



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club night Thursday 5 February – Mini segmented form with Andy James

Andy presented a very clear, articulate and high calibre demonstration of a specialised area of woodturning – miniature segmented vases. As he said, he likes to do things that others don't, and his production of a small vase in a couple of hours demonstrated what is possible with care and attention to detail. I am not sure how many of us returned home determined to have a go at something like this – the preparation involved did seem a little daunting for me, but the challenge is there for the taking. Remember John's motto - "Try something different". At least one member was inspired to have a go, and had bought some angle templates by Saturday. Anyone else planning on having a go?

For new members, please be aware that we aim to provide a variety of types of woodturning in demonstrations through the year, and we have different skills and levels of working built in to our programme through the year. Next month's demonstration will be simpler, with Katie Armstrong producing a bowl with an arrow through it!

The demonstration will appear on YouTube for a month for members to take a closer look at the detail. <https://youtu.be/brjaAuSILwI>

We had a very good turnout on a cold and windy evening, with 51 people in attendance. Membership enrolments for the year are now up to 71, with more to come.

Club Shop

The new ePOS system appeared to work well, without too many delays for people purchasing items. As we go forward it will be possible to have more than one running, so we can deal with your purchases efficiently. It certainly made a big improvement to my accounting and stocktaking on Friday. I was pleased not to spend a couple of hours in my freezing cold garage counting up stock!

Redmill Timber Opening Day

Last week I mentioned the potential arrival of a new woodturning shop at Redmill Timber Yard in Pickering. Things are developing, and there are plans to have a two-day opening event on **Friday 17 April and Saturday 18 April**, with the new shop open on both days from 10 am until 4 pm.

Trade representatives present over the two days will include Robert Sorby, Rustins, The Bandsaw Shop, Spot Nails, Cast ironmongery supplies, Timco screws and ironmongery, Craft Supplies, with possibly more to follow. There will be refreshments, demonstrations by Sorby and Ryedale Woodturners, and the opportunity to buy tools, products and woodturning blanks. Simon will be there to talk with, and visitors will have the opportunity to outline what they would like from a woodturning shop – this is just the beginning of things, with much more development of the site yet to come. The blanks should be reasonably priced as most will be cut from Simon's extensive timber stock.

There could be an added attraction – three small Jack Russells: mother and two young puppies, that were full of energy, excitement and friendliness when I visited on Friday.

If there is anything members would like the Sorby rep to have available over the two days, please [let me know](#) so I can pass information on to Simon: there will be a show discount available on items for sale. Also what would you like Simon to stock as the shop progresses?

Woodturning Weekender

Chestnut Products big annual event is up in Yorkshire this year – in Doncaster, on 29 – 30 August. This is a live demonstration event rather than a woodworking “show”, with a programme of turners presenting on stage. They are offering a 10% discount to clubs who make block bookings for 10 or more people, so [let me know](#) if you might be interested in attending one or both days.

There is lots more information at [Woodturning Weekender 2026 | Chestnut Products - First for Finishes](#)



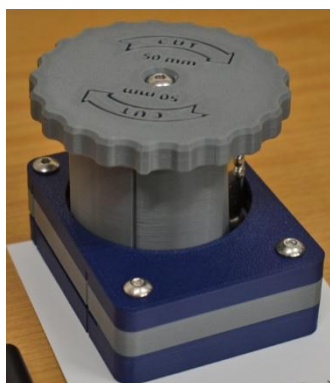
Hands On Evening Thursday 26 February Snainton Village Hall

People should have received an email from Geoff allocating lathes and tutors. Please contact tutors or Geoff to let them know what kind of turning you would like to cover on the night.

3-D printing

Peter Howells has 3-D printed some little air filter meters, to indicate how clogged up your air filter might be. They are designed to fix onto an AC400 filter, but should fix to other models as well. If you would like one, Peter is prepared to print some more - £3 each. [Let me know](#) if interested.

He has also printed a cutter for cutting 50 mm discs from a roll of abrasive paper. He will bring one as a demonstration model to the next meeting – again let me know if interested. £15.



Gallery

Some photos from Andy James' demonstration



And some tulips that Sam Pick brought along to share with us. I wish more people would bring items to display at club nights – we all like looking at other people's creativity and pinching ideas! The flowers are in sycamore, oak, acacia, lilac, beech and pine. The vase is Norwegian maple.



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