



A Feast of Food, Fun and Fine Turning

There was an air of anticipation as everyone arrived for the Christmas competition and social. There was a lot to look forward to, not least all the tempting food that began to appear on the tables. Once again members and their partners had done us proud with a wonderful array of appetizing goodies, a veritable feast of food to get us in the festive spirit.

The competition tables were then set out with member's entries and it was evident that there was some fine turning.

The novice table once again had an excellent number of entries. Well done to them. Sadly the same could not be said for the intermediate class and the other classes were not much better.



Above. The novice entries, subject, three legged stools.
Left. Jewellery and needlework by Ann Pope



A feature of our socials, member's partners are invited to show us some of their hobbies. This has been a little overlooked of late but we were delighted that Ann Pope brought in some of the lovely jewellery she makes and some beautiful needlework. Thank you Ann.

The official proceedings began with the Chairman's notices. This was followed by a presentation to Mick Briggs for all he has done for the club for well over twenty years. He began as chairman in the club's early days, then became events organiser and finally competition secretary, until he retired from the committee last February. A big thank you to Mick.

Following the presentation, everyone got down to the judging, no easy task with some very good entries.

It was then time for lunch and we were able to enjoy all that delicious food. Maggie had organised some entertainment for fun during lunch in the form of guessing what items were contained in three felt bags. Later, we also had a quiz.

After lunch, we had a talk by Brian Pope about the twinning of Hastings with Oudenaarde in Belgium and some of the exchange visits made. This was particularly interesting as quite a few of our members come from the Hastings area.

He finished with an amusing tale, Santa's Bad Day.



Mick Briggs receiving his thank you gift from Maggie Wright.

Then it was on to the turning and competition results.

As usual our chairman, Maggie, gave a quick appraisal of the entries then competitors were invited to comment on their pieces.. It is always interesting to hear their remarks. I personally was most reassured by Maggie explaining that she had mistakenly fixed the feet of her pedestal to the top instead of the base. She then had to rectify it. I thought it was only me that did that sort of thing!

Competition Results

<u>Class</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Novice	Three legged stool	Anne Smith	Mike Cotton	Brian Pope
Intermediate	The Golden Ratio	Sandra Day	Chips Bishop	Archie Gain
Advanced	Cut to the Chase	Peter Hawes	Lynn Chambers	Maggie Wright
Charlie Newson Cup	Partner's Choice	Richard Hasleden	Maggie Wright	Sandra Day
Richard Hasleden Cup	Monthly entries	Sandra Day	Peter Hawes	Brian Rowson
Frank Elworthy Cup	Spindle turning	Richard Hasleden		

After the presentation of cups, Anne Smith, winner of the novice class, expressed her surprise and delight. Well done Anne!

Richard Hasleden, a regular winner, was very pleased to win again, receiving two cups.

Peter Hawes did well to win the advanced class, his first competition since being promoted.

I was absolutely delighted to win the new Richard Hasleden Cup. It was a very close contest right up to the end.



Prizewinners left to right, Anne Smith, Sandra Day, Richard Hasleden and Peter Hawes.

A Selection of winning entries



Left, walnut pot with gold detail by Sandra Day.

Below left, Peter Hawes threaded nutcracker in lignum vitae.



Above, Richard Hasleden's lace bobbins, entered in the Frank Elworthy Cup also winning the Charlie Newson Cup.



Above right, Anne Smith's stool in beech



Reminder for this month's meeting

Shaun Hellman

Fanbird Carving

February Meeting

February 21st 10.00.am

AGM followed by a Critique.

Bring all your pieces for constructive criticism and compliments. We can always learn more whether we are just beginning woodturning or more experienced. It is also good to see the wide variety of styles and talents within our club.

Happy New Year to all our readers.

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