



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

This week it seems appropriate to list some upcoming events.

Woodturner Weekender 28 – 30 August

The big Chestnut Products Show is taking place at Doncaster Dome next weekend. I believe a number of members are going. I have booked a ticket for the Saturday of the show, and am looking forward to what will be a new experience for me. I believe there are still tickets available: [Tickets | Chestnut Products - First for Finishes](#).

Club Night Thursday 3 September 2026 7:00 – 9:30pm

We are hoping to welcome Dan Smith from Taylors Mirfield for a return demonstration on this evening. We haven't heard from him yet as to what he might be turning, but Geoff has been frantically trying to get in touch with him to confirm. Dan did break his finger earlier in the year, so we are hoping he has recovered. If not, we will organise a stand-in.

I will post details for the evening in next week's bulletin as usual. I will also contact the "helpers team" to confirm roles on the evening. In the meantime if you normally help out but cannot attend, please do let me know at info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk, so that we have all bases covered.

Hands on/training day. Monday 21 September 2026

Our next hands on day will be at Nick Webster's workshop, which is near Malton, adjacent to Malton Golf Club. Geoff is organising the event as always, and he tells me there are 8 people already signed up, plus 7 tutors, so we have capacity for another 6 people if we work 2 to a lathe. If you would like to be involved, please contact [Geoff](#).

Exhibition and Sale. Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 2026, 10 am – 4 pm.

Our next sale is fast approaching. It will be at our usual venue, the Hill Institute in the centre of Thornton le Dale. We will be looking for the usual crew of volunteers to help man the room and encourage people in to view our wares. Even an hour or two is always a big help. Also we need items to sell. If you would like to have a go at selling your turning but do not yet have a sales number please let me know and I will provide one, together with some instructions and advice on how the sale works. Please, if you can help out at any time over the weekend or can provide items to sell, get in touch and let me know at info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk

North of England Woodworking Show Friday 13 – Sunday 15 November

In the more distant future (81 days), but I keep getting messages from the organisers promoting the show. I sense they are working hard to restore the past prestige associated with the show, and to retain its position as the number one woodworking show in England after last year's 2-day reduced affair. We have demonstrating Les Thorne, Katie Armstrong, David Szelpal, Lauren Wood (Channel 4 woodworker of the year), Richard Findley (first time

ever), Emma Cook and no doubt many more. I am hoping (!) Simon Hope and Hopewoodturning will be returning, plus Axminster, possibly even RDG tools and Biven?. We will see.

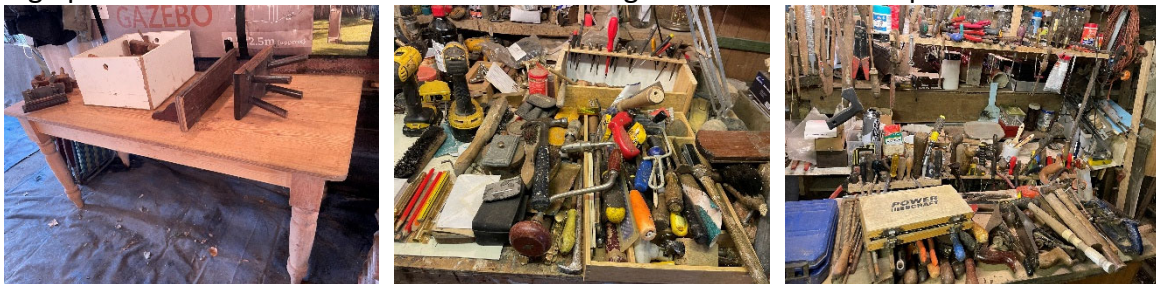
£3 cheaper for booking in advance (but still £15.50), and an extra £1 cheaper for 60+, and a further £1 cheaper for Sunday – recognizing it is never as busy on that day.

Second hand tools

I visited Alan Wilkinson, a former joiner in West Lutton, who is looking to clear out his lifetime's collection of tools and machinery. Much of what he has would fall into the vintage category, some of it quite collectable (Stanley and Marples for example), most of it still usable but definitely "old". I didn't buy anything as I couldn't be sure of value or of likely saleability. I did take some photos. A few things that might be of interest are: a large cast steel bench vice (Record No 75), a small Alko chainsaw, a small hobby bandsaw, two chop saws (one an Evolution).



There are also odd items like a sturdy table, wall cabinet, step up chair, every hand tool you could imagine, every nail and screw you could imagine, jerry cans, lump hammers, spirit levels, morticer (Multico), 20 block planes, trolley jack, socket set, ... basically if you think what a man who was a joiner for 40 years would use, it is there. Alan is now in his 80s, and would like to downsize, ideally clear everything. Let me know if you are interested in anything, and I will pass on Alan's contact details. Alternatively if there a few requests I will happily go back to collect items on your behalf, and negotiate prices. I am not envisaging high prices. He doesn't do internet. It would be good to be able to help him.



Gallery

A few more photos from Thornton Show.





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