



## 2013 AGM Report

Last month's AGM saw the retirement of Morris as Treasurer after five years in the role. Maggie thanked him for services rendered which was then endorsed by all present. We now welcome John Turner into that position and all wish him the best of British. John would be the first to recognise that Toni will be doing the donkey-work (as well as maintaining our website) for which we are most grateful.

Apart from that, nothing more to be said. As you would expect there were no nominations other than a repeat of the same.

The AGM was followed by a member giving a brief outline on what is available, these days, in the digital world of photography. The fascinating topics covered included types of equipment available, initial purchase, specifications to aim for, basic techniques for photographing your work and use of editing software. Whilst all found it enthralling, some just could not take the pace and, drained of energy, just nodded off.

### Summer Competition

A very simple arrangement for this year:-

All classes are to be 'Open' which means that you can enter any one piece of your choice in the class to which you have been allocated (check with Mick if you are in doubt about your category).

'The Beecham Cup' remains as ever;  
Anybody can enter a piece which reflects 'Innovation and Form'

Please bear in mind that all items entered must have been recently made, not taken off the shelf and dusted on the morning of the competition.

#### STOP PRESS

We now have the 'Frank Elworthy Cup' for the Xmas Competition  
Watch this space for further details



At the AGM, the Chairman suggested the purchase of an additional item for the library (a book on colouring). The proposal was rejected on the grounds of poor taste.



## Members' Work



### Solar Kiln Drier

There's a chappie, Jonathan Guest, who is offering courses in wildest Wales on how to build your own Solar Kiln. It looks quite simple and would appear to be a cross between a shed and a greenhouse. It requires a couple of fans and control gear but the running costs are quite low — £2 per week. Perhaps a smaller version, say the size of a cold-frame, could be run by solar-operated fans with no running costs. Apparently he has prepared a CD for those who cannot make the course. A worthwhile addition to the library?

### Do you live in St Leonards?

If so, it might be worth you having a close look at your house insurance!



Stuart Mortimer's attempt at world record

A while back Stuart Mortimer had a go at the world record for the largest bowl. The lathe he used was a Highlander. That same lathe he has now sold and it is lurking in a garage near you. It is owned by somebody who likes to play 'big'. Rumour has it that his last piece, on a smaller lathe (Wadkin!! - see piece above) had to be counterbalanced with an engineer's vice strapped to the timber!!!

If you hear of UFO sightings in your area, start building yourself an Anderson Shelter. They may be coming your way!!!

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**Date of next Meeting:**  
**Sunday 21st April**  
**Demonstration by**  
**Lynn Chambers**  
**followed by Hands-on**  
**(bring tools)**