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DIBDEN PURLIEU FLOWER SHOW

The annual show at St.Andrew's is a good old fashioned village get-together where everyone engages in friendly rivalry while competing for the cups and trophies in the classes for fruit, vegetables, flowers, baking, wine or even "A Small Piece of Woodcarving". This year our club entered seven carvings in that category and we were the only ones to do so and therefore were sure to walk off with the prizes. We even had one of our own to do the judging in Allan Mechen, but he had no prior knowledge as to who had carved what and after careful consideration he awarded first to Cec Clarke for his Lily, second to Roger for his plane and third to Pippa for her Hippo.



The Entries



Hard at Work



Pippa on Duty

Of course we also had the usual display of our work along with one or two doing a bit of demonstrating, so anyone visiting the show was certainly aware of us and what we do which can only be a good thing in terms of publicity and perhaps recruiting new members.

BEAULIEU TRACTOR EVENT

A couple of us were kept waiting at the reception area for half an hour or so because the organisers seemed unaware that we woodcarvers were attending – despite the fact that the majority of us were already on site in the top field! Never mind, we all got there in the end and although it was a bit soggy underfoot with a stiff breeze and the threat of further rain, our marquee and display looked marvellous; we even had our new banner up which added a bit of class.



Very Professional



The cold kept the purple largely hidden



Hubble bubble.....

LYMINGTON EXHIBITION

After setting up on the previous Friday night, we turned up on Saturday morning to a gorgeous sunny day at St. Thomas's church hall with plenty of help from the Sway, Mudeford and Oaklands groups to lay out the two hundred plus carvings that made such a fine display for the people of Lymington and all the visitors from far and wide.

A new feature this year was to use our marquee which was set up in the courtyard between the hall and the church which we used as an al fresco workshop with a number of benches and workmates allowing us to sit and carve in a cool and shady environment. Having thrown open the folding glass doors of the hall we made it easy for visitors to wander out for a chat and to see what we were doing. Weather permitting, this is something that we will definitely repeat in the future.



A grand way to spend the day



Cecil & Pete

Visitor numbers definitely seemed to be up this year as the 200 programmes that were printed began to get dangerously low towards four o'clock, even allowing for the return of the unwanted ones. The kitchen also did very well this year and all told we made a profit of around £260 – about £20 up on last year, so well done to all who contributed in whatever way.



A fine display



Bob Young's "Mallard". Winner of the people's vote

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - notes for your diary

SEPTEMBER

Friday 20th -----Social - Roger Plant
The History of Sticks & Staffs

OCTOBER

Thursday 3rd -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

Thursday 17th -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

Thursday 31st -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

NOVEMBER

Thursday 14th -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

Thursday 28th -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

DECEMBER

Thursday 12th -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

Friday 20th -----Social – Christmas Party & Woodblock judging
Remember you need to finish your carvings by this date and the theme is, “Something in a Band”



Simplicity is the extreme degree of sophistication.

Leonardo da Vinci

