

The 2008 winter social took place on the 29th of November at Aldsworth village hall, with around 55 guests attending. The hall had been prepared by the usual team of highly efficient helpers setting the scene for the evening's dinner. The dinner has become legendary for the variety and quality of the food provided by the members, the reputation remains intact and I think this year it reached new heights with Turkey, Gammon and Buffalo available with an amazing list of accompanying dishes and salads. Unfortunately Robert Boodle was unable to attend this year and our best wishes are extended to him and Mary wishing them both all the best for the New Year. This left Richard Mumford to continue the tradition of carving the meat, fortunately Derek Cross and Trevor Biggs stepped in to lend a hand. With the assistance of some very generous servers the dinner got underway on time.

With no after dinner speaker this year there was more time to chat and catch up with each other so it was a little later than usual before the sweet table was presented. This was more than a match for the dinner and I doubt the legendary Pudding Club could beat it. There was the usual vast array of puddings and flans with a good quota of cream and enough fruit dishes to satisfy members 5 a day.

After dinner the annual prize giving took place with the chairman taking time to present Maggie Cross, Kate Kay and Yvonne Froehlich with bouquets of flowers and thanked them on behalf of the society for all their hard work at the various Society events throughout the year. This was followed by the presentation of the Frank Williams trophy to Mrs. Lynne Parkes for her work as registrar and with the society flock competition.

A full list of prize winners is available on the show report page of the website but it is worth mentioning here that Davina Stanhope topped off another outstanding year in the show ring by collecting no fewer than 3 trophies.

The evening ended with a quiz organised by the Chairman, it was generally agreed that this was great fun. Finally after a nail biting tie break question the eventual winning team was Judy and Jim Wilkie, Francis Whiteman and Alison Garne.

The evening was a great success with many members expressing their approval of the less formal format.



Richard Mumford carrying out his annual society duties of carving the Turkey



Lynne Parkes receiving the Frank Williams trophy from the president Mrs. Pat Quinn



The sweet table being prepared by Yvonne Froehlich, Kate Kay and Angela Reid.