

DECEMBER 2019

QUIZ-NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

JANUARY MEETING: -

Monday 6th January 2020: - *Turn-in.*

The January 'Turn-In' will have 6 lathes, each with a Lathe Master. Bob Hope will be supplying each lathe with a similar sized wooden blank for making a shallow bowl or platter, and we are hoping to persuade members to form teams to produce an item from the blank.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Monday 3rd February 2020: - Segmented Bracelet demonstration by Ben Dick.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

The Christmas Quiz night and Annual Competition was attended by 36 members and 11 guests, including **Les Thorne** who is our honorary member, giving a total of 47 on the night.

The evening consisted of the usual general knowledge Quiz of eight subjects, the Raffle, a magnificent spread of food created by **Susan Barnes**, and the Club Christmas Challenge. The subject of this year's challenge was "Something powered by Wind" with prizes going to the 'Most aesthetically Pleasing', and the 'Most Functional'. The wind was provided by a Hair Dryer and / or a fan.

All Competition entries were placed on the display table at the beginning of the evening so members and visitors could examine and check them over at their leisure.

The quiz this year was compared by our very own **Mike Dutton** (who also doubles as our HWA Treasurer) who took to the stage to quell the rebellious hordes should there be any dissent from the members, and to host the evening.

Members and their guests arrived and took their places at the tables (some armed with alcohol from the bar). There was a total of six teams who each gave themselves some pretty bizarre Team Names.

The rules of the evening were explained by Mike who basically said that the Compere is always right if there is a contested answer...!

The subjects of the quiz were "**Christmas**", "**Connections 1**" and "**Connections 2**", followed by the "**Picture Round**", "**Movies**", "**Who am I**", "**Sport**" and "**General Knowledge**" rounds.

After Round 4 we had the break for the Fabulous Festive Food that was very kindly, and very professionally, prepared by **Susan Barnes**, with free Tea and Coffee, produced by our famous Tea and Coffee makers. During this half-time break our illustrious Chairman **Dave Gibbard** invited all the five (5) members who had produced items for the Competition to "Display their Wares".

Unbeknown to most of us **Dave Gibbard** had secretly recruited some select members of the congregation to act as Judges for the "Most Aesthetic" aspect of the Christmas Competition entries. These covert judges had done their work and reported their findings back to **Dave**, who then invited the entrants to take their creations up to the stage where the electric hairdryer and fan were waiting.

The winner of 'The most Functional' aspect of the challenge was to be decided by the volume and longevity of clapping from the crowd, with **Dave G** being the adjudicator.

The first entry was a set of beautifully turned 'Christmas Trees' made by **Brian Eyley**.



Brian had turned a selection of trees, each tree was a different size, but each had a rounded base so that it freely wobbled. The trees were randomly placed on the table by **Brian** who then selected and turned on the hairdryer, they all

realistically wobbled and swayed in the breeze from the hairdryer and looked great. An effective and lovely piece to grace any Christmas display.

Next up was **Tom James** who had made a very nice but rather rude "Santa on skis" towing a sleigh filled with toys and food that included some Brussel sprouts...!! **Tom** removed Santa's hat and raised him to his mouth then turned Santa face down, he placed



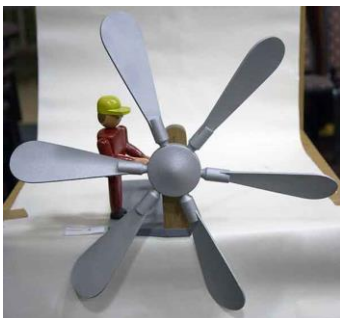
one of the Brussel sprouts near poor Santa's bottom and as he blew into Santa's neck the Brussel sprout was blown upwards as if by a giant 'fart'. This raised a tremendous laugh. On a trial

earlier **Tom** had 'Santa's Sprout' hovering on an invisible column of air causing it to spin and dance.



After that was **Keith Barnes** and his very well turned and expertly painted "Seagull" on a spike. This beautifully made Seagull with its well balanced and free moving contra-rotating wings 'wind-milled' like crazy when the hairdryer was directed on it. The Seagull looked very good and was also very impressive when in full flight.

Then came **Dave Gibbard's** masterpiece a "Boat on a sea scape" which was resting on wheels. She was a hollowed-out hull with a topical HWA logo. With the hair dryer blowing straight into her billowing sail she raced across the table and was only narrowly saved from oblivion and falling off the end of the earth by the lightning fast reflexes of **Mike Dutton** who caught it before it plummeted. Dave's boat had a turn of speed to match the Cutty Sark... and earned itself a goodly round of applause.



Lastly up was a "Whirligig" by **Dave Simpson**. It depicted a man at a lathe turning an 'off-centre' bowl. When the hairdryer wind hit the large propeller blades the 'off-centre' bowl on the lathe turned, and caused the

woodturner-man to swivel, and his arm holding the gouge to move back and forth.

According to the Chairman's 'clap-ometer' this entry was deemed to be the winner of the "Most Functional" aspect of the competition. It was also selected as the "Most aesthetically Pleasing" of the five entries by the secret judges, and so has the honour of being the first ever Christmas Competition entry to win both elements of the competition.

Many thanks to **Pete Broadbent** for the photographs.

Steve Jones then took command of the microphone and commenced the Christmas Raffle, which was full of seasonal treats and some obligatory woodturning prizes. There was a great selection of items for the raffle winners to choose from, including some homemade Mulled Wine syrup made by **Steve's wife**, and I was lucky enough to have the winning ticket and my wife **Gail** chose this. It was delicious. Thank you for a very seasonal and upbeat Raffle **Steve**.

The second part of the Quiz evening started after the Competition Prizes, and Raffle Prizes had been claimed, and the collective brain cells of the members and their guests were further tested by remaining quiz rounds. (see the Quiz Results sheet at the end of this write-up).

The evening was enjoyed by the participating Club members, their guests and the competition entrants. The Christmas Quiz and Challenge event is a well-established part of the HWA calendar, and is a fun and very sociable evening.

We do need more entries into all the Challenge Competitions that we run at the club. Our Club has a very good reputation amongst guest speakers and demonstrators (who carry out the Critique of items on display) who say we always have a tremendous amount of very good quality items for the table. It is therefore a pity that this is not reflected in a larger club-member participation in the Challenge as we are all very capable of creating fun items that suit the brief for the challenge.

If anybody has any ideas as to the subject of our next Club Challenge, please pass it on a member of the Committee. Thank you.

LES THORNE- BEGINNERS COURSE 24TH JANUARY 2020

Les Thorne is going to be running a Beginners Course in **Basic Spindle and Bowl Turning** at his workshop in Arlesford.

The course is on Friday 24th January at his workshop in Alresford, Hampshire SO24 9EB, all materials provided, and the cost is £125 per person for the day.

This course is designed to assist both new turners and to improve the skills of more experienced turners. Please contact **Les Thorne** to arrange your place if interested via the attached link les.thorne@noturningback.co.uk

MINSTEAD TRUST



HWA have been affiliated to the Minstead Trust for several years now and are looking for new members to help with this very worthwhile cause.

Les Barrow is one of the HWA members who gives some of his time to the Trust. Here are some words from Les:-

I have been a club member for a few years now and enjoy the tutorials and company. However, I have never plucked up the courage to submit anything for the 'Club table'.

I turn frequently and am quite happy with my results - indeed some is acceptable enough to grace our home! However, I do not consider myself as a 'good' turner, just mildly acceptable, I am however proud of the quality of the tea I dispense during the meetings!

I was once told by a wise person that *'to be a teacher you just need to know slightly more than the pupil'* and hence, I do volunteer to help out at Minstead one morning a month and help the students produce some acceptable work. The students want to be there and are keen to learn and my limited turning skills are more than adequate for the task. So, the purpose of my letter is to encourage some more of you to join the Minstead crew, its rewarding, gets you on a lathe and the tea is free! If you are apprehensive, curious or consider yourselves 'inadequate' like me then talk to Alan or any of us volunteers and come along one Monday or Thursday for a no obligation trial/chat. Thumb screws are not employed, and you may fancy joining as either a regular or back up turner. Trust me YOU are good enough

Les Barrow.

JOKE CORNER

Q) How do trees feel in Springtime?

A) 'Relieved'...

Q) Why was the cat afraid of the Tree?

A) 'Because of its Bark'.

HWA WEBSITE

We are always looking for items to be posted on our Website. So, if you are considering making something unusual, or that you feel that may be of general interest to other turners, please document your methods and take some photographs of it in various stages of construction. If you then send your creation

to our Web master **Phil Bristow** he can put it on the HWA website and it will get a global audience.

Phil has kindly supplied the website viewing stats for Nov 2018-19 – take a look below:

Home page / Archives	4,480
3 Wheeled Steady Rest	1,126
Trading Post	1,075
Very Useful Wooden jaws	654
Event Calendar	626
About Us & Where to find Us	598
Your Turn – newsletter	506
Contact Us	359
Turning 'BIC' Pens – John Holden	349
Turn Yourself	346
Segmented bowl – Phil Bristow	253
Joining us – Membership	207
Paper Seed Pot Maker – Alan Sturgess	167
Links	134
Competition time	126
2nd July – Jim Overton Inlaying with Milliput	120
Presentations/Demonstrations	111
Charity work	99
Valentine Bowl – Dave Gibbard	94
Segmented off centre vase – Phil Bristow	81
Tutorials	80
Cocktail stick dispenser – Mike Haselden	79
7 January 2013 – Steven Daysh	57
8th May – Tony Halcrow, Multi-Centre Turning	50
"You-Tubers"	42
Image viewed: Tony Liddington 2 Sycamore Wax	33
Image viewed: Tony Liddington 1 Apple Wax	30
Image viewed: Mike Haselden 3 Monkey Puzzle Oil	29
Image viewed: Thomas Pine Unknown wood Friction finish	29
Image viewed: Harry Buttler 2 Beech Wax	27
Image viewed: Harry Woolhead Lemon	27
Image viewed: Mike Haselden 2 Acer Sanding sealant	26
Image viewed: Tony Liddington 3 Cedar Wax	26

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

I hope you all enjoy good health and happiness and that Santa is kind to you all, and we will catch up in the new year at the January Turn-in.

Happy Christmas

Dave Simpson

CHRISTMAS QUIZ RESULTS

	Round 1 Christmas	Round 2 Connections 1	Round 3 Connections 2	Round 4 Picture Round	Round 5 Movies	Round 6 Who Am I?	Round 7 Support	Round 8 General Knowledge	Totals
Rafflers	8	8	6	6	10	10	4	8	68
AA	7	7	4	8	5	2	5	6	50
Woodentops	7	5	8	6	9	6	5	6	58
 SpecialNeeds	8	8	9	8	10	6	4	8	70
5R and 2C	7	6	5	9	6	10	4	4	55
Could do Better	7	8	8	2	7	6	2	5	52

Scores marked in red are those that the Joker was used to Double the score.

Congratulations to 'SpecialNeeds', our Christmas club champions 2019!