



# CMT NEWS

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Working under limited resources means that even the most dedicated carer has to ration their time. Hence the recent introduction of the big button under the table. What stops the counsellor from abusing his power when he encounters a woman who doesn't like her hair? Wind the handle and watch head nodding and hand wringing. She talks while the counsellor's foot moves slowly over the button. The button is pressed and the patient falls through the floor. Brilliant. A 14 Ball Toy Co. limited edition of 30. Yours for only £780. Dimensions 37cm tall, 30 wide and 10 deep.



**The Council Counsellor**

Sincere apologies to those of you who would rather have line drawings than colour photographs. Maybe next time we'll have both, but as usual it's a mad rush and a tight squeeze so you'll just have to make do.

We have nine new machines this time, including three 14 Ball Toys (Designed by Paul Spooner, made by Matt Smith) and two from Tony Barrs who makes his first appearance in CMT News.

As usual, everything is made by hand in very small quantities. See the back page for ordering information.

## ZALUD DOG

Jan Zalud's work is always beautifully carved with wonderfully simple movements. This dog rears up and roars and we are only expecting to get ten of them. Sob. 10 cm high, 15 wide. £235.



**T**his year's Xmas Angel is, as usual, not very angelic. It's that Barecat character again pretending to be an angel. Complete with a bit of "cat-gut" to hang it from if you don't want it sitting on top of your tree. 11cm high, 15 high in flying position. Only £6.95.



**ANGEL**

**O**ur second 14 Ball Toy has Anubis dressed rather foolishly in a strawberry-like dress. It's another of those sweet little things which balance on a clock spring and wobble if prompted. Approx. 10cm high (Base is 4 x 2.7cm) £26.50.



**STRAWBERRY FOOL**

The best selling cut-out is now available in wood. Designed by Keith Newstead and made by Tom Stiles. The Surfing Dog is one of those things that just works. Don't try and fight it. 30cm high, 11cm wide. £115.

## INVISIBLE TAILOR

Strange that an automata maker could never make the invisible trousers for the invisible man but he or she might make an invisible tailor. Although you don't get much action up top for your money 'tis daft and pleasing upon the eye giving much compensation for riches spent, as my old mum used to say. The treadle moves, the wheel rotates and the needle goes up and down. Maybe the seat will wobble a bit as well. Note 14 Ball logo on sewing machine base. 19cm tall, 9 wide and 8.5 deep. £167.50 (See next page)

## BRASSY MERMAID

Another Keith Newstead design, made by Sue Stolpe. She is made from wood and brass and swims in a brassy kind of way. 25cm tall, 30 long. £209.50 (See next page)



**SURFING DOG**



**A BRASSY MERMAID**



**INVISIBLE TAILOR**



## BAGGIN' THE BIRDIES

This is the first time we've had work by Tony Barrs so as way of introduction I should tell you that he was a member of the British Olympic Foil Squad. Strangely, he's not the first automata maker to be into waving pointy sticks about and there's 10p off any item to the first person who can name another.

Tony has made two golffy machines. Baggin' the Birdies has a man merrily walking along with a bird-in-hand swinging by it's neck ready to join the others in the club bag. A birdie is one under par. Par is... 30cm tall, 18cm wide. £372.50.

## GOLFING GOURMET

The Golfing Gourmet - a fanatic about his lunch. Tipping a bottle of sauce onto a never ending supply of golf balls which he devours heartily. 21cm tall, 17cm wide. £315.50. **(See next page)**



**GOLFING GOURMET**

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## **CABARET MECHANICAL MOVEMENT**

is a new book which we are producing to help budding makers and those trying to teach things mechanical. It will have lots of information on mechanisms from a distinctly CMT perspective. The authors have been locked in a small cupboard for two weeks to finish it off so it will be available soon.

## **THE WEB SITE**

Our new url is, <http://www.cabaret.co.uk/> Our email address is [barecat@cabaret.co.uk](mailto:barecat@cabaret.co.uk) The new site is much bigger and better than the old one. We should have information on stock availability as well as any new items and it will be expanding again in the new year.

# ORDERING INFORMATION

Phone Aidan or Marie for more details, availability and news of other things for sale. Prices include VAT but not Post and Packing. Overseas orders outside the E.C. are exempt from VAT (17.5%). If you cannot come in then phone or write to find out how much money (UK Pounds) we need. You can phone or fax credit card orders. We accept Visa, Access/Mastercard, Amex, Diners and JCB. Our phone number is (0171) 379-7961. (International +44 171 379-7961). Our 24-hour fax number is (0171) 497-5445 (Int. +44 171 497-5445) On the fax, we need the card holder's signature and address, card number and expiry date. Please note that we will only charge credit cards when the goods are sent. Any orders which include unavailable items will be held until the complete order can be sent unless we are instructed otherwise. We are open from 10am to 6.30 or 7pm every day.



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