



Ryedale Woodturners

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Club night Thursday 1 May– Chris Parker

We welcomed Chris back for a second year, having been impressed with his demonstration last year. He brought us a lively performance of turning, texturing and airbrushing. This took us on a journey through different tools and techniques. Very impressive was a quick-change of jaws on his chuck – this was an [Easywood chuck \(from Axminster\)](#). If you would like one, they are £470. They have an ingeniously simple 5-second method of locking and unlocking the jaws just by pressing a rod into a small hole.

Chris presented some “alternative” techniques to us, some of which were not for the faint hearted: an Arbortech used against a turning bowl to create a spiral pattern, smoke churning out of dimples made in a “whimsical goblet” using a micromotor running at 50,000 rpm with a Kutzall burr, an 8” square blank held against an abrasive disc while a chucking point was put on – with an adapted tool to get in alongside the tailstock centre.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out on the night in any way, particularly those who stayed behind to sweep, unplug, carry and clear.

A full write-up will appear on the website soon. A video of the evening is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/Ac2gmsTB73s>

Thornton le Dale Sale 26 – 7 April

Our takings for the spring sale eventually came to £1173, with 10 contributors selling 116 items between them. As usual the majority were £10 or less (73%) , almost all £20 or less (90%) with just two items over £30, the most expensive being a lamp stand at £70. It was not our best total (£2000 in September 2024), but it was better than other sales we have tried around this time of year. Here is a breakdown of the last three years’ sales.

	Where	Total	To members	To club
Jun-22	Jubilee Fair (1 day)	£271.00	£248.20	£45.80
Jul-22	Filey Craft Fair (2 days)	£684.00	£527.20	£71.22
Jul-22	Thornton July (2 days)	£1,136.00	£875.20	£165.45
Aug-22	Thornton Show	£700.00	£483.20	£71.32
Nov-22	Thornton November	£2,067.50	£1,558.00	£402.27
Jul-23	Filey Craft Fair (2 days)	£464.40	£371.52	£9.63
Aug-23	Thornton Show	£1,020.50	£750.40	£19.52
Sep-23	Thornton September	£1,516.20	£1,179.76	£233.15
Nov-23	Thornton November	£1,396.50	£1,110.80	£182.95
May-24	Malton Food Festival	£937.50	£741.20	-£3.02
Aug-24	Thornton Show	£683.00	£530.40	-£114.77
Sep-24	Thornton September	£2,070.50	£1,756.35	£200.46
Nov-24	Thornton November	£1,162.50	£1,035.00	£23.26
Apr-25	Thornton April	£1,173.00	£934.20	£135.65

We kept the club commission down at 10%, which paid the rent and banking fees, and left us with £135 profit to go into club funds. Thanks to everyone who took part, particularly those who came to help out attracting people in to the hall by pounding the streets and giving out invitations.

Our next sale will be at **Thornton le Dale Show on Wednesday 6 August.**

Gallery

A few pictures from the Thornton le Dale sale:





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