



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Next Club Night – Thursday 4 June - Colin Watson

Colin Watson will be visiting us at our next club meeting. On his website he says:

I've always enjoyed working with wood and I first took up woodturning in 2013 as what I called my 'retirement hobby. I worked for 30 years in the Oil and Gas Industry, the last 20 of which I lived near Aberdeen. On retirement we moved back to my home county of Yorkshire and I now live near Huddersfield. In March 2023 I became a Registered Professional Turner, I'm also an AWGB Approved Tutor, a member of the Heritage Craft Association and an active member of Huddersfield and District Woodturners.

His demonstration will be featuring colouring and lacquering: turning a bowl, prepare it for colouring and then colour it with either Chestnut Spirit Stains or Hampshire Sheen Intrinsic colours. He will then look at lacquering, then polishing the lacquer to a mirror like finish.

Bowling woods

David Muckle (from Teesside) commented on his experience of bowling woods having read my request in last week's bulletin for any experience.

I have turned many of these, both the old Blackwood or Ebony balls and also the newer bowling balls made from indeterminate timber or acrylic and there is no steel inside them. Just thought I would let you know in case your members have never turned them.

Adrian Armsby also emailed:

Hello Steve, just to say that I've had a go with one of the bowling balls that I bought, there's a slight crack in the lid but apart from that all was good.



Helpers

Further to my comments last week, we need a new recruit to help with the shop. Phill wishes to step down, and Elaine cannot always guarantee to be present. We could do with at least 2 people, preferably 3. Possibly on a rota system. It would be useful if people were able to lift the boxes and put them away in our store. As an incentive, it does mean you get first pick of any new tools or wood that might appear.

I am sure you all join me in thanking Phill for running the shop since its inception in March 2023. I noted in the bulletin at the time that there were half a dozen offers of help. If you were one, now is your chance!

I have asked before, but we could also do with someone adding to the Audio Visual team. In the first instance simply to help getting equipment out and putting it away – Keith will do all the necessary connections.

Please consider offering your services. I know many of you already help in many ways, but a few more on the team would help.

Gallery



We have sold a few banksia nuts in the club shop. I came across these two photos of a banksia shrub, which I took when visiting Logan Botanic Gardens in Galloway last year. You can just see the familiar “nut” developing as the bottle-brush type flowers are receding. I think banksia is quite scrubby and invasive in its native Australia.

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