



# Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

## **Exhibition and Sale, Thornton le Dale, 11 – 12 April**

Last weekend's sale was one of our best on record, in terms of total amount taken; our third best in fact, with £1945 being taken over the two days, nearly £600 more than the equivalent sale last April, and not far off our best ever of £2070 (in September 2024). It was good to see 14 members offering items for sale, and every one of them managing to sell something. This represented a real cross-section of age and experience, from beginners to very experienced turners, though our most experienced member (our Chairman John Whiteley) made the lowest number of sales parting with only two items. However, considering they sold for £80 and £295, we are very grateful for his contribution! The £295 was for a piece of burr elm wall art, sold 5 minutes before we closed on Sunday afternoon.



We sold 182 items: as usual the majority were £10 and under (41%), with just 7% over £20. Because the total was so good, I have set the commission fee for sellers at just 10% this time, which after hall rental and bank card fees still leaves £145 to go into club funds. Many, many thanks for the large number of volunteers who came to help out on the street and in the Institute, particularly as the weekend was cold and showery. Your support for the Club is much appreciated.

A very sociable event offering lots of opportunities to chat to other members and visitors to the sale. I hope the residents and visitors in Thornton le Dale were not too intimidated at times by the gang of woodturners outside the hall, coercing and convincing people to "come and have a look". Phil resorted to offering dogs a treat if their owners would be dragged in to the sale, and telling drivers that they cannot park outside the Institute without paying a toll – that being that they come in to the sale! Geoff is still recovering from having paid over £5 for a sandwich from the Delicatessan on Saturday. He brought a pack-up on Sunday.

Our next sale is at Thornton le Dale Show on Wednesday 5 August. Get turning in good time – items to sell and items to enter in the woodturning categories.

## **Redmill Timber Shop Opening Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

The weather just about kept fine for Simon Grimmer's shop opening days. It was good to see so many club members turn up – I counted 29, plus some partners, and some former members – to show interest and support for the venture. I enjoyed my two days "demonstrating", though to be honest I didn't do much turning, spending much of the time talking to visitors, which really is what the event was all about. Ryedale Woodcarvers were also in attendance, and I had some interesting conversations about how we might cooperate more in the future – they may, for example, join us at our August open evening.

From conversations with Simon, this is the beginning of things rather than an end product, and he has plans to expand the retail side of his business further. He accepts that there could have been more turning blanks available, but time defeated him in the build up to what was a big event to organise, and he didn't get to prepare as much wood as he would have liked. He is very keen to have feedback, both about the weekend and about what he can provide in the future to meet people's needs, so please if you have any constructive comments do feed them back – either directly to [simon@redmilltimber.co.uk](mailto:simon@redmilltimber.co.uk), or to me at [info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk](mailto:info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk). I know a number of you spoke to him and suggested things you would like to see as the shop develops. He is now our local Sorby representative, so if there is anything Sorby that you want (or Spear and Jackson, or Turner's Retreat), contact Simon and he will either have it in stock or can order it for you and save postage. He is likely to be able to offer a competitive price on larger items, such as the Pro Edge Sharpening system. I have ordered one for the Club.

I will keep people updated with any new developments Simon tells me about, such as new turning stock becoming available or any second hand equipment or tools.

### **CubJam – cub scouts event**

I received a message from Liz Jack:

*We are holding a North Yorkshire Scout Event for 600 cubs at Galtree's (on the way into Pickering) 1st - 4th May.*

*I would like to enquire if there is a way the cubs could have a go at doing some woodturning please? I do appreciate this is short notice and understand if it isn't possible. We would be looking at having it as an activity on Saturday 2nd and/or Sunday 3rd May.*

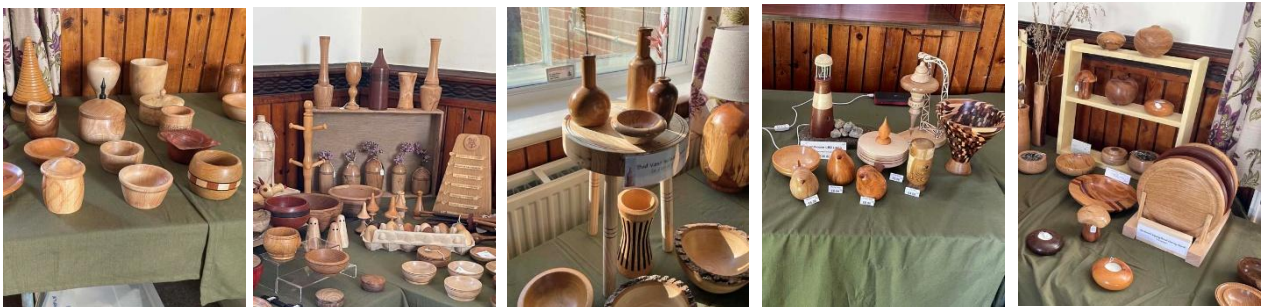
We have helped Bob with scouts events in the past. I don't think I am available to help on these dates, but if anyone would be prepared to help, please let me know at [info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk](mailto:info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk) and I will pass on Liz's contact number. A club lathe or lathes could be made available. Our insurance does cover us for such events (subject to a risk analysis, for which I have a pro-forma).

### **Hands On Evening 30th April 7 – 9.30 pm, Snainton Village Hall**

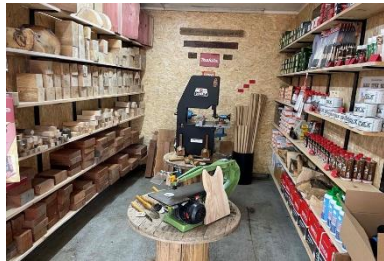
Geoff tells me this is now fully booked in terms of working hands on with tuition, but he is still happy to take names to go on a waiting list – and people do drop out. A reminder we are opening this evening up to all members to attend, have a chat, a cup of tea or coffee, a look at 3D printing, and see what is turning on the lathes. More details next week.

### **Gallery**

Some photos from the sale



And from Redmill Timber Open Days



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