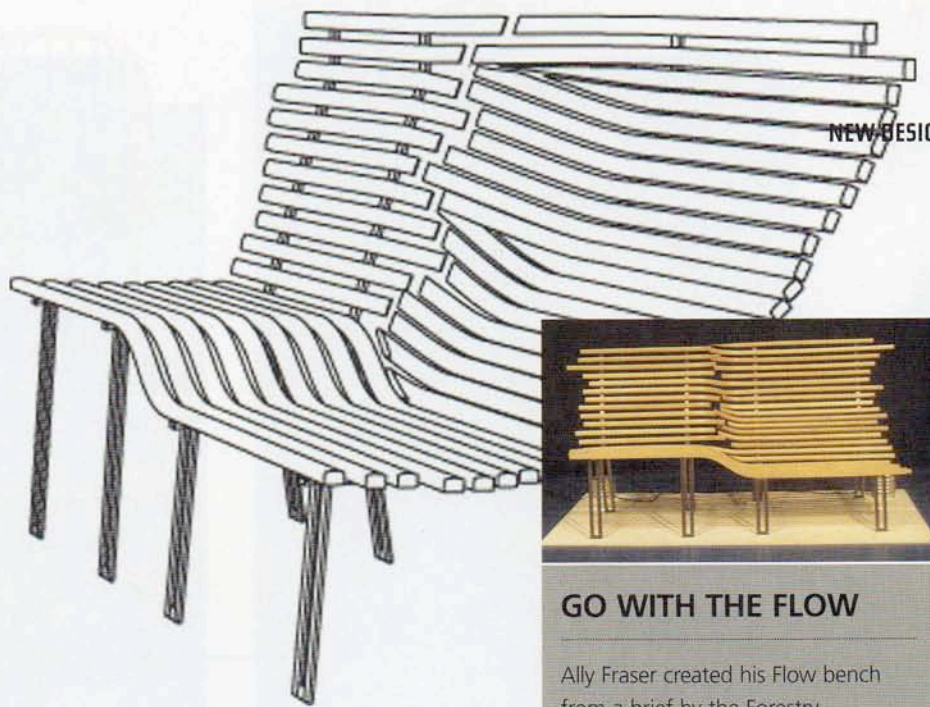




BIT ON THE SIDE

Nick Smith is hopeful that Heals will commission him to make handsome sideboard Boardside, which appears to be emerging from or retreating into the wall. His aim was to make the traditional sideboard fit for the contemporary kitchen/dining area. The right-hand enclosure in a sideboard was originally used for storing the silver, but Nick suggests that it could house a laptop in the 21st century home. 01460 220561



NEW DESIGNER



GO WITH THE FLOW

Ally Fraser created his Flow bench from a brief by the Forestry Commission, which wanted to make use of wood harvested in creating a nature park. The distinctive CAD design promotes correct seating posture and combines different positioning for different tasks: one end upright for work that requires attentiveness such as using a laptop and the other for reclining, headrest included. The two sections are joined in a continuous flow. 07921 198876

IRIS LOGIC

A table by 19th century furniture maker Robert Jupe inspired Toby Howes to produce this drinks cabinet. Like the table, the cabinet's top unfolds to reveal 20 glasses and space for up to 15 bottles. Toby has set up a shop with a colleague, under the name Bristol Furniture Makers. 07793 324585



HOOP LA LA

There is a sense of movement about this piece, the Hoop table, almost as if the top were a section of a plane elevating into space with a trail of bubbles. That means it's not just another glass top table. Its designer, Alex Langston, says he likes to conjure up a unique look without making things overcomplicated. 07866 581699

SHELF HELP

Allermuir was so impressed with Louise Jones's Branch system that it gave her the Furniture for Manufacture award. We agree that the product shows inspirational design and has broad appeal. Books never need flop about again. 07813 094604

