



Summer Social, Sizzling Success

The summer barbecue and competition took place last month during the spell of very hot weather, at the same time as Wimbledon finals and the World cup football final. Despite all that, members and their partners duly arrived bearing their entries and plates of food. The hall became a hive of activity, setting up tables and chairs, tables for all the delicious food and tables for the judging. Outside, the barbecue was being prepared in readiness for cooking the local lamb, chicken and sausages. Then, after the notices, it was time for the judging. As usual, members judged the three standard classes and partners chose their favourites for the Bill Thurlow Cup. The Founder's Cup was awarded by selected judges.

Once again there was a very high standard in the novice class with a good number of entries. The intermediate class was down a little this year and the advanced class about the same as usual.



A Selection of Entries

As judging came to an end, appetizing smells came wafting in from the barbecue and it was time for lunch. The raffle was held and there was also a quiz to keep members busy.

With members having enjoyed a good lunch and sitting comfortably, Maggie Wright and Peter Castle gave an appraisal of each entry and the maker had the chance to say a few words about their piece. This is an interesting and helpful exercise which offers praise and advice. Finally the results were announced, prizes presented and congratulations given all round.

Probably due to the hot weather, not all the meat supplies were used so these were auctioned off by Peter Castle before the clearing up began.

Once again we must thank Jo Castle and Pat Hasleden for organising all the judging of the entries. We are indebted to them. Robert and Margaret Hollands did a great job as usual running the raffle. Thank you to Anne Smith for making the punch and all those who contributed to the food including cooks Lynn Chambers and Archie Gain and to Greg Collett for bringing the barbecue. Thanks go to Maggie Wright for supplying all the glasses and other sundries and to all other members for their contributions.

Competition Results

<u>Class</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Novice	Fred Mitchell	Colin Reith	Paul Filsell
Intermediate	Mike Pollard	Jim Moger	Alan Capon
Advanced	John Turner	Peter Hawes	Sandra Day
Founder's Cup	Sandra Day	Joint second Anne Smith and Richard Hasleden	
Bill Thurlow Cup	Paul Filsell	Sandra Day	Mike Pollard



Winners left to right, Fred Mitchell, John Turner, Sandra Day and Paul Filsell

Winning Work



Mike's natural edge bowl.



Fred's box with threaded lid



John's puzzle.



Above left, Paul's lidded box and right, Constellations by Sandra.

Important notice brought to our attention by Peter Castle.

You may not be aware that the government intends to stop any bladed item sold over the internet being delivered to a home address.

This is in response to the increase of knife crimes in recent times. An admirable sentiment but, as is often the case, the government has gone overboard and intends to include 'sharp pointed items' without creating the necessary exception for tooling. The query has been raised but the government simply say "the implication to sales will be minimal".

It will affect anyone purchasing specialist tools for craft work and especially those who cannot easily get to brick and mortar retailers, discriminating against the disabled and infirm. Please could you read and sign, and if possible share this petition to those you know it will affect?

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/222776>

Reminder for August Meeting

August 19th. 10.00am - 4.00pm
Involved and eccentric turning with Peter Castle

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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September Meeting

September 16th 10.00am sharp

Mark Baker demonstrating.

Mark is a well known personality in the woodturning world and is editor of Woodturning.