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## DIARY 2023/24

December 2nd - Bunnings BBQ

December 4th - Last turning session for 2023

December 7th - Christmas Function

December 8th - Woodies 2023 closure

December 8th - Christmas Shop setup

December 9th to 23rd - Christmas Shop

December 23rd pm - Christmas shop pack up

January 12th - Working bee at Club

January 15th - Workshop sessions re-start

February 5th - Committee meeting

February 12th - Members 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
Monday 5 pm to 8 pm	- Michael Bladen:	0428 270 850
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	- Lionel Wood:	0409 695 950
Friday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
	Neil Lenne:	5678 5736
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229

### SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Grant Crocker	0418 121 592
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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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### JOINERY: On-demand Sessions

Thursday 1pm to 4pm	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573

### CARVING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Harry Smith:	5674 8078
	Lionel Wood:	0490 695 950

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone and welcome to the November Newsletter. As we head into the festive season, I hope everyone has enjoyed the nice weather and have been busy in their workshop making items for the Woodies Christmas shop. This year the Christmas shop will be in the turning room at the club. You will be able to bring your items in on the 8/12

between 12noon and 2pm on that day. The shop opens on Sat 9/12 and will run through to the 23rd. You will be asked to do a leaflet drop in your street so people can find us this year. The more leaflets that are out there, the more customers through the door. Just a reminder if you would like to go to the Christmas luncheon, please put your name on the list on the noticeboard. Also remember your raffle tickets must be in by the first week in December. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas luncheon.

At last Monday's Members' Meeting it was great to see so many of you there. We had Giulio demonstrate a lidded box. He also had little boxes that he had previously made, to show us at the meeting what can be done. Some very different shapes and sizes, which were very interesting to see. I think that everyone

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE cont.

enjoyed the demonstration. Thanks Giulio. There are a few of us picking up some timber this week that is being donated to the club for members to use. It will be checked carefully and stored for use.

A reminder to all members that there will be a Bunnings barbecue on 2nd December. A roster sheet is on the noticeboard, so please put your name down so we can have a successful day. The money earned at these barbecues benefits every member of our club. The November BBQ raised \$1100, thanks Peter and all the other helpers who were involved  
Cheers, **Neil**

## YOUR LAUGH FOR THIS MONTH

**Procrastination is totally a good thing. You always have something to do tomorrow, plus you have nothing to do today.**

*A bit light-on  
for laughs  
this month -  
sorry!*

*Another very  
relevant,  
purely  
summer  
sign.*



### \*\*\*URGENT REQUEST\*\*\*

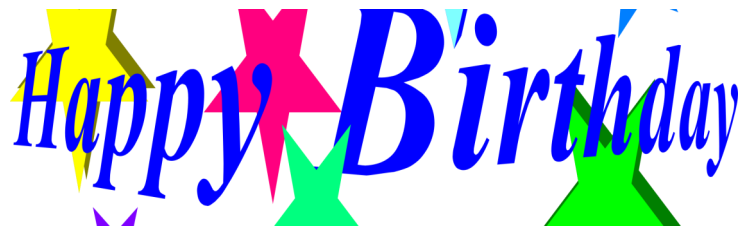
Please send any relevant articles, photos of interest or your latest project, items to buy or sell, woodworking tips, tricks and jigs, or just any general suggestions for the Newsletter to -

**woodiesnews@gmail.com**

## 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.***

## BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER



**A very happy birthday to the following Members –**

***Eric Hornsby - 93 years young and still joining his carving friends each week at the Woodies, creating some wonderful woodwork.***

***Neil Bateman***

***Greg Carman***

***Darrin Free***

***Tex Langford***

***Rob Scholten***

***Lex Van Saane***

***Lois Williams***

***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***

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

***A very warm welcome to new members this month -***

***Julian Raspa***

***Kevin Mumford***

***Christine Gerencer***

***We now are up to 99 members. Current members, please introduce yourselves and make all our new members welcome at the Woodies.***

## CURRENT NEWS

**Club Closure for Christmas/New Year break** - The Club will officially close from Thursday 7th December. The last turning sessions will be on Monday 4th. Sessions will begin again from Monday 15th January. **PLEASE NOTE:** No sessions or work is to be conducted at the Club during closure, including whilst the Christmas Shop is operating.

**Christmas function** - Our annual Christmas function this year will be held at the Whalebone Hotel in Wonthaggi on Thursday 7th December beginning at 12 noon. The cost is \$30 for 2 courses. There are currently 54 attendees listed. There are still a couple of payments outstanding and Neil would appreciate if that is sorted out asap. If you still wish to join us, let Neil know by the end of this week. The Club's Annual Award presentations will be made at this function, the raffle will be drawn and Neil Lenne will be presented with his Life Membership.

**Christmas Shop** - This year will be at our Clubrooms from 8th December until 23rd December. It's an ideal time to tap into Christmas shoppers and attract visitors holidaying in Wonthaggi. Advertising is essential and we are intending to spend some of the money saved by using our own facilities, to expand our advertising. We expect that members will also be prepared to take on advertising and publicity tasks. Remember, this event will not only allow members to sell some of their work, but also provide the Club with extra funds that keep membership fees down. The roster for the shop is on the board and filling up. If you wish to sell your creations, then it is expected you will add your name to the roster.

**Shipping container and New Workshop** - We have been offered a Grant of \$1000 by Bendigo Bank to install a 40' shipping container. Quotes are being organised for the groundwork necessary. However, our current priority is the proposed new workshop and our application for a substantial amount from a Vic. Govt. Mens' Shed Development Grant, which is currently open. We have had BCAL approval for some time now. However, after 6 weeks we've only just received written approval from the Shire to go ahead. Although we are a fair way down the track, this means that it is unlikely now that all the work still required with quotes, engineering plans, building approvals and grant applications, will be possible this time around. Our aim may have to be to have all our ducks in a row for the 2024 round of grants.

**Woodies Annual Awards** - The Club once again held the our Woodcrafting Awards this year after a two year hiatus due to Covid restrictions. The submissions have been judged and Awards will be presented at the Christmas function. A big thanks to all those who

## CURRENT NEWS cont.

submitted their work for judging, the judges Hartley and Lois Green, Bunnings for donating the gift voucher prizes, Lex and Neil for managing the process and John DiStefano, Hartley Tobin, Neil Lenne and Steve Edge for creating the fantastic woodcrafted perpetual trophies.

**Using timber from the Club** - The Club has a lot of timber available for members to use. A reminder than any wood which is not newly milled MUST be checked with a metal detector for anything that may damage our machines. It's not what you can see, but what you can't see that's most dangerous. If you would like to use something - please ask your Session Supervisor for approval and advice.

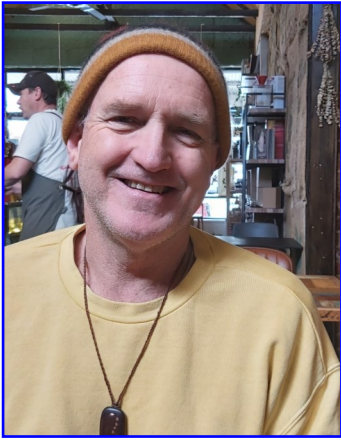
**Bunnings Sausage Sizzles** - A big thank you to Peter and Alex for the organisation and running of our Bunnings events. The Sausage Sizzle conducted on 18th November cleared \$1100, so everyone can see what important fundraisers these events are. Please help out if you possibly can - it's only a morning or afternoon commitment, is not onerous and can be a lot of fun. Our next event is this coming Saturday December 2nd and there are still a couple of spots vacant. The roster is on the noticeboard. Also we have been allocated our events for 1st half of 2024 - these are Saturday January 27th, Sunday April 7th and Sunday May 26th.

**Possum boxes** - We were asked by Sally at Bunnings if we would make some possum boxes for a Trade Skills for Teens Program that Bunnings have initiated. The timber was supplied and Lex, Neil and Syd created flat packs. We have had a big thank you from Bunnings, as they went down very well with the young people who put the boxes together.

**Members' Meetings** - The 'new format' Member's meetings have gone well since mid-year and we plan to continue that way. We have had speakers or demonstrations at each meeting with minimal unnecessary business and feedback indicates that it has been appreciated. The next Members' Meeting will be on February 12th 2024 and will feature a presentation by a representative from FESTOOL. Something to look forward to.

**The Annual raffle** - Tickets have gone out to all members. Just 10 tickets to sell at \$1 each. If you would like more, please contact Lex Van Saane. It would be appreciated if tickets and money could be returned to Lex as soon as possible. This year we have more prizes than ever before, thanks to the work of Lex, Neil and Lynn Lenne - an incredible value in prizes and the draw will take place at the Christmas function on Thursday December 7th.

## MEMBER PROFILE



### *Peter Williams*

I was born in Wangaratta, the second of four kids. Both parents were teachers at the High School. Mum taught French, Geography and History, and Dad taught Woodwork and Tech Drawing. Dad took a job at St Josephs Technical College

in Abbotsford in 1970 and we moved to North Fitzroy, then out into the northern suburbs, where we lived until 1985. Dad quit teaching in 1973 to work at his hobby of Violin making (Australian Wood Review #25). So I grew up around timber and Dad's workshop. I still have, and use, a hammer he gave me when I was five.

I went to Lalor Tech until the end of Form 4, when I became an Engineering Patternmaker. I loved this trade and worked in various Pattern shops. De-industrialisation forced me to look at other options. I gained a position teaching apprentices at RMIT but after only 2 years there, the manufacturing faculty was overhauled and 33 staff were offloaded, including me. A friend in another department at RMIT threw me a lifeline, and I became the technical assistant in the Furniture Design area. Here, I was exposed to new aspects of working with timber and the concepts associated with design. This work fascinated me, and I learned a lot about timbers, furniture, and the maintenance of a variety of machines. One day, after 2 years there, an old friend dropped in to see me. He encouraged me to apply for a position with the mob he was working with, and I was offered a dream position as team leader of a Boat Building Program, aimed at providing wayward youth with a second chance at making a start in life. This was situated at Pompie's Boat Works at Mordialloc. Helping young people get their lives together through building wooden boats, under the tutelage of the legendary Jack Pompie (with occasional mornings out fishing), was absolutely a job made in heaven for me, and I threw myself into it with gusto. Memories of my time there are sweet, but sadly the program was subject to certain funding arrangements. By this time I had a wife, a mortgage and two small kids and I needed security, and the chance to advance myself professionally.

At the age of 40. I found my way into mainstream education, completing a teaching qualification at LaTrobe

Uni while working at Wodonga High School. I moved my young family to Yackandandah, where we lived for 20 years. At this time, my father was living a short distance away at Wooragee, near Beechworth. I was often in his workshop helping with certain repair work, usually double basses and cellos. My most significant work there was the making of a cello, from Otway Messmate and King William Pine.

In teaching woodwork, and some metalwork, to young kids I had found what I really wanted to do in life, and this has provided me with a secure and very rewarding occupation for the past 22 years. In January 2022 we moved to Wonthaggi to be nearer to my wife's family, and our two kids who are ensconced with city life. We absolutely love it down here, and one of our favourite places is Cape Woolamai. I have been a bird watcher since childhood and getting to know the coastal birdlife has been so exciting for me and my wife, Janice. We also love looking for whales when they are migrating.

The woodwork I enjoy most is turning and carving, and I have plans to incorporate the two in future work. I joined the Woodies as I saw it as a way to make new friends while sharing knowledge and skills, a fabulous way to get connected in my new community. So far it seems to be exactly that.

I intend to build myself a large faceplate lathe to complete the turning aspects of the work I have planned. I also want to build cedar strip canoes, which would go nicely on the coastal inlets and estuaries down here. We live in Wonthaggi, out towards the turbines, and my new shed is about to go up in the back yard. I plan to grow some vegies there and keep some chooks too.

Unlike most of you, I am not retired yet. I have been teaching at Foster for the past 2 years and will be starting at Bass Coast Secondary College in the coming months. I am very grateful for the experiences I have had in combing my love of timber with the various aspects of my working life. I also look back with great appreciation for the many people who have influenced me along the way. My Dad turned 98 last week.

Thank you for allowing me to tell my story here, I look forward to making new friends through the Woodies, and all that lies ahead.



## DEMO BY GIULIO

Following our November Member's Meeting, Woodies member, Giulio Marcolongo generously offered to do a demonstration for those attending. We had 26 members at the meeting and they were all engrossed as Giulio showed his world-renowned professional skills by creating a lidded container made from Western Australian Sheoak, with an Ebony insert in the lid. And it only took a little more than 90 minutes to complete. Giulio showed some of the methods he used with various tools and also the finish. A CA glue base coat, followed by EEE and then finished with Aussie Oil used as a friction polish. Giulio offered the item to the Club and it will be used as a future raffle prize. In the meantime it's for everyone to admire in the meeting room display cabinet.



Below are a few more items recently created by Giulio for us mere mortal woodcrafters to aspire to ...



## WHAT TOOL IS THIS?



The mystery tool for October was an antique auger bit circle cutter.

**This Month's Mystery Tool** - Clue: the maker's name may give you an idea of what it might be.



# Eating in the 50s

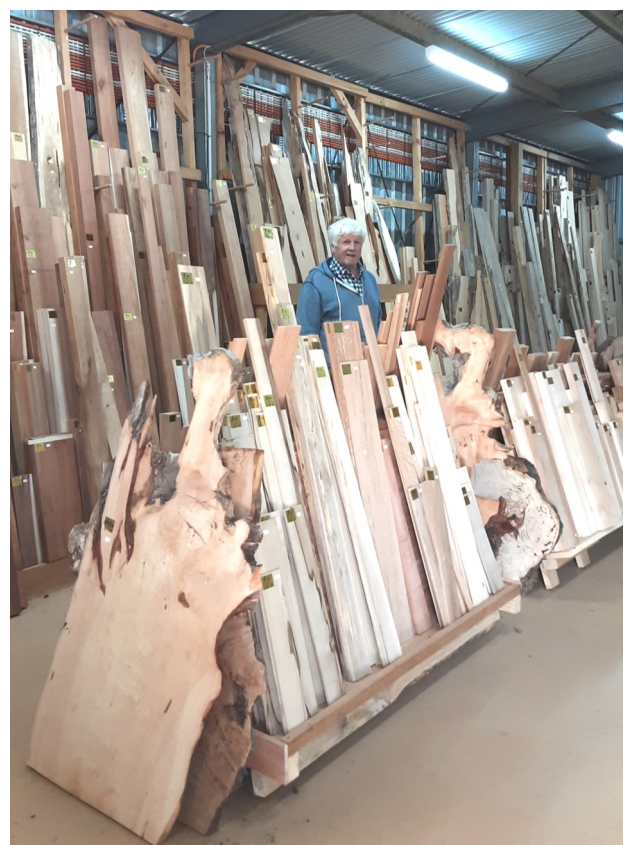
1. Pasta was not eaten
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
4. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
5. Crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.
6. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
7. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
8. Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
9. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
10. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
11. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
12. Fish didn't have fingers.
13. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
14. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
15. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
16. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
17. Indian restaurants were only found in India.
18. Cooking outside was called camping.
19. Seaweed was not a recognised food.
20. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
21. Prunes were medicinal.
22. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
23. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!
24. And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones!

## 2023 WOODIES CLUB AWARDS





**Above:** This is the range of items submitted for the Okke Huitema and the Harry Oates Awards. A broad variety of items from carving, turning, pyrography, joinery and segmented turning. Last week, the judges for these two Awards, Lois Green and Hartley Tobin, spent some time deciding the winners. This week the Committee Executive will be meeting to decide the winner of the George Hill Award and Neil Lenne is in the process of working through session supervisor's nominations for the President's Award.


**Below:** On our recent trip to Tasmania, I wasn't going to buy any more wood. Hmmmm! Just a few things from a mill in Queenstown and when you're in heaven at Island Specialty timbers in Geevestown, how can one resist some Huon, Blackheart Sassy, Myrtle and Celery Top Pine? It got worse (or better) - I also made purchases at two other places along the way. So much for, "I don't need any more wood!" ... Alan.





## WATCH OUT FOR THE SCAMS AROUND CHRISTMAS


 **Incorrect bank details scam.** One of the most common is scammers emailing shoppers to say their billing information is incorrect, and that it needs changing immediately or the order will be void. If a retailer asks you to change your bank details with urgency and claims there is a risk of losing out on an order you have made, then you should be very suspicious.


 **Hot deal scam.** While Christmas lead up and the New Year is full of hot deals, certain popular items are advertised on fake websites that are generally hard to find. These items often turn out to be non-existent and it will result in you paying for a product you will never receive, as well, the scammer now has your payment details.

 **Phishing emails** are commonly used throughout the year. These emails are designed to trick users into disclosing sensitive confidential information. Therefore, it is important to not click on any links or pop-ups from sources that you are not familiar with. This also applies to websites, including suspect URLs that have no 'https' or locked padlock symbol on the bar, and websites with obvious poor design.


 Scammers can also **contact you via email or social media** and advertise attractive sales or deals that link to a fraudulent website where you can make a purchase. For example, you may get Facebook or other types of social media offers for seemingly great bargains, but after making a payment you won't receive the item and you may get charged more than what was advertised.


 Scammers may call and alert you to a 'virus' or 'issue' with your computer or account and **request remote access to your computer** to fix it. **Never** agree or provide anyone access to your computer. If you receive an unexpected phone call, text or email about your computer and remote access from someone claiming to be from a company or business you recognise, hang up or delete the message immediately.


 **Fake tracking number scam** is where fraudsters are sending fake package tracking notifications as an email attachment or link. Scammers use these tactics to infect your device with malware or direct you to phishing sites. Legitimate retailers will never send tracking numbers via an attachment.


 Often, you may receive a suspicious-looking message with a link to a well-known website, urging you to


click to secure a great deal. **Scammers will replicate the retailer website's URLs and layouts**, which makes it extremely hard to spot whether it is fraudulent or not. However, mostly the link is fake, and clicking on it will invite an intrusion of malware on your device. Making your personal information vulnerable. Once they have encouraged people to click, they will then send phishing messages and keylogging malware straight to your device. Before clicking on a so called 'great deal', go direct to the retailer's official website to see if that same deal is there.

 Around Christmas there will be a surge in charity donations, and scammers are aware of this. They set up **fake charities** and use high-pressure tactics to get you to donate. Often you can spot a fake charity because they only accept payment through gift cards, wire transfers or cryptocurrency.

 **Social media profiles are simple to impersonate**, as all a scammer has to do is copy their logo, branding, hashtags, content, etc. This mode of communication can trick customers into giving personal information or data or sell counterfeit products. You can often tell if a social media website is fake through its aggressive advertising campaigns.

 **Fake product reviews** are usually over-packed with technical jargon and feature unusual phrases. However, it is in fact humans that are promoting these in exchange for payment from the product manufacturer. There are 'review exchange' clubs online, normally on social media sites, where sellers on sites such as eBay and Amazon will offer goods in return for overly positive comments - often ones that are extremely misleading.

 **'Grey Market' distribution** is where brands will be using all kinds of channels to market and sell their products. However, when a product falls out of a brand's authorised network, they will no longer have control. When this happens, unauthorised sellers may not properly display, package, handle, or deliver correctly. Therefore, returning or exchanging the product will be a lot more difficult.

 Gift Cards are a popular present at Christmas, which is why **scammers will offer these cards at a discount**. However, these cards are either empty or stolen. You should only buy gift cards from reputable sources, such as the retailer's official store or online website.

**BE AWARE THAT MANY SCAMS ARE ON-GOING BUT HAVE BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED. IF SOMETHING IS SUSPICIOUS, TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE ENQUIRIES - BE SAFER RATHER THAN SORRY.**



# WOODIES @ PLAY



**Above:** Imelda Daly was spotted being very busy at the Newhaven Hall during the Cup Weekend sale with the Phillip Island Patchworkers. It was suggested she may like to do the Woodies tea-towels while she was on a roll.

**Below:** It looks like a quiet time at the recent Bunnings sausage sizzle, although it was actually flat out for most of the day. Here, Frank Paravicini and Colin Goodwin are wielding the tongs, whilst Gordon Garbutt is either buying a new turning chisel on eBay or adding up the profits for the day.



# WOODIES @ WORK



**Above:** Brian Johnson was very pleased with the beautiful bowl he recently created with some expert tutelage from Giulio Marcolongo.

**Below:** This antique chair was part of the furniture in Peter and Alex Myers home. With their recent shift into the 'big smoke' of Wonthaggi, it has become superfluous to their needs. It is in fair condition, but could do with restoring and is free for someone with the interest.  
Ph: 0413 122 103



## 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](mailto:woodiesnews@gmail.com)  
**Articles must be received no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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