



Ryedale Woodturners

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Spring sale

I have booked the Hill Institute in Thornton le Dale for a spring sale on the weekend of 26 – 27 April. This is the weekend after Easter weekend, which was already booked by another group, and the weekend before the early May bank holiday weekend, which I would not be available for. Hopefully there will still be plenty of people around soaking up the sun on two warm spring days.

We haven't had a spring sale before, apart from attending the Malton Food festival last year later in May. We always do better on our own rather than competing with other stalls, so we will see how this one goes.

If anyone knows an alternative venue, with a good footfall and a reasonable sized hall at reasonable cost (Thornton is £45 per day), then please let me know and we can make enquiries.

Please get turning to provide some stock for sale!

Enrolment

Another 10 people have enrolled via BACS since enrolment evening, taking our current membership for 2025 to 58, a very healthy start to the year. I am sure there are more former members that will enrol at the next meeting, or possibly the one after. A reminder that to pay by BACS, the account is Ryedale Woodturners and the sort code is 20-75-92, Account Number 70471003.

Chestnut Products

I have received an order of stock for the shop, filling some gaps and responding to requests for items. The buffing wheel kit, melamine spray lacquer and cellulose sanding sealer spray and CA glue are all now available. Items will be put to one side in named bags for those who made requests. They can be picked up earlier from Thornton le Dale if urgently required.

Devastation

Recent visits to Dalby Forest reveal extensive damage to trees throughout the woodland, from Storm Bert and Storm Darragh late last year. Specimens of all sizes and ages have been snapped, blown over or uprooted. The chainsaws have been out to clear trees that have fallen over roads and paths, but it looks like there is a lot of work ahead to clear everything.

British Hardwoods Open Day 1 February

An update on this event is attached to this bulletin – a list of who is attending for demonstrations and sales. For any blues enthusiasts it is worth going just to listen to *Sleepy Jake*.



Welding

Many thanks to the half dozen of you that offered to help with welding the club buggy. In the end I opted for the nearest, which was Simon at Redmill Timber in Pickering.

When I visited Simon there were exciting developments in progress in the yard, with foundations being laid for a new warehouse which will house all Simon's heavy machinery. This will free up space in the existing warehouse, and a retail unit is to be refurbished, complemented by a tarmacked approach road and parking spaces, with the front of the site becoming public access and the rear becoming the "industrial" side of operations.

Simon has provided us with turning blanks over the last couple of years, and he plans to increase this aspect of his operation, with blanks being available in the retail unit, along with tools and finishing products. All this is still some way off, but it does look like we will be getting a timber store which includes a focus on woodturning once again in our area. I will keep you informed of progress. In the meantime, Simon would be interested to know what people like us would be looking for from a local store, so any thoughts please let me know and I will pass them on to him.

Gallery

A collection of trophies for Malton School from the [oldfern](#) stable, mostly made by Dan Fearnley, with the new economics awards by myself. These are all for the senior students, (Key Stage 4 and 5) and are given to the individual winners to keep – which is good for the two of us, as it gives us a repeat order every year!



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