



Sunshine and Showers at the Summer Social

Last month members arrived for the summer social and competitions undeterred by the weather not looking quite so summery. The usual preparations were in progress as competition entries were submitted and food was laid out.

Chairman Maggie Wright, welcomed everyone and introduced the guests who had set up displays for members to enjoy. Darren Hood is the chairman of the Association of Pole Lathe Turners and Green Woodworkers. Darren was demonstrating making fan birds. Richard Vidall had brought some willow for members to try weaving simple designs and Claudine Cecil was carving spoons and had an impressive display of her work. They were joined by Snowy Tree, a bodger who was demonstrating the art of making brushes.

After the general notices, Peter Castle ran through the judging procedures. He also announced that he was stepping back from his role as competition secretary and Mike Gordon would be taking over until the AGM when a new competition secretary would be officially elected. A big thank you to Peter for running the competitions over the last ten years.



Members were then invited to begin judging. There were quizzes to keep everyone occupied during the morning as well as chatting over coffee.

After judging there was a tool and book sale held outside alongside the displays

Left, Richard Vidall giving tuition in willow weaving.

Right, Claudine Cecil displays some of her spoons which can take many hours to carve.



Gazebos were erected to protect against showers rather than the sun as in past years.

The tool sale went well and members were able to acquire some useful tools and also books at bargain prices. Thank you Rick and Debbie Thompson for selling the books and Anne Smith for pricing them all.

After a busy morning it was time for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the food, usual beverages and wine and punch.

Many thanks to Mike Pollard and team for their hard work cooking the meat, Anne Smith for making the punch and to all those who helped and provided accompaniments. A special thank you to Gareth Garner who made the actual barbecue for the club.

With appetites satisfied, it was time to turn our attention to the competitions.

Led by Maggie Wright and Peter Castle, entrants were invited to say a few words about their work before the results were announced.

The standard of work was high and everyone deserves to be pleased with their entries.

Competition Results

Class	Subject	First	Second	Third
Novice	Something magical for a child.	Keith Youngs	Brian Pope	Marc Mearns
Intermediate	A Finish to be Proud of.	Anne Smith	Mike Gordon	Adam Baker
Advanced	Lord of the rings.	John Turner	Sandra Day	Mike Pollard
Founder's Cup	Innovation in shape and form.	Rick Thompson	Gareth Garner	Maggie Wright
Bill Thurlow Cup	Partners' choice.	Pete Hawes		



Winners left to right, John Turner, Pete Hawes, Keith Youngs, Rick Thompson and Anne Smith.



Above left, Pete Hawes' entry was chosen by the partners and right, Keith Youngs' Jack in the box won the novice class.



John Turner's large segmented entry with John behind to show the scale. This won the advanced class.



Anne Smith won the intermediate class.



Rick Thompson won the Founder's Cup with this piece.

The summer social takes a lot of organisation to make it the success it is. All members of the committee do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes and deserve a big thank you. Jo Castle and Sue Hawes do a vital job on the day accepting all the entries and collating all the scores and Jo organises all the printing of forms etc so a special thank you to them for their time and work.

Thank you also to regulars, Adrian Dubery for running the raffle and Mike Moon for organising tea and coffee.

Winter Competitions

Class	Subject
Novice	A Turned Bowl no larger than 6"/150mm in diameter
Intermediate	A Lidded Box
Advanced	A Lidded Bowl or Box with Decorative Features
Frank Elworthy Cup	Spindle Turning with a Difference
Charles Newson Cup	Partners Choice

August Meeting

August 17th 10.00 - 16.00

Hands on with Gareth Garner

Turning a bird's mouth bowl.

Please bring your tools and blanks approx
3 x 3 branch wood, green or sear.

Your Way Project

The subject for the August meeting is a whistle.

This is not a competition but something of interest to get everyone turning.

For September you are invited to make a bird's mouth bowl so do come along for Gareth's demonstration this month.

September Meeting

September 21st 10.00 -16.00

Hands on with Rick Thompson

Turning a party popper canon.

Please bring your tools and blanks

60mm x 60mm x 200mm long soft or hardwood

Chairman	Maggie Wright
Vice Chairman	Peter Castle
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	John Turner
Events organiser	Mike Pollard
Librarian	Gareth Garner
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