



Successful Summer Social

At last some summer weather, just in time for our annual barbecue and summer competition. This was my fifth barbecue and so far every one has been blessed with good weather although last year there was rain earlier in the morning.

When I arrived, the hall was already a hive of activity with members setting up tables and chairs, carefully unpacking their precious competition entries and partners organising the food they had brought.

This all took a while as there was a good attendance then our chairman, Maggie, got proceedings underway. She welcomed Mick Briggs, former stalwart of the club, who had been invited to judge the class for the Founder's Cup. Peter Castle then gave a quick resume of competition procedures and also gave out a fun quiz to occupy any idle moments.

There was a good number of entries overall although the the intermediate class was a little lacking. With plenty of entries and lots of members present, judging began. It was quite a task as the standard was high, particularly at the novice level. This class not only had some lovely ideas but also demonstrated some quite complex turning. Well done to them all!

The advanced class and the Founder's Cup class included the usual high standard of work we have come to expect, ranging from the beautifully delicate and intricate pieces to the complex and large. The club is fortunate to have such a range of skills amongst its members.



A lovely display in the Novice Class

Meanwhile, Greg Collett had set up the barbecue which he had supplied and along with Lynn Chambers, Archie Gain and Julian Jones got the meat on to cook.



With most of the judging complete and the lamb and sausages ready, members were invited to make a start on all that scrumptious food laid out on the long table. Soon everyone was tucking in while the competition results were worked out.

Then it was time for the appraisal of entries. Maggie led this, working through all the classes.

One gets a different perspective on some of the pieces when the creators talk about their work. Maybe they had to overcome a problem or it might just be about the origin of an idea. This is a valuable exercise as we can all learn something from it.

Having looked at all the individual pieces it was on to what we were all waiting for, finding out who had won. Mick Briggs stepped up to announce the winners and present the prizes.

Competition Results

<u>Class</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Novice	A child's toy	Anne Smith	Joint second place	Alan Capon and Greg Collett
Intermediate	A three legged stool	Sandra Day	Ken Page	Brian Rowson
Advanced	Thin is beautiful	Maggie Wright	Richard Hasleden	Bob Hollands
Founders Cup	For innovation	John Turner		
Bill Thurlow Cup	Partners' choice	Maggie Wright	Peter Hawes	Anne Smith



John Turner, left, receiving the Founder's Cup from Mick Briggs



Joint novice second prize winners, Alan Capon right, and Greg Collett left, receiving their certificates from Mick Briggs, centre.



John's complex articulated sculpture.

Mick Briggs chose John Turner's entry as winner of the Founder's Cup as he felt it was the obvious choice in terms of innovation and it was well finished.



Another beautiful entry from Richard Hasleden

A Selection of Entries



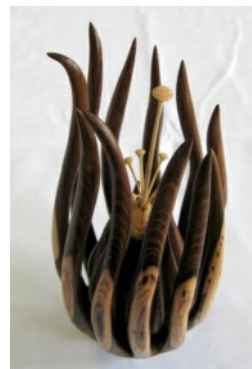
Nodding ducks by Anne Smith



Bobbing pilot by Alan Capon



Racing car by Roger Smith



Maggie's two entries. Left, winner of the Bill Thurlow Cup. Right, winner of the advanced class.





Gregg Collett's entry, made from oak, maple and black walnut.



Peter Hawes piece, "Thin is beautiful" in lignum vitae.



Members busy working out the answers to the quiz

Joint winners of the quiz were Brian Rowson's team and Alan Capon's team. Well done!

After a successful and enjoyable day it remains only to thank all those who helped to make it so. All the committee members put in a lot of work and preparation behind the scenes. A big thank you to them.

Thank you Pat Hasleden and Jo Castle who worked hard organising the entries and adding up all the scores.

Thanks also go to Greg and the bbq cooks and everyone who brought food, helped set up and clear away and of course, to all the members who entered the competition.

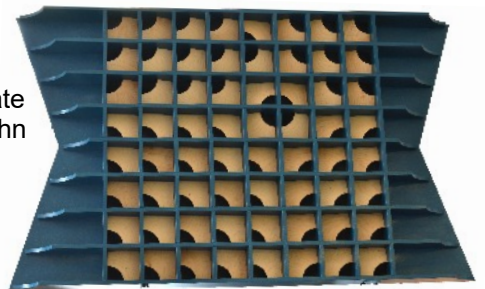
Thank you to Mick Briggs for presenting the prizes.

Thanks to Bob and Margaret Hollands for running the raffle. A cheque for £100 has been sent to the Robertsbridge Village Hall Committee towards the refurbishment.

December Competition

All categories will be the same this year.

Each member will be given a 6" x 6" x 2" blank (supplied by Blanks 'R'Us of Rye Harbour) with which they can create whatever they like. Which particular timber is not known at this stage but all will be the same. Now is the time to get your thinking caps on before you are given the blank.



More intricate work by John Turner

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Reminder for this month's meeting

August 21st 10.00 am

David Edwards
Metal spinning.

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman and	
Competition Secretary	Peter Castle
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	John Turner
Events organiser	Greg Collett
Librarian	David Spice
Newsletter editor	Sandra Day
A-V co-ordinator	Brian Rowson

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Next Month's Meeting

September 18th 10.00 am

Jason Lee Smith.

Jason is a professional demonstrator who works a lot with enhancement techniques including texturing, wax effects and colouring.