



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club meeting Thursday 5 January: report

A very busy, “buzzing” evening, with lots of activities going on, and lots of people attending – about 50 by my rough calculations. We had 6 new enrolments, which makes 43 altogether so far for 2023, with fairly definite further enrolments from long standing members who did not attend on the night. (A reminder you can enrol online via bank transfer - Account name: Ryedale Woodturners, 20-75-92, 70471003). Welcome back to Chris Tomlin and Bob Edwards, after a couple of years absence due to health issues.



Many thanks to all those who supervised activities on the night: at the risk of missing someone, thanks to Bob Ingram and Ian Temple sharpening, Martyn segmenting, Peter Howells, Keith Harte, John Whiteley, Lance Garrard and Phil Coe on lathes, Steve Cooper manning the enrolment desk, Geoff Walker providing refreshments and Colin Walker providing free rhododendron to willing customers. I also did a bit on pyrography and buffing/finishing.

More photos to follow on the website shortly.

Workshop Clearance

A lady called Carol Hope contacted me to say she is faced with the daunting task of clearing out her father’s workshop. She sent some photos, and says there are also various measuring tools, clamps, nut/bolts, screws and hand tools. The garage is on Nansen Street in Scarborough, and Carol is happy for people to go and have a look. She can be contacted on 07789 816911 or carolannehope@yahoo.com.

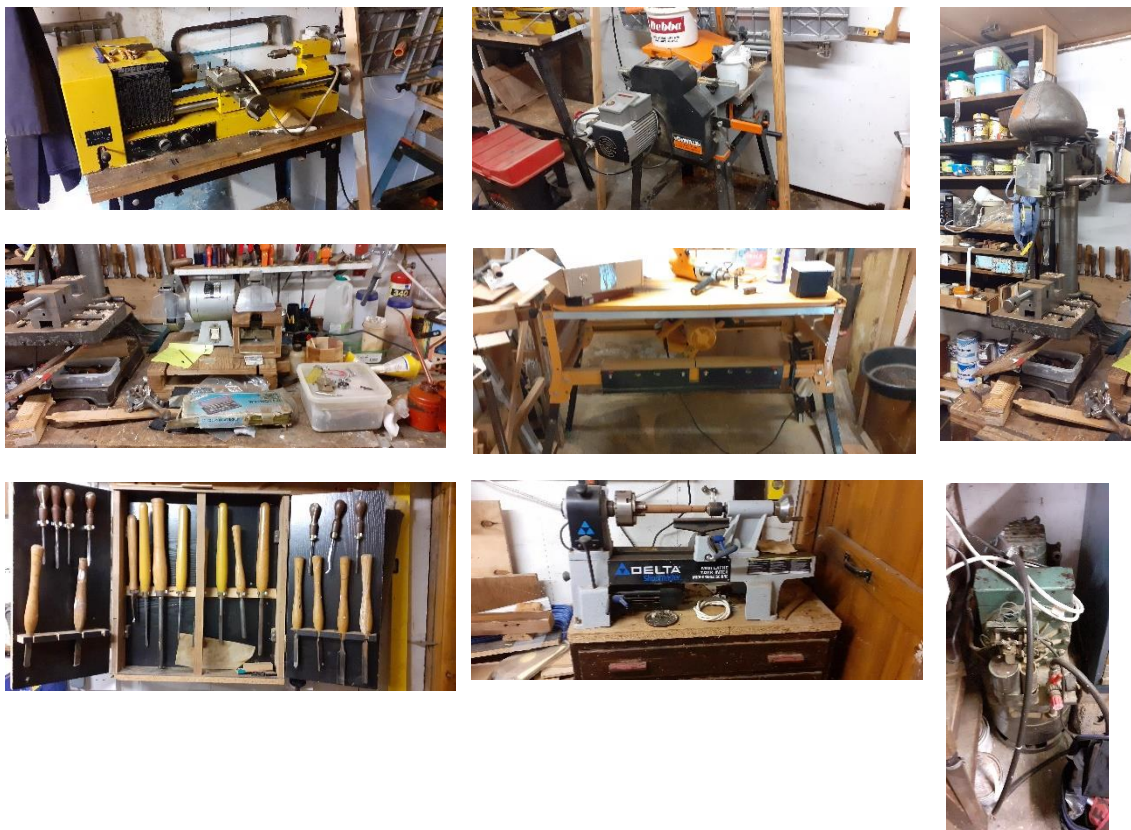
Most of the tools could be described as “vintage”, but I believe they were of good quality in their day. I got a few details from some Google searches:

Delta Midi lathe. A sturdy looking small bench top lathe, with chuck. Delta are an American company that don’t really do much exporting to the UK any more. They have been taken over by Rockwell, then Black and Decker, and are currently owned by a Taiwanese company, though still based in Milwaukee.

HobbyMat metal working lathe. A good quality lathe I believe manufactured in East Germany when there was such a country. You can find out more on <http://www.lathes.co.uk/hobbymat/>

DeWalt planer thicknesser. DW1150, now superseded by other models, but of good quality back in the 1990s (probable date).

Delta drill press. A hefty looking industrial standard, cast iron model, with a bench vice to match. Solid, built to last. They don’t make them like this any more!



Spin drying

Colin tells me he turned some of the rhododendron he collected from Castle Howard, and noticed that the work surface near his lathe was wet. At first he thought his shed had a leak, but then realised the moisture had come from the wood. As an experiment he mounted another piece, turned on the lathe and left it spinning for a few minutes. The moisture content in the wood went down from 25% to 18%. Yet another way to speed up the seasoning of wet wood!

Gallery

Geoff Walker has been busy turning a bowl. *My first piece of 2023 turned from the root ball of a Serbian spruce that once grew in our garden. It had been outside in all weathers for over two years and was full of soil and rubble. Ostensibly a soft wood, it has seasoned well and was a delight to turn.*



More photos are welcome for the 2023 gallery. Robin – how about a picture of your oversized button? Anyone tackled any rhododendron yet?