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DIARY 2023

May 27th - Bunnings BBQ

May 1st - Committee Meeting

May 8th - General Meeting

June 5th - Committee Meeting

June 12th - General Meeting

July 3rd - Committee Meeting

July 10th - General Meeting

August 7th - Committee Meeting

August 14th - Annual General Meeting

September 4th - Committee Meeting

September 11th - General Meeting

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
	Neil Lenne:	5678 5736
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229
Monday 1pm to 4pm	John DiStefano:	0481 480 812
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Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	- Lionel Wood:	0409 695 950
Friday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
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SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Neil Lenne:	5678 5736
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WOODTURNING: On-demand Sessions

Friday 1pm to 4pm	Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
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TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

Tuesday 9am to 4pm	- Peter Myers	0413 122 103
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PYROGRAPHY: Regular Sessions

Friday 1pm to 4 pm	- Michael Bladen:	0428 270 850
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SCROLL SAWING: Regular Sessions

Wednesday 9 m to 12 noon	- Lionel Wood:	0490 695 950
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BANDSAW BOX MAKING: On-demand Sessions

Monday 1pm to 4 pm	- Marion Kerry:	0409 010 843
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JOINERY: Regular Sessions

Thursday 9am to 12 noon	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
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Thursday 1pm to 4pm	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
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CARVING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Harry Smith:	5674 8078
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi all and welcome to the Woodies May newsletter. It was pleasing to see a few more members at the May General Meeting. We had a lot more show & tell this time and it was good to see what the members are making. Our speaker was Syd Gordon demonstrating his laser engraving and cutting machine for wood and it was very interesting to see what it could do. I would like to thank Brian Johnson for always doing the bbq before the meetings.

We have picked up the machinery items from Lois Green which are at the club and will be put into place soon. Thanks to Syd Gordon and Alan Hurst for supporting me with that.

The club will be having a working bee soon to put some crushed rock down on the walkway on the car park side of the meeting room. We will let you know when and would appreciate volunteers. You would need to bring shovels and rakes.

The sign for Wonthaggi Art Society has now been installed at the Goods Shed and it looks fantastic - thanks to Steve Edge & John DiStefano for doing that.

The infant caskets for the Wonthaggi hospital have been finished and picked up last Friday.

We still have a few members on the sick list, the committee and members wish them a speedy recovery. Unfortunately when fees became due, we lost 13 members that chose not

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Cont. to re-join for various reasons, a few more than usual. However we had have some new members join in the past few weeks and this is very encouraging for us. In closing I would like to thank the committee for all of the hard work they do for the club and members. It is not always recognised.

Cheers, Neil Lenne.

JOKES OF THE MONTH



QUOTES FROM THE ONE & ONLY ~ Billy Connolly

- When people say 'it's always the last place you look'. Of course it is. Why would you keep looking after you've found it?
- Never trust a man who, when left alone in a room with a tea cosy, doesn't try it on.
- I've always wanted to go to Switzerland to see what the army does with those wee red knives.
- A lot of people say it's a lack of vocabulary that makes you swear. Rubbish. I know thousands of words but I still prefer f***.
- When something is 'new and improved!' which is it? If it's new, then there has never been anything before it. If it's an improvement, then there must have been something before it.



SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES

The club has expendable items purchased in bulk (sandpaper, super glue, Shellawax, EEE, etc.) for sale at Club cost price. We also have earmuffs, safety glasses and Covid-safe masks if you'd like to wear one. 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 purchasing officer - Neil Bateman***

CURRENT NEWS

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles - The next Bunnings event is on Sat May 27th - put this in your diary. The roster is on the noticeboard now. We have also been allocated two further dates - 18th Nov. and 2nd Dec.

Grants - We are currently waiting on the outcome of a Grant application through BCSC for a new Jointer. We understand that will be announced very soon. Consideration is being given to future grants.

General Meetings going forward - There has been some discussion at Committee regarding how often members' General Meetings should be conducted. Numbers at meetings have been low recently. Whereas pre-Covid we would usually get between 25 and 30, we only had 14 at the February meeting, 20 in March, 17 in April and 18 in May. There has been a proposal to have General Meetings bi-monthly instead, that is 6 meetings per year. There was considerable and robust discussion about the pros and cons of this at the May General Meeting. A strong overall view was that the format of GMs should change to reduce the 'business' basis of the meetings and focus more on things such as Show & Tell, speakers, demonstrations and social-type activities. It was eventually agreed that the Committee should discuss in the light of views expressed at the GM and move forward one way or another. If it was to be changed to bi-monthly, it would be for a 6 months trial period.

Guest Speakers - Syd Gordon demonstrated his CNC laser engraving and cutting machine at the May GM. See pics and details later in this Newsletter. We are keen to hear of any suggestions for future speakers or demonstrators, or if any members are prepared to have a go at this themselves.

Have you applied for your \$250 Power Saving Bonus yet? The Power Saving Bonus is a \$250 payment for Victorian households to help ease cost-of-living pressures and encourage them to compare energy offers and save money. Eligibility requirements:

You must be a residential energy consumer (i.e. have a residential electricity account). You must be the account holder. Only one payment is available per household.

As part of the Power Saving Bonus application process, you will be presented with information about the best priced electricity offers available in your area. You are not required to switch offers or retailers.

Available until 31st August 2023.

Annual General Meeting - A reminder that the Club's Annual General Meeting will be conducted on Monday 14th August. At that meeting, a new Committee will be elected. We would like to

encourage ALL members to consider nominating for an official or Committee role. Now is the time to consider putting your hand up and support the day to day running of our Club.

Working Bee - This will be conducted within the next few weeks to develop the pathway behind the scroll saw workshop which currently floods after rain. It will involve filling, spreading and compacting crushed rock. Details shortly.

New machinery - In the last week we have obtained some new (second-hand) machinery from Lois Green as she was selling off all her woodworking machinery and tools. Two bandsaws, a Carbatec roof mounted dust filter and a 7" grinder were obtained by the Club. An excess bandsaw is now likely to be sold by the Club. Details of the machine and the selling process will be forthcoming.

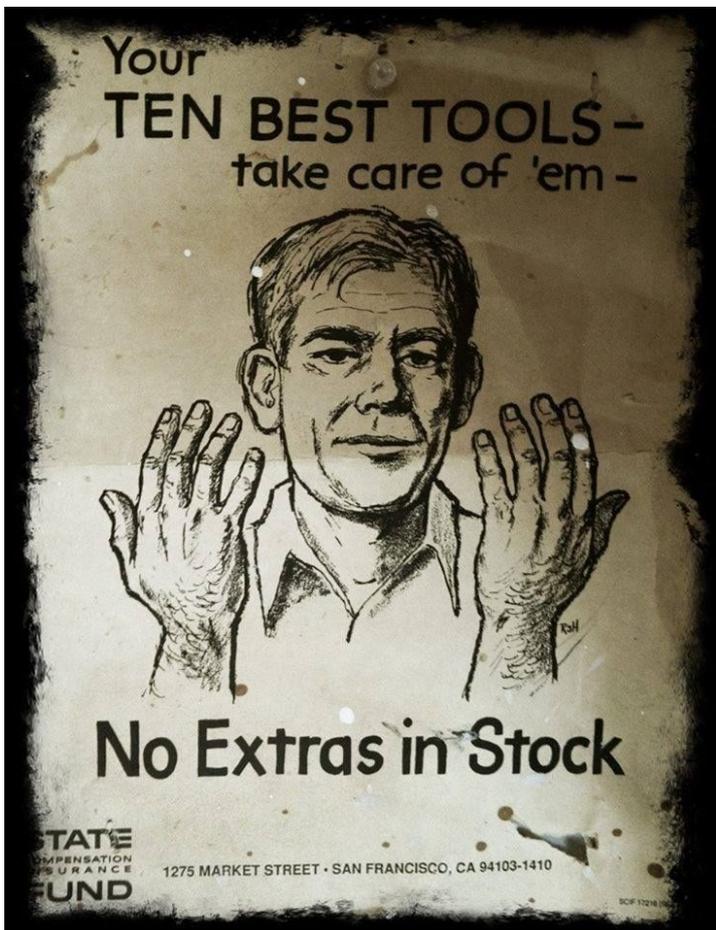
Woodies Annual Awards - The Club will once again be holding Woodies Woodcrafting Awards this year after a two year hiatus due to Covid restrictions. Details of the Awards, guidelines, submission, judging panel, etc. will be announced shortly. At this stage the submission date will be the first week in October and Awards will be presented the annual Christmas function.

FRANK KISVARDA'S O/S TRIP

Our Treasurer Frank Kisvarda and wife Margaret are enjoying their overseas trip, except for the boat trip across the north Pacific to Alaska which was very rough and quite hairy at times. He loved Japan's picturesque calmness and serenity. Here are a couple of pics he sent back. Japan has the lowest birth rate in the world, but obviously prams still come in handy.



WORKSHOP SAFETY



MEMBER PROFILE



Grant Crocker

Eleven years ago I discovered I have Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis. I'd had problems for a few years such as weakening on my right side, falling over, difficulty walking, fatigue and overheating in hot weather. So I knew something was wrong, but I was not prepared for the bombshell

diagnosis delivered by the neurologist on a hot January day in 2012. I can't remember what I thought at the time but over the next few weeks I felt shocked, angry, confused, sad... and worried about the future. I had a great job as a warehouse manager and my employer was fantastic. He supported me as much as he could, making whatever modifications were needed to keep me working, but the MS affected me both physically and cognitively. Within eighteen months I had to retire, and that's when my wife, Robyn, and I moved from Melbourne to the cooler climate and less stressful lifestyle in Wonthaggi.

At first, I potted around in the garden, growing veggies and keeping chooks, but I became increasingly depressed because I couldn't stop thinking about all the things that I couldn't do any more. Robyn told me I had to find something that I considered worthwhile. Soon after, we came across a woodworkers' stall outside our local supermarket. I spoke to a bloke there and joined up. It was all new to me, but I'd always been handy with tools, and I liked the idea of working with timber. That was eight years ago and now Robyn complains that all I ever do is woodworking!

I go to the Woodies a couple of times a week. Most of the members are retired, and there are others who have disabilities, so the workrooms are set up for people with special needs. There is even a lathe that you can sit at. Woodworking is great for someone with MS because the tools do not need to be modified. Also, when you're working on the lathe it can be stopped any time, so if you get tired you don't have to keep going uninterrupted until the piece is finished. The supervisors at Woodies are great and I'm always learning new skills.

I have my own lathe and other equipment at home. My favourite thing to work on is segmented turning where you create a graph to plan the design, then put that data into the computer software, which works out how many pieces of timber you need and what size they need to be. After that, you cut up the pieces then glue them back together in fantastic patterns. Robyn thinks it's silly to cut the wood up then stick it back together, but I told her it's sort of like cutting up fabric squares and sewing them together to make a quilt, which she does. Most of my timber is off-cuts from my nephew's bespoke furniture business, so I get a

good variety. My favourite is Walnut because of the differences in grain and colour in each piece. I love working with wood, the feel and smell of it. Turning a block into a beautiful, polished object gives me a good feeling. At Woodies, I've learned to make lots of different things: Christmas decorations, pens, bangles, bowls, platters, vases, chopping boards, lazy susans, toys, pepper mills, jigsaw puzzles, clocks... even a birthday card!

Woodworking has been a lifesaver for me. It helps to keep me on track emotionally, and to believe in myself. When I had to stop work, I didn't think I would ever be able to learn something new again... until I went to Woodies. The members are generous with their knowledge and they're fun to work with. Woodies is a fantastic creative outlet.



Above: Grant Crocker making pens at a Woodies working bee for the Pens For The Troops project in 2022.

Below: The sign for the Bass Coast Artists Society Goods Shed which was organised by Steve Edge and erected above the main doors by Steve and John DiStefano. This sign was as a thank you for the Artist Society allowing us to use the Goods Shed for our 2022 Christmas Shop.



WOODIES @ WORK

Below – Jimmy Yokoi is working on his latest segmented project. Jimmy's smile is indicative of how he loves his woodwork and coming along to the Woodies. Jimmy has displayed amazing creativity in the short time he has been at the Club.



The two Charcuterie boards below have been made by Grant Crocker. The 3D segmenting and inset contrasting timbers are perfect, as always with Grant's work.



WOODIES @ WORK

There is always wood available for your use at the Club. The shelves pictured below are blocks for woodturning. There is also other timber in storage and a further blocks behind the machinery shed. Some timber is specifically for the toymakers, so please be aware of this. If unsure what you can use, speak to your session Supervisor.



STAY COVID & FLU SAFE

Covid has not gone away, so we still need to be super diligent. Importantly, once again there are new variants of Covid around, and we can't be sure how vaccinations will relate to this, so be extra careful and don't risk your safety.

In Autumn and Winter the Flu season ramps up and as much as we seem to have accepted this illness, it can be fatal if not treated appropriately, especially amongst older people. **It's now time to get your Flu vaccine. Contact your health professional or pharmacy to arrange that - the sooner the better.**

Don't feel embarrassed to wear a mask, even if those around you aren't, and regularly wash and sanitise hands. **If you are feeling unwell, check for Covid by taking a RAT test and isolate if you come up positive.** Although not mandated now, it's best for you and others if you stay at home and isolate for at least 5 days. Then complete at least two negative RATs before moving amongst people

G. M. SHOW & TELL

Below: Are 3 works in progress -

The 5 cornered bowl is a work in progress by John DiStefano, made from Southern Mahogany.

The segmented bowl is being made by Gordon Garbutt. It is made from Blackwood, Redgum and Spruce and combines both solid and open segmenting.

A Pot Pourri bowl being made by Steve Edge from Silky Oak.

Below: A beautifully created natural edge bowl with bark kept in tack by John DiStefano, made from Sheoak that has been dried for 4 years.

A leaf shapes charcuterie board made by Alan Hurst from Tassie Oak featuring clear resin 'branches'.

A natural edge bowl also made by Alan Hurst of English Oak. The unseen underneath displays the highly unusual 'lightening strike' shape of the piece of timber.



G. M. SHOW & TELL

Below: This serving platter will have a middle glass bowl insert. Made by Syd Gordon from Black Walnut, finished with beeswax and mineral oil and created with a router.

The segmented bowl was made by John DiStefano using Oak, Cedar and Redgum.

These 3 money boxes of various shapes were made by Neil Lenne from Redgum and Pine. Note the beautiful jointing on the square one.



G. M. SHOW & TELL

Below: The 10cm coasters were made from Golden Ash and the holder from Cypress Pine by Alan Hurst.

The bottle and balance stand were made by John DiStefano. The stand is made as a segmented full round and divided to make 3 balances from Tasmanian Oak. The bottle has been created from Cedar Pine displaying great features.

The charcuterie board was made by Alan Hurst using various small branch slices and Tassie Ash melded together with resin.



APRIL WOODIES QUIZ ANSWERS

- Which of these ***is not*** a hardwood?
 - Blackwood
 - Queensland Kauri
 - Red Cedar**
 - Camphor Laurel
- What is the common name for the tree that Hindus consider sacred and call - "Ashwath Vriksha"? **Banyan Tree**
- MDF stands for - **Medium Density Fibreboard**
- What term is given to an isolated area in wood, largely made up of bark that has grown into the sapwood of a tree? **Bark inclusion**
- The part on a lathe which slides along the bed and supports the tool rest has the same name as what musical instrument? **Banjo**
- Which of these ***is not*** a woodworking joint?
 - Tongue and groove
 - Gullet**
 - Dovetail
 - Rabbet
- Which of the following ***is not*** a type of wood-working glue?
 - Cyanoacrylate
 - Polyvinyl acetate
 - Latex polymer**
 - Casein
 - Hide glue
- When installing a band saw blade, the tilt of the top wheel is adjusted until the blade runs in the centre of each wheel. Making this adjustment is called?
 - Centring
 - Aligning
 - Tracking**
 - Matching
- Why are Japanese saws different from other handsaws? **They cut on the pull, not the push.**
- Which of these woods is considered extremely toxic?
 - Elm
 - Sassafras
 - Willow
 - Oleander**



BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY 2023

Happy Birthday

A very **happy birthday** to the following Members – *Anne Bickerstaff, Peter Clingin, Ric Fallu, Alex Myers, Vic Prior and Alan Schache.*

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

G. M. SHOW & TELL cont.

The scent container below was made by Brian Johnson.

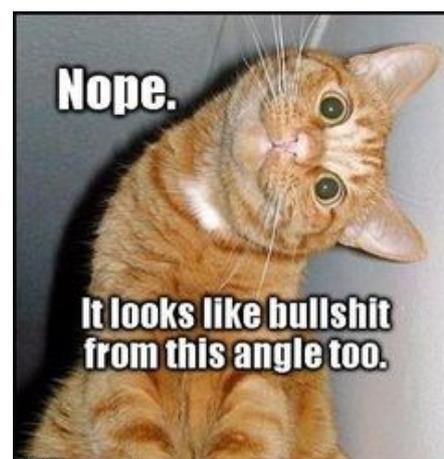


WHAT TOOL IS THIS?

No responses - so we know nothing more about the uses for this object/tool, apart from the maker.



How about the one below for May - any ideas??



G. M. SHOW & TELL

Below: A Pot Pourri bowl made from New Guinea Rosewood is a work in progress by Steve Edge.

Also by Steve Edge is his first attempt at a large size segmented vase which is made from Blackwood, Celery Top Pine and Purpleheart. The piece has 24 rings with 24 pieces in each ring.



Confucious say

Kong Qiu, or Master Kong as he was known, did not live to see his days of glory. During his lifetime, his views were received with scorn. But that was about 2,500 years ago. Following his death, a handful of his dedicated followers passed on Confucius' teachings to future generations and his philosophies became appreciated and revered.

"Worry not that no one knows you; seek to be worth knowing."

"Respect yourself and others will respect you."

"He who knows all the answers has not been asked all the questions."

"Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance."

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

"When we see persons of worth, we should think of equalling them; when we see persons of a contrary character, we should turn inwards and examine ourselves."

"A superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions."

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."

"To know what you know and what you do not know, that is true knowledge."

"Roads were made for journeys not destinations."

"Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart."

"Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it."

"Give a bowl of rice to a man and you will feed him for a day. Teach him how to grow his own rice and you will save his life."

"It is more shameful to distrust our friends than to be deceived by them."

"Silence is a true friend who never betrays."

"A person who chases two rabbits catches neither."

"Wisdom, compassion, and courage are the three universally recognized moral qualities of men."

"Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses."

G. M. SHOW & TELL

Below: Ric Fallu is holding his latest speargun creation. The time, effort and skill that go into these works of art is amazing. Keeping in mind that spearguns will spend much of their time submersed in water, they need to be very water resistant and resilient as any change to the timber would affect operation and accuracy. This requires polyurethane glue, many coats of waterproof sealant and penetrating epoxy in many stages. It took about 40 hours of work to create this one out of Tassie Oak and Redgum.

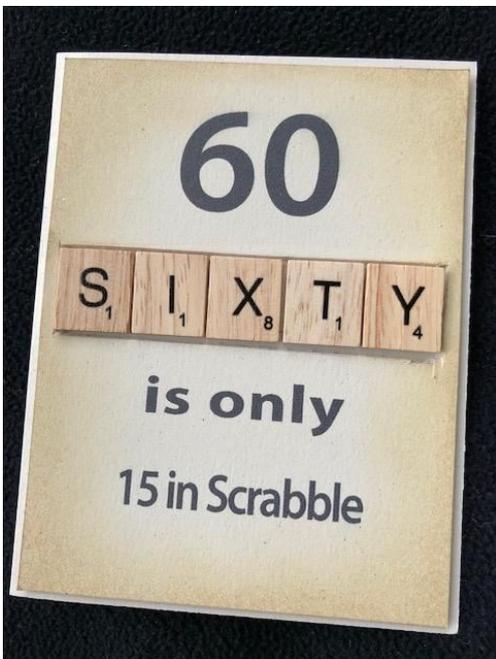


WINTER MONTH CHALLENGE #2

Did any furniture makers take up an April challenge?? Let me know or offer some on-going photos if you have.

May's challenges are for the scrollsawers, 'Butterfly on a Sunflower'. AND ...

LED Box Light using inexpensive USB LED strip lights.



GENERAL MEETING DEMO

At our May General Meeting Syd Gordon explained and demonstrated his new CNC laser engraving and cutting machine. Syd was able to display how the software worked on our large TV and set up his machine with camera so that it could also be seen in operation as he programmed and engraved a small logo. Some of the things he has already produced were also displayed and explained. Gordon Garbutt has also purchased one of these machines, and there seemed to be interest from others at the meeting. Pictured are some of the 'portraits' Syd has engraved previously.

The machine details - Ortur LM2 Pro S2 Laser engraver/cutter - \$450 plus cost of a number of extras. The total cost as seen below (without the safety case and screen Syd has made) is \$888.

If you're interested in getting one or something similar, Syd would be only too happy to assist.

GENERAL MEETING DEMO cont.



IDENTIFY TYPES OF TIMBER

Confirm it is actually solid wood.

Confirm if it is solid piece of wood, and not a man-made composite or piece of plastic made to imitate wood.

Look at the color.

- Natural or stained?
- Weathered or has a patina?

Observe the wood grain.

- Does the wood have an open, porous texture?
- Quartersawn or plainsawn?
- Any characteristics such as Sapwood, Curly or Wild Grain, etc.?

Find the X-factor.

- Odor
- Fluorescence
- Chemical Testing
- Heartwood Extractives Leachability

Consider the weight and hardness.

- Is the wood dry?
- How does the wood's weight compare to others?
- How hard is the wood?

Look at the endgrain.

- A prepared surface.
- The right magnifier.

Consider it's History.



URGENT REQUEST

This Newsletter is hard to keep to a high standard, so please

send any relevant articles, photos of interest, items to buy or sell, wood-working tips, tricks and jigs, or just any general suggestions for the Newsletter to -

woodiesnews@gmail.com



Then go to the following two websites and search for timbers that meet the characteristics you have noted -

<https://www.wood-database.com/>

<https://www.woodsolutions.com.au/wood-species-list>

WELCOME NEW WOODIES MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new Woodies members:

Andy Hopkins

Andreas Diesner



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 equipment you want 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.

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 will appear in two consecutive newsletters unless sold or otherwise requested.

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