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DIARY 2025

October 6th - Committee Meeting

October 13th - Members' Meeting

October 25th - Afternoon tea

October 4th - Buy/Sell/Swap/Donate

Oct 13th - Final submissions for Awards

November 1st - 4th - Cup weekend sale

November 3rd - Committee Meeting

November 10th - Members' Meeting

November 15th - Bunnings BBQ

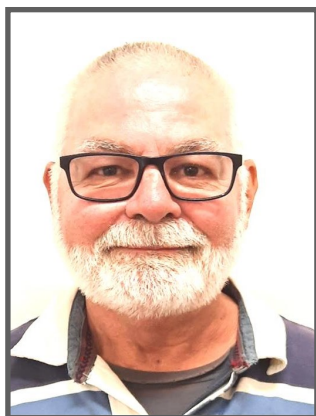
November 29th - Christmas shop begins - TBC

December 1st - Committee Meeting

December 6th - Christmas function

December 26th - Bunnings BBQ

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our AGM has been and gone, with a few changes to our committee. I would like to thank the two members moving on for a well deserved rest, Amanda Robbins and Michael Bladen. On behalf of all members we thank you for your much appreciated contribution to our club.

Thanks to Dave Carlos who has stepped up to replace Michael as our Secretary, one of the most vital positions in any club. A big thank you to Sandra Pietrolungo who has joined as a committee member.

Lex Van Saane has re-joined as our new Treasurer after two years sabbatical, another vital position, so thanks Lex. That leaves only one executive role he hasn't taken on - President, but there is still time Lex.

Returning as Committee members are Neil Lenne, Tina Kalivas, Hartley Tobin, Alan Hurst and Frank Kisvarda (our previous Treasurer). This group brings a varied wealth of knowledge, intelligence, experience, skills and a desire to see our club flourish.

Last but not least, a bigly thanks to Syd Gordon who has stepped down from the Presidency to be our new Vice President. This will be a well deserved reprieve as Syd already contributes so much to the club.

Personally, I am honoured to be elected as your new President and hope I can continue the legacy of those who have filled this position in the past.

On behalf of our previous Committee a huge thank you to those who volunteered in any capacity to assist the Club. Our wish is that not only those members do so again where possible, but many more step up as well. If you would like to contribute, there are many ways, big and small, to do so. Please speak to a Committee member or a session supervisor.

We have two upcoming sales events, Newhaven on the Melbourne Cup weekend, and our annual Christmas shop. So please start thinking about what items you will have available for sale. One request we had from the last Christmas shop was for more Christmas decorations, so for those who can, go for it. Currently we are working on a new system using QR codes to streamline our sales system. More information to follow. *Continued P.2*

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE *CONT.*

In regards to our finances, we are doing OK, but not as well as we would like. Reduced Bunnings BBQs this year and no sales events at Easter have hurt us.

We will however be participating at Churchill Island during Easter 2026, as well as concurrently running a sales event at the Club. To be successful, these events require volunteers, so please consider being involved.

Another ongoing issue we are addressing is the lease we need to obtain in order to access a grant, which will enable us to build the additional workshop we have planned. It’s looking more positive as we continue to work with BCAL, U3A, and South Coast FM to negotiate a mutually agreeable solution with Council.

Until next month, Cheers, **Peter.**

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions**
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|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Monday 9 am to 12 noon | - Hartley Tobin: | 0400 359 976 |
| | Neil Lenne: | 0417 343 112 |
| Monday 1pm to 4pm | Michael Bladen | 0428 270 850 |
- Times for this session may vary on 1st and 2nd Mondays of the month.
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| Monday 5 pm to 8 pm | - John DiStefano: | 0482 173 799 |
| Friday 9 am to 12 noon | - Hartley Tobin: | 0400 359 976 |
| | - Neil Lenne: | 0417 343 112 |
- SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions**
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| Friday 9am to 12 noon | - Grant Crocker | 0418 121 592 |
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- TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions**
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| Tuesday 9am to 4pm | - Peter Myers | 0413 122 103 |
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- PYROGRAPHY: Regular Sessions**
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| Friday 1pm to 4 pm | - Michael Bladen: | 0428 270 850 |
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- SCROLL SAWING: Regular Sessions**
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| Wednesday 9am to 12 noon | - Lionel Wood: | 0490 695 950 |
| | Syd Gordon: | 0434 614 573 |
- JOINERY: Regular Sessions**
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| Thursday 9am to 12 noon | - Syd Gordon | 0434 614 573 |
| Thursday 1pm to 4pm | - Tina Kalivas, Peter Myers and David Carlos - specialised session - it is essential to contact Syd Gordon to access this session. | |
- CARVING: Regular Sessions**
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| Friday 9am to 12 noon | - Harry Smith: | 5674 8078 |
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- KUMIKO: Regular sessions**
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| Monday 9am to 12 noon | - Syd Gordon | 0434 614 573 |
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- WOODEN JEWELLERY: These sessions are on demand only.**
- Contact Syd Gordon for current information.
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| Friday 1pm to 4pm | - Syd Gordon | 0434 614 573 |
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Please contact the appropriate Supervisor if you would like to join a session, or to notify that you will be absent from your regular session.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Monday 13th October will be the final day for submission of entries to be judged for two of the Woodies Annual Awards. There is no limit to the number of entries per member for these awards, and so long as the criteria are met, may be from any aspect of woodcrafting. The two relevant Awards are the Okke Huitema Award and the Harry Oates Award. Judges for these two Awards are the same as last year - Hartley Tobin and George Contaxis. Nominations for the President’s Award are provided by session Supervisors and decided by the President. Nominations for the George Hill Award are also provided by session Supervisors and decided by the Committee Executive. *Lionel Wood and Neil Lenne are managing these Awards. Full details will be emailed out shortly.*

Our annual sales event with the Phillip Island Patchworkers will be conducted over the Melbourne Cup weekend from November 1st - 4th. The venue is Newhaven Hall, Cleeland St, Newhaven. All members are encouraged to submit items for sale. However, as we have limited space, only smaller items should be put in for this sale. It is expected that those submitting items for sale will also be available for a session on duty at the shop.

Set up for the shop will be on Friday October 31st. More details will be provided shortly.

November 15th Bunnings BBQ. We are conducting a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday November 15th and will be requiring 4 helpers in the morning and 4 in the afternoon. A notice for names will be on the noticeboard shortly.

Boxing Day Bunnings BBQ. We’ve been invited to conduct the Bunnings BBQ on Boxing Day (26th December). It’s a difficult day for some people, but if you think you can help out, contact Peter Myers and let him know. These BBQs are big fundraisers for the Club and help us to keep annual members’ fees low.

The Woodies Annual Christmas Shop will also again be conducted in December. Dates are yet to be finalised, but it is likely to begin on Saturday 29th November through to Tuesday 23rd December. These dates will be confirmed later. The shop will be conducted at the Club as has been the case now for several years. Final dates for 2025 workshop sessions will also be confirmed. This event is always popular with members and again, everyone is encouraged to participate. Last year around 800 items were sold, so it’s a good fundraiser for the Club and helps members to redeem some of their woodworking expenses from throughout the year.

IMPORTANT NEWS

AGM - As a result of the AGM, the following appointments for Committee were ratified. Thanks to all who nominated and congratulations to the members below. It must be recognised that these are honorary positions and involve decision making on behalf of all members. We ask that everyone provide their full support for the members who have offered their time, expertise and commitment to take on these roles. For those who have chosen not to re-nominate, thanks are extended to them for their work over the past 12 months or longer - Michael Bladen, Amanda Robbins. Thanks also to Frank Kisvarda for his 5 years as Treasurer. We are pleased he has decided to continue on as a highly valued member of the Committee.

President - Peter Myers

Vice-president - Syd Gordon

Secretary - David Carlos

Treasurer - Lex Van Saane

Committee - Neil Lenne

- Hartley Tobin

- Alan Hurst

- Tina Kalivas

- Frank Kisvarda

- Sandra Pietrolungo

Thanks to Imelda Daly for donating a huge amount of timber free to our members, as well as power tools for the Club. It was disappointing to hear that due to circumstances, Imelda was discontinuing her woodcrafting, although she is continuing her other craft loves of quilting and embroidery.

Thanks also to Grant Crocker who has recently donated a large amount of quality timber to the Club and individual members, as he downsizes.

The Club gratefully accepts donations of usable timber. However, our storage container has become very full as some timber has been dropped off without permission. Please get agreement from a Supervisor before leaving any timber at the Club.

A reminder that strictly no treated timber of any kind is allowed at the Woodies, whether in storage or to be worked with.

We'd like to urge all members to encourage friends, relatives and anyone else local who is interested in working with wood to come along and have a look at what we do. New members are always welcome and are in fact necessary to keep our Club active and dynamic, able to offer the best facilities and woodworking opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Lynn and Neil Lenne have offered to manage and cater for an afternoon tea at the Woodies on Saturday 25th October at 2.30pm.

If you joined us last year, you'll remember the wonderful spread that was provided then and knowing the Lennes', this will also be a great afternoon for food, mateship and frivolity.

The cost will be just \$10. We encourage everyone to join us and enjoy an afternoon with friends. A list is on the meeting room noticeboard to add your name.

Please pay Neil, Lynn or your session supervisor by no later than Friday 17th October, so that catering needs can be assessed.



IT'S ON AGAIN!

Buy/Swap/Sell/Giveaway. Similar to the event held in 2024.

WHEN: Saturday October 4th: 9:30 to 11:30 at the Woodies. Setup for sellers is at 9:00. There's no limit to items you wish to sell, so long as they are woodcraft related.

Bring along any tools, timber, products you no longer need, want, or can use. This includes old or antique tools. It is preferred if tools are in working order. For sales, you set the price and do any "deals". Electric tools can be tested and tagged for \$5.

The Club takes no responsibility for transactions.

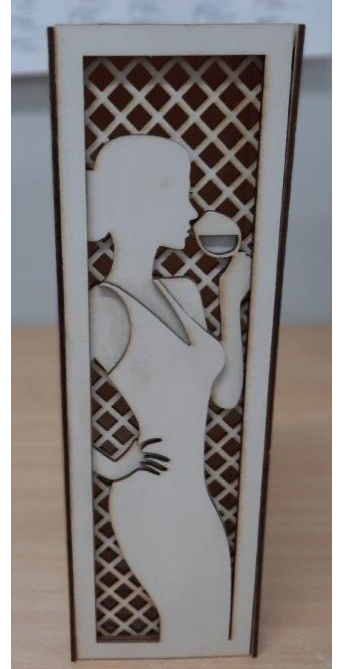
SHOW & TELL

From top - The bowl with undercut textured rim, was made from Huon by Alan Hurst. The second bowl was made from Mulga by Tony Hirini, finished with EEE & Shellawax. Another amazing creation from Dave Carlos is the chair which looks like it's made from Meccano, but is actually shelving frame steel with galv. bolts and very colourful timber. The segmented lidded urn was made by John DiStefano with 12 rings and 16 segments per ring, from Banksia and Chestnut.



SHOW & TELL

The goblet was made by Geoff Rippingdale from Blackwood. The wine bottle box made with Poplar was created by Sandra Pietrolungo using her new laser cutter and a pre-fabricated kit. Sandra is working on designing further patterns. The three wine bottle accessories were turned by Brian Johnson from unknown timbers. The natural vase was turned by Alan Hurst from Banksia Robur, using Earl's Hardener to stabilise the soft green wood. Some more information about Earls in a future Newsletter.



SHOW & TELL

From top - Large vase by Johan Vaessen made from Wattle finished with Aussie Oil. The pepper grinder was made by Neil Lenne from American Oak. The variety of bookmarks and Kumiko were made by Sandra Pietrolungo using her laser cutter and formaldehyde-free plywood. John DiStefano created the hexagonal, 3D illusion trivet, presentation board from Ash, Walnut and Redgum, finished with grapeseed oil.



SHOW & TELL

The boxes below have been created by Tina Kalivas. Joined with thin splines, one has a Kumiko top and is made from Celery top Pine, Huon and Merbau. One has a Cedar top with Merbau and features spalted Ironbark. These creations are works in progress. The small bowls at the bottom were made from Oak and Cypress by Geoff Rippingdale.



SHOW & TELL

This wall clock/weather station was made by Alan Hurst from Huon Pine with an alloy, CNC cut, background scene.



WOODIES @ WORK

The beautiful piece of carving featuring a humming bird with undercut wings, tail, leaves and stems, was done by Lynn Lenne. What an effort for someone who has only been in the carving group for about 12 months.

The serving tray was made by Lex Van Saane from Desert Oak, which comes up with some amazing colour. The 'mushroom' earring stand is made from Huon with a Redgum base by Colin Goodwin. Looks quite at home in the grass and daisies, doesn't it?



CREATIVE JOINERY

The Goldilocks Solution

Ric Fallu

Sooooo, in a quest to fulfil my adolescent dream of building the perfect speargun, I decided to try to emulate some of the prominent designs of old.

I try to capture the essential components of the designs, whilst putting on my own aesthetic stamp.

There are several iconic designs, but recently I've been working on the "Euro" design, common in the 1980s, 90s and into the early years of this century.

The Euro guns were made from plastic and metal pipes (later on, carbon fibre pipes). But I work in wood! So one of the big challenges is retaining the key shapes when I do it in timber. I've built several, each one a little closer to the quintessential design I seek.

Surprisingly, the biggest challenge is replicating the metal tubular barrel. I decided to use a wooden dowel, but what diameter? Using the appropriate roundover bits I routed a dowel that had a 40mm diameter, but it was too thick. I routed a dowel with a 32mm diameter, but it was too thin! A ramble through the "indoor wood" section in Bunnings revealed a dowel 35mm in diameter, and it seemed just right!

With each solution comes new problems. The design requires a spear track to be mortised into the top of the barrel. Routing a tenon along a cylinder is not easy. I made a jig. But it's still not perfect. My take on the design also requires tenons reaching out from both the muzzle and the butt end. Cutting these (exactly in parallel) on opposite ends of a dowel, is not easy. So I made another jig. But unfortunately, it's still not perfect.

All of the joinery would be a lot easier if I could cut the mortise and tenons while the stock is in the square and then round it.

I didn't trust my lathe skills to get an exactly parallel-sided dowel/rod. Sadly there are no commercially available round over bits that give the right diameter. The nearest you can purchase have radii of 16 and 19mm. Either too big or too small, but for this it has to be just right.

There was nothing for it, I decided to get a special roundover bit made. After much seeking, I found a mob in Melbourne who do it . . . but, "Oh the price!!!" Just a few dollars over \$400!

I guess I'm just going to have to curtail my spending on timber!"



Jigs. One still being fabricated



Short spear channel insert



Silicon Proverbs

Laughs for the computer buffs that walk amongst us –

- * Home is where you hang your @
- * The e-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail
- * A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click
- * You can't teach a new mouse old clicks
- * Great groups from little icons grow
- * Speak softly and carry a cellular phone
- * C:\ is the root of all directories
- * Don't put all your hypes in one home page
- * Pentium wise; pen and paper foolish
- * The modem is the message
- * Too many clicks spoil the browse
- * The geek shall inherit the earth
- * A chat has nine lives.
- * Don't byte off more than you can view.
- * What boots up must come down
- * Windows will never cease
- * In Gates we trust
- * Virtual reality is its own reward
- * Accept Modulation in all things
- * A user and his leisure time are soon parted
- * There's no place like home.com!
- * Know what to expect before you connect
- * Oh, what a tangled Web site we weave
- * Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to use the Net and he won't bother you for weeks

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

"We're a member run, fine woodworking club (A0041831L) and we're reaching out to past members of Melbourne School of Fine Woodworking to say that it would be a pleasure to have you back. The club continues to be a place for hands-on work, shared knowledge, and good company — and former members have always played an important role in that.

Your support makes a difference, and your presence would be appreciated — whether you're interested in taking part in projects again, or reconnecting with the group.

If you'd like to return, or want to know more about what's happening at the club, feel free to get in touch. We'd be happy to hear from you".

E: info@msfw.org.au | W: www.msfw.org.au | T: 03 9897 3055

Post: PO Box 219, Kerrimuir VIC 3129 | Street: Unit 6, 27-29 Lexton Road, Box Hill North VIC 3129



The next *Antique & Collectable Hand Tool Market* will be held on Sunday 19th October 2025 9am to 12:30pm.

St. Anthony's Parish Hall
164 Neerim Rd, Corner Neerim & Grange Rds, Caulfield East, VIC 3145 (Melway Ref. 68 F4).

Ample street parking or public transport: Frankston train, 600m from Glenhuntly Station or # 67 tram from University, 310m walk from Glenhuntly Rd.

Sellers are HTPAA members only and members of the public are welcome.

HEALTH & SAFETY

BE AWARE OF RSV

Respiratory Syncytial Virus, or RSV, is a common, highly contagious virus in Australia that causes mild cold-like symptoms, but can lead to severe lower respiratory tract infections like bronchiolitis and pneumonia. It is a virus that causes infection in the lungs and airways.

At particular risk are infants under five, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, adults over 75 and other older adults with medical conditions, or with compromised immune systems. RSV became a notifiable disease in Australia in 2021, and new vaccines and monoclonal antibody treatments are now available to protect vulnerable groups.

Like Influenza and colds, seasonal outbreaks typically occur in the autumn and winter months. If you are concerned, it is important to see your doctor.



SEGMENTING CHALLENGES

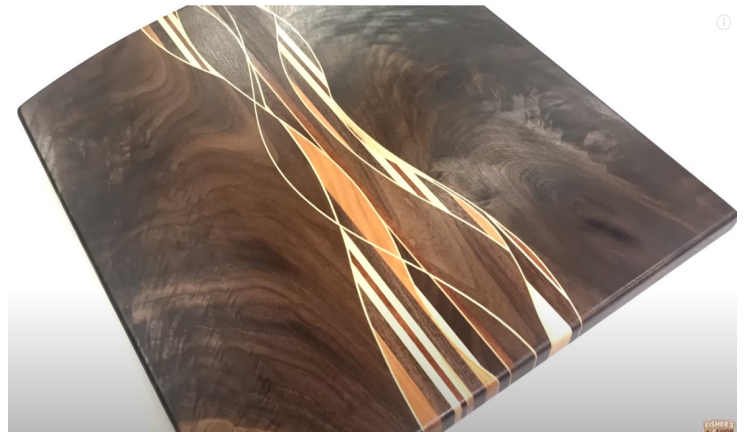
Making woven design cutting boards, trivets and similar -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1bVVpAx7k>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0F5Gr6JePQs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3ePsdzMXqo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1bVVpAx7k&t=592s>



INTERESTING YOUTUBE LINKS

Stick, ring and rope trick

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/90xUq586nbQ>

Table That's Fooling Everyone's Eyes - for the 3D cut and paste enthusiasts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNF4YXPZ8Lw>

How It's Made - Optical Illusion End Grain Cutting Board

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7qLC-IUwHI>

45 NEW WOODWORKING TOOLS ON AMAZON

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnEwpP9UW8I>

WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS

There were two new members since the last Newsletter and we welcome -

LISA HUITSON

JULIE WALLACE

Everyone is encouraged to make all new members feel welcome and at home at the Club and to assist and support them.



A very happy birthday to the following Members:

Syd Gordon

Jonathan Hauser

Tony Hirini

Brian Johnson

Neil Lenne

Geoff Rippingdale

There are still a few birthdays not on our records. If we've missed you, please let David Carlos know or email - woodiessec@gmail.com



A reminder that the next Members' Meeting is on Monday 13th October at midday, for a complimentary lunch.

We would like to encourage all members, especially those new to the Club to join us. Following lunch there will be the usual features - a guest speaker, important Club news, Show & Tell (everyone is encouraged to bring something you've made along if you can) and the raffle with heaps of great prizes.

SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES

MOST STOCK IS PURCHASED IN BULK, SO PRICES ARE MINIMISED: Shellawax, Glow, EEE, super glue and sandpaper are all in smaller quantities as full sizes of these products are expensive. Neil has just purchased a range of 2" (50mm) and 3" (75mm) hook and loop type sanding discs. Also available are 1cm hook and loop medium density foam backing pads. All items are on-sold at cost price. We also have basic earmuffs, safety glasses and Covid-safe masks if you'd like to wear one. However, if possible it's best to have your own. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, see your session supervisor for prices and availability. *If you have any thoughts about other items the Club could purchase in bulk for resale, speak to a Supervisor or to Woodies purchasing officer - Neil Bateman.*

NOTES:

1. The Club has just purchased a set of **tri-blade** Forstner bits. These are available to use on request. The full range of twin blade forstners are still available in their usual storage.
2. As a safety measure, **CA Glue** (superglue) **de-bonder** is also available. Best advice — wear rubber or nitrile gloves when using CA. However if you accidentally get CA in the wrong place OR on your fingers, this will dissolve the glue. See your Supervisor.

THIS NEWSLETTER DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN input is needed from members and I sincerely thank those who contribute, many of you regularly. Variety is what I aim for to make this Newsletter interesting and reader friendly.

Please send any relevant articles, photos of interest or of your latest project, items to buy or sell, woodworking tips, tricks and jigs, or just any general suggestions for the Newsletter by 16th of each month to -

woodiesnews@gmail.com

WE'LL JUST CALL THIS OUR "FUNNIES" PAGE



Joe likes to make all of our furniture.

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER SEGMENTS?

If you have any funny stories, articles, *Tips, Tricks & Jigs*, favourite gadgets, items to sell or buy, interesting websites, pictures of things you've created or work in progress, send them to - woodiesnews@gmail.com
Articles must be received no later than the 16th of the month please, to be included in the next Newsletter.

WOODIES CLASSIFIEDS

There are two categories; "For Sale" if you have any tools or woodworking equipment to liquidate, and "Wanted" for those of you who are looking for preloved tools or equipment that other members may be willing to part with. There is no cost, except if it is a commercial arrangement.

All you need to do to get an advert in, is write a short description (including contact details) of the item that you are selling, or wish to buy and send it to woodiesnews@gmail.com along with any photographs where appropriate.

Entries must be received by 16th of the month to be included in the next newsletter. Items can appear in two consecutive newsletters unless sold or otherwise requested.

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