



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Training/ hands on day, Friday 24 March

A very enjoyable day in John Lund's barn workshop was attended by 16 club members. A mix of social interaction and woodturning seemed to work well. I think we had more lathes than users. Many thanks to John Lund for his hospitality, particular for squeezing us all in to his kitchen and providing hot drinks at lunchtime.



TWA

I went up to Hemlington Recreation centre on Wednesday to have a look at how a [Teesside Woodturners Association](#) club night operates. They meet every Wednesday: once a month is a demonstration, the other week's are hands on nights. Their hall is a similar size to ours, but has the advantage of a dedicated storeroom, in which they can store their 11 lathes. These all have wheeled trolleys, safety screens and a box of tools. The store room also has racks for wood and other items, plus a couple of sharpening systems set up, and a bandsaw. The store room was wonderful, but it does cost them £1400 rent per year however!. Rental for the hall is similar to ours. Their fees are £40 a year, with £2 admission on the night, and they have over 80 members enrolled – it used to be 110 before Covid, then dropped dramatically, but is now building up again. Their shop – the main reason I went to have a look – was selling abrasive, pen kits, glue and finishes and wood. Their sealer and thinners had been bought in bulk and decanted into small bottles for sale – allowing them to be sold cheaper, but time consuming for someone (Davi Muckle). David Muckle did extend an open invitation to anyone from our club to attend an evening as a guest.

Second Hand Tools

A couple of items on the second hand tools list in last week's bulletin have already gone or been reserved: the Trend Router, the Router bits, the Marples chisels, the Rabone folding boxwood ruler and the epoxy resin dyes are no longer available.

Alternative suppliers

Another addition to the list of alternative suppliers, as the closure date for Snainton Woodworking Supplies draws ever closer (6 April). Greenville Crafts in Harrogate are a relatively new start up, and are looking to expand their stock. Phillip Darvill, who own the business, contacted us: *"We can do 10% discount on everything other than machinery - if your members wish to order online they can use discount code ryedalewtc2023 or this link <https://www.greenvill.co.uk/discount/ryedalewtc2023>"*

Clocks forward

Lighter nights mean the annual conflict for me between gardening and woodturning increases in difficulty. I remember Mark Baker, the last full time editor of the Woodturning magazine before he lost his battle with cancer, bringing this up on more than one occasion. I try and do garden if it is light and dry, and woodturning otherwise. Sometimes I am almost pleased if it rains!

Gallery additions

No offers from anyone this week. Here are another couple of items made by my son recently. A trophy for a golf club, and a cake stand inscribed as a wedding gift.



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