



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Rhododendron wood collection

Castle Howard arranged for a wood collection on Friday morning. In the end I was unable to go, having pulled a muscle in my back which has rendered me almost immobile.

Thankfully four other club members went down with their vans and trailers – Andy, Bob, Colin, and Michael. There was one person from Jorvik Woodturners as well. Andy tells me they have brought away all the wood, and it looks very interesting. It is heavy, it will be full of sap, and it is quite irregular, but it should make for some interesting turning. It will either need turning wet, part turning to improve its drying time, or left to season for a couple of years!

Around a dozen people expressed an interest in some of this wood. Once I have contacted those who collected it, and they have decided how much they would like to keep, I will try and organise some kind of arrangement for collection by club members.



The yew mentioned last week had not been brought down for collection from where it was felled. It may become available at a later date.

Help Sorted

A number of people volunteered to help Bob with delivery and set up of his new lathe. Many thanks to all who made an offer.

Open Evening / Hands On Night / Enrolment

Thursday January 5 2023

Our next meeting is the first of the New Year, that is the first of 2023, and the first of our new season. The committee has decided to make this a **free evening**, so please bring along friends and relatives to let them see what we do. It should be a very interesting evening. If anyone can advertise the evening anywhere please do so. There is a poster attached for anyone to print off and put up in any likely places. Note the Handymag will say there is a £5 admission – these adverts go off a month in advance, and we had not made the free entry decision at that point in time.

Probable programme.

Enrolment. £25 subscriptions for the year are due (£35 for couples). Cash or card accepted, or bank transfer (in the New Year please, to avoid messing up my end of year accounts! I will publish bank details in the first bulletin of 2023.)

New membership cards issued, plus a **programme card for the year**.

Please re-use your lanyards if at all possible. New ones will be available for new members.

Hands on activities and demonstrations.

People may watch, discuss and have a go if desired.

5, possibly 6, lathes in operation:

Hollowing.	Nova DVR XP	John Whiteley.
Bowls	Coronet Herald 1	Lance Garrard.
Spindles.	Coronet Herald 2	Peter Howells.
Small items.	Axminster	Phil Coe.
Pen turning	Small lathe	Keith Harte
Pyrography; buffing and polishing; finishes		Steve Fearnley
Sharpening. Using grindstones with jigs		Bob Ingram
Sharpening. Sorby Pro-Edge belt system		Ian Temple

Bring along any chisels you would like sharpening.

Segmenting. Jigs and design software. Martyn Weller

Training. Review of 2022; requests for 2023 Geoff Walker will be available for discussions

Refreshments As usual

A few turned items So people can see what is possible

Wood for sale Discounted bowl and spindle blanks available.

(No raffle this time, as this is a free event).

Committee 2023

[Our constitution](#) no longer specifies a time-scale for serving on the committee or in any particular role. The current committee are happy to continue in their roles. There is capacity for one additional member (we require between 5 and 9 and have 8) should anyone be interested in joining.

Constitution 2023

There are three minor additions to the constitution proposed for 2023, none of which are contentious. The committee are happy with these, but we need to inform all members of the changes, and offer a 7-day periods for any objections. Please [have a look](#) and let me know if you have any objections. Changes are highlighted **in red**.

Child Protection Policy

Snainton Village Hall requires all groups who use the hall to have a Child Protection Policy. This is good practice, but we have not had one to date. I have drafted a suggestion based on advice from AWGB and examples from other clubs. I would be grateful if members could read this carefully and offer any suggestions or comments, particularly if they have any experience of such policies in other fields. As with all such documents, I am trying to strike a balance between brevity and sufficient content, reflecting what we think and do without running into pages and pages of explanations or technical possibilities.

Gallery

Some early efforts by Andy MacLaughlin with the rhododendron.

"It's lovely wood to turn Steve, very heavy, dense and wet. I'll now leave the rough turned bowls to dry out for a few months before I finish them off."



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