



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Not much to report this week. I have been away on the Isle of Wight for a week. Very enjoyable. I didn't find any woodturners, though there is an Isle of Wight woodturning club, and there are a number of turners on the island. I did spot some interesting woodwork in the Lymington Museum, have a look in the gallery below.

Helpers

I had two positive responses to my request for helpers to join the team who make your events happen. However, one of them was Geoff, who already organises training for us, puts full commitment into our sales, books our demonstrators, and steps in to help in the kitchen or the shop whenever required. But many thanks Geoff, much appreciated. The other was Mike Pizey, again many thanks. He won't be at every meeting but will chip in on the shop whenever present. And that is the idea – if we could have a team of five or six people willing to help when necessary or when present, then the burden will be shared and no one person will be expected to do the job every month. I think without a couple more volunteers you may find the shop does not operate some nights, when circumstances conspire to not have anyone available.

There was a resounding silence in response to my request for helpers to set up and clear away audio visual equipment, in support of Keith Harte. Nothing technical, just plugging and unplugging, folding and carrying. Please consider putting yourself forward. None of us on the help team want to be leaving at 10:20 again.

Mentioning Geoff reminds me that he sent me a programme for 2027 a couple of weeks ago, which will fill a little space in this otherwise quiet week. Once again thanks to Geoff for his efforts in securing what will provide our usual varied and interesting group of demonstrators, mixing new recruits and returning turners, in house and from the circuit, live and via the internet.

7 January	Open Evening
4 February	Pat Carroll (IRD)
4 March	Martyn Weller
1 April	Lillo Pisano
6 May	Pete Osborn
3 June	Martin Saban-Smith (IRD)
1 July	Dan Fearnley
5 August	Open Evening
2 September	Katie Armstrong
7 October	Rick Dobney
4 November	Steve Fearnley
2 December	Competition and social event

Second Hand equipment

I had a couple of emails waiting for me on my return, from people wanting to part with lathes and tools. I hope to visit them this week and will provide details in next week's bulletin should anything be forthcoming. Also someone in Ebberston has just had a beech tree chopped down. Anyone interested? Again I will try and visit this week to see what is involved and what might be available.

Gallery



Some shipbuilders' joints on display in St Barbe's museum, Lymington. Not sure about what appears to be a little filler on the right hand block, but perhaps it is just to fill a small splinter.

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