



Ryedale Woodturners

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Hello all

Open Evening and enrolment 8 January 2026

A message on the evening from Geoff (sent at 23:08 Thursday – does the man ever sleep?):

I wouldn't want the evening to end without first thanking you for your help and support at tonight's club open evening. This was a real team effort and everyone from our lathe tutors, shop staff, membership desk, lathe keepers and sweepers-up helped to make the evening a success. Alongside this were the many members who helped by carrying lathe parts in and out and welcomed visitors and newcomers to the club by way of conversation and encouragement. A happy, memorable and well-attended evening, despite the weather. Thank you for whatever part you played tonight. It was appreciated. Another example of the club at its best.

Whilst it was an enjoyable evening, we are always open to any thoughts on improvements and additions. Was the balance of activities, between demonstration and hands on, appropriate, or should we tend more one way than the other? Should we have more display work, specific topics, a booking system for time on lathes – all of which we have tried at various times in the past. Any comments welcome, even if it is only "fine as it is".

Enrolment

Apologies for the slight delays processing everybody at the start of the evening – I forgot my phone, which made card transactions difficult. Thanks to Phil Coe for helping out with the loan of his phone. I also printed off last January's attendance list rather than the 2026 version, so apologies to those of you who were not listed. Almost all of you should have received your 2026 membership card (Apart from Nick – sorry, no explanation as to how it got missed). A reminder: if you scan the QR code on the front it will take you to the club website www.ryedalewoodturners.org.uk, where you can find all the latest news and information.

We have 49 people enrolled so far. If you haven't yet enrolled, you can do so online via BACS: **annual fee is £25, or £35 for couples, with under 18 free.** Account name is **Ryedale Woodturners**, the sort code is **20-75-92**, Account Number **70471003**. Please put your name as reference. Or you can enrol at the February meeting.

If you were a member in 2025 but have decided not to re-enrol this year it would be useful to know, so that I can tidy up the membership list. A simple email to info@ryedalewoodturners.org.uk would be appreciated.

Shop

Chestnut Products

I noticed Chestnut Products have increased their prices since my last order, by around 6%. Consequently there will be different prices on some of the same items in the shop – older stock will retain the old price.

Wood

Thanks as always to John Lund for his donation of wood – the yew logs at £4 were popular, along with iroko and oak blocks. These are being sold to you ridiculously cheaply thanks to John's generosity, all helping to keep our club funds in good balance.

The £5 "Lucky Bags" trial seemed well received and they went quickly. Basically I filled a couple of bags with some of the hundreds of offcuts and smaller blanks I have amassed over the years, all with the intent of turning them into small ornaments, apples, pears, pens, boxes, etc., but realistically their quantity now far exceeds my available time, so I thought I would clear some out. I reckon a £5 bag could be turned into £100 worth of items for sale, possibly more. Or pieces could just be used for practice. I will probably be repeating the offer at future club nights. If anyone else wishes to make their own lucky bags in a similar way, feel free to offer them for sale to members via the shop to boost your pocket money, or club funds. The photo is from Noel, who has already converted some of his bag's contents into turned items.



Tuition

We try and help beginners and improvers wherever we can, with open evenings such as last week, and training days and evenings throughout the year. Geoff, our training officer, is working on a schedule for the current year.

If anyone would be interested in some one-to-one tuition, (or possibly 2 to 1), Dan Fearnley is now set up and ready to offer this, tailored to your needs. He charges just £25 per hour, or £35 for two people at a time (he has two lathes available). Dan is not a hobby turner like most of us, but is trying to make a living from turning, hence the (modest) fee. His workshop is in Pickering, and he suggests either a 2 – 3 hour taster session, or 4 – 6 hours spread over a day allowing a little more depth. A session will result in a finished product; materials will be provided. You can contact Dan via email (preferred) on dan.fearnley@yahoo.co.uk, or 07902 820100 (not always heard when in his workshop!).

Gallery

Some photos from the Open evening.



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