



Ryedale Woodturners

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Woodturning travels

West Tanfield

We had a visit to Thorp Perrow Arboretum last week, a lovely place if you like trees. It just happened to be only a couple of miles from West Tanfield, which Peter Howells had mentioned in the [26 June bulletin](#) as the location of a wood store called [Blanks and Planks](#). Somehow I just seemed to have typed the wrong postcode in the sat-nav, as it took me there before arriving at Thorp Perrow. It really is worth a visit if you are anywhere near. Full of interesting bits of wood, especially burrs, for turning and more general woodcraft. I bought a basketful of blanks, a few for myself, and a few which will appear in the Club shop in September: Elm, burr oak, masur birch, laburnum, walnut, flamed beech. Not cheap, but not too expensive, unless you buy some of the rare exotics such as lignum vitae. The blanks I bought will be available at cost price in our shop.



We are reaching the end of the discounted wood I bought from Snainton Woodworking Supplies when they closed, so our Shop prices are going to rise in the coming months. Snainton was the best value I have seen by recent comparisons, even without a discount.

Greenvill Crafts

On the way over to visit my brother in Southport, I passed through Harrogate and somehow took a turn on to an industrial estate at Killinghall (off the A61). The first unit just happened to be Greenvill woodturning supplies, a small unit with a fair selection of wood blanks, machinery and consumables. The man there told me he is about to move into a unit 3 times the size, when his stock will expand. He also said he would set up a discount for Club members if I sent him club details, which I have done. I will let you know when this is sorted. Prices for blanks were certainly higher than what I had become used to at Snainton, but then I think this is the reality for us now. He did say any order by post will cost a flat rate £5.50 delivery, regardless of quantity, and the discount can be applied to online orders. There are some sample prices on the [Greenvill website](#).

Saturday workshop, Broughton 30 September

The September workshop day has proved to be very popular and we have now closed the list for participants. Geoff is holding a reserve list in case anyone has to drop out so please let him know if you would like to be put on reserve. We are holding another weekend workshop later in the autumn and details of this will be available shortly.

Gallery

After the glut of photos in last week's bulletin, there is a bit of a dearth this week. Here are a couple of custom plinths I made for people, one in oak, the other in mopane. One was 6"

diameter to repurpose a flower-vase trophy, and the other 11" diameter, to support an armillary sphere.

