



# Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

## **Club night Thursday 5 March – Box with square rim, Katie Armstrong**

We welcomed Katie for her first visit, almost certainly not her last. A slight confusion meant that she didn't turn a "bowl and arrow" as advertised, but instead a neat little box. Bowl and arrow next year? The demonstration showed how with just a couple of tools and two small blanks an attractive item can be made, involving a number of skills but accessible to most turners in our club. With clear and plentiful explanations, and a clear enjoyment in what she was doing, Katie was well received, representing yet another welcome part of our varied programme for the year. A recording is on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/0WKDKsBpYtA>

## **Pro-Edge sharpening**

Katie used a Pro-Edge sharpening system during her demonstration. I know a number of members are on a waiting list for a second hand one, and I know the £500 price tag for a new Deluxe version (really essential if you are serious) is an obstacle to buying new. If people could let me know if they are interested in buying one at a reduced price, I will see what I can do in terms of negotiating a bulk purchase. I am minded to buy one for the club anyway, but you saw in the demo that Katie sharpened tools after about half an hour's turning, and you probably heard and saw the difference, so only sharpening when you come to the club is not really a long term solution.

## **Club Shop**

We had a couple of hiccups with our new POS system in the shop – only using it once per month means we had forgotten some of the routines. To help balance the books, it would be useful if whoever bought a British Hardwoods £16 shrinkwrapped timber pack could let me know whether they paid cash or card, and if possible, roughly at what time.

Noel was looking for a shiny finish, and asked if melamine lacquer could be used after Cut 'n Polish. The answer is no. You can find the answer to such questions on Chestnut's Compatibility chart, [available online](#), and attached to this bulletin.

Also if you have any requests for Chestnut Products items [let me know](#). I may be putting in an order soon if there is enough demand. Remember you get 20% off through the club shop.

## **Woodturning Weekender**

I mentioned the woodturning weekender in Doncaster 29-30 August. I know of 4 people intending to go. The organisers will give 10% discount for block booking of 10 tickets. Quite a tall order for us, but [let me know](#) if you are interested.

## **April sale**

I mentioned our upcoming sale but got the date wrong by one day. It is **Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 April**. Two of our regular stalwarts cannot be there, so I would appreciate [any indications](#) of being able to help at any time over the weekend, and also any indications of people intending to put in items for sale.

## Midlands Woodworking Show: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March

Geoff Walker writes: *Hundreds of woodturners converged on Nottinghamshire County Showground in Newark for the opening day of the annual Midlands Woodworking Show. Though the event is smaller than the Harrogate Show held in November, stall holders reported that sales have grown year-on-year. Some went as far as saying that Newark may soon outstrip Harrogate as the 'go-to' event for woodturners. While the number of exhibitors and retailers is smaller at Newark, the range of turning items on sale is every bit as comprehensive. Martyn Weller and I went along with a shopping list and managed to come away with every item ticked off. It was good to see the club well represented by Bob Ingram, Keith Wilkinson and Steve Cooper. Others no doubt attended on day 2. Demonstrations from several professional turners who have visited us at Snainton attracted sizeable and enthusiastic audiences. Margaret Garrard, Emma Cook, Mick Hanbury, Nathanael Griffiths, Rick Dobney and Simon Hope are names that will be familiar to most. Whilst unlikely to attract a Michelin star the cost and range of food available is far better than at Harrogate. £5.50 will buy the cash-strapped Yorkshire man or woman a large bap with a choice of 3 substantial fillings from a wide range of breakfast items. Overall, I'd say that if you can't get to Harrogate or enjoy a woodturning trip for its own sake, then you should seriously consider the annual Newark show. It's a good day out.*

Just a note – the Harrogate Woodworking Show is back to three days this year – 13 – 15 November. Perhaps the competition for top spot will encourage them to ensure it is a high quality affair.

### Gallery

Photos of Katie's spalted beech box with an oak lid, and her bowl-and-arrow. Also a sycamore bowl from Nick, with a black Milliput inset ring.



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