



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Enrolment 2024

Our numbers have now crept up to 55, with 5 people joining or renewing in the last week. Many thanks.

Jarrah wood

The jarrah saga continues. I started cutting one of the beams into more usable blanks, and produced a couple of bowl blanks and spindle blanks before stopping because my bandsaw was making horrible vibrating noises. With thanks to Keith Gardam who happened to call by, and then return for more inspection, we established it was due to a faulty drive wheel bearing, which had more or less seized up. The man at Record Spares, who you have to ring rather than order online, said one of these would be £16.99, but then advised I could pick one up at any local hardware store selling bearing probably for a fiver. Which I thought was very fair, and in fact was true. They are standard bearings, not Record products.

I turned an *Indian Club* from one piece of jarrah – photo below. This thing is 21" long, with a main body 13" long by 5" diameter, and weighs almost 4kg. I believe it is for exercising the arm muscles by swinging it around – it was a commission request from my *oldfern* business. It does show the beautiful colouring and grain of the jarrah. Finished with Lemon Oil.

There are some shakes and cracks in the beams, and also bark inclusions. I am trying to cut round these to produce some solid blanks. It turns well, though expect dust rather than shavings when turning.

Cherry wood

I also cut some cherry blanks from one of the slabs John and Lance brought to the meeting. It looks promising, and is down to about 28% moisture content. Cherry is a desirable timber not readily available in blanks, and quite expensive when it does appear. Watch this space for some bargains.

Upcoming woodworking day 3 February

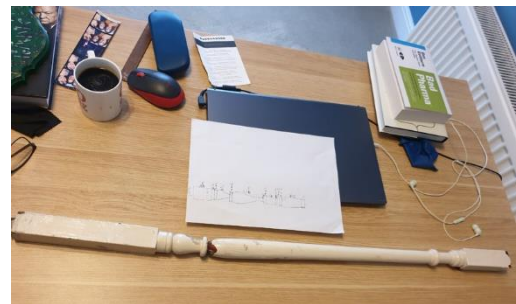
The annual open day at British Hardwoods, near Keighley, is coming up in 3 weeks time. I have been to these a number of times and found them interesting and worthwhile. I confess Keighley is quite a drive at around 75 miles for me, but I combine the trip with a visit to my relatives in Cookridge, Leeds, so it is less of an issue for me. And Keighley is such a beautiful part of the country. Why not call at Bolton Abbey, or stop and look around Ilkley? Or take in a visit to Cliffe Castle Museum in Keighley, or the haunting East Riddlesden Hall (NT)?

There will be lots of wood offcuts for sale: I got there about 12 last year and I think the best lots had already gone, but there were still pieces left – walnut, oak, cherry from memory. They also have a woodturning blanks store with some interesting things like pippy oak and burrs. As the poster says, there will be woodturning demonstrations, woodcarving, pyrography, craft stalls, tools and hardware for sale, Turners Retreat have a selection of their stock, and a couple of local woodturning clubs will be present.



Request for help

Can anyone help Hendrik, on Prospect Road, Scarborough? He needs 3 replacement stair spindles. It looks like you will need a good length bed on your lathe. [Let me know](#) if you might be able to help.



Gallery

I spotted Martyn's World Peace piece in the weekly Chestnut Products bulletin. Also John Whiteley sent a photo of a decorated bowl.



Martyn Weller sent in two photos of his latest segmented creation.



An "Indian Club", or meel, is a type of exercise equipment used to present resistance in movement to develop strength and mobility. This one is a particularly large and hefty version, requested by someone in Seamer.

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