



WEST SUSSEX WOODTURNERS

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

Chairman Ian opened the meeting with a few notices. First off was the fact that we can no longer get a discount from Axminster, which after all these years is very disappointing.

We are looking to improve our camera system so Colin Willetts doesn't have to stand there getting covered in shavings when we have the professional demonstrators. If anyone knows anything about video cameras etc. or knows of someone who does could they please contact Ian.

Ian also asked if anyone would be interested in an exhibition at The Oxo Gallery in London for an exhibition called Celebrate British Craft. It appears entry to the exhibition is free.

Today was a floor day with 3 of our experienced turners demonstrating their skills with turning beads, coves and straight sections. All 3 were volunteers (so I was told by Ian although the demonstrators didn't seem so certain).

Our demonstrators were (in no particular order) Tom Bradbury, Terry Hooper and Dave Unsted. Whilst our esteemed Chairman demonstrated sharpening using his own Sharpening system (pat. pending). Perhaps I should say Ian volunteered himself as our usual sharpening guru Dave Dean was involved with the competition judging. I think I would have picked the sharpening myself Dave (well at least you remembered your specs).





Tom, as usual, was demonstrating his skill with the infamous Skew chisel. Terry I noticed had a couple of Beading tools amongst others and Dave seemed to be showing how to use a Spindle gouge (mainly) although I did spot him using his Roughing gouge.

The competition results were:

For the Beginners section the results were:

- 1st Mick Coomber**
- 2nd Will Geyelin**
- 3rd Penny Chatham**



In the Intermediate section the results were:

1st Paul Patterson

2nd Rob Hudson

3rd Stan Wright



For the Advanced section the results were:

1st Ian Rudge

2nd Stewart Furini

3rd Jim Harris



The order of places is from the bottom of the picture upwards. The judging was undertaken by Ron Wickes and Dave Dean. Thanks go to them for a great job. Colin Smith also thanked all those who took part and commented that we had a good number of entries especially from the Intermediates, which was quite unusual.

MEMBERS SHOW AND TELL TABLE





The 2 vases were by Paul Patterson. The box was by Gary Parkinson. The 3 bowls are from Alan Wallington. The tiled bowl and the segmented bowl are by Jim Harris with the details of how he made them. The 2 toys are by Terry Hooper. There were also 2 vases but the picture was too fuzzy to show. Apologies for the mess up.

I gather that the Awards Evening was a great success the winners of the evenings competition were:

- 1st Colin Willetts
- 2nd Ray Burton
- 3rd Gary Parkinson

I don't have photos at present but will hopefully include them in next months gripping Newsletter.

ADVANCE WARNING:

The next competition due for June is a candle holder, which must face both spindle work and cross grain work.

NEXT MONTH:

Is a member led floor day details to be announced.