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CHRISTMAS MEETING

With over thirty people in the hall in for our festive meeting it must have been some sort of record for the Waterside Woodcarvers. We had to keep finding extra chairs as people just kept on coming but eventually everyone was seated albeit a bit higgledy-piggledy. But even with all those people we were still missing Ann and Roger with Ann unfortunately remaining in hospital following her stroke, so the meeting was chaired by Pippa.

The first item on the agenda was “Jenga”, the game which takes its name from the Swahili word for “to build”. We played this the previous year and it was just as tense this time with a lot of jollity and chit-chat to start with gradually developing into silent tension with the pile of wooden bricks becoming ever more precarious as we removed them from below and placed them on the top. Of course, it can’t go on forever and as both Diane and Kate found there comes a time when you push things just a bit too far and the whole lot comes crashing down.



Di carefully explains the rules.....



.....and Diane completely disregards them

cont.

As members had come into the room at the start, those who had risen to the woodblock challenge placed their entries on the cloth-draped table and were given a number to preserve anonymity ready for the judging. This is a rather informal competition in that everyone, carver or guest, gets to vote for their favourite piece with the winner getting to hold the Fountain Cup for a year. The theme was “It Flies” and so we had ten entries encompassing all sorts of interpretations including balloons, flying fish, birds and butterflies but the winner turned out to be a Magic Carpet carved by Allan Mechen.



The entries



and the winner

This year we added another competition for all those who had carved what has generally become the second carving to be undertaken by our beginners after the dolphin, namely the Leaf Bowl. We had three entries and the winner turned out to be Vanessa following up on her victory in the dolphin competition last year. Well done to both our winners and thanks to everyone who entered. Next year I believe, we are starting the woodblock challenge in March and so hopefully with more time we will get more entries.

After the competition we sat down to a lovely Christmas buffet supplied by the club and a mystery raffle where all the prizes we donated were gift wrapped so that nobody knew what they were getting. (anyone want to make me an offer for a pair of odd Xmas socks?)



Well done Allan



Well done Vanessa

LIBRARY EXHIBITION

Visitors to Hythe library were once again treated to an exhibition of our work between late January and late February. This year the general theme was flight but there was also a shelf dedicated to the work of new carvers.



TIMBER

We have a number of new members in the group and although we supply them with the lime for their initial dolphin carving, when it comes to subsequent work they will want to go out and get their own wood so here are a few pointers.

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West Dean Sawmills
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Martock,
Somerset
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS - notes for your diary

APRIL

Thursday 4th -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

Thursday 25th -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

MAY

Thursday 9th -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

Friday 17th -----Trophy Night
Make sure you have something to enter by this date!

Thursday 23rd -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

JUNE

Thursday 6th -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College

Sunday 9th -----Royden Wood Fair (Lymington)
We will be putting on a demonstration/exhibition at
this outdoor event.

Thursday 20th -----Club Night – Applemore Technology College



“If you're reading this, congratulations, you're alive. If that's not something to smile about,
then I don't know what is.”

Chad Sugg

