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DIARY 2024

July 1st - Committee Meeting

July 8th - Members' Meeting

August 5th - Committee Meeting

August 12th - Annual General Meeting

August 12th - Members' Meeting

August 17th - "Swap, Sell or Donate"

September 2nd - Committee Meeting

September 9th - Members' Meeting

October 1st - Committee Meeting

October 8th - Members' Meeting

Nov. 2nd - 5th - Cup weekend Sales Event

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	0400 359 976
	Neil Lenne:	0417 343 112
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229
Monday 1pm to 4pm	John DiStefano:	0482 173 799
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:	0400 359 976
	Neil Lenne:	0417 343 112
	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:	0400 359 976
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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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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
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CARVING: Regular Sessions

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



Hi everyone and welcome to the June newsletter.

There were 10 Woodies attended Michael Barnes' funeral earlier this month. It was a very moving service and Lionel Wood spoke very well on behalf of the club. As we didn't have a members meeting this month because of the King's birthday, I hope you enjoyed yourselves with some of his cake, Haha!

This marks my final newsletter, as I am stepping down as President and will be away for the July newsletter edition. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last five years. As President I would especially like to thank the committee for all their support over that time. We have achieved a lot in that five years with new equipment to make life easier for everyone, a container for storage, a veranda over the machine shop and a lot more. I am happy to see the club is growing every year, and it's great to see lots of members enjoying themselves and producing a range of different woodcrafts at the club. All of the sessions seem to be quite full, which is also good to see.

HERE I GO FOR THE LAST TIME - IF YOU USE MACHINERY, CLEAN UP AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED AND DON'T JUST LEAVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE. THIS IS NOT FAIR TO THOSE THAT DO THE RIGHT THING. **P.2**

Cont. I would like everyone to think about standing for Committee as we need fresh blood and it will give you a chance to have your say on how the club goes forward. There will be nomination forms coming out shortly, so please have a good think about becoming a committee member.

In closing, I would like to wish the next President all the best and hope they enjoy the role as much I did.

Cheers, **Neil**

CURRENT NEWS

Shipping container - The container is completed and is filling up as expected. Neil Lenne and Syd added the solar powered lights last week. These lights will be door switch activated. Exterior lights will also soon be installed under the main veranda area to ensure the safety of those who work at evening sessions, especially during the winter months.

Members' Meetings - The Members' Meeting in June was cancelled as it was the Kings' Birthday holiday. The next meeting will be on Monday 8th July. Our guest speaker will be a relatively new Woodies member, Grace Couchman, who will be speaking about Landcare. More details closer to the date.

Current Grant Successes - We were notified this week that our application for a **Federal Govt. Men's Shed Grant** to run a Level 1 First Aid Course for 20 members was successful. A date will be negotiated with BCAL and may be determined by the availability of a trainer. More details about this shortly.

The application for a **BCSC Community Grant** to replace our only lathe that wasn't electronically speed controlled, was also successful, and that machine will be ordered and installed in due course.

The Club would like to sincerely thank Bass Coast Shire Council, the Australian Men's Shed Association and the Federal Government for making these grants available. The focus at Wonthaggi Woodies is always to support our members by providing the best facilities at the lowest possible costs. Grants are essential to make that possible.

Membership News - We're still regularly welcoming new members. Our current membership stands at 97. There are also a few potential new members who have visited or requested information.

Emergency contacts - Thanks to those who have returned their Emergency Contact details. It would be ideal if all members who actively use the Club's facilities would provide this information for their own benefit. We'd appreciate it if these could be emailed to woodiessec@gmail.com asap.

CURRENT NEWS cont.

Swap, Sell, Donate Day - Lex Van Saane is organising this day on Saturday 17th August from 9 to 12pm. The "Meet" will allow any members who have items (preferably woodcraft related) to either give away, sell or swap, to bring them along. Members are asked to clearly designate which of these categories the items fall into and if it's for sale - a price, or "offer". Of course all members are encouraged to come along and check out what's available.

The one stipulation is that any items brought along that don't change hands one way or the other, are taken away again at the end of the session. There will be more information provided closer to the date. In the meantime, have a look through your 'stash' and see what you would like to pass on to someone else as a generous donation or to make a few bucks!

Cleaning up the workshops - As mentioned by Neil in his report, some members are 'forgetting' their responsibility to clean up fully after their workshop session to ensure **all machines** are left free of sawdust/shavings and ready for the next user. **Just a few extra minutes to do the right thing!** Many thanks to the greater majority of members who do these tasks efficiently and religiously.

Coughs, Colds, Flu and Covid - it's Winter -

We have already had a few members come down with Covid, the flu and colds. Winter is here. We all know the symptoms now, so if you are feeling unwell, have a cough, sneeze or whatever, look after yourself, test, medicate and stay at home until you are completely well again.





THE WOODIES AND SOCIAL NETWORKING

Just a reminder for members that the club has three social networking platforms.

Our Facebook Group - Wonthaggi Woodcrafter Inc, is a group you can join and use to upload and contribute your own content. You can post anything you think that may be of interest to other members or followers, including photos of your projects, ideas, tips, plans, jokes, news or to start a discussion; anything woodcrafting related!

Our Facebook Page - Wonthaggi Woodcrafters, together with our **Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Instagram Page**, are used to promote the club and our events as well as follow, join and promote to other local and woodcrafting groups. If you have a Facebook or Instagram account please follow, like and share these pages to help us spread the word to, and beyond, your friends and family. Every share counts!

Additionally, if you wish to promote your own woodwork creations and projects to our followers, please send any photos and information to me (Tina) for posting. Alternatively you can "tag" or mention the club by using **@Wonthaggi Woodcrafters** when making your own Facebook or Instagram posts, and these will be shared on our pages.

These socials are set up to benefit our club and our members, so please do make the most of them.

For further information contact me either on Facebook Messenger on the above mentioned pages, or Tina Kalivas directly on t.kalivas@yahoo.com.au



Don't let this be you!



LATHE SAFETY YOU NEED TO KNOW



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Lathes spinning at high revs can suddenly surprise the user by throwing out the piece of timber being turned, or part of it. Without face protection, the result can be devastating - a piece of wood can become a dangerous projectile. It can result from various things including poor/incorrect fixing to lathe, faults/flaws in the wood, inappropriate lathe speed or various other user errors.

That is why Woodies policy is that ALL woodturners should wear an approved face shield. Safety glasses are not enough. Anyone hit in the face will testify to this. Face shields approved are only those with a shatterproof polycarbonate face guard and conforming to AS/NZS 1337.1:2010 standards. The cheaper plastic ones are useless - see the picture above!



Now, here's a bargain!!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be conducted on Monday 12th August at 12.30 pm, followed by the regular monthly Members' Meeting.

The main items on the agenda will be reports - President, Financial & Auditor, followed by election of Office Bearers and Committee.

At this stage it is known that there will be Committee positions up for election, including the roles of President and Secretary.

If you are interested in these roles, or finding out more about what they entail, have a chat to those who have performed them in recent years - Neil, Alan, Lex, or another member of our current Committee.

Neil has been President for the past 5 years and Alan and Lex have been Secretary for the past 9 years between them.

It's time for change and we're asking members to seriously consider nominating for General Committee or an Executive role.

There is a possibility of splitting the Secretary role to reduce the workload. For example someone to look after meeting agendas and minutes and another to be the Membership Officer. The Club cannot continue to operate effectively without a committed group leading.

PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN HELP

SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES

NEW STOCK HAS NOW ARRIVED IN BULK, SO PRICES ARE MINIMISED: Shellawax, Glow, EEE, super glue and sandpaper. All items are on-sold at cost price. We also have basic 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.*



My father used to say, 'Don't Raise your voice. Improve your argument'

the optimism revolution

~Archbishop Desmond Tutu

JOKES OF THE MONTH

BEST ONE LINERS

1. *I just asked my husband if he remembers what today is. Call me playful, but scaring men is so easy.*
2. *Time may be a great healer but it's a lousy beautician.*
3. *Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.*
4. *The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50/50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.*
5. *Sometimes the best helping hand you can give is a good, firm push.*

WOODIES @ WORK

Now here's a piece of Wonthaggi Woodies history. The Club was formed back in 1989 when a group of woodworking enthusiasts got together and began meeting in garages at people's homes. But it wasn't until 1998 that the first formal toy making sessions began when 18 members came together for a toy project night at George Hill's home workshop, making toys for under-privileged kids. **The picture below** is from about that time and features 4 of the 'originals'. Can you pick the one who is still closely involved with our Club (and is a Life Member)? Second from right, at the end of the table, is Ron Snooks. Others in the picture are Arthur Phillips, Joe Boland and Roy Jordan. They're making toys which, with wood turning, provided the backbone of the Club's activities until more recent times. Toys were made for local kids at Christmas. The first toys comprised large pull along animals such as elephants and camels, steam train locos, pencil cases, doll cradles and tool boxes.

However, in 1999, the concept of assisting kids to assemble toys from kits was begun, initially at the Wonthaggi Show. This evolved over time as sales events became huge. For example, at Churchill Island in 2014, 349 toys were assembled with kids and sold over a weekend. Turned items were also displayed and sold.

Wonthaggi Woodies has evolved since those times with a very broad range of woodcraft skill sessions now offered to members, five days per week. This has been supported by extra workshop facilities, very comprehensive modern equipment and machinery, and an on-going increase in membership. Especially gratifying has been the increase in lady members from just a couple to about 25 now, and the number of members who come from further afield to be part of the Woodies family.



WOODIES @ WORK

This bowl with open and closed segmenting, has been created by Steve Edge from Rosewood, Blackwood, Sassafras and Purpleheart.



WOODIES @ WORK

Tina Kalivas has recently enjoyed making a variety of rings. These are mostly from segmented or laminated timber, to provide interesting colour and texture contrasts. She is considering incorporating some gemstones to add further interest.



We now have two Sawstop table saws

The second saw arrived last week, especially thanks to a generous financial contribution by Brian Johnson. Our original saw (on the right below) is a Professional Cabinet Saw 3HP single phase with 52" T-Glide Rail. The new one (at left in the photo below) is the top of the range, Industrial Cabinet Saw 5HP- 3 Phase with 52" T-Glide Rail. Hopefully this will make our machinery workshop safer. According to Club policy, specific training and testing will be required to use the new saw, as with all our major machines. Speak to Syd Gordon to arrange this.

Keep in mind how the Sawstop system works, as detailed in our May Newsletter. **Don't cut wet timber, as the moisture in damp or green wood is conductive.** It can transport the signal and activate the safety system. **This also applies to anything metal** such as parts of a jig, guide, etc. - and of course nails or metal imbedded in the wood - ALWAYS use the metal detector first. **The cost of activation is now about \$250 for a cartridge and blade.**

We will be selling our replaced HAFCO table saw. It is a 3 phase industrial quality saw in excellent condition and with spare blades, and it will be advertised soon. Have a chat to Neil Lenne or Syd if interested.



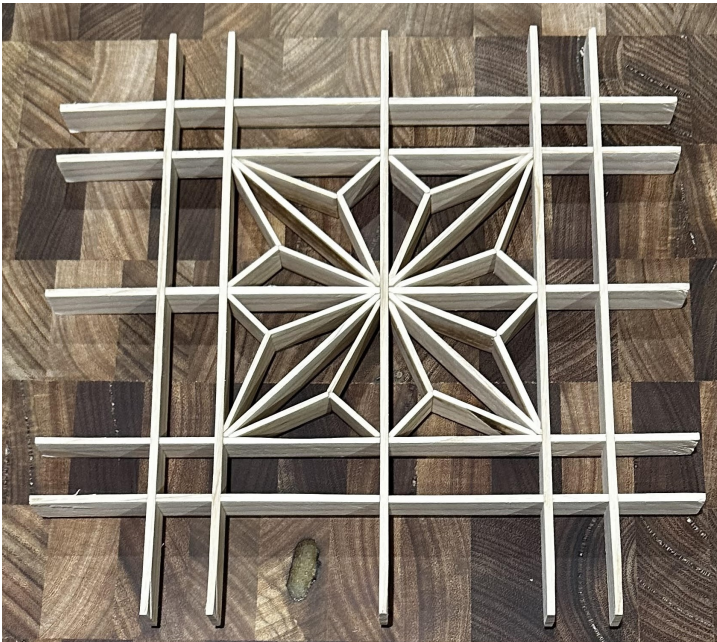
WOODIES @ WORK

The Art of Kumiko. Dating back to the 8th century, Kumiko is a delicate and sophisticated technique of assembling wooden pieces without the use of nails. Thinly slit wooden pieces are grooved, punched and mortised, and then fitted individually using a plane, saw, chisel and other tools to make fine adjustments.

Each pattern has its own meaning, and people in Japan have long loved Kumiko as a reminder of important things such as good health and good relationships.

At the Woodies we have quite a few members now taking on and enjoying the Kumiko challenges.

Below: is Sandra Pietrolungo's first attempt at a piece of Kumiko.



Below: is a Peppercorn burl bowl, a work in progress by Neil Lenne. Not easy to get, but a beautiful, somewhat rustic timber, Peppercorn can be problematic. However, the finished article can be stunning and worth the effort.



WOODIES @ WORK

Below: are two pieces created by Steve Edge using resin. The bowl has figured timber imbedded and the platter has been turned to show the coloured resin characteristics.



Below: I'm currently working on a highchair for my granddaughter. It's a Tripp-Trapp chair. It can be used for a baby (there is an accessory for this) and can be adjusted as she grows.

I made a prototype from pine using a design I found on YouTube. I have now looked at the original design and it's a bit more complicated. I'm now making another one out of hardwood that I machined at Woodies.

David Carlos



LAWS THAT ISAAC NEWTON FORGOT TO TELL US ABOUT

Maybe because these things don't always happen, but are highly probable.

1. LAW OF BREAD:

When a buttered slice of bread falls, it always lands on the floor buttered side down.

2. LAW OF QUEUE:

If you change queue, the one you just left starts to move faster than the one you are in now.

3. LAW OF MECHANICAL REPAIR:

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose begins to itch.

4. LAW OF THE TOOLS:

Any tool, when dropped, rolls or bounces to the least accessible corner.

5. BATH & DOOR THEOREM:

When the body is immersed in water, the telephone or doorbell rings.

6. LAW OF ENCOUNTERS:

The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

7. LAW OF THE RESULT:

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, of course it will.

8. LAW OF BIOMECHANICAL:

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

9. LAW OF COFFEE:

As soon as you sit down for a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

10. LAW OF EXAM:

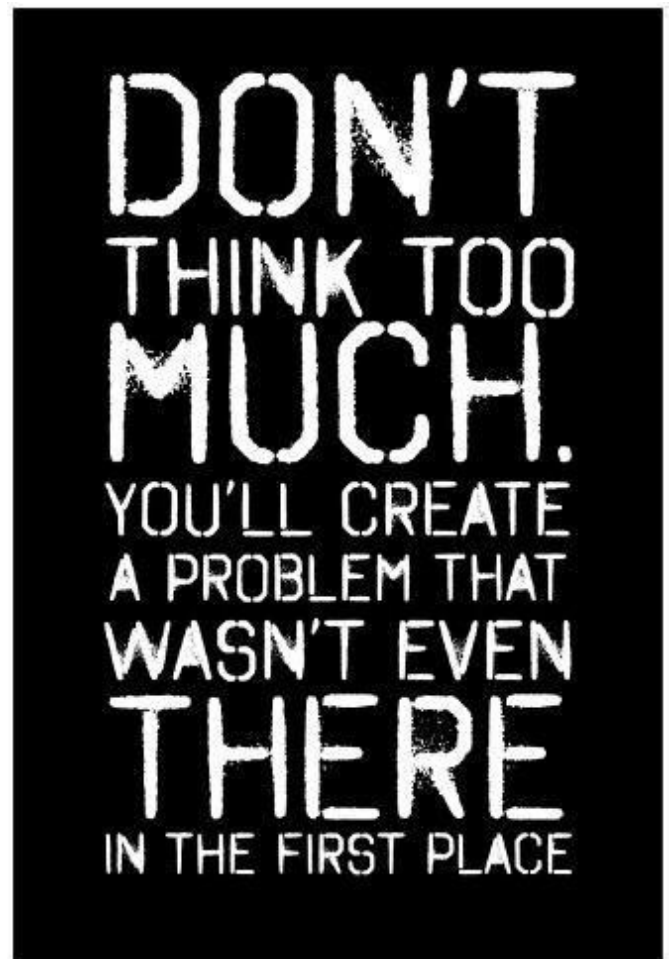
A book will remain in a state of rest or covered in dust until exam time.

11. LAW OF SLEEP:

The nap just becomes enjoyable when the alarm sounds.

12. LAW OF CHEAPER THINGS:

You always see the cheaper item after you have bought the expensive one.



Just asked a restaurant for the strongest coffee they have



MEMBER PROFILES: For those who like to read the regular *Member Profiles* in the Newsletter, you'll notice there isn't one this month. I've not got around to asking some of our new members if they would be willing to contribute. I would love to hear from newer members who would be happy to tell their story, or perhaps some who may have done a Profile 'many moons' ago and would like to revise, as life has moved on. Please let me know as the Member Profile in each newsletter allows everyone to get to know each other better and is eagerly anticipated by many members.

WOODIES @ WORK

The items below were created by Giulio Marcolongo.

1. Lidded sugar bowl with spoon made from beautiful Huon Pine.
2. One of the lovely designs Giulio uses to turn urns with what looks like an Ebony featured lid.
3. Woodturned canister with a range of hand made wooden kitchen utensils.



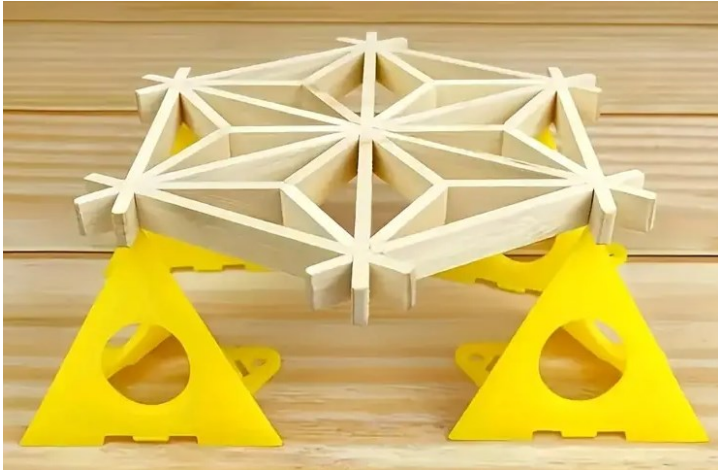
Below: Because of the type of items Giulio creates for sale, he has made these two stands to best display his woodcrafted products.

Perhaps this is something other Woodies members could consider making, to display their own items at Woodies sale events. If interested, have a chat to Giulio, I'm sure he'd be only too happy to offer some advice or ideas for your needs.



TIPS AND TRICKS

My latest "big-spend" - 10pcs Pyramid Supports to help when painting, finishing or just working on projects. A pack of 10 cost the grand total of \$1.88 delivered from TEMU. Being the last of the big-spenders, I lashed out and purchased 2 packs! They are brilliant and very versatile for both flat and cylindrical items, can take a lot of weight, be hooked together or mounted more permanently on a board and stack compactly. I use mine on a turntable which makes them even more useful when spray painting. Highly recommended. *Alan.*



WHAT TOOL IS THIS?

Last Month's Mystery Tool -



"Ten Tools In One." For 47 years, carpenters relied on this versatile gadget as a tri-square, spirit level, mitre square, scratch awl, rule, marking gauge, mortise gauge, depth gauge and beam compass. It was discontinued in 1935, but some manufacturers still sell modern versions.

This Month's Mystery Tool -

Clue: It's got jaws and maybe it swivels?



Happy Birthday

A very *happy birthday* to the following Members –

Grant Crocker

Mel Day

John Harmer

Bob King

Robert Millard

Anne Ormshaw

Hartley Tobin

Jimmy Yokoi

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

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members -

Wayne Dragic

Roger de Jong

Current members, please introduce yourselves and make all our newer members welcome at the Woodies.

LINKS & WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

[Buying Expensive Slabs in Los Angeles](https://www.youAtube.com/watch?v=rO8jMblHcFk)

<https://www.youAtube.com/watch?v=rO8jMblHcFk>

[\\$30,000 Dining Table For Christmas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LySmlsIn2v8)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LySmlsIn2v8>

[Turning Burls Into \\$45,000](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AsVHq_5WLg)

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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

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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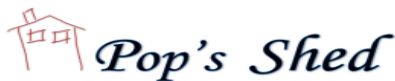
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