



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

A bumper edition this week.

Club night Thursday 5 June– Helen Bailey

Our first visit from Helen, and almost certainly not our last. A very informative and entertaining presentation of how to turn a thin walled bowl (less than 2 mm) out of sycamore, and then pierce it in a delicate filigree pattern. Lots of insights into what is required, and techniques to achieve best results.

A write-up with notes on some of the equipment will appear on the website.

Geoff wrote to Helen to thank her:

We are fortunate in having had many excellent turners at our club, but last night's demonstration was amongst the best, as you could see from the enthusiastic reception of our members. There is a clamour for to you for you to return and I will make contact, if I may, early next year when I will be putting together our 2027 program.

As John our Chairman remarked last night, there is always something new to learn in woodturning no matter how long you have been involved in the craft. I would echo that. There was so much to learn, not just the big picture of thin wall turning and piercing but even in the way you present your tools and how you make use of various cuts. Certainly a night to remember. Thank you, once again, for coming to our club

For those who bought some of the holly or laburnum from the shop, be aware it is recently felled, with moisture content around 38 – 40% (10 – 15% is more the seasoned level). I would recommend turning it straight away, possibly rough turning and then leaving for a few months until finishing with a final cut. Microwaving the piece can help – use a defrost setting. Also some will remember John Whiteley's suggestion of using silica gel pellets - immerse the piece in a bag of these, and they suck out the moisture. They can then be dried and reused. They are often sold in connection with dried flower arrangements. Another alternative is to seal the ends – Chestnut End Seal, dipping in wax (microwave can be useful again), emulsion paint – and put away in a cool shaded place for a couple of years. One final alternative is to embrace the wetness of the wood, turn it thin and wait to see what distortions and cracks can add to the attraction of your turning.

Thanks as always to John Lund for donating pieces of wood for sale, to John Whiteley for bringing more of our cherry wood down, and to Andy McLaughlin for collecting, cutting up and bringing some of the holly.

Hands on day Broughton, Sunday 1 June

Our training coordinator, Geoff, writes:

Six tutors and ten turners assembled at John Lund's Broughton workshop last Sunday for an enjoyable day's turning. John's workshop is a paradise for those with an interest in all things mechanical and includes a long bedded Wadkin lathe from 1903 which is still in full working order. The range of turned items was, as always, indicative of the far reach of what is

achievable from our craft. As the accompanying photos show, our turners were happily engaged and engrossed with the tasks in hand. At the end of the day a significant quantity of sawdust and shavings attested to a busy and memorable event. Our thanks go to John for his, as always, kind and unstinting hospitality; to our tutors who freely and willingly share their enthusiasm and skill and to our happy and engaging participants whose enthusiasm for our craft made the day so worthwhile. Another club event that proves the truth of our motto: "more than just a monthly demo".

Upcoming events

Training event: finishes

A reminder that our next event is an extra club night on Thursday 26 June, when Nathaneal Griffiths from Chestnut Products will be demonstrating and talking about the range of products they offer. As mentioned previously, if you see something you like on the evening, we can order it and have it available for you at the July meeting at our usual 20% discount.

Club night 3 July

Our next main meeting is on 3 July, when Martyn Weller will be turning an "Egyptian vase".

Summer Fair

If anyone would like to run a table top stall, we have been invited to a Summer Fair at The Hall in Thornton le Dale, Saturday 21 June 10 – 4pm, in aid of the Thornton le Dale almshouses. Tables are only £5, (we do have a folding table you could borrow for the day. This would be for an individual rather than representing the Club. If interested contact Karen Selby at almshousesthe@gmail.com . You don't have to sell woodturning, any crafts welcome.

Second hand tools – Stockton on Forest

I visited a lady on Friday who is faced with the all too common task of clearing out her deceased father's workshop and barn. I have bought the smaller woodturning tools from her, a list will appear in next week's bulletin. She also has some larger items that are for sale, I expect at very reasonable prices.

Nova DVR 3000 lathe. The pre-cursor of our club lathe. Variable speed, swivel head, with chuck and revolving centre, all in good working order and probably little used. I suggest an offer of £500 would secure it, probably less (she wants to clear it).

Metabo planer thicknesser HC260. 10" cast iron bed, on wheeled legs. A sturdy machine still in production retailing around £600. I suspect an offer of £150 might secure it.

Clarke Drill Press. Large bench top model. I didn't test it, but I think all is well. £50?

Axminster dust and chip extractor. I did test this one. All in good order, quiet. £50?

Elektra Beckum bandsaw. A popular brand of the past, taken over by Metabo in 1999 (fully integrated in 2006, so this saw is at least 20 years old). £100? Probably accept less.



Second hand lathe – Pickering

Charlene Wood emailed to say she has a lathe for sale in Pickering.

Delta 46-255 Variable Speed Wood Lathe Weight 85kgs Distance between centres is 850mm Swing 310mm Including Stand £200 Hardly used , but has some rust as been in a shed , dry and covered. COLLECT PICKERING

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If you are interested in anything from these just email me at info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk and I will pass on contact details for Charlene or Suzanne.

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Hands on Day at John Lund's workshop, Broughton, 1 June

