



Winter Social celebrates Silver Anniversary

The Christmas competition and social this year was an extra special event as the club was also celebrating its 25th anniversary. To complement all the lovely food provided by members and their partners, we had a splendid celebration cake to mark the occasion.

While the food was being spread out on the tables, members were handing in their entries and there was quite a buzz of anticipation. The meeting followed the usual format with judging beginning after the notices had been given out by chairman, Maggie Wright. There were a good number of entries in the three main classes though not many in the Frank Elworthy class. Having been given a blank for the individual classes maybe members felt more inclined to participate. The blank was a 6"x 6"x 2" piece of beech. The imagination that members had shown and variety of work produced was amazing. Judging, never easy, was extremely difficult.



Unfortunately one or two entries were disqualified as additional wood had been included.

By the end of the morning decisions had been made, marks handed in and the scorers began adding up.

Meanwhile the raffle took place and then we were able to help ourselves to the tempting selection of food and Maggie cut the cake.

As we enjoyed the food and drink, Maggie gave an appraisal of the individual entries and members were invited to comment on their work. I always find this most interesting but more so on this occasion as we had all started with a similar piece of wood.

Finally the results were announced and the cups were presented. It was no surprise that Maggie swept the board.



Jim Moger, winner of the Novice Class



Brian Rowson, Intermediate winner



Maggie Wright with her Advanced entry.

Competition Results

<u>Class</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Novice	} Individual use of a given blank	Jim Moger	Mike Cotton	Alan Capon / Mike Pollard
Intermediate		Brian Rowson	Ken Page	
Advanced	} Spindle turning	Maggie Wright	Richard Hasleden	John Turner
Frank Elworthy Cup		Maggie Wright	Peter Hawes	
Charlie Newson Cup	Partner's choice	Maggie Wright	John Turner	Peter Hawes
Richard Hasleden Cup	Monthly entries	Sandra Day		

With prize giving over, the afternoon entertainments began.

Jenny Collett gave us an interesting illustrated talk on her trip with Greg and friends on the yacht, Boreal. They sailed from Isafjordur in North West Iceland to Scoresbysund on the East Greenland coast and back. It was a magical trip in a winter wonderland. Thank you Jenny.

Members then grouped into teams and we had a fun game of Call My Bluff. Thank you Chips Bishop, Leyton Frewen and Greg Collett for your convincing definitions of the words and to Peter and Jo Castle for organising it.

Thanks go also to Pat Hasleden and Jo Castle for managing entries and scoring for the competitions.

Lastly a big thankyou to members of the committee for all their hard work behind the scenes and to all those who brought entries and food and themselves. Well done!

The Richard Hasleden Competition

New members please note this Cup is awarded for points accrued over the year so if you want to do well you need to bring an entry every month. Entries are judged on turning skills, form, innovation and finish. For the first time this year a handicap system will be introduced so everyone will have an equal chance.

Reminder for January meeting
January 15th 10.00am

AGM

Talk by Lionel Pringle on Shape and Form

This will be followed by a Critique.
Please bring items of work for discussions, compliments and advice.

Please remember to support the raffle by bringing items as well as buying tickets.

There will also be a few items for sale.

Subs are due this month, £50 per annum
£25.00 per 6 months.

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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The Novice entries

Interested in turning pens and wands?

The following website has blanks with provenance - timber from the Great Hall as featured in the Harry Potter films (Christ Church College).

<http://www.johnconradblanks.com>

Next Month's Meeting

February 19th 10.00am

Sharpening techniques and Hands on.
Please bring your tools.