



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Chestnut Products order

I have received a new batch of products from Chestnut, which includes everything requested by members, plus more standard items to keep stock levels up. There has been a small increase on 2025 prices, around 6% I think, though this will be slightly more of slightly less for shop prices, as I generally round up a little to make change easy, and to make a small profit for the Club. Whatever the effect on an individual item, we are still selling at 15 – 20% of the actual retail prices you will see on the Chestnut website.

Chestnut has brought out some High Gloss Wax, initially creating a sample batch for the Newark Show. I managed to negotiate purchase of 4 tins that were left over from the show: two have already been claimed/requested, two remain available.

Requested items will be in the shop on 2 April with names on them.

Snainton Village Hall Storage

I have been in discussions with the Hall managers about improving the storage space we have for our equipment. The upshot was that Dan and myself spent an hour on Friday with the manager helping them clear out the area used as a store, and moving our equipment to the right hand end, which is now designated for our exclusive use. Other hall equipment is now to the left, including a number of boxes of books which are due to be collected and removed. This is a big improvement for us, and potentially means we can store additional boxes there (for example the shop stuff).

Longer term, the Hall is looking to build a new store, or extend the existing building they have at the end of the car park. They are also planning to increase the size of the car park. They indicated that we should be able to use a portion of the new store for our purposes. All very positive. I feel that the Hall is becoming an ideal venue for us, with significant improvements to the kitchen and the audio visual system since we started meeting there, and more to come.

If there is interest we may look to add more meetings between club nights, concentrating on hands-on activity and training. [Let me know](#) your thoughts on this, or talk to any of the committee members – especially Geoff – at the next meeting. Remember there is one such meeting organized for 30 April. [Let Geoff know](#) if you would like to attend.

Gallery

A few weeks ago the Club received an enquiry regarding an art project by a group in Hutton Buscel. Could we round off and shape some logs as part of their project to create a sculpture involving a metalwork frame with logs on the end of branches? The logs were wet, cracking or cracked, with some mould and spalting, but I said I could turn these for them. The result was ten rounded off logs, about 10" tall, of varying widths. I believe each member of the group will decorate a log, and then it will all be put together. I suggested they make a small donation to the Club, and as a result we have an additional £50 in our coffers.



I made a short (6 minutes) video to show the group what was involved with the turning. It is available at <https://youtu.be/3Bul075-07E>. Nothing too exciting!

And a message from Elaine:

John Grayson and myself worked with Martyn at the recent hands-on evening. We wanted to have a go at multi-axis turning. I was lucky enough to spend this afternoon at Martyn's finishing my multi-axis bottle stoppers!

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