



Christmas Competition Encourages Creativity

With the year drawing to a close, members gathered for the final meeting of 2019. As it was the Christmas social and competition, friends and partners were also welcomed. On arrival, the hall was the usual hive of activity with tables being set up for entries and of course, all the lovely food that everyone had brought. After all the preliminaries, entries were displayed and judging began. This was a difficult task as there were so many enterprising designs all originating from similar blanks that members had been given. Each blank was a 6" x 6" x 2" piece of elm. In some cases they were transformed beyond recognition.



There were the usual quizzes and puzzles to occupy everyone during the morning until judging was completed. The raffle was held and then lunch was announced. Unfortunately the speaker for the afternoon was unable to attend so Maggie Wright organised teams to make paper chains and Christmas decorations with paper and glue, Blue Peter style. This proved very competitive with everyone absorbed in the task. When time was up, the resulting chains were judged and then used to decorate the hall. Then members sat back to listen to the critique of entries given by Peter Castle, Maggie Wright and Toni Walton. Finally the results were announced and cups presented. Congratulations to the winners and well done all those who entered.



Thanks are due to the committee and everyone who helped with the organisation, Robert and Margaret Hollands for running the raffle, Anne Smith for making the punch and everyone who brought food and entries and helped to tidy up at the end of the day. A big thank you goes to Jo Castle and Lilian Rowson for organising the entries and adding up all the scores.



Competition Results

<u>Class</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Novice	Turn a given blank	Gareth Garner	Robin Thorogood	Malcolm Page
Intermediate	Turn a given blank	Mike Pollard	Gary Woodhouse	Paul Filsell
Advanced	Turn a given blank	Lynn Chambers	Richard Hasleden	Maggie Wright
Frank Elworthy Cup	Spindle turning	John Turner		
Charlie Newson Cup	Partner's Choice	Lynn Chambers		
Richard Hasleden Cup	Monthly Entries	Paul Filsell	Gareth Garner	Brian Blanks

First and Second Placed Entries



Above, by Gareth Garner.
Right, by Mike Pollard



Lynn Chambers' winning work.



Poppa beads by Richard Hasleden



Dungeness Ducks by John Turner.



Involuted work by Gary Woodhouse



Winners left to right, Gareth Garner, Mike Pollard, John Turner, Paul Filsell, Lynn Chambers
Notice the decorations in the background.

January Meeting

January 19th 10.00-4.00

AGM and Critique

Please bring some of your work for display.

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman and	
Competition Secretary	Peter Castle
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	John Turner
Events organiser	Greg Collett
Librarian	David Spice
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Involuted work by Robin Thorogood

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February Meeting

February 16th 10-00-4.00

Hands On. Spinning Top Challenge

Please bring tools and suitable wood eg branch wood.