



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club night Thursday 4 September– Ian Ethell – bud vase and square dish

Ian Ethell joined us once again to demonstrate offset turning. This time he turned an unusual bud vase on two axes, with a little colour thrown in. After the break he made a very thin, small square bowl, taking a piece of ash down to its limits. I confess I came away less impressed than for the equivalent demonstration last year, which had gone down very well with club members – Ian didn't seem to be quite as enthusiastic about this one, and didn't explain as much of his processes as he could have. That said, he did offer some good tips on sanding – using a Velcro covered golfing glove for holding paper, holding an arbor in a home-made Jacobs chuck jig for finishing a base, long bands to keep the hands away from the piece – and some detailed information about tool grinds, pressure and holding the chisel. As always, other people's feedback is very welcome, and useful for Geoff when he is booking future demonstrations.

Detailed plan drawings for the two items are attached to this bulletin in pdf form.

A video of the demonstration is available at <https://youtu.be/JyLmed2Fq64>

Bottle Stopper Challenge

It was good to see most of the free wood blanks and lots of cork stoppers were taken at the meeting, in response to my challenge to create some bottle stoppers. For those of you not present but who might like to have a go, the challenge was to turn a bottle stopper (or stoppers – no limit



on entries) to fit the plentiful supply of corks I had picked up at a garage clearance, for display at the next meeting, with a prize of a bottle of wine to put your stopper in (or a gift token if you prefer a non-alcoholic prize). Stoppers can then either be taken back, or left for the club to sell at the November sale. There were some finished ones in the garage sale – I put these in a tub marked “£2 each” at our stall at Thornton Show, and sold six. I might put the price up when I see the quality of your submissions! If you were absent but would like to join in the challenge, the blanks handed out were about 30mm square (but don't feel limited by this), the tenon which fits in the cork is 12.5mm diameter and 30mm long, and the neck at the top of the cork is 25mm.

There will be plenty more corks at the next meeting to slot on to your stopper. All a bit of fun really. I look forward to seeing the wide variety of entries!

Exhibition and Sale Thornton le Dale Saturday – Sunday 13-14 September

Firstly, ***please don't use the sale posters I put out*** – it's not much use advertising last year's November sale! A correct version is attached for anyone who can print it off and display it.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help, and offered to submit pieces for sale. There had been warnings of gales and rain, but at the moment that has been modified to a fine sunny Saturday, and only light rain early and later on Sunday.

Some reminders:

- Set up on Friday evening at the Hill Institute from 4pm, (or Saturday morning from 9.30 am as long as we know you are coming).
- Items need a label on them showing the price and your sale number. (Ask me if you haven't got a sale number).
- Unsold items to be collected on Sunday afternoon at 4pm (I can possibly hold items by arrangement for those who cannot get there at this time).
- Prices need to be in multiples of £1 or 50p: no £5.99 type prices please.
- There will be a commission charged at between 10% and 20% to cover rental costs and allow a small profit for club funds: the level will be determined by the success of our sales. Price accordingly.
- Payouts will be made a few days after the sale, either by BACS (preferred), or in cash at the next meeting.
- Anything to make your display more attractive is worth doing – small descriptor signs, visible prices, stands to hold items and vary the height of our table top display, bargain buckets, special offers Small items at £5 or less are often picked up by casual visitors, but on occasion so are more expensive items that show your capacity for creativity and skill. It isn't too early for a few Halloween or Christmas items – look in the gift shops and you will already see them gathering!
- If you haven't been before please ask for directions to the Institute. The address is Maltongate, Thornton Dale, Pickering YO18 7LF. Parking may be available outside the Institute, but this is not guaranteed. Note the sale is NOT in the Village Hall!

Chestnut Products

I will be putting an order in for finishing products and adhesives from Chestnut <https://chestnutproducts.co.uk> before the next meeting. Please let me know if there is anything you particularly want. Remember we sell items more or less at cost price, which is 20% off retail price. I need to order over £200 worth of goods to avoid paying postage.

Canadian Woodturner demonstration – Kade Bolger

Ian Carriss at East Yorkshire Woodturners contacted me to invite members to a woodturning demonstration by Canadian turner [Kade Bolger](#). Kade is on a holiday in Britain at the moment, and is combining this with a few guest demonstrations. The event is in Skidby Village Hall, Main Street, Skidby, East Yorks, HU16 5TX. It is an evening event, **Monday 6 October at 7.00pm**, and the cost will be £10. If you are interested you can contact East Yorkshire Woodturners through the Contact details on their website, email them at info@eastyorkshirewoodturners.org.uk, or let me know and I will pass on a telephone number. You do need to book a place in advance.

Old lathe for sale

John Moore in Thornton le Dale contacted me to say he has an old Myford ML8 lathe for sale. It is advertised on Gumtree if anyone is interested, or let me know and I can pass on his contact details. These were a popular and trustworthy lathe in their day, but their day was some time ago. (Nottingham based Myford went into liquidation in 2011, like many British machine manufacturers before them). This is a 1980s machine, a model favoured by many a school across the country. Interestingly, I spotted the same model in The Rocking Horse Shop workshops at Fangfoss on Saturday, clearly still in use.



Gallery

Three photos from Thursday's demonstration



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