



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club Night Thursday 4 June – Colin Watson – colour and lacquer

I haven't done much colouring in my 18 years of turning, but I thoroughly enjoyed the demonstration last Thursday. Colin was very clear explaining what he was doing and why, gave out lots of information, and timed it all very well. I think the message was that to get the best finish, you need to take time, allow for drying in stages over a few days, and be sure that the products you use are compatible.

A YouTube video is available to members. The agreement with Colin is that this is available to members only, and will be taken down after a month. There was a lot of information passed on, so it is worth a look, possibly with a notebook to hand.

Another excellent turnout – 55 people in attendance, the fifth month in a row that we have exceeded 50, or put it another way, at every demonstration this year. Also 2 new members signed up, bringing our total for this year up to 80.

The shop seemed to work well, and most of the tools and equipment I had picked up second hand were sold. Apologies for the crime scene tape in front of the tables, but we really do need 15 minutes to set up the stock and the point-of-sale system, without questions, interruptions and things being picked up. If the only way to make clear when it is 7 pm is to tape off the shop, then tape it will be.

I think we will have a timber sale at the next meeting – we have too much wood in stock. Everything half marked price, so ridiculous prices as they are already marked up at way below market value! I know a couple of pieces have splits and a bit of woodworm: if they do not sell next month I think they are going for firewood.

Helpers

Many thanks to all those who responded to my requests for volunteers to help – in the end we had the problem managing too many of you helping out! The help is much appreciated, and long may it continue. Particular thanks go to Tracey and Barry who stepped in for the admissions desk in Lance's absence, and Martyn and Mike who helped run the shop alongside Elaine and Dan. To have a team of people who can be called upon when required, and possibly rotated as a matter of course, is ideal. Thanks as always to the stalwarts – Keith for sorting the audio visual, Ann for sorting the refreshments, aided by Megan, Dan for doing the lifting, carrying and generally helping all over, and everyone else who chipped in to make the evening a success. Yet more wood was donated by John Lund – many thanks John once again.

Chestnut Products

I am probably putting in a Chestnut Products order in the next week or so. I will get some of the aerosol nozzle spray guns Colin used, and some Chestnut Spirit Stain sample packs. If there is anything else people want please let me know. Remember it will be approximately 20% less than retail prices.

More generally, I usually only buy things for the shop where I can get some kind of discount, either a trade price or bulk-purchase price. Other items I would be buying at the same price you could buy them for, so there would be no advantage gained. Having said this, if there is anything you would like to see in stock regularly, let me know.

Sorby Patriot Chuck

Help required from the mechanically minded amongst you.

I acquired a scroll chuck last year which has a broken tooth on one of the pinions. Replacement pinions were provided, and I have finally got round to having a look at repairing it. The pinions are held in place by two pins which should screw out (where the red arrows are pointing). The problem is the previous owner has bought replacement pinions and tried this but damaged the slots on the top of the pins. They are now non-existent. So how do I get them out? Any suggestions welcome.



Gallery

A few photos of Colin's work.



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