



January 2026

Winter Social Sees Splendid Support

On a wet and miserable Sunday in December, the village hall seemed even more welcoming than usual as members arrived for the winter social and competitions. Tables and chairs were arranged and everything set up for the event. Entries were recorded under the supervision of Jo Castle and June Pollard who would also be collating all the results.

As usual, Chairman, Maggie Wright, began proceedings with the notices and also few words about the excellent venue and the friendliness of the club.

There was definitely a warm atmosphere as members got down to the serious business of judging.

It was very encouraging to see so many entries in all classes, particularly the novices who are sometimes rather shy about showing their work, feeling it is not good enough. Competition however, encourages a higher standard of work as was evident from the submissions.



Members judging the three classes.

As judging drew to a close, Mike Pollard and team organised the heating of food and the buffet lunch was set out.

Members were soon enjoying the lovely array of food along with punch and wine.

With appetites satisfied, members were grouped into teams of three or four for the afternoon entertainment. This was organised by Maggie aided by Anne Smith. There were various tasks set out on the tables and each team had a minute to learn the task and five minutes to complete it before moving on to the next. Maggie was the timekeeper. Due to the over enthusiasm of the teams, time ran out before they had completed all the tasks which meant there could be no overall winner. It was however, great fun especially as the prizes which were sweets, were shared by everyone.

Following the fun and games the usual appraisal of the entries took place. Members said a little about their piece and certificates and cups were presented. So proceedings came to an end.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful day, particularly Jo Castle and June Pollard who are not actually members, and of course the committee.

Thank you to all members and friends who attended and contributed to the buffet lunch.

Competition Results

Novice Class.	A bowl no larger than 6" diameter. First Anastasia Malaveta. Joint second Lelly James and Ray French.
Intermediate Class.	A lidded box. Joint first Malcolm Page and Howard Baldock. Third Adam Baker.
Advanced Class	A lidded box or bowl with added decoration. First Robert Hollands. Second Jim Moger. Third Maggie Wright.
Frank Elworthy Cup	Spindle turning with a difference. Sandra Day.
Charles Newson Cup	Partners' choice Pete Hawes.
Richard Hasleden Cup	Monthly Competition Rick Thompson.
Member of the Year Trophy	Lelly James.



Winners left to right. Lelly James, Rick Thompson, Anastasia Malaveta, Howard Baldock, Pete Hawes, Malcolm Page, Sandra Day and Robert Hollands.



Robert Hollands winning entry in the Advanced class



Anastasia Malaveta won the Novice class with her bowl.



Right, Howard Baldock's pot was placed joint first with the natural edge bowl, above right, turned by Malcolm Page.





The Charlie Newson Cup was won by Pete Hawes with his lidded box.



Rick Thompson won the Richard Hasleden Cup. His final entry of the year was a bud vase.



Sandra Day's pair of candlesticks with opposing twists won The Founder's Cup

The Your Way Project

The subject for the January Your Way Project is a belated Christmas tree ornament.

The Richard Hasleden Cup

The results of the Richard Hasleden monthly competition were very close. With the handicap system in place any turner could have won if entries were submitted every month so do have a go this year starting in January.

January Meeting

January 18th 10.00 - 16.00

AGM and Critique

Do come along and support your club by sharing your views and voting.

The business part of the meeting is followed by a display and discussion of members' work.

Please bring some of your turnings to share your ideas with others. Even work that went wrong can provide valuable tips for all of us.

Thank you

Over the last year, members have regularly helped at meetings alongside the committee. Mike Moon has kept us supplied with tea and coffee.

Adrian Dubery has run the raffle. Brian Rowson and his team regularly arrived early to set up the audio visual system. Then of course there are those who help prepare the hall for the meetings and who help clear up afterwards not forgetting all the committee members who work hard behind the scenes.

A big thank you to them all.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due this month, either as an annual payment or in two six monthly instalments.

February Meeting

February 15th 10.00 - 16.00

Arthur Kingdon

Arthur is passionate about turning wooden boxes with complex designs using ornamental lathes.

Chairman	Maggie Wright
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Competition Secretary	Peter Castle
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