



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Club night Thursday 6 November – Bowl turning with Richard Findley

38 members and 5 guests, plus a handful on Zoom, gathered to watch another masterclass with Richard Findley, who turned an ash bowl, explaining all the thought processes and techniques that go into achieving a first class result. As well as explaining what he was doing, Richard also explained why, and illustrated many of his points with illuminating analogies. Brilliant!

If you missed it, or want a second look, a recording is available on YouTube. It will be there for a month, and has been made unlisted, with the address only made known via this newsletter to members.

We did well on sales of wood and second hand tools, a relief as my garage was getting a little crowded, particularly with wood stocks, supplemented as always by kind donations from John Lund.

A pity about the disruption caused by badly signed and controlled roadworks around Brompton affecting some people being able to get to the meeting. I hope those of you on the Scarborough side managed to get home without travelling too many extra miles. I am sure NYCC could do a better job in providing meaningful, accurate signs and notification. "Road Ahead Closed" isn't really that helpful.

Upcoming Sale: Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November

Our annual pre-Christmas sale is coming up once again. As always we need people to help out over the weekend – even a couple of hours on either day will be much appreciated. Profits from the sales are ploughed back into club funds, and are one of the reasons the club stays afloat, and has managed to sustain membership fees and admission at £25 and £5 for the last 4 years, which I hope to maintain for 2026. How many other prices have stayed constant recently? If you are intending to sell items please let John Whiteley or myself know (info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk) so we can plan accordingly – the same applies to any offers of help. The sale is at the Hill Institute, just next to the main shops in Thornton le Dale. Any new sellers will need a sales number – contact me to provide you with one and with details of what is required for selling.

Upcoming December meeting

With a number of new members this year, I think it is appropriate to give a few details of what to expect at our annual December social meeting. I will publish a more detailed programme either next week or the week after, but essentially we hold the annual club competition, with three entry classes – Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. All members are invited to enter up to three pieces, anonymously, in whichever section they deem appropriate. All those present then vote for 1st 2nd 3rd on voting slips, and the votes are counted up to determine the first three in each category – prizes will be vouchers for £15, £10 and £5, redeemable at the Club shop.

There is also the Chairman's Challenge – a needle case for needles, thread and thimble, to be judged by John Whiteley.

We provide a good buffet, as well as the usual tea and coffee, and there will be a picture quiz, a crossword, a wood ID quiz, and one or two other entertainments! If time permits there will be a show and tell session. Also a video review of the year.

Guests are very welcome. Any special dietary requirements please [let me know](#).

Have a look at a [report on last year](#), and [the year before](#), on the club website.

Harrogate Woodworking Show

Only on over two days this year, and some big names missing, possibly as a result – no Axminster, no Makita, no Biven, no RDG, no Simon Hope – Simon missing for the first time in 20 years (though he is having an online “Show Sale” from 13 November – have a look at Hope Woodturning this week if interested, at [Your One-Stop Woodturning Shop | Hope Woodturning](#)). Buy a ticket online in advance if you are going – it will save you £3. On the plus side there will be turning demonstrations from Chris Parker, Emma Cook, Les Thorne, Phil Greenwood, Katie Armstrong, and related crafts (airbrushing, texturing, piercing, pyrography) from Kez Halliday (brilliant pyrographer!), Bob Neill, Lisa Shackleton, Mick Hanbury, Margaret Garrard, Nathaniel Griffiths and more. A full list of exhibitors and demonstrators is at [Exhibitors & Demonstrators — Harrogate Woodworking Show](#).

Gallery



Spotted in the Atholl Gallery, Dunkeld, on my travels up to Scotland last weekend. Bruce Maver specialises in turning small boxes and adding gold, silver, pewter and lapidary work. Ebony features strongly, alongside sycamore and other more down to earth woods. You can see more of his work at [Myretoun Woods](#). Beautiful things, though expensive.



Some porridge bowls also spotted in the Atholl Gallery. Can you figure out how the integral handle is “turned” and carved?

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