



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

4 September Club Night – Ian Ethell

A little more about our next club night. Ian tells me he will be turning “a multi-axis bud vase and a thin square dish”. Full details including Zoom login codes next week.

Wood for sale

Following a tip off from Alan, who had spoken to someone at our marquee at Thornton Show, I contacted a joiner in Thornton le Clay who is retiring and selling up. As a consequence I have a couple of hundred pounds worth of timber that will be coming your way via the club shop. Mainly oak, with some walnut, ash, maple, and one plank of elm. Most of it is in planks, with some of it quite thick. I will probably be cutting it into bowl blanks and spindle blanks for sale at the club, but if anyone is looking for planks let me know what you might want, and I will try and tell you what I collected.

This demonstrates the value of our sales and exhibitions: they are not just an opportunity for club members to sell their produce and create a small profit for the club, but they also frequently result in contacts which provides wood and/or tools for the club. In turn this helps keeps the club afloat by selling on at a small profit, whilst still providing materials at bargain prices for members. We almost always recruit new members as a result of sales and open evenings as well.

Which is why it is important that we get a few more members willing to volunteer and help out at our next sale in September (13 – 14th, Thornton le Dale). I only had one offer of help and items for sale as a result of last week’s bulletin – taking our manpower up to 3 for the weekend, which is probably not quite enough!

Henry Taylor Open Day, Sheffield, 31 August

I am probably going down to this event in Sheffield in a week’s time. There will be 25% off Henry Taylor and Hamlet tools on the day, so if anyone has any requests I could pick them up on your behalf. I hope to buy 2 Hamlet 6-chisel starter sets to add to our club stock, so that newcomers who borrow one of the club lathes can also borrow the basic chisels. As an example of the discount, these normally cost £258, so will be reduced to £193.50.

Gallery

Just a few pictures from a visit to Cromwell's house in Ely. Including a square "trencher", the medieval version of a plate, with a small corner scooped out for salt. How would you turn one of these trenchers? And on a pole lathe?



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