



Novices put the rest of us to shame

After a damp and dull start to the day, the sun shone and the summer competition and barbecue got off to a good start.

On arriving, members were confronted in the entrance hall by one of John Turner's 'great' creations, a wonderful seat made from a whole section of tree trunk. Naturally we had to try it out.



Jan Cotton trying John Turner's massive chair.

As members and their partners came in with entries and plates of delicious fare, the food table began to groan under the weight and I for one began to feel hungry. First things first however.

After the chairman's notices the judging began with members judging the three main classes, Alan Beecham judging the Alan Beecham cup and partners choosing their favourites overall.

What a difficult task with such variety of style, size and interpretation.

There was a record number of entries in the novice class, members having worked hard to produce their pestles and mortars. The results included pieces in varying shapes, styles and woods. Well done to the novices.

What a pity the intermediate and advanced classes were not so well represented although a lot of effort had been put into the pieces entered.

By now the barbecue was well under way with lovely aromas wafting in the air and as the adjudicators added up all the points, we moved on to lunch. There was a mouthwatering array of food and we were spoilt for choice. Then with appetites satisfied, we moved onto the main business of the day, competition results!

Maggie Wright, our chairwoman, began proceedings with a resume of all the entries, inviting members to say a few words about their pieces. Then the moment of truth as Allan Beecham, our president announced the results.



The well supported novice class

Competition results

| <u>Class</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>Second</u> | <u>Third</u> |
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| Novice | Nick Benson | Ken Allison | Alan Capon |
| Intermediate | Peter Hawes | Lynn Chambers | Sandra Day |
| Advanced | Mike Samme | Richard Hasleden | John Turner |
| Allan Beecham Cup | Maggie Wright | John Turner | Richard Hasleden |
| Bill Thurlow Cup | Richard Hasleden | Mike Samme | Alan Barbary |

Winners receiving their prizes from Allan Beecham



Novice, Nick Benson



Intermediate, Peter Hawes and below, his winning rice bowls



Advanced, Mike Samme and below left, his winning clown



Allan Beecham Cup, Maggie Wright and right, her creative piece entitled Death of a red oak.



Bill Thurlow Cup, Richard Hasleden



To finish proceedings, we had a quiz and so an enjoyable meeting came to an end.

Next Month's Meeting

September 20th

Hands On. Bring your tools

Reminder for August meeting

Mark Baker demonstrating

The success of the day depends largely on the participation and hard work of members and thanks are due to everyone, particularly those who brought food, Lynn and team for manning the bbq, Jo Castle and Pat Hasleden for organising the judging, Allan for presenting the prizes and all those who helped set up and clear away. Thanks also to everyone who washed up and of course, the competitors.

More competition entries on show

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Mortar and pestles
Above left by new member Alan Barbary
Above right by Alan Capon

Lynn Chambers' rice bowls