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■ **COWPLAIN:** Award-winning work goes on display at residence during annual garden party

Carvers' handiwork gets home comforts

AN EXHIBITION of prize-winning work was on display at the Cowplain home of two members of the Solent Guild of Woodcarvers and Sculptors during their annual garden party and prize-giving event.

A competition was held to choose the best work in a number of categories, with entries judged by members of the public.

There were six categories in which members could enter, with a first, second and third prize for each, with an extra prize for Best in Show.



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The James Bell Trophies for the best abstract and best relief were won by John Vardon, with Andrew Huebler winning first place for the James Bell General Trophy and the Vic Flower Wildlife Trophy.

Bert Cox won first prize for the Harry Wareham Human Figure Trophy and Pat Kyari

gained both first and second places for the Jess Jay Non-Wood Trophy.

Other members who also took part and received prizes within all the categories were John Cude, Joan Sargeant and Percy Tonge.

The overall winner of the James Bell Trophy for the Best in Show was awarded to Andrew Huebler for an intricately carved box.

The James Bell trophies were named after the man whose inspiration in 1978 made the possibility of form-

ing a guild become a reality, and, since then, the Solent Guild has grown, offering an extensive programme of events throughout the year.

They organise carve-ins, social events, demonstrations and competition exhibitions.

President of the guild Alan Crockford said: 'We meet once a month between September and May at the Havant Arts Centre and, in addition, have an all-day carve-in on one Saturday every month between October and May at Portsmouth Grammar School.'

The guild's next demonstrations will be at the Queen Elizabeth Country Park Show tomorrow and Sunday, the Fareham Model Engineering Society event on July 28 and 29, and at the Southwick Village Fete on August 4.

The Solent Guild is for beginners and seasoned carvers and sculptors, and its objectives are to further the aims and interests of these artists. Further information about the guild is available by contacting Mrs Pat Kyari on (023) 9223 2506.