

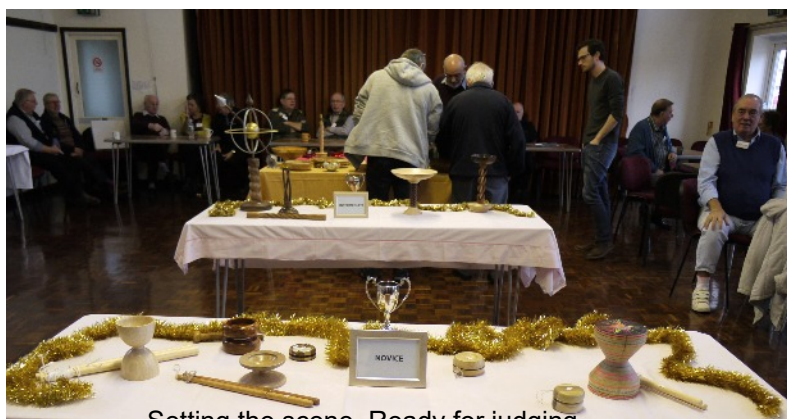


Crime at the Christmas Competition



Last month saw the culmination of the year's meetings with the Christmas social and competitions. The year had flown by with new members welcomed and sad goodbyes said to others. The day began as usual with members arriving to help set up for the event. Entries for the competitions were handed in and the plates of mouthwatering food were set out on the side tables. Attendance was perhaps down a little but everyone was in party mood and looking forward to the day.

After much organisation and chatting amongst members, Chairman Maggie Wright welcomed everyone and gave out the notices. Competition secretary, Peter Castle then went through the competition rules and judging procedures for the benefit of the newer members and judging began. In between judging, members had a quiz to do and of course more discussions and chatting over coffee.



Setting the scene. Ready for judging.

Once again there was a good standard of work at all levels though entries were down a little in the intermediate class. When the judging was completed the raffle was held and thanks go to Robert and Margaret Hollands for running it so efficiently. It was then time for lunch. Following the success of Burwash beauties on a previous occasion, they had been organised again for this event. Thank you to Alison, Liz and Jane who cooked and served them.

Thanks also go to Jo and Peter Castle for supplying the ingredients and the wine, Anne Smith for preparing a lovely punch, Alan Capon for the hot drinks and Maggie Wright for providing the glasses, plates and cutlery etc.

With all the lovely contributions from the members as well, a very satisfying meal was enjoyed by all.

During the morning two presentations were made. The first was to Toni Walton who, though not a member, maintains the club website and manages the accounts throughout the year. Maggie gave her a gift voucher to show the club's appreciation. The second gift was to Pat Hasleden who after many years of helping with the competitions and scoring is stepping down. Many thanks to both of them. The club was fortunate that Lilian Rowson agreed to take Pat's place beside Jo Castle to organise entries and add up scores for this competition. A big thank you to Lilian and Jo.

With appetites satisfied, members sat back to listen to a talk by Joel Griggs, curator of The True Crime Museum. We learnt of the history of the museum and its location and then about some of the gruesome exhibits and their notorious criminal owners. Joel kindly left some vouchers and information about visiting the museum which is in Hastings.

Next it was what members were waiting for, competition results. Before announcing the results, Maggie, Peter and Sandra gave a quick appraisal of the entries with comments from the makers. It is good to know who made what and a little more about the pieces. Finally winners were announced and prizes presented. Well done to everyone who entered.

Competition Results

<u>Class</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Novice	A working diabalo or yoyo	Gary Woodhouse	Ray French	Gareth Garner
Intermediate	A piece with a twist	Anne Smith	Mike Pollard	Jim Moger
Advanced	A decorated bowl	Sandra Day	John Turner	Richard Hasleden
Frank Elworthy Cup	Spindle turning	Sandra Day	Maggie Wright	Richard Hasleden
Charlie Newson Cup	Partner's Choice	Sandra Day		
Richard Hasleden Cup	Monthly Entries	Fred Mitchell	Paul Filsell	Jim Moger

As the day came to a close, members and guests helped with the washing up and cleaning and tidying of the hall and so a big thank you to everyone involved. The club now looks forward to 2019.



Cup winners from left to right, Fred Mitchell, Sandra Day, Anne Smith and Gary Woodhouse.



Above Fred Mitchell's final entry in the Richard Hasleden competition. Left, Anne Smith's winning entry in the intermediate class, an armillary sundial.



Gary Woodhouse's winning diabolo.



Blue butterflies by Sandra Day Winner of the Advanced class and Charlie Newson Cup.



Right, Winner of the Frank Elworthy Cup, Lace bobbins and stand by Sandra Day

Reminder for January Meeting

20th January 10.00am
AGM and Critique

Please bring some of your work for helpful evaluation

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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Reminder

Subs are due this month, £50.00 for the year or £25.00 for six months.

February Meeting

February 17th 10.00am - 4.00pm

Kevin Hutson Demonstrating

Kevin turns aesthetic pieces enhancing them with subtle colour