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PLEASE BE AWARE that the **DEADLINE** for choices and payments for the Christmas lunch is **Saturday 19 November.**

The Christmas lunch menu details are on the LAST page of this issue of Counter Revolutions. Please forward your completed choices to Mike James and your deposit to John Ellender **as soon as possible.** We need at least 60 people to attend to avoid having to share the venue with others.

October's Events

4th – Hands On

15th – Ed Oliver

Chairman's Column

Very important news that you need to be aware of:

1. One of our oldest and longest serving members, Gerald McKenzie, has decided that the time has come to hang up his tools and retire from Club membership. Gerald has been a member almost from the formation of the Club, has held committee positions and has always given great service and support to both the Club, the committee and the members. He was awarded Honorary Membership at the 2015 AGM in recognition of his contribution and long membership. From a personal point of view Gerald has been a very good friend and has helped me on numerous occasions with problems that I was unable to solve myself. He is a very good turner and his innovations will be missed at our Club nights and exhibitions. He is also one of the few members who reads my column and comments upon its content. Thank you Gerald and best wishes for your "retirement" from me and all Club members.
2. It was a surprise to me, and I am sure it will be to some of you, to find that, following the takeover of Record Tools by Teknatool USA, there are now no service facilities for

Record or Nova machines in the UK. I have an email from Teknatool in Florida stating that although Axminster/Brimarc are their distribution affiliates in the UK all repair facilities are in the USA although they will offer as much support as possible by phone and email. It would seem that, if you have a problem with any of the machines that used to carry the Record or Nova banner, you will be required to affect your own repair after telephoning or emailing the States for instructions. How long they will be able to continue with this high handed attitude towards its customers remains to be seen but, at the moment that is the situation.

3. You may be aware that we had a problem with our Nova at the last Tuesday meeting which led to me making enquiries regarding repair. Fortunately, following an appeal for help, Derek Hayes, Michael James and Mike Lightwing turned up with the tools and knowledge required to affect a repair (we hope). The machine is now running again but we will not know whether the repair is permanent until we replicate the work that it was doing at the next "Hands On" meeting. My thanks to them for so willingly giving up their time to help. I have also now been given a contact at Record who may be able to help if we are unable to do it ourselves. If you need that number let me know.

I am very sad to report that Craydon Care's wife, Sue, died last weekend. I am sure we all wish Craydon our sympathy and good wishes. The funeral will be at Hawkinge Crematorium, Aerodrome Road, Folkestone CT18 7AG on Friday 30th September at 3.00pm.

Mark Baker gave us his very professional demonstration on 17th and I am sure we all took something away from what he demonstrated. Mark has been on the circuit for about 17 years and has visited the Club on a number of occasions. He asked that I express his thanks for the welcome and interest that he received. He has taken the health and safety aspects of what we do very seriously and he is the only professional that has visited so far that insisted upon a Risk Assessment being done before he started. Fortunately I have already completed Risk Assessments for all Club activities so it was not at all onerous. This is obviously the way turning is going in the future and the insurers are insisting on having signatures for acceptance of recognised risks. Just another job but one that we have to take seriously and, if you look at what our hobby comprises of you would wonder why we are ever allowed to do it.

The exhibition is fast approaching and I really hope that far more of our members, particularly the newer members, will take the opportunity to take part. All that you are required to do is present some of your work for the public to see and spend a little time ensuring that their questions are answered and the exhibits are safe. It is a big part of what we do and attracts more new members than anything else. Help us to ensure the

prosperity and future of the Club by taking part in an enjoyable experience – not much to ask.

I hope you are all busy turning the Stiles and Bates sycamore into something beautiful and that the response will do justice to David Bates' generosity.

Peter Martin

Committee

Chairman	Peter Martin	Vice Chairman	Craydon Care
Exhibition Organiser	Ron Blake	Treasurer	John Ellender
Secretary	Mike Lightwing	Events Organiser	Tony Southey
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Pat's Corner

The commission I mentioned last month is finished and delivered and looks good in my neighbour's new kitchen. I must admit I enjoyed the challenge, the knobs were tricky, I used a screw chuck then reversed in a recessed block using hot melt to drill a 3/8" hole, a brass adaptor was then super glued in to accept the threaded rod on the lid.

Luke dropped in last week talking about turning apples, we went through my method using a special screw chuck, we ended up with an apple shape, it didn't quite go to plan, anyway he can now experiment at home.

The last ten days we spent river cruising with Viking on the Rhone, visited some fascinating towns, I had not realised the impact the Romans had on this area. This was the reason I missed the deadline on the August issue.

So now September. Now busy in the workshop for the winter show. Managed a visit to Yandles, bought my usual oak offcuts. A good show although not very busy. Drove back in torrential rain, thought lovely for the garden, needs it, but no, on to the M26 dry as a bone!

Last Saturday our demonstrator was wood turner Editor Mark Baker. His theme was bowl and pot shapes and the history of these going back Roman and decades before. A fascinating demo and really interesting, and some good tips. Now I have to remember them!

Pat

Woodturning lessons with Dave Reeks

I have been turning for over 30 years and teaching for 20 years.

All types of turning catered for, big or small. I have a first class workshop with 4 lathes including a VB36 full dust extraction. Over the years I have been able to develop a first class beginner's course.

£100 per day including all wood and tools and lunch supplied.

Dave Reeks

Axminster "Turning Tuesdays" (3rd Tuesday in month for us)

18 October

22 November

Anyone wishing to volunteer to man the stands please inform Tony Southey.

INFORMATION

Branch Diary amendments:

Due to the Harrogate show Mick Hanbury will not be available for our usual Saturday in November, so we have taken the previous Saturday 12th November. Saturday 19th November is now open for a "Hands On" session.

Club Competition

It was decided we should run a competition, open to all members, using the wood we recently obtained from Stiles and Bates. There are no suggestions as to what you should turn so you have a free choice. Some of the blanks will be available in 2" or 3" bowl blanks, others will be smaller, spindle-type pieces.

Judging of the competition entries will take place at our regular Club meeting on Tuesday 1st November, when completed entries should be brought along. Judges will be appointed closer to the time. In order to enable all members to take part, there will be four categories for entry, with three prizes awarded in each category. These are:-

1. New members (under 12 months' membership)
2. Members with 1-5 years' membership
3. Members with 6-9 years' membership
4. Members for 10 years and over

As you may know, our Winter exhibition will be held in the Barn the following week. If members do not wish to keep their competition piece, we will endeavour to sell it there and the proceeds will be added to Club funds.

IMPORTANT: please state clearly on a firmly attached label your name and membership number, together with the category number – 1,2,3 or 4 as above – plus a capital letter 'R' if you wish to retain your entry or a capital 'S' in order for it to be sold.

It is hoped that all members will take part and show us what you can make!

Launch of Turners' Company 2016 Competitions

As you may already know, the Turners' Company 2016 Competitions will take place in October and be held in conjunction with this year's Wizardry in Wood exhibition.

There are four Open Competitions and also competitions organised with the AWGB, Society of Ornamental Turners, Association of Pole lathe Turners & Greenwood Workers and for members of the Turners' Company.

To help keep in touch with turners who may be interested in the competitions, we have also set up a facility for them to provide us with their name and email address using this Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/turners-company-2016-competitions-tickets-20942012122>

If you require any more information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Clerk of the Turners' Company.

With many thanks for your help in promoting the 2016 Competitions.

Best wishes

*Matthew Gaved, Marketing & Communications,
Wizardry in Wood 2016*

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SALES AND WANTS

Gerald McKenzie is retiring and wishes to sell his workshop as a 'one lot'. Here is a list of the items in the sale:-

Tyme Avon Lathe: 36" between centres, swivel head, 4 speed, to include 2 steel face plates, 4 tool rests, outboard facilities with banjo / tool rest and double tool rest.

Heavy Duty Bearings Double Ended Grinder: white wheels to each with jigs to wheel, diamond cleaning tool.

2 Speed Band Saw Dewalt: on base, spare blades, rip and mitre fences, depth of cut 12" high, 6" dust extractor port.

Bench Pillar Drill: cast iron tilt / turn table, 5 speeds, depth gauge, 2 vices.

Three chucks with many accessories for each. Variety of 37 chisels, gouges, scrapers. Sanding sealers, waxes, abrasives 60-800 grit. Two 3-jaw Jacob chucks. Air cleaner spare

filter. Sanding discs and table. H Taylor decorating elf texturing tool, Deluxe Pen Mandrill. Callipers, dividers, double ended callipers. Magnetic base spotlight. Some turning blanks and variety of timber.

All enquiries to Gerald McKenzie 01634 863352

Record Power CL4 Professional variable speed lathe

Comes with attachments to turn on the front of the lathe up to 30" diameter and 12" over bed. With additional spares. Modified radio noise suppression.

£650 or near offer. Contact Mike James. 01634 855607 msj47r@btinternet.com

Club Clothing

Members requiring any of the items of clothing bearing the club logo, Mike James has all current prices and colours. Delivery is, at present, up to three weeks. Cash with order please. Please see Mike at Club meetings or contact him via email for an order form msj47r@btinternet.com I have been advised that delivery for clothing is now from two to four weeks.

Tee Shirts £10 Polo Shirts £15 Sweat Shirts £17.50 Full Zip fleece jacket £21.00

Branch Diary 2016

Saturday meetings commence at 9.30am for 10.00am start. Tuesday evening meetings commence at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start. The meetings are held in the Brocard Room at the Friars Aylesford, Maidstone, Kent. Members are charged £10 (£2 for Juniors, £15 for a guest) for attending a professional demonstration. There is currently no charge to Members for a Hands On meeting (Guests £3).

Whilst all reasonable steps are taken to ensure the safety of persons attending a meeting, we are all ultimately responsible for our own safety. **Anyone feeling uncomfortable about any aspect should distance themselves and inform a committee member.**

4th Oct Hands On

15th Oct Ed Oliver

4th Nov November Exhibition Setup

12th Nov Mick Hanbury

19th Nov Hands On

20th Nov Exhibition breakdown

6th Dec Hand On

15th Dec Christmas lunch

Deadline for November issue is **25 October**

Woodturning Exhibition and Sale

To be held at The New Barn, The Friars, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX
From Saturday 5th November until Sunday 20th November 2016

It will help the committee in setting up the exhibition if members would ensure that they read and understand these guidelines and follow them **to the letter**.

There are **four** things that you need to consider before you fill in the Form attached:-

1. If you wish to display items for sale enter details on Form 1 overleaf ensuring that you include the sale price. In Round Pounds please.
2. If you wish to display items but do not wish to sell them, use the same form but clearly mark them as **"Not For Sale"** (NFS) this can include items that have been made some time ago that you have kept as being of special interest.
3. There will not be a competition during the Exhibition.
4. Each exhibitor is required to act as a steward for at least 4 sessions. A session in either a full morning or afternoon. **THIS IS MANDATORY**

Each item submitted should be marked underneath, with a self adhesive label, showing the two initials of the members Christian name and Surname and an item number. This information should coincide with the information on Form 1. Please check with the Members List and if there are two or more with the same initials, use the second letter of your surname as well e.g. Gerald McKenzie would be GMc and Gordon Mitchell would be GMi. Small items such as pens and pencils should have labels showing the same details. No more than 10 items to be on one line.

Each item should be marked with its selling price in round pounds please.

The committee has agreed that the commission charge will be 25% of the total sales. This is to cover the payment to the Friars, advertising and use of the credit card machine.

You should, therefore, increase the sale price of your items by 30% to take account of this deduction when setting the price that you require for your work.

Please complete Form 1 overleaf, in block capitals, giving a brief description of each item, and its selling price in round pounds, and send the form to the Exhibitions Organiser Ron Blake, 136 Longcatlis Road, Parkwood, Rainham, Kent, ME8 9TU to arrive by **NO LATER THAN 22nd OCTOBER** so that catalogues can be prepared. NO APPLICATIONS will be accepted after this date.

Exhibits must be delivered to The Friars on **Friday 4th November** to enable the Exhibition to be set up on that day, with a detailed list enclosed in the package. (A Photocopy of the list on the back of this note would be ideal).

Please remember that, whilst most of us want to sell our exhibits, it is important that a high standard of craftsmanship is maintained. It is therefore necessary for the committee to retain the right to decline the display of any items which it considers are not up to standard.

All items will be required to stay on display until the close of business on Sunday 20th November. The Exhibition will be dismantled on **SUNDAY 20th November** after we close at 4.30pm.

Kent Woodturners Christmas Lunch Menu (£28 per person)
Thursday 15 December 2016; 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

<u>NAME:</u>	Mr + Initial	Mrs + Initial
Prawns in filo pastry with a sweet chilli dip and salad garnish		
Melon Balls and Pomegranate with Grenadine syrup		
Prosciutto wrapped Chicken and Leek Terrine with salad garnish and toast		
Butternut Squash, sweet potato and Lentil Soup with croutons		
Poached Salmon with a julienne of cucumber, carrot and mushroom		
Roast Turkey with all the trimmings		
Bacon wrapped Pork Loin with cherries		
Chestnut, spinach and blue cheese en crouete		
Beef braised in Guinness and Port with pickled walnuts		
<i>All the above served with Roast and New Potatoes, Butter Glazed Carrots and Brussel Sprouts</i>		
Raspberry and Hazelnut Meringue		
Velvety Rich Chocolate espresso cups		
Festive Fruit Salad with Cornish Fairings		
Friars Christmas Pudding with <u>Brandy Sauce</u> or <u>cream</u>		
(PLEASE CHOOSE)		
<i>Followed by Mince Pies, Coffee or Tea</i>		

**Please make payments 'Direct to Bank' or to
 John Ellender only**

Cheques should be made payable to: 'Kent Woodturners' with your
 AWGB number on reverse