



A Right Royal Occasion

It was hard to believe the last meeting of the year had arrived. How quickly the time passes. As usual for our December meeting, we welcomed partners and friends for the winter social and competition. The day began with the usual bustle and activity as members set up tables, handed in their competition entries and set out their mouthwatering plates of food. Soon everything was organised and after the notices and competition rules were given out, proceedings got under way. During the morning members judged the class entries, visitors chose their selection for the Charles Newson Cup and the Frank Elworthy Cup was judged. In between the serious business of judging, everyone enjoyed chatting over coffee and answering the quiz and the guess what's in the bag games.

Judging Under Way



With judging completed, luncheon was next on the agenda. Soon everyone was tucking into the lovely selection of food and drinks, finishing the quizzes and waiting in anticipation for the competition results. Before they were announced however, we were visited by none other than His Majesty King Henry Eighth.

Splendid in his magnificent robes and stature, the King regaled us with tales of his loves, wives and their unfortunate lives.

Despite the fact that we were only commoners, there was much audience participation and all in all it was a very humorous and entertaining visit.

Finally it was time for the competition results. Maggie took us through the entries first with some appraisal followed by comments from the makers.

Once again we saw a very high standard, particularly from the novices .

Then Peter Castle, competition secretary, announced the results including the winners of the games and presented cups and prizes. Congratulations to all the prizewinners and well done to everyone who entered pieces.



Competition Results

Class	Subject	First	Second	Third
Novice } Intermediate } Advanced }	A pair of Wizard's Wands	Mike Pollard	Fred Mitchell	Roger Smith
Frank Elworthy Cup	Spindle work	Richard Hasleden	Peter Hawes joint	with Maggie Wright
Charlie Newson Cup	Partners' choice	Maggie Wright	Peter Hawes	Alan Capon
Richard Hasleden Cup	Monthly entries	Richard Hasleden	Sandra Day	



Winners left to right, Maggie Wright, Richard Hasleden, Sandra Day, Mike Pollard, Anne Smith.



Richard Hasleden's double winners



Left, Maggie Wright's spindle work. Above, Anne Smith's wands. Below, Mike Pollard's winning work



Thanks must be given to everyone who helped to make the social such a success, those who helped with the setting up and clearing away, the committee for organising the event, Anne Smith for making punch, Robert and Margaret Hollands for running the raffle and especially Jo Castle and Pat Hasleden for managing the entries and scoring and thank you Maggie for inviting our royal guest.

January Meeting
January 21st 10.00am

AGM and Critique.

Please bring some of your work for everyone to enjoy and for constructive comments

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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Wands by Peter Hawes

Record Power Bandsaw

Does anyone have any experience of Record bandsaws, good or bad?
If so, Peter Castle would like to hear from you.

Next Month's Meeting

February 18th 10.00am - 4.00pm
Paul Howard demonstrating.

Paul Howard is a professional turner and demonstrator and sells jigs of his own design for routing and turning spheres on the lathe.

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