



Ryedale Woodturners

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Club night Thursday 6 March – Dan Smith – bird feeder

Dan Smith, a first-time demonstrator at our club, talked us through how to make a bird feeder, centred around a glass strawberry Kilner jar (Phil Coe found some on sale in Yorkshire Trading), with three pieces. This allowed him to demonstrate standard bowl turning techniques, and talk about chucking points - recess or spigot - how to drill on the lathe with the aid of a toolrest post guide, and how to glue and hold pieces during creation. He also discussed the reasons for various design choices developed along his journey with this project.

One suggestion if you have a go at this: it is probably best to avoid lime (which Dan used), and other light woods such as sycamore and ash, as they have poor durability outdoors – less than 5 years. Timber such as oak, yew, iroko, sapele, cedar, teak or opepe would be a much better bet – most of these lasting 15 – 25 years outdoors. Exterior grade glue would be sensible.

A video of the demonstration is available on YouTube at https://youtu.be/HiHOX2_ftVo. It will be available for one month.

Mystery of the Missing Chuck

The evening got off to a challenging start with the absence of a chuck on our Nova lathe, resulting in a hurried dash back home for me to bring in one of my chucks, arriving back 2 minutes before start time. The chuck was last seen in use on the January open evening: John did swap chucks through the evening, and suspected the usual chuck might have been left on a table, possibly cleared away by some helpful member? There is a possibility that it has ended up in one of the lathe kit boxes we use for training days, but in the meantime if anyone can help jog our memories, please [let me know](#) as soon as possible.

Spring Exhibition and Sale

Another reminder that we are trying a spring sale this year: **Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 April**, at the Hill Institute, Thornton le Dale. Offers to help out for even an hour or two on either day will be very gratefully received. Please contact [John Whiteley](#), or let him know at the April meeting if you can help. And do get some pieces turned for sale!

Chestnut Products order

I am probably going to put in another order to Chestnut in the next week or so. If there is anything anyone wants, please let me know. Remember you get things at approximately 20% off if we order enough through the club (I have to order £250 at a time to avoid delivery charges). This is not just adhesives and finishes, but includes things like buffing systems and brushes. Have a look at [Chestnut Products - First for Finishes | Finishing Products](#)

2nd Hand Chuck for Sale

David Muckle from Teesside Woodturners has unearthed another chuck for sale. Brand new, unused, still boxed, an RP2000 mini chuck. £50. He hasn't told me what the thread size is. [Let me know](#) if interested.

Midlands Woodturning Show – Newark

A couple of photos from Geoff, showing a few of our members in attendance. I suspect there will be a full report ready for next week's bulletin.



Gallery

Some items from the club meeting (please do bring along things to show on club nights).

Sue brought along an oak dish she had made, with a little guidance from Martyn. I think it is a wedding present for someone. Showing all the beauty of a nice piece of oak.



And some items on the display table I think were from Paul – a tool rack and a deep end-grain ash bowl.



Also spotted were some thread chasing examples – labelled “The good, the bad and the downright failure”. By persons unknown (to me at least).



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