



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hands on training day, Ebberston 17 March 2025

A report from Geoff on the day:

Many thanks for all your efforts at Andy's and a big thank you to him for hosting us. It was another excellent day for those of our members who attended, all of whom would, I'm sure, endorse these thanks. It was good to welcome two new members (Richard and Micky) and a new tutor, Dan. All-in-all an excellent day. Thank you.

Regarding our next training opportunity, Geoff is working on organising a day at John Lund's workshop in Broughton, probably Sunday 1 June, 10am – 4pm. Further details to follow.

Another club lathe

Thanks go to Martyn for picking up another Record Coronet Herald from Leeds last week. Second hand, but in good condition and with chuck and outrigger. That takes us to four Coronets in the club, plus a Record DML, a Charnwood W821, and our Nova XP we hold at the Village Hall. We have ordered another chuck for the Nova lathe – sadly no one has come forward with any information about the missing chuck. I suppose it could still appear in someone's toolbox accidentally cleared away in the haste at the end of the January meeting. Do let me know if it pops up anywhere.

A reminder we do loan these out to people in return for storage. Two are now on loan to our new members Richard and Micky. Hopefully they will find the machines useful to allow them to explore getting in to turning, ahead of committing to real spending!

Sledmere House Spring Fair Sunday 4 – Monday 5 May

No takers from club members for the offer of a stall or a demonstration spot for us. If anyone can help out, please let me know, otherwise I will reply to the organiser that we are unable to be involved this time.

Turner's Retreat

Another woodturning store closure, this time the Doncaster outlet of Turner's Retreat, having just celebrated its 25th year in 2024. It is moving to share warehousing with Robert Sorby, its parent company, in Sheffield, and will revert to being online and telephone sales only, although it will still be operating training courses. It seems to be part of a gradual retreat "down south" and online only for woodturning, following the recent closure of the Newcastle Axminster store. If we buy our goods online, we can expect our retail stores to struggle, in the same way as local banks close when we do more and more banking online. We still have Greenville Crafts at Killinghall, just north of Harrogate, where Chris is trying to increase its provision rather than downsize, and G&S Timber at Stainton, near Penrith. And I still have hopes for Simon's plans at Redmill Timber in Pickering, at least to supply wood blanks and smaller items.



Gallery

Some photos from the Ebberston training day, courtesy of Geoff.



And a contribution from Martyn:



Members may remember the drilling jig that Dan used for index drilling at the March demonstration.

I thought I would have a go at making one. I have drilled 4, 6, 8 and 10mm inserts for use with it. The sleeve keeps on centre once set.

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