



## WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

### DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Chairman Ian opened the meeting on time. He explained that the pictures on the table by the stage were of a replica of the Queen and Prince Phillip's wedding cake. 17 were made and a replica was made by Peek Frea'n's, the biscuit makers. However, the replica had been vandalised so the Sugarcraft Guild had made a replica. Sue, Ian's wife had been involved in the making and Ian was trying to claim he had also been involved. How many talents has this man got? The cake was 7 feet high. (hope I've got that right).



The main event was 3 members of this gallant band of brothers (and sisters) demonstrating their skills.

We had Jim Harris showing bird nesting boxes, Bob Eastabrook turning Christmas decorations and Dave Newson doing snowmen.



Whilst all this was going on we had an Open competition running. Thanks to our judges Ron Wicks and Mick Austin and also Colin Smith for the organisation.

We were a little short on entries in that we had 2 Beginners and 3 Intermediate.

The Beginners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Davies (Yew box with contrasting lid)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mick Hill (small box with finial)



Intermediate:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Blower (goblet)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Martin Shephard (Christmas tree)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barrie Fitch (Pen)



Advanced:

1st Colin Willetts (Yew bowl)

1<sup>st</sup> = Ian Rudge (Father Christmas)

3rd Bob Eastabrook (vase)



Best not to mention one of the judges attempted to sabotage Ian's entry.

The shop was being run by Penny Chatham in the absence of Dave Unsted, who was at Amberley assisting with the Kids Activity day.

Joyce Kenward and Val Newson were presented with bouquets as a thank you for all the service they have given running the Raffle and the refreshments during this year and many other years.

We also have to thank Sue Rudge for donating a fabulous cake for the raffle again.

Plus thanks to Gil Kenward for keeping us all supplied with timber during the year.

Some may remember at the last Kids Day we had a Storm Trooper this time we had the Bognor Regis Town Crier.

We have reason to believe Ray Burton was trying to get a job.

The Kids Activity days are going on for the next 2 weekends so if you know a child who would like to have a go at wood turning bring them down to Amberley Heritage Centre (if you are really old that's the Chalk Pits Museum).



She had a go at turning a bell. Surprise Surprise!!!!!!!

**The Chairman and Committee would like to wish all members a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.**

### **FOR SALE**

Rexon band saw floor standing max cut 6" max width 12"

Very clean

Contact Dave Unsted 01403 211077

### **Next month**

A talk by Graham Langford on shepherding (nearly got the spelling wrong there).