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Hi everyone, here is your latest SWS newsletter.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Once again, our annual show did not fail to impress me. With over eighty entries to the competition/exhibition and a great display around the hall of members work for sale, it was truly a successful day.

Thank you to all of the members who took part and especially those who helped with setting up the hall, taking down at the end of the day and transportation of equipment from Burgess Hill. It was very much appreciated.

Tom once again did a great job of organising the show and as many of you know it was the last show for Tom as he is standing down at our next AGM. Thank you, Tom, for all your many years of hard work helping to make these shows such a success.

We will of course be looking to replace Tom on committee to take over organising future shows for the society very soon.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and looking forward to seeing you all in March at our next club night.

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER

Wendy and Graham Quantrill showed us a film they had taken while on safari in India and another comical film that is often shown in Germany. Katrina and Paul also treated us to a quiz which went very well. Thanks to all four of you who organized the evening.

MEMBERS WORK

Phillip Ricketts brought in an item he has just completed and told us how he is using a different method of producing these items using pyrography. It was made from timber from came from pallets which would have been thrown out and burnt had Phil not found a use for them.



Let's start the year with some **good news**.

FEATURE ARTICLE

IKEA Plants 3 Million Trees to Rehabilitate Devastated Rainforest

December 5, 2018

IKEA has completed the replanting of three million rainforest trees at Luasong in east coast Sabah, Borneo, as part of its efforts to rehabilitate the degraded forest since 1998.



The Swedish furniture retailer's "Sow a Seed Foundation" was initiated by the IKEA Group in 1998 to rehabilitate rainforest devastated by logging and forest fires in the state of Sabah.

In the initial phase, IKEA customers contributed generously with start-up funding for the project. Since then, the IKEA Group took full responsibility for finishing the project and ensuring planting and maintenance of 18,500 hectares of lowland rainforest.

"Today we are seeing the wildlife returning to the once burned down forest," said Jan Faulk with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

In addition to protecting the reforested area from logging for 50 years, the project has contributed to the building of homes, meeting places for social events, and field accommodations for the more than 150 workers and their families who are involved in the project.

Project highlights include:

- *More than 3 million trees have been planted.*
- *150 people employed in the nursery and in the field for 20 years.*
- *Housing, clean water, electricity, and free medical care are provided to all workers.*
- *A school to improve access to education.*

"It is a gift from IKEA. All over the world, they have shops selling furniture. It is only here in Sabah they are doing rehabilitation. There is no revenue back," Faulk said.

This is so good to read. Wish there were more companies with the same attitude, Brian

THIS MONTHS WOOD QUIZ

Question...What European tree has been called the mother of the forest?.....Answer on page 5

AMAZING TREES

One of the places I would love to visit is the Redwood National Park. To see these magnificent trees reaching up to the sky is something I would dearly love to see. I have seen loads of pictures of them over the years but I feel to the only way to have a true appreciation of their grandeur is to see them in the flesh. The bark on some of these trees has been measured at two feet thick which is why they are able to withstand forest fires. Also, the timber itself is fire resistant. **Hyperion** is the name of a coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) in California that was measured at 115.92 m (380.3 ft), which ranks it as the world's tallest known living tree and is approximately 700 to 800 years old.



AMAZING TREE FACTS

The most expensive wood in the world comes from one of the rarest trees – the African Blackwood. The wood is used primarily to make woodwind instruments like clarinets and oboes and its value is around \$25,000 per cubic metre. Needless to say, the African Blackwood is an endangered species and only found in Tanzania and northern Mozambique, having been harvested to extinction in Ethiopia and Kenya. You're very unlikely to come across a door made of this, it's far too precious.

THIS MONTHS JOKE SPOT

Teacher: "If you had one dollar and you asked your father for another, how many dollars would you have?"

Vincent: "One dollar."

Teacher: "You don't know your arithmetic."

Vincent: "You don't know how tight my father is."

WOOD FOLK LORE

THE HOLLY

Ilex is a large genus of about 400 species native to the tropical and temperate zones of both the northern and Southern hemispheres. The white or greenish flowers appear solitary or in dense clumps. Ilex aquifolium, the Common or English Holly is evergreen and it is a bush or small tree but can reach fifty feet in height. It is actually native to western and southern Europe, northern Africa and western Asia. Away from a maritime climate its growth is stunted by the winter cold. However, it bears its largest & brightest fruit in winter. Because of this the holly has always been associated with winter magic and its very name is an outright statement of sacredness. The name derives from the Anglo-Saxon *holegn* and Old High German *Hulis* both of which mean "holy".

Throughout Europe holly was believed to repel evil and the old tradition of bringing holly branches into one's house in winter as a place for fairies to play has echoes in the present day, when holly wreaths are brought indoors for Christmas, to await the arrival of Santa Claus. It was long regarded as unlucky to leave holly wreaths up beyond Twelfth Night so they are burned on New Year's Eve.

The Oak and the Holly

The Celts believed the Holly King ruled over death and winter while the Oak King ruled life & summer. This ancient (conceivably originally Druidic) belief was preserved into medieval times in mummers' plays.

THE AMAZING WORLD OF WOOD

I thought this month I would feature a couple of items made by chainsaw carvers. All I can say is they must have very steady hands



FUTURE SWS TALKS

2019

January & February **No meetings.**

March	Christmas Show Resume
April	Malcolm Knight – Tottington Woodlanders
May	AGM
June	Alan Alyward, Woodland Trust
July	TBA
August	Mary Smith, Green Circle, Bedelands Farm.
September	TBA
October	Lester Backshall, Guitar Maker
November	TBA
December	TBA

When you are out and about at wood shows or exhibitions, if you see any person you think might be a candidate to give us a talk, please do ask them or at least take a note of their details and pass it on to Robert Packer who has taken over from Wendy in organising our future talks or any of our committee member so we can maintain the great speakers we have had. We are always open to suggestions for new speakers and we do need your help and input to help with this.

Please also let me know of any shows or exhibitions you think may be of interest to our members so I can include them in the section below, especially events for next year.

EVENTS FOR 2019

September

6th & 7th

Event: Yandles Autumn Woodworking Show

Location: Yandles & Son Ltd, Hurst Works, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6JU

Contact: Tel. 01935 822 207

Cost: FREE Entry, FREE parking

Hours: 10.00am to 5.00pm Friday, 10.00am to 4.00pm Saturday

One of the largest woodworking shows of the year. Charnwood's representatives will be there to demonstrate our range of bandsaws, table saws, planer thicknessers plus woodturning lathes and chucks.

Please note - as it is possible some shows may be cancelled or have the dates changed. Please check with organisers before travelling

November

29th Setting up at Henfield for Annual show and exhibition

30th Annual show and exhibition at Henfield Village hall

ANSWER TO THIS MONTHS WOOD QUIZ

Answer...The Beech tree since without it in mixed hardwood leaved forests, other hardwood timber trees would have greater difficulties for survival

ANNUAL SHOW AT HENFIELD

As you can see, we already have the Henfield Hall booked for next year and we are back to our normal time of the year.

As usual our show at Henfield hall was another outstanding success despite some initial worries the date was too close to Christmas.

I have decided to produce a

SHOW SPECIAL

with not only the results of our competition but also complete with photographs for those who were unable to attend the show on the day. I will be sending this out as soon as I have completed it. I attach a photo of Santa Clause (Sorry folks, it's Tom. Should have gone to Spec Savers) Like Paul, I would like to very much like to thank Tom for his years of hard work organising our shows.

