Harte for employing the new Village Hall sound system instead of our own PA and speakers, reducing our set-up load. We should have mentioned that this includes a T-loop, so those of you with hearing aids can switch your devices to this in future if it helps. And thank you to everyone who pitched in to help with running the evening and making it successful.

Our next club evening is an extra – on **Thursday 24 October**, when Keith Gardam will be taking us through the mysteries of sharpening tools. He will have three different types of system on show – a Sorby Pro-Edge, a CBN wheel (Cubic Boron Nitride), and a Tormek Water-cooled system. £3 entry for this one, to cover hall rental, as it is partly training, partly demonstration. There will be a shop and refreshments, but no raffle.

Chairman's Challenge

John Whiteley has come up with another challenge for us – to be judged at the December meeting, so you have 2 months to produce your masterpiece. The theme is **An articulated dragon**. It should be mainly turned, can be any size and made from any timber. As John always says – “Have a go”.

Hands on day - Ebberston

Our next club event is on **Saturday 12th October, 10am – 4pm**, when we are holding a hands-on and tuition day at Andy McLaughlin's wonderful workshop in Ebberston. Those who have signed up should already have received information and instructions from our organiser, Geoff, via email. We may be able to squeeze one or two more people in if you belatedly think you would be interested – [contact Geoff](#) if that applies to you.

Second hand tools

We sold £365 worth of second hand tools and finishing products to you at the meeting, which is good news and encourages me to continue buying stock to sell on as and when it becomes available. Some good bargains, at around 1/3 of current retail prices.

I was a little surprised the 2 chucks didn't sell, though I accept that if the thread sizes don't match your machine, requiring an adapter reduces their appeal. There are two things in my workshop that I feel I cannot have too many of – one is chucks, and the other is calipers. A range of chucks allows for different jaw types and sizes to be used without having to go through the fairly laborious process of unscrewing and rescrewing a set of jaws. A few calipers (and dividers) allow for different widths to be set for a project requiring duplicate parts (such as a stool or chair leg, or a chess set) without having to repeatedly tighten and loosen one pair of calipers. Even having a pair set permanently to the size of your standard chucking spigot can be worthwhile.

The calipers I put out did sell. The two chucks remaining are a Rutland chuck 1" x 8tpi (with an M33 convertor available) with chuck keys, £40; and a chuck (Vevor?) with 50mm jaws and spare set of pin-jaws, M33 with chuck keys, £45.

Gallery



I received an unusual request last week via the [oldfern website](#), from someone wanting a unicorn horn. I am not sure why, but the result was this one, 12" long, about 2" wide at the base. It was turned from a piece of ash and then spiralled with Proxxon bits and abrasives. No finish was applied, as per the request.

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