

# Counter Kent Woodturners Magazine Revolutions



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## *December's Events*

Tuesday 6th December is a Hands On session and the last club meeting of 2016. These sessions give you the opportunity to man a lathe under the supervision of an experienced woodturner in order to hone your skills.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December is the year's Christmas Lunch at the Friars, Aylesford. Very good choice of menu this year. This is the last issue of Counter Revolutions for 2016 so I and my Secretary (wife Sue) hope you all enjoy your meal and we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

*Mike James*

## *Chairman's Column*

November has been a particularly busy month for the Club. We have had a "Hands On" evening and a Saturday session, a professional demonstration, a number of new members, the organisation of the annual Christmas Lunch and a two week exhibition. All of that takes a considerable amount of time and we must be grateful to our committee members for the effort that they have put in to ensure that all of those events run smoothly.

Mick Hanbury provided us with an excellent demonstration showing a number of ways in which our craft can be enhanced and I am sure that many of those present went away with ideas of their own. Mick is a very good presenter and has been on the circuit for many years. He puts his ideas across with the minimum of fuss and I hope those present agreed that he was well worth seeing again. It is some years since he has been to the Club.

It was very rewarding to see a number of new members this month and I do hope that their visits have encouraged them to believe that membership has something to offer. Some of these have come as a result of attending previous exhibitions and some from our now excellent website. Mike Lightwing has spent some time developing what we are offering on the website

and the combination of his input to that of Derek Hayes has now given us an excellent window on the world.

The exhibition was again a great success with takings in excess of £6,000 and Ron Blake again demonstrated his ability as an organiser. One very rewarding thing was the presence of a number of our newer members who managed to attract sales and I am sure they enjoyed the experience. Let us hope that the word will spread and more will take the plunge to show visitors what the Club is all about and how proficient you can get with the help that is on hand. One observation – we do need more members who are happy to undertake Cashier roles. This we will address with instruction before the next exhibition. The more people that are comfortable ensuring that the cash we take is properly recorded and safe the less we will need to worry about those cashiers that we do have becoming ill and being unable to attend. None of us is getting younger and we need to plan for the future.

On that subject I did request some time ago that anyone who feels that they could take a role in some future committee to get in touch so that we could consider where best they could fit to understudy the present incumbent. The committee involvement is not great as we only meet 3 times a year and it is more a question of taking responsibility for some part of Club activities and ensuring that any problems that arise are quickly and properly dealt with. The present committee have been in place for some time and, believe it or not, know what they are doing but they cannot do it for ever and the future must be considered. Volunteers are always welcome.

Arrangements for the Christmas Lunch have now been concluded and we must thank Mike James for ensuring that the function will be a private event just for Club members and their other halves. Let us hope that we all have a good time and the lunch is the great start of your Christmas festivities.

Finally let me wish you and yours the very best for Christmas and I hope you will have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

***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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## *Vice Chairman's Blog*

May I first thank all who sent me Sympathy Cards, and also those who have wished me their deepest condolences following my wife's recent passing, thank you.

I was so pleased to see the extremely high number of turned pieces shown at our recent clubs Exhibition and Sale, it was also good to see pieces entered by some of our new members together and members who have not previously exhibited, well done to you all.

Whether or not the good weather played a huge part on the numbers that visited our exhibition on the first Saturday I'm not sure, but we managed to take nearly £1,700 which, if memory serves me correctly, is the highest amount ever reached in one day, I did notice that visitors appeared to be purchasing the more larger expensive pieces, which has not necessarily been the case in previous exhibitions, that's not to say they weren't buying smaller pieces because they were, all said and done it was an extremely good day.

Now, sometime ago, we, the club that is starting making and turning a treadle lathe, unfortunately this came to a sudden halt due the disappearance of the wood we had available to make it, however after a general good tidy up of the store room I'm pleased to say that the wood has now been found. All that is now required are some volunteer turners to assist in completing this interesting little project. Due to the size of this treadle lathe it is not possible within the time available to turn any of the remaining components on the Tuesday hands-on evenings, however on the third Saturday in January 2017 we have a hands-on day, therefore if you can assist us then please come along, your help would be very much appreciated.

As this year draws to an end that just leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

*Craydon*

## *Pat's Corner*

Well it's that time of year again, we always reckon the first Christmas advert is for Grouse Whisky and then they all start.

I always find Christmas very nostalgic as I think back to my boyhood in London, food was limited after the war but it was still a magical time, Dad always had a turkey from his company and a few bottles of spirit so in that respect we were lucky.

For many years I made home-made wine, I still have some left in our store room including two gallons of gooseberry in a stone demijohn over thirty years old now, most of these are 15/16° alcohol content, so very powerful!

Every Christmas I would take at least six bottles to our office party, this was always on the last day as the warehouse closed. It started around 10.00am and went on all day, it produced one marriage, one of our junior reps and a typist and other things I can't mention.

We met Peter a few years ago at a silver wedding celebration and the first thing they said was 'it's all your wine's fault' but they are still happily married!

The parties went on for many years until the London operation was moved to Stratford, East London, by this time they were the talk of the trade, and the new management wouldn't allow such things and anyway, the sales force had moved into new premises in Wimbledon.

I look back at those Christmas parties, they were special and smile, a great way to get all staff bonding, in more ways than one! But also think 'blimey we were driving!'

In those days we would go away for Christmas and take my mum and Maureen's mother and father to either Westgate or Eastbourne. One Christmas eve we arrived at in-laws house and things were a bit frosty, Alf looked terrible, worse than I felt thanks to the party the day before. Once in the car it all came out, Mum had found him in the porch trying to find the key hole, he had been there for about half an hour. Alf was a bookbinder in the city and I can tell printers then could party. Someone had brought him home and legged it, not wanting the wrath of her indoors. Anyway I thought this last Pat's Corner 2016 I would take you back to those times and memories.

Have a great Christmas.

*Pat*

### *Sycamore competition*

Our competition using the sycamore wood kindly donated by David Bates of Stiles & Bates was held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. There were some lovely pieces entered in all categories, with four classes of entry:-

- 1 - Members for less than 12 months
- 2 - Members for 1-5 years
- 3 - Members for 6-9 years
- 4 - Members for over 10 years

It was good to see so many members turn up for the judging. As Dave Bates had been kind enough to donate the wood used, we felt he should be asked to come along and judge the competition. He very kindly agreed and his first impression was that the entries were of a high standard. He took time to examine each piece individually and decide on the three prize-winners in each category. After presenting the prizes, he then volunteered to give a much valued critique of each entry and this was much appreciated by all. Many of the club members were known to David as they had attended one of his many excellent training courses.

We have arranged another club visit to the Stiles & Bates site on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, to give members an opportunity to see the Forester Tom Sawyer machine, blank-cutting saws and kilns in operation. Besides a huge range of tools and materials, the company stocks bowl and spindle blanks, larger pieces for hollow forms and planks in a wide variety of woods.

Please note this date in your diary and I will remind you again nearer the time.



*Ian Anderson*

### *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

Three training sessions are so far planned for next year. In chronological order they are:-

### Improvers

Tony Southey has kindly offered to develop and run a one day event covering various tools and techniques for creating hollow forms. This is scheduled for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February. There are 4 names on the list to date, so 2 spaces are available. If you are interested, contact Mike Lightwing.

### Beginners

An Introductory one day event is planned for March. As we now have six AWGB-accredited Tutors, we intend to call on their skills to present and support this event. No date in March has yet been fixed. There are 2 names on the list to date, so 4 spaces are available. If you are interested, contact Mike Lightwing.

### Mark Sanger Master Class

Mark will be demonstrating on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and has offered to run a Master Class on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme of this is hollow forms and decorating. There are some names on the list already. If you are interested, contact Tony Southey.

## *Let Us Know What You Think*

If you are a new member, if you have just entered the exhibition for the first time, if you have decided not to enter the exhibition for some reason or if you chose not to attend the Christmas Lunch, please let us know what you think.

Your views are important to us in trying to ensure that the Club is doing what the members want. Our editor will be happy to publish your views in our house magazine and it will help the committee if we are aware of what you are thinking. Please contact help either by post or by email to [msj47r@btinternet.com](mailto:msj47r@btinternet.com)

*Peter Martin , Chairman*

## 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.

## FOR SALE

1 pillar drill, bench mounted, tilt/turn table and 2 vices, 5 speeds	£50.00
Multistar chuck, 5 jaws etc	£60.00
Craft Supplies chuck, 2 compression, 5 expanding jaws, screw + 3 and 4 jaw minijaws	£60.00
2 Jacobs type chucks, No.2 morse taper	£10.00
1 technical compass set	£15.00
2 calipers + double ended	£10 each
Axminster compression step jaws	£15.00
Variety of gouges and scrapers	£10.00 - £20.00
2 sets of thread chasers	£5.00 each
Double ended mini turning tools	£20.00
Selection of Forstner/saw tooth drills (priced individually)	
Osaki mini jaw power drill	£20.00
Selection of timber (priced individually)	
Contact Gerald McKenzie, 01634 863352	

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## FOR SALE

Clarke lathe, 3' between centres, 240v motor	£50.00
Contact Phil Barrett, 01622 750727	

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## *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](mailto: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

