



Another Sunny Summer Social

The Summer Social and Competitions took place last month. The weather was fine, perfect for the green woodworkers' and bodgers' outside displays and of course the barbecue itself.

The morning began with the usual hubbub of preparations and entries being handed in as members and guests arrived.

After the notices competition secretary, John Packer, ran through the criteria for judging namely, does the entry fulfil the brief, how well made is it and do you like it? This was a good guide for members to consider. Then the judging took place alongside coffee and chats.

There was a quiz to attempt for the quieter moments and of course the outside displays for everyone's interest and education.

John Burbage was the pole lathe turner and had a display of lovely items that he makes.

Richard Vidal helped members to make willow structures including obelisks.

Emma and Dan Leach were making shrink pots and Snowy was demonstrating her lovely brushes. Richard Bingham had his beautiful trugs on display and traditional tools such as hay rakes.

It takes time and effort for the bodgers to set up these displays and our thanks go to all of them for adding to the day's success by showing their skills and providing the opportunity for members to have a go.



During the morning, Mike Pollard and Brian Rowson were very busy in the kitchen preparing the meat for Gareth Garner and Fred Mitchell to finish cooking on the barbecue. Thank you to them for their hard work.

With appetising smells wafting around, lunch was ready and enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the food with a lovely choice of accompaniments.

Lunch was followed by the raffle ably run by Adrian Dubery. Thank you Adrian.

With everyone replete and relaxed it was time for the main event of the afternoon, the competition results.

There was a good entry for the advanced and open classes but only two in the intermediate which was disappointing given the capabilities of those turners. The standard of the novices in the club is such that they could all have produced something worthy of entering. Hopefully there will be more entries for the winter competition.

There was an amazing variety of interpretation of the subject which had to be something dynamic or which moved in some way.

The usual format followed with makers invited to say a few words about their entries before winners were announced.

Competition Results

Class	Subject	First	Second	Third
Novice	Heath Robinson	Keith Peirce	Keith Youngs	Lelly James
Intermediate	ie something dynamic	Anne Smith	Malcolm Page	
Advanced	that moves in some way.	John Turner	Mike Moon	Mike Pollard
Founder's Cup	Innovation in shape and form.	Sandra Day		
Bill Thurlow Cup	Partners' choice.	John Turner		
Novice cup base to be turned by a novice.		Keith Peirce		



Prizewinners, left to right, Keith Peirce, Anne Smith, John Turner and Sandra Day.



Keith Peirce's racing car won the Novice class.



Sandra Day won the Founder's Cup with her Russian doll style pigs.



Anne Smiths' musical rabbit in a hat won the Intermediate class.



John Turner won the Advanced class and the Bill Thurlow Cup with matching massive speakers.



Once again members enjoyed a lovely day with good food and good company.

As usual the success of the day depends on the hard work of everyone, particularly the committee and regular helpers supplying the refreshments and organising the event.

Special thanks to June Pollard and Lilian Rowson for cataloguing the entries and collating the scores.

Thank you to all those involved with preparations and clearing up at the end of the day.

Richard Hasleden Cup Entries



Michael Hone turned a lamp.



Keith Peirce turned this square edge bowl.



Child's bookends with turned fungi by Sandra Day.



Dibber by Keith Youngs.



Lignum vitae pot with acacia lid turned by Jacob McCarthy.



Brian Pope's rectangular edge bowl.

Your Way Project

There was no Your Way Project in July.

Following Fred Mitchell's hands on demonstration in June, the subject for this month is a garden dibber. See your July newsletter for details of the project.

August Meeting

August 16th 10.00-16.00

Hands On with Rick Thompson.

In a change to the advertised programme Rick will be demonstrating yoyo making.

Please bring your tools and blanks as follows. You will need to bring 2 square face grain blanks length 70mm x width 70mm x 24mm deep each please. One side of each one should be sanded flat to about 240 grit. You may want to bring a couple of pairs of blanks in case you want to make a couple of yo-yos.

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman	Mike Pollard
Competition Secretary	John Packer
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	John Turner
Events organiser	Mike Pollard
Librarian	Gareth Garner
Newsletter editor	Sandra Day
A-V co-ordinator	Brian Rowson
Hands On	Pete Hawes
Webmaster	Rick Thompson
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September Meeting

September 20th 10.00-16.00

Hands On with Mike Gordon

Turning a spurtle - more skew work

Please bring your tools and blanks.

Blanks need to be 8"-10" long x 1.5"(200 -250mm x 38mm square or pre-turned to 35mm diameter.