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PLEASE BE AWARE that the **DEADLINE** for choices and payments for the Christmas lunch is **Saturday 19 November**. We need 10 more people to make this lunch a private affair.

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.

November's Events

- 1st - Hands On
- 4th - November exhibition set-up
- 12th - Mick Hanbury
- 19th - Hands On
- 20th - November Exhibition breakdown

Chairman's Column

Over the past year I seem to have spent a good deal of time, unfortunately, watching Day Time Television. Those of you who have a passion for that kind of thing may have noticed that the antique shows offer a considerable amount of Treen for evaluation and sale. The experts go wild and the auction prices that they bring are often beyond belief even when such items are presented with pieces missing and in a general scruffy state. Why is it that a piece of broken, tired piece of wood can bring hundreds of pounds and yet the immaculate items that are offered for sale at our exhibition struggle to realise the tiny amounts that we ask?

Talking of the exhibition it is encouraging to note that a number of our new members have decided to give it a try when some of the more experienced members still resist the temptation to put their work on show. I hope that the exhibition produces the results that we have seen in the past and that you all enjoy the experience.

Next year's programme is now complete and I am sure you will agree, when it is published, that Tony has, once again, produced the very best of entertainment for you. We have some really big names due to visit next year.

Mark Sanger is due to demonstrate at the Club on Easter Saturday 15th April 2017. He has offered to follow his demonstration with a Masterclass on the following day (hollow forms and decorating) but would then wish to move the demo and Masterclass to the following week April 22nd and 23rd. Could you please telephone Tony Southey URGENTLY if you would like to attend a Masterclass with Mark as we have to agree which dates we are to book. The first 6 members to apply will be given the opportunity.

We also intend to repeat our training programmes and extend that next year to include an "Improvers Course" for those with more experience. This may well take the form of a course in the production of hollow forms or thin walled vessels and we will have a better idea once we have put the course together and decided upon a date and format.

Mike James still has vacancies for the Christmas Lunch and it is very important that we reach 60 as that is the only way that we can reserve the dining room for us alone. Please contact him urgently if you can join the Club for that event.

This may be covered elsewhere but it is worth repeating: Your committee feel that we should have alternative contact points for our members. In the event that we have to make contact whilst a meeting is in progress there is little point in ringing a home number as there will probably be no-one there. We should be able to ring someone and we would appreciate it if you could supply an alternative number for our records. These will not be published and will be retained by a very small number of people.

[2017 Subscriptions](#)

We have received membership cards for 2017 from AWGB and so I am now ready to collect your subscriptions. These are:

- Individual Memberships: £33
- Family membership: £54
- Honorary Members: £17
- Junior membership (under 19 as at 1.1.2017): £10
- Members belonging to AWGB via another club: £15

You can pay in one of the following ways:

- Direct to bank (internet banking) using the following references: Sort Code 30 97 12; Account 03501434. Please quote your AWGB membership number.
- Cheques made payable to Kent Woodturners (not me nor AWGB). You can do this at meetings or by post (John Ellender, 30 Bodsham Crescent, Bearsted, Maidstone ME15 8NL).
- Cash. This can only be done at meetings. No cash through the post please.
- Debit/Credit cards. This can only be done face-to-face, i.e. at meetings. Please note the card machine is not available during the Exhibition and we do not have facilities for card processing remotely, such as over the telephone.

John Ellender – Membership Secretary

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

I was sorry to read that Gerald has decided to retire, it has been my privilege to know him for the last 20 years, a wonderful turner and a true gentleman and as Pete mentioned always there to help especially in my early days in the club. As you will know he was an expert in Tunbridge ware. He demonstrated to us once you realised how difficult it was to produce those wonderful patterns and never any gaps what a craftsman, I am not aware of anybody else producing it in our area.

He was always interested in Pat's Corner as he said it took him back to his childhood which he spent in the Peterborough area where our family live. In those days brick making was the main industry, and he related climbing the heaps of waste and sliding, his mother always know by the state of his rear, rings a bell with me but mine was sliding down heaps of rubble on bomb sites.

He was also, of course, an expert piano tuner but I think he had to give it up as you need to have excellent hearing.

Anyway, Gerald, enjoy your second retirement, hope to see you this Christmas.

Just two other bits of news, Hugh is a lot better, I also spoke to Roy Smart who is doing OK and hopes to visit the club in the future with Margaret.

Pat

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

22 November

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

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

Training

It is planned to offer two training sessions early next year.

Improvers:-

Tony Southey has kindly offered to develop and run a one day event covering various tools and techniques for creating hollow forms. It is expected that this will take place in February.

Beginners:-

Subject to sufficient interest, a further Introductory one day event can be scheduled for March. As we now have six AWGB-accredited Tutors, we intend to call on their skills to present and support this event.

If you are interested in either event, please let Mike Lightwing know.

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.

Sales and Wants

If anyone has come across a black trug (left at a meeting by Doug Brown) please pass back to Mike James as it belongs to his wife and she would like it back. Thank you.

Clarke 36 Lathe: in full working order. 3' centres, 240v motor, 1hp. £50
Contact; Phil Barratt 01622 750727

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.**

1 st Nov	Hands On
4 th Nov	November Exhibition Setup
12 th Nov	Mick Hanbury
19 th Nov	Hands On
20 th Nov	Exhibition breakdown
6 th Dec	Hands On
15th Dec	Christmas lunch

Deadline for December issue is **25 November**

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 either (PLEASE INDICATE) <u>Brandy Sauce</u> or <u>cream</u>		
<i>Followed by Mince Pies, Coffee or Tea</i>		

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John Ellender only

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