



### Seaton Cup October 2015

As a reminder, here are the results from last Autumn's Seaton Cup. Well done to all the winners, but also to all those who entered – it was a great display of some lovely items.

Class	Third	Second	First	Trophy
Junior	---	---	Kiera Stevenson 34 Puppy	---
Kit Beginner	Amanda Miller 35 Willow Tits	Tracey McGowan 43 Zebra	Peter Mort 37 Arundel Castle	SPA Laminates
Applied Beginner	---	Jenny Dixon 24 Coasters	Richard Allen 27 Coasters	---
Applied Intermediate	---	---	Geoff Margetson 02 Mini Cubes	---
Applied Advanced	Malcolm Slater 33 Trinket Box	Steve Amos 11 Clock	Eric Nye 04 'Chocolate' Jewellery Box	---
Applied Overall	---	---	Eric Nye 04 'Chocolate' Jewellery Box	John Boddy
Picture Beginner	Jenny Dixon 25 Cat	Richard Allen 28 Kingfishers	Peter Mort 39 Friends (Canada Geese)	---
Picture Intermediate	---	---	Godfrey Shackleton 46 Robin Hood	---
Picture Advanced	Steve Amos 15 Lapwings	Pat Steval 10 Petticoat	Ernest Ripley 16 Little Prince	---
Picture Overall	---	---	Ernest Ripley 16 Little Prince	Tommy Limmer
Picture Artistic	---	---	Ernest Ripley 17 Frigiliana	Colin Bentley
Applied or Picture	Malcolm Slater 33 Trinket Box	Peter Mort 38 Black Cat	Pat Steval 08 Clyde	Members' Choice (Seaton Cup)

### Christmas Buffet

Due to an oversight, there was no dessert to follow the buffet at Sand Moor last December. Apologies for this, and we will ensure full provision is made next December.

### Programme

By now you should all have received your individually named Member's Programme. It is the busiest schedule we have planned, and I hope the demonstrations will prove useful and challenging, giving

you opportunities to extend your marquetry repertoire.

If there is something you think you could demonstrate, or perhaps something you would like to see demonstrated, please let me know and we can get it in the Programme for 2017.

The two Projects are both on the applied side of marquetry, and there is a hope that we might be able to take some of the best work and turn them into kits.

If you don't have yours yet, or lose it during the year, mention it to me (Steve) and I'll sort one out for you.

## **Midland Woodworking Show**

It has been pointed out that we said at the AGM that we were not going to be supporting this Show as it effectively lost us money last year with no hope of recruiting new members from such a distance. Well Godfrey and Lisa had planned to go there anyway, so Godfrey offered, at no cost to the Club, to take a stand on our behalf. Thank you Godfrey & Lisa.

## **Beginners' Course 2016**

We have nine folk committed to coming next week (03 February) to start our six weeks Beginners' Course. This will mean a bit of furniture shuffling as we will be taking over the corner on the right as you come into the Hall. So apologies to those who usually sit in that part of the room, but feel free to go and hi-jack some other tables!

There will be a fair bit of setting-up to do, especially on the first evening with all the lights and equipment to get ready, so if anyone could get to the club for about 6:30pm to help, that would be much appreciated.

Once they have got settled in, please do come and say 'hello' – this would be particularly welcome from those who have recently joined the Club, as you will be able to empathise with their first steps in marquetry.

If any ask for help, please initially try and follow the system that we 'teach' although we all understand that everyone does marquetry differently, and that at some point, these beginners will find their own preferred techniques.

## **Beginners' Kits**

Over the last three weeks I have been busy making about 150 kits for the Beginners' Course (thanks to Godfrey for cutting all the MDF). The Shows last year were so successful that our stock was almost wiped out, with less than 20 kits left overall. I've now got stock levels back up for the majority of the easier kits, with around 20 to 30 in stock (50 for the Tudor Rose as it is so popular!), so we should now be OK for much of this year.

As I have been working on them, I have collected together a reference file with a

'master' of each template, a photo, a set of specific instructions for each kit, and a list of the veneers with their sizes needed to make the kit. I plan to set up a crate of 'masters' so that there is one example of each kit with all that relevant paperwork in there for reference, so that in the future, anyone could set to and make the kits on behalf of the club.

There is also an intention to keep a crate with two of each kit in it so that they could be taken to demonstrations or low key events, saving the need to go through all the crates to collect stuff together.

If anyone would like to 'adopt' a kit, and take responsibility for maintaining stock of one of them, then it would be appreciated. I am also looking at some of the entries for last year's Seaton Cup and wondering if any of them might make a good kit. We could definitely do with some refreshment to what we have on offer. I also hope that this year's Club Projects will eventually provide us with some new 'Coaster' and 'Bookmark' kits that will be a positive addition to our range.

## **LED Desk/Craft Lights**

We were able to buy a batch of rechargeable led desk lamps at the Crafts For Christmas Show at a good discount. A number of members then bought them. It was our intention to order some more for use by the Beginners' Course (to save having all those extension cables) with the possibility of then selling them on to any new members. However, we have not been able to get any more at the same price, so we are exploring other options. Anestis has one on order, and we will check it out when it comes to see if that would be suitable. We'll keep you posted on this as it develops.

## **Club Polo Shirts**

It is quite some time since we ordered any club polo shirts (currently maroon with our logo). Len is looking to arrange for a supplier to come to the Club one evening, perhaps sometime in March, to demonstrate what is available so that folk could order something if they wished. It looks like the range could include sweatshirts, fleeces (useful at the autumn Shows!) and other items.