



WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Ian opened the meeting with a couple of notices. Firstly could anyone with cups or shields return them to Colin Smith for the January meeting. Secondly the Awards Evening will be held on 12th April so book it in your diary now.

Prior to getting under way Steve Savage presented bouquets to Joyce and Val as a thank you for their unceasing work in running the raffle and refreshments throughout the year. Joyce is always needing prizes so dig out those unwanted Christmas presents.



Dave Newson and Jim Harris were demonstrating Christmas decorations and things. Bob Eastabrook was due to be there as well but he has come down with the dreaded lurgy and was not feeling too well. Hope you recover soon Bob. We also had Dave Dean (aka Deano) demonstrating sharpening. He had such a crowd round him that I could not get a clear photo.

Chairman Ian was also showing the jig he made for sharpening. Plans may be available at a very reasonable cost.



As the coffee break approached the Hall was filled with the tantalising smell of mince pies and sausage rolls cooking in the kitchen. I think a big thank you is due to Val for providing them and cooking them.

In the absence of Dave and Keith who were at Amberley doing the Kids Activity days and Penny, who had an alternative source of entertainment Beth ran the shop.

Thanks go to Sue Rudge, who yet again produced a beautiful Christmas cake as an extra special Raffle prize.



And so we moved on to the main event of the day the competition. The requirements were for an item made of at least 2 different woods.



For the Beginners section the results were:

1st Stan Wright

2nd Alan Wallington

3rd = Scot Grant and Mark Smith

Someone had run off with one of the items before I got to take the photograph and I failed to note who had done what.



In the Intermediate section the results were:

1st Colin Smith (cake stand)

2nd Andy Heath (hollow form)

3rd Dave Harris (segmented bowl)

The reason for having 2 pictures is because Dave Harris tried to escape before I could take the photo.



For the Advanced section the results were:

1st = Terry Hooper (cryptograph) and Ian Rudge (hollow form on stand)

2nd Jim Harris (lidded box with finial)

3rd Gary Parkinson (bowl of cheerios with milk jug)

Gary's piece is rather hidden behind Ian's, which could be because according to the Judges the bowl was a little lacking in cheerios.

Thanks to the judges Paul Edwards and Mick Austin and of course to Colin Smith for organising the competition.

MEMBERS SHOW AND TELL TABLE



These boxes are by Gary Parkinson. As Gary admitted not much turning was involved but this is something that can be produced on a bandsaw.



These are from Terry Hooper. The large item did actually have a battery light in it.



These 2 items were by Paul Patterson.

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

I put out Chestnut's chart of compatibility for finishes a few days ago. If you want to see them in action try their You Tube channel

www.youtube.com/watch?v=TioiVF1te1o

LOST

At the end of the meeting a bag of Sorby gouges was discovered on the stage. Our gallant chairman took charge of them. I assume he will return them to the owner but of course he may be holding them to ransom.

ADVANCE WARNING:

The first 3 weekends of December are Kids Activity days at Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre. As usual Keith Greenfield is on the look out for volunteers. We need turners, meters and greeters, drillers and decorators.

If you have a child, grandchild who would like to have a go bring them along and they could end up with a beautiful Christmas tree decoration.

NEXT MONTH:

The meeting on 6th January is "Green woodworking" a talk with demonstration.