



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Request for reserves

If anyone can help out with refreshments at our next club night, please [let me know](#). Our usual stalwarts are unable to attend on that evening.

More generally it would be very useful to have a few names in the frame as reserves for doing refreshments, and for manning the shop. Only required if Ann, Megan, Phill or Elaine are not available. It might help if reserves did a little “training” alongside one of the regulars, so they knew what to do in their absence. We are a club, not a business, and rely totally on volunteers to make the club run.

Richard Findley bowlturning masterclass.

Most of you will remember the excellent demonstration on bowl turning by Richard back in November. If you missed it, it is still available at <https://youtu.be/B7Pnu5XliCs>, though I shall be taking it offline at the end of January.

Nick got in touch to tell me had spotted that Richard has just started a four part series on YouTube on turning better bowls, very similar in style to his demonstration for us. The first 25 minute video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlvfdpE0YGI&t=190s>. Lots of overlap with the club presentation and some additional tips too.

Record AC400 filters

Peter Howells recently secured 10 outer filters for this extraction fan, direct from the manufacturers at a good discount. He has been exploring purchasing some inner filters that fit behind the cardboard framed one, and we can get the price down to £18 per filter (possibly less for more) if we buy at least five. Could you [let me know](#) if you would like one (or more) of these inner filters, and we can put in a bulk order which will give us free delivery and the discount, probably available for the next meeting.

Oldfern websites

I have been revising mine and Dan’s woodturning website since the New Year, and the first stage is now complete. If you are interested in the new format, have a look at oldfern.co.uk. It has actually turned into 3 websites – one offering current sales information, one giving an archive of just about all the woodturning Dan and I have done since 2012, and one hosting my collection of tree photos and information - currently 824 different species and over 2000 photos. There are still some tweaks to do to catch missing files and bad links, but most of the sites seem to work alright. Any comments welcome.

Philip Smith

Many of you will know Philip, a club member over the last few years and a good contributor to club sales. I had an email from him this week telling me he is making progress, had renewed his membership, hopes to get back in the workshop at some time, and is hoping to get to some meetings later in the year, albeit in a wheelchair. I am sure we all wish him well and look forward to seeing him again.

Gallery



Some encouragement for those of you making items to sell. I made this little sycamore pyrographed dish back in 2020 and put it out at all the club sales since. It finally sold in September 2025. Last week I had a request via my website for two more! Be patient, the right piece will find the right customer eventually.

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