

'Woodchoppers Ball' - December 2018



Once again the Woodchoppers Ball, as it has become known, was held at Mutford Village Hall and was attended by more than 50 people. The evening was opened by our chairman who welcomed everyone and gave a summary of the running order of events and invited all to enjoy the buffet which once again was excellent our thanks to 'Piece of Cake' from Lowestoft



This year's entertainer was Martyn Shults who, after we had satisfied our appetites gave an informative talk on the Rat Pack including details of which very few of us were aware. The Rat Pack was a club including artists such as Mario Lanza and our own Matt Munro, in addition to Dean, Frank, and Sammy Davis Jnr - the three we normally associate with the Rat Pack. Martin was able to sing many of the well known songs, that we were all familiar with. In his earlier career Martin had been a Royal Escort with the Metropolitan Police and now helps those with a substance abuse problem locally.





The entries for this year's competition was a very wide ranging display of pieces from miniatures to 600mm platters of various woods and combinations. Tom Kittle after considerable deliberation and reminiscences of shapes and designs that had inspired him over the years made his decisions as below. He was particularly impressed with the finishes and innovation and combination of materials.



**Len Stout - Awarded
Best Miniatures**
Wine Tray and Goblets



**Andrew Platt - Awarded
Best Spindle Turning**
Harry Potter Wands



**Luke Moffitt - Awarded
Best Face Plate Turning**
Superb Platter Dish

NOVICE CATEGORY WINNERS



**Roger Groom – Awarded
Best Spindle Turning**
Ebonised Hollowed Vessel



**David Ritchie – Awarded
Best Face Plate Turning**
Large Platter with Cone Inserts



**Roger Rout – Awarded
Best In Show**
A Suburb Artistic Creation
of global shapes on delicate finials

ADVANCED CATEGORY WINNERS



Special mention was made regarding three pieces which were the first off-centred pieces turned by our oldest member Roy Edmonds some 50 years ago who is now into his 80s. Well done Roy.

Tom said that he always likes coming to the club and although he had retired from the commercial side of turning but still enjoyed demonstrating and looked forward to his visit next March. He also congratulated the club on the number of new members, particularly younger ones who will be the life blood of turning in the future.

On the work displayed he felt that the detail and innovation shown was of a very high standard and was pleased with the incorporation of other materials in the pieces on display.

The evening was rounded off with an excellent raffle and our thanks to all who brought prizes which bolstered those supplied by the club, our thanks to Chris and Len for doing a super job selling tickets.

Our thanks also to those who helped to set up in the afternoon and clearing up after the event, not forgetting of course the tea girls and boys who helped ;make the evening a total success

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and good health for the New Year.

Our next meeting is A.G.M on 10th January probably the most important one of the year when you will be asked to elect a new committee for 2019.

There will be a number of items to be discussed including the reports from this year s activities and next years programme.