



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Upcoming Training Events

Tuesday 21 October – John Lund's, Broughton, 10 am – 4 pm

Thursday 13 November – Snainton Village Hall, 7 pm – 10 pm

A note from Geoff, who is organising these events:

At present we have only 3 vacant spaces at both workshop events. Members who are interested in taking part should [contact me ASAP](#) to avoid disappointment. I will start a reserve list if we are fully subscribed.

September Exhibition and Sale, Thornton le Dale

Half way through the sale, and we have had lots of people visit us on Saturday. I think we have made about £660 so far, helped in no small part by the sale of two items at £100 each. Full details next week. Many thanks to John, Geoff, Phil, Phill, Terry, Paul and Karen, and Keith W, for their help during the day, and good to see one or two members who popped in to have a look at the woodturning and say hello.

Free Woodturning magazines

Jim in Old Malton emailed to say he has a collection of 90 **Woodturning** magazines from over the years, free to anyone who might like to collect them. For those new to our craft, *Woodturning* is the go-to magazine for all woodturners. Regardless of their date, these are an invaluable source of ideas, information on techniques, and presentation of what is going on in the woodturning world. If anyone is able to pick them up from Jim I would be grateful – either for yourself or to bring to the club – otherwise I will arrange to collect them if he still has them when I return from holiday. [Contact me](#) if you can pick up.

Canadian Woodturner demonstration – Kade Bolger

A reminder that Kade is doing a demonstration at East Yorkshire Woodturners in Skidby Village Hall, Main Street, Skidby, East Yorks, HU16 5TX. 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.

Henry Taylor Open Day Sunday 31 August, Sheffield

I visited this new woodworking open day a fortnight ago. An interesting 3 hours spent there, though were relatively few things to see – Henry Taylor Tools, Huddersfield Woodturners and Woodcarvers demonstrating, Albion Timber with a sample of what they offer, plus a burger van and an ice cream cart. The absence of large numbers allowed me to talk to people. Huddersfield Woodturners seem to operate very similar to us, though they have a £65 annual subscription and no monthly attendance fee. Swings and roundabouts? They number just over 50 members, compared to 85 at our club.

One interesting idea is that when they have a sale or exhibition, they put on a tombola, with tickets at £1 each, and prizes being small turned items donated by club members. They said it does very well. I wonder if we might consider something similar? Does anyone fancy making a tombola? Perhaps we could run it for a charity we might nominate as a club? Some years ago we used to raise money for charities by donating items for sale at some local events. Yorkshire Air Ambulance was one such. [Your thoughts welcome](#). I bought two Hamlet 6-chisel starter sets at £200 each, representing a 25% discount on RRP. These are to go with our loan lathes, though one could be available to purchase if any new starter is interested.

Club Programme for 2026

With many thanks to Geoff for organising this. It is good to see four new names on the list: [Katie Armstrong](#) is one of the youngest woodturners on the circuit, age just 22. [Andy James](#) specialises in segmented designs, in particular miniature segmented hollow forms. [Rick Dobney](#) has been demonstrating for many years, exploring turning outside of the 'Round and Brown', often incorporating alternative materials into his pieces. Best known for his multi axis and off centre work turned on a jig he has developed. [Colin Watson](#), AKA The Crazy Woodman, took up woodturning in 2013, retired in 2016, and has expanded his interest in the craft since then.

You can read about the other returning woodturners on our website at [Ryedale Woodturners directory of visiting demonstrators](#)

2025 programme

With thanks to Geoff for contacting demonstrators and organising this for next year:

8 January	Open Evening and enrolment
5 February	Andy James
5 March	Katie Armstrong
2 April	Rick Dobney
7 May	Dan Fearnley
4 June	Colin Watson
2 July	Emma Cook
6 August	Open Evening
3 September	Dan Smith
1 October	Steve Fearnley
5 November	John Boyd-Aitken (IRD)
3 December	Annual Club competition and social

Gallery



I had a request from Russell, a clock restorer in Scarborough. Could I turn two hood columns for a clock he was restoring? These are the pillars that go either side of the clock face, in this case to fit between brass capitals and bases. They are slightly tapered, 18 mm at the top, expanding to 25 mm two-thirds of the way down, and back to 22 mm at the bottom. They were turned in oak and stained by Russell to match the clock case. An interesting task – a challenge as with anything involving a matching pair, particularly as he only gave me two oak dowels to make the columns from, so there was no room for errors!

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