

WSWC club meeting – Monday 16th December 2024
25th Anniversary social get-together

Club News

Last meeting

We had a wonderful evening celebrating the club's 25th anniversary where we enjoyed a social event with refreshments and a lavish buffet laid on for all to enjoy.



The catering was expertly planned and prepared by our chairman's mum, Steff who kindly helped throughout the and provided a delicious and very varied range of finger food. Tic was on the 'bar' and was very proficient opening bottles of alcohol free but very nice fizzy wine amongst a range of other soft drinks.



Martin was our very busy Elf on the evening and carefully prepared the raffle.



Stuart introduced an illustrated presentation slideshow that covered some of the founding members, demonstrators and supporting members who have unfortunately passed away over the years. He included examples of members work and it was well-received by all.



Stuart had been very busy over the last few months 'obtaining' a vast range of donated raffle prizes from many woodturning suppliers and members.

There were many lovely prizes including generous vouchers, finishes, blanks, tools, books, wine, gin and even two scarves.





Our Treasurer, Pat Yates, received a standing ovation and applause in honour for holding the office since the first meeting in 1999 and a presentation was made.

Recognition and thanks were made to our volunteer tea and coffee makers, Malcolm Keer and Christine Bugg, who have provided us with refreshment during our meetings. They were presented with some Christmas goodies.



Rapturous applause was also made when Stuart's mum, Steff, was thanked and presented with a flowering plant as a gesture for her hard work volunteering to supply and prepare the evenings buffet and drinks.



The evening was rounded up with tea and coffee with the last of the cakes and nibbles.

All the proceeds of the large and generous raffle have been split equally as donations to the East Anglian Children's Hospice and St. Elizabeths Hospice, a total of £280 was raised.

The generous raffle prizes donated for the evening are listed below in no particular order

Ashley Iles - All Rounder Gouge
Simon Hope - Medium Grub Screw Handle
Emma Cook - Chameleon Powder, Size and Brush
Lynn @ Jo Sonja - Paints and brush cleaner
Martin Pidgon Timber- Various Timber Blanks
Odies Oil UK - Jar of Odies oil and finishing pads
SK Krafts - £25 Voucher
Classic Hand Tools - £150 Voucher
Woodart Products - Handy Light
Nash Timbers - Various Timber Blanks
Chestnut Finishes - 6 Cans of Aerosol Finishes
GMC Publications - Mark Baker Weekend Projects Book
Hampshire Sheen - 2 Cans of Hampshire Sheen Finishing Products
Crown Hand Tools UK - Set of 5 micro turning tools
Adrian From Axminster Tools - 2 pieces of turned fruit, made at the Harrogate Woodworking Show
Ian Cameron - Bottle of Wine
John French - Crown Hollowing Tool
Nigel & Christine Bugg - 2 Bottles of wine & 2 Mystery prizes
John Woods - 2 bottles of wine

It was a fabulous evening and the club is very pleased to extend a big thank you to all those woodturning and craft suppliers and members who donated the lovely prizes.

We give a big thank you to all those who helped and organised the evening, especially our Chairman, Stuart, who made this a very successful and fitting celebration – here's to the next 25 years!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Neil (Newsletter and website)

Members Table

Right: Ian Cameron's delightful hobbit mushroom houses made from yew branch with natural edge approximately 14cm or 5.5 inches tall.

These exceptionally well finished houses complete with chimney had been hollowed and fitted with a LED light module to cast light through little windows and a door.

Ian had made these as a 'limited' edition Christmas Cameron gift for his family, each accompanied with a lovely designed printed certificate. This example was number 14.



Left and below: Martin Taylors amusing and very well-made Gonks, approximately 8cm or 3 inch tall using a variety of wood types.

Martin has a talent for producing fascinating little figures and these were really fun. We are not sure where he obtains the hair and we haven't asked...

