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William Bentley Billiards

Specialist dealers in the finest Antique Billiard tables.
Makers of the world's most beautiful Billiard,
Snooker and Pool tables.
Handmade in Marten, England.



Welcome

A tradition of excellence in Antique & Contemporary Billiards, Snooker and Pool. Designers and makers of Contemporary & Classic dual-purpose Dining and Playing tables.

Our new showrooms, situated in the beautiful countryside on the borders of Berkshire and Wiltshire, house many of the world's finest Antique Billiard tables alongside exquisite examples of the Contemporary and Classic fixed height and dual-purpose dining & playing tables that are handmade in our adjacent workshops.

One of the great joys of a visit to Marten is to see our team of craftsmen at work. It is fascinating to watch the processes of design, carving, marquetry, veneering, inlaying, polishing, metal and wood working, and to appreciate for yourself the skills involved in the creation of each individual table.





To enter the showroom is to delve into an Aladdin's cave of burr-walnut, rich rosewood and finely grained mahogany, maple, oak and wengi. Intricate marquetry, polished metal, delicate inlays and beautiful veneers lie side by side with fine scottish leathers and English wool-nap cloth.



Whether your search is for an Antique, second-hand, bespoke or replica table, for billiards, snooker or for pool, for a stunning contemporary rollover or an elegant wind-up dual-purpose table for dining and playing, you are sure to find either exactly what

you are looking for or the inspiration to specify your very own custom-made and designed table.

Complementing the collection of tables on display are a great many accessories. From marker boards to cabinets, cue-racks to ball boxes, various memorabilia, dining chairs, upholstered billiard benches, and our noted range of specialist billiard lighting. Hand-milled from metals such as steel and brass, with finishes including silver-nickel, gunmetal and bronze, these lights are made in contemporary and traditional designs and are custom made for your property. Shades are hand-stitched in the finest fabric, leather or silk.



We currently export to 76 countries and will arrange for delivery anywhere in the world.

Antique & Replica



Gillow circa 1790.



Bentley Sporting replica.



Bentley Biedermeier.

With more than a generation of experience in the restoration of fine Antique Billiard tables, Sir William Bentley Billiards have 'carved' ourselves an enviable worldwide reputation.

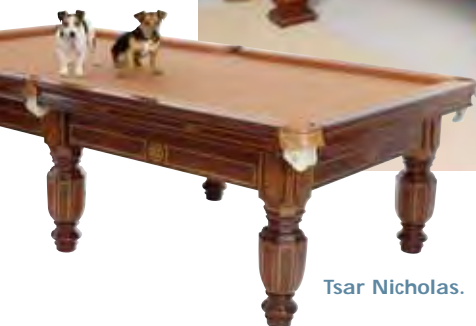
Our craftsmen, many of whom have a lifetime's experience as billiard table makers and restorers, have renovated some of the finest tables to the very highest standards, carefully bringing back to life the work of renowned makers such as Burroughs & Watts, Cox and Yeman, Orme & Sons, Geo. Wright, Thurston, Gillow, and others. We continue to source and restore the finest tables and always have many available, some with their provenance and history carefully researched and presented.



Geo. Wright circa 1890.



Thurston circa 1895.



Tsar Nicholas.

The Gillow, which used to belong to the architect Pugin, the Geo. Wright (Yacht designer Uffa Fox), and the Thurston (Joe Davis, undefeated World Snooker champion from 1927-1948), all shown here, are just some of the tables we currently have in stock.

The skill and attention to detail developed in our Antique restoration has also been applied to our high quality replica tables. The Bentley sporting table (left), depicting mediaeval sporting scenes, is a fine example of our detailed carving and decorative work. Like all our bespoke tables it is available in a variety of sizes and woods. The table shown with the dogs, is a 9' replica of the full size (12') billiard table made for Tsar Nicholas of Russia. Completely faithful to the original, it is elegantly inlaid in Satinwood.



Classic & Contemporary Diners



Empire Wind-up in Bentley Burr with Queen Anne chairs.

Bentley Empire Refectory in natural oak with detail of carving and winding handle.

Top: similar table in dark oak.



Our particular speciality is designing and making dual-purpose tables that combine top quality, slate bed playing tables with beautiful custom made dining (or perhaps Conference) tables, to seat up to 20 people. Every table is individually hand-crafted to suit your style and period of interior décor.

Whether the table is made from Walnut or Maple, Oak or Metal, in Classic or Contemporary style, the significant choice is which of our precision engineered mechanisms is used to transform the table.

The **Bentley Empire Wind-up** incorporates our unique geared winding mechanism. By simply inserting and turning a large brass handle the table is effortlessly raised



Bentley Roll-over with flamed mahogany panels and inlay.

Top: same table in playing mode.

Middle: Bentley Roll-over in oak with maple diamonds with cabriolet legs.

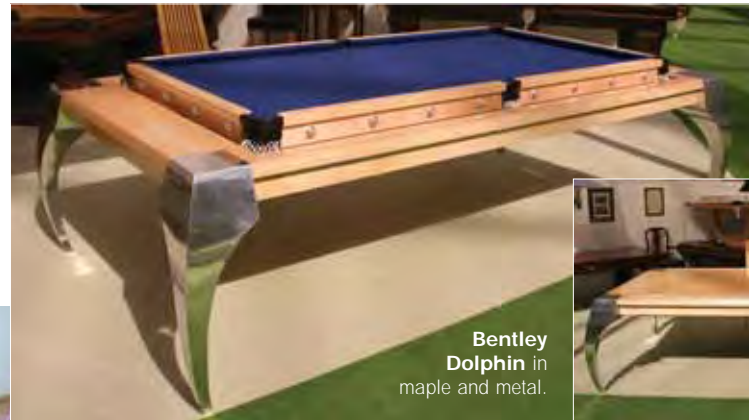
Chippendale chair and carver.

to playing height or lowered for dining. In the heightened playing position a hidden polished frame is automatically raised to fill the gap created. The polished tops, which can be enhanced with beautiful veneers, inlays or carved edges, are tongue and groove to prevent spillages from reaching the playing surface. An attractive optional feature is a leaf retainer which stores the tops when playing and folds away out of sight when dining. Hidden pockets, which make it almost impossible to tell that the table has a dual-purpose, are also an option. And if winding by hand seems like too much work the mechanism can be motorised.

For the more technologically extravagant, we have designed and made tables with electronically actuated, telescopic legs, that start at coffee table height, raise to dining height at the press of a button, and, with a further press, elevate to playing height.



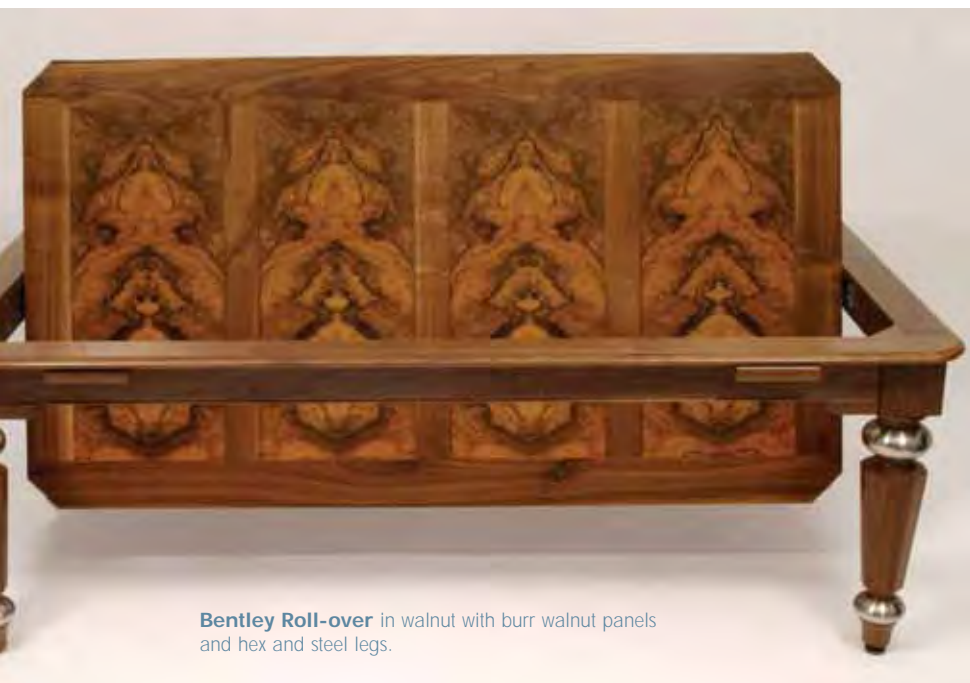
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Bentley Dolphin in maple and metal.

Bentley Roll-over in oak and walnut with inlay and straight tapered legs.

The **Bentley Rollover** design is simplicity itself. In a single action the dining table rolls over to be replaced by a perfectly level playing surface at the correct, raised, height. Our patented Rollover mechanism utilises gears and dampeners to ensure total safety, making the process of transformation as graceful as it is simple. Inherent to the design is the total invisibility of the playing table when dining, as are the gasps of surprise when you first demonstrate it to your dinner guests - we recommend clearing the table first. The dining surface features a four-paneled top allowing for beautiful matched or mirrored veneers such as flamed mahogany, burr walnut or birdseye maple to contrast or



Bentley Roll-over in walnut with burr walnut panels and hex and steel legs.



Bentley Empire Wind-up and Roll-over in maple Biedermeier.



complement the solid wood table. Simpler options are, of course, no problem, or you can ask us to enhance the table further with intricate marquetry, delicate inlays or hand carved edges.

As you can see from the few examples pictured here we have made tables to suit all tastes and desires, and our designers, engineers and craftsmen are always keen to rise to a fresh challenge, whether for a mediaeval castle, ultra modern penthouse or yacht. Recently, for example, we designed and made a Bentley Rollover Roulette / Dining table, and we often make table tennis tops for our tables.

Whichever mechanism you choose, the billiard table has a single slate bed with solid wood frame & cushions, full-size pool or snooker rubbers, hand covered in English wool-nap cloth, the dining table is a solid timber frame with solid top or beautiful inlaid panels and the choice of woods, metals, legs, style, finish, cloth colour, pocket leather, or whatever else you can think of, is yours.



Bespoke Design & Lighting



Interior designers have often inspired us to make stunning and unique tables for their clients, requiring us to match a specific and stylish environment.

In other cases, the customers themselves have provided the inspiration. Either way, our designers relish the opportunity to create completely new and original pieces of furniture. Tables such as these offer us a great opportunity to show off the exceptional quality of our workmanship and to further enhance our reputation as Master Table-makers.



Bentley Pediment
Cue Rack.

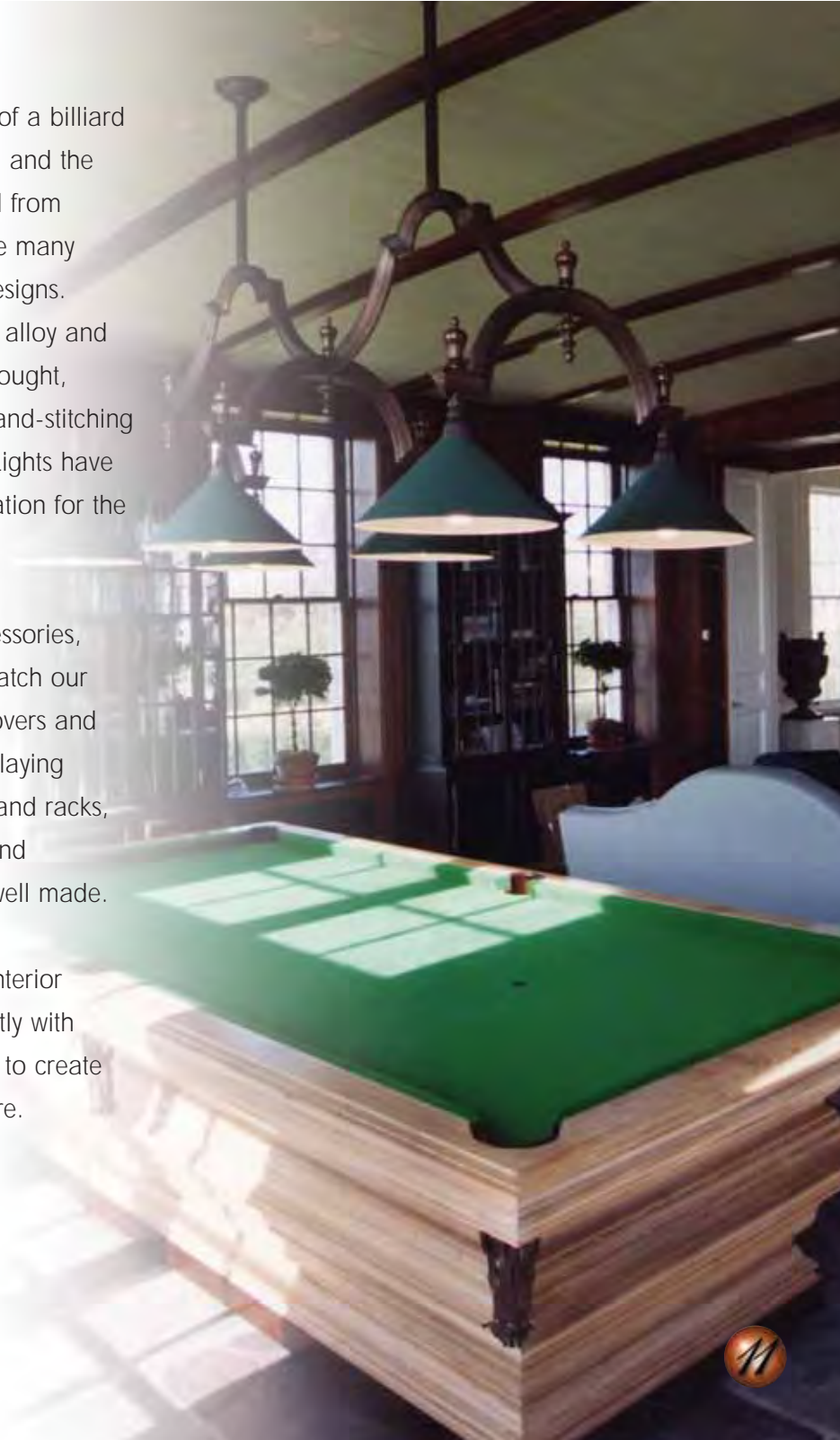




Key to the interior design of a billiard or dining room is lighting, and the Bentley range has evolved from Antique replicas to include many traditional and modern designs. Working in bronze, brass, alloy and stainless steel, whether wrought, milled or polished, and hand-stitching our own shades, Bentley Lights have gained an enviable reputation for the highest quality.

Of course, our other accessories, which include chairs to match our dining tables, cabinets, covers and memorabilia, as well as playing accessories such as cues and racks, scoreboards, ball boxes and triangles, are all equally well made.

So with the help of your Interior Designer or working directly with yourselves we will be sure to create exactly the room you desire.



Nothing makes as great a difference to the style of your table as the choice of leg design. Turned or tapered, carved, reeded or fluted, made of maple oak or machine-milled metal, almost anything is possible.

Styling



For final detailing consider our delicate inlays and choose one of more than 24 colours from our own range of English wool-nap cloth.



Accessories

To complement your choice of table, the craftsmen at our Marten workshops will make beautiful accessories in matching woods, metals, styles and finish.

These include scoreboards and cue racks as well as our unique lighting, hand-made Bentley cues, ball boxes and cabinets.



Sizing information

Playing Slate size ¹	Fixed Height / Wind Up Table size ²		Seats	Rollover Table size ³		Seats	Minimum Room Size	
5' x 2'6"	5'6" x 3'	1676 x 914	6	6'4" x 3'10"	1930 x 1168	6 – 8	13' x 10'6"	3962 x 3200
6' x 3'	6'6" x 3'6"	1981 x 1067	6 – 8	7'4" x 4'4"	2235 x 1321	8	14' x 11'	4267 x 3353
7' x 3'6"	7'6" x 4'	2286 x 1219	8	8'4" x 4'10"	2540 x 1473	8 – 10	15' x 11'6"	4572 x 3505
8' x 4"	8'6" x 4'6"	2591 x 1372	8 – 10	9'4" x 5'4"	2845 x 1626	10 – 12	16' x 12'	4879 x 3658
9' x 4'6"	9'6" x 5'	2896 x 1524	10 – 12	n/a	n/a	n/a	17' x 12'6"	5182 x 3810
10' x 5'	10'6" x 5'6"	3200 x 1676	12 – 14	n/a	n/a	n/a	18' x 13'	5486 x 3962
12' x 6'	12'6" x 6'6"	3810 x 1981	16 – 18	n/a	n/a	n/a	20' x 14'	6096 x 4267



¹ In the tradition of the great table makers that came before us, the playing Slate size defines the table and is always referred to in Imperial measurements. ² Because our tables are custom made the actual dimensions may be varied to suit customers requirements. Sizes given here assume table tops that are flush with the outer cushion edges, but we are happy to make larger tops such as those with boxed edges. ³ The Rollover table top frame is likewise variable in size according to a clients design requirements.



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