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An Associated Club of the AWGB

So here we are at the final meeting of the year. Doesn't time fly when you're having fun.

Prior to kick off Ian made a couple of announcements firstly sign up quick for the annual dinner, secondly Ted Hickford was unable to visit today as he was apparently unwell. He is hoping to get along in the New Year (that's a bit scary saying New Year now). Most you will not know who Ted was so I will fill you in. Ted served 2 terms as Chairman quite a few years ago when the Chairman could only hold office for a couple of years. Rumour has it that he was asked to stand a second time as no-one could believe how bad his jokes were. The membership soon found out that they were no better the second time around. The third item was to ask members to come up with ideas for the hands on days.

Steve Savage then mentioned that members were covered for outside activities by the Club's insurance. However, to be covered a Risk Assessment has to be done it is up to you to complete the Risk Assessment yourself.

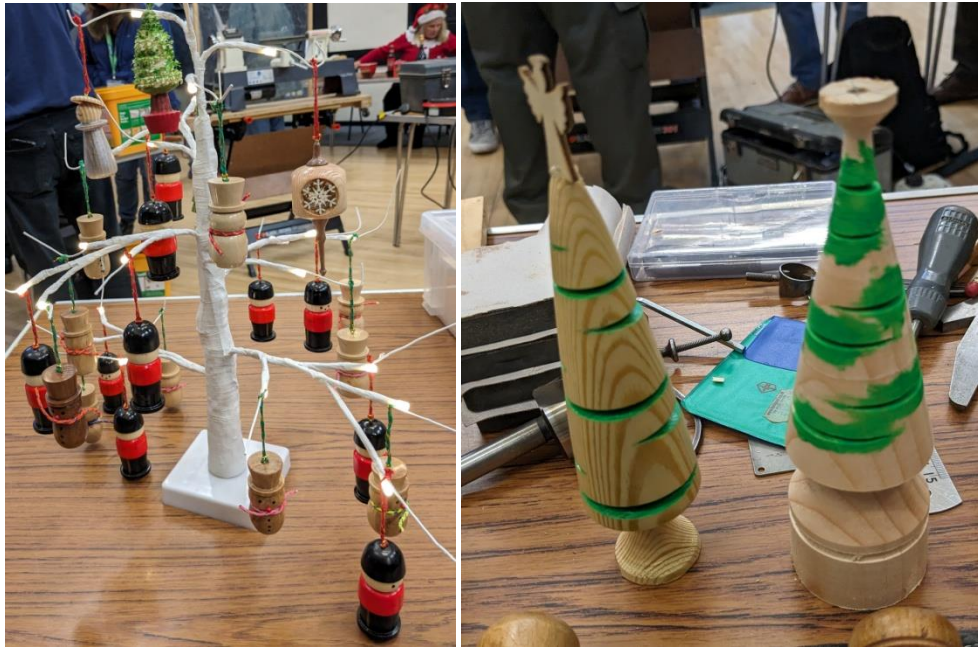
We also have to thank Sue Rudge for making and donating a cake as a raffle prize and cooking the sausage rolls and mince pies. I did notice many leaving after the festive refreshments.

Subscriptions are now due so please contact Colin Willetts to pay asap as this is your last chance. Otherwise you may be thrown out on your ear.

And so we come to the main event of the day. Ray had persuaded Stan Wright, Tom Bradbury and Dave Burton to demonstrate their skills in making Christmas ornaments.



Dave Burton looks far too happy at least the other two look like they are working. From prior experience I got in quick to take the photos. Being vertically challenged I often have trouble seeing what's going on. The major excitement (after the mince pies and sausage rolls) was Stan Wright attempting to steal one of the club lathes by claiming his chuck had fused itself to the lathe. Luckily for us Terry Hooper appeared with a large wrench. A few stood back in case Terry was going to hit Stan but he managed to free the chuck and so saved the day.



The above are some items Stan and Dave did in true Blue Peter fashion.

We then had the competition results, judged by Terry Hooper and Paul Edwards.

BEGINNERS

1st Nigel Curry



2nd Richard Foster



3rd Martin Lott



INTERMEDIATE

1st Barry Chitty



2nd Sam Crick

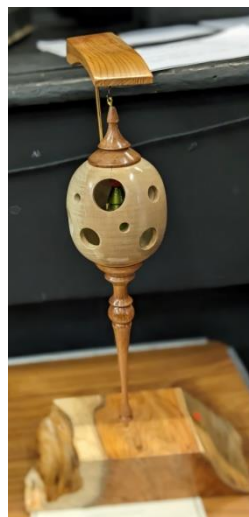


3rd Ray Thompson



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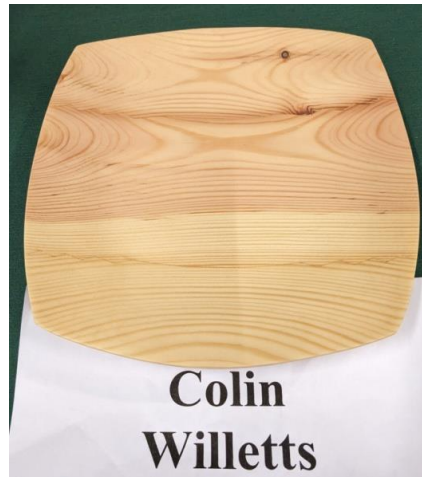
1st Stan Wright



2nd Ian Rudge



MEMBERS SHOW AND TELL TABLE:



The bottom picture is by a member who failed to put his name on despite reminding everyone else to put their name on. No need to mention names I think.

The Newsletter editorial team (that my daughter and I) would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NEXT MONTH: A Hands on morning hopefully demonstrating Simon Hope's hollowing tools, and any new turning tools with a chance to try these for yourselves.