



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Hot weather

How are you all coping with the hot weather? Are your workshops unbearable, or do you have solutions to keep them cool? Mine isn't too bad on a morning, but as the sun moves round it gradually heats up, and by late afternoon it is ridiculously hot. The problem then comes as to whether to wear a smock, or skip it and get dust all over my shirt, and sticking to my skin.

Timber supplies

A quiet week on the woodturning front. I visited Duffield Timber, in Melmerby, near Ripon, combined with a trip to Fountains Abbey.

I have mentioned them before, but haven't been for a while. Duffield are mainly a large scale timber distribution business, but they also have a "Hobby Shop", with lots of "Shorts" (offcuts of planks) and a selection of woodturning blanks in Ash, Oak, Beech and Maple, plus a number of exotics. They are not cheap – certainly not

compared to the prices we put on blanks in the club shop – but they do offer some very clean, planed all round, waxed blanks. Oak is very expensive – an 8 x 2" blank is £15.63. The same size for ash is £11.42, beech £6.72.

There are also some interesting tree trunk slices - £750 for a 2" thick slice of bubinga, for example!

Why has oak become so expensive? Is it the Chinese importing it for oak furniture, which seems to have replaced pine and flat-pack? And where has all the sycamore gone? How I miss Snainton Woodworking Supplies. Any comments welcome.

Worth a look - [Duffield Timber](#) | [Family-Owned Timber & Machine Merchants](#)



Gallery

No submissions from members this week, so here are a few recent [*oldfern*](#) projects:



A tapestry pole, with beehive finials at each end, and wall mount hooks. All in oak. 130 cm long.. For someone up in Scotland with a William Morris Tree of Life to hang.

Two trophies for Thornton le Dale Show – children's Arts and Crafts, and the Most Points in the Walking Sticks category. And another Kindness Cup for a primary school from Dan. Oak.

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