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# Woody's World

The Newsletter of



2018

## Pyrography

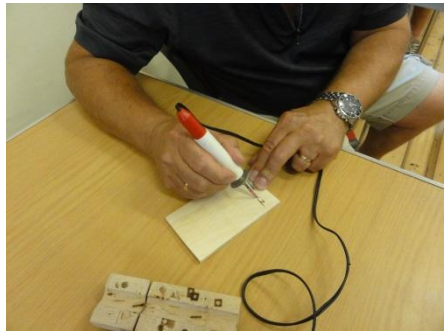
Helen introduced this last month's topic. The use of fire to decorate objects goes back into ancient times. Metal rods heated in a fire then branding animals is a very obvious use. Even long ago there is archaeological evidence of patterns and facial designs on leather cork as well as wood. Helen showed the quite sophisticated tools now available with which you can create a picture on wood.



The modern tools invariably use electricity as a source of heat. It is the 'nibs' which vary.

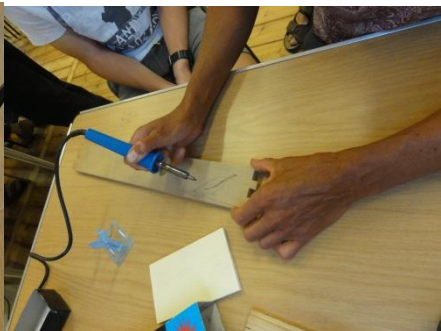
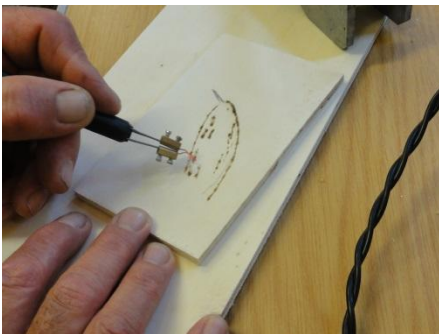
They can be found on the net, from such as Amazon, with prices ranging from around £20 for a kit up to quite high figures. The more costly sets have more accessories. Some provide changeable ends which when heated can be used as a branding tool burning on individual letters and numbers. There are also metal masks which allow you to burn out a design inside the mask.

Those brought by members on the night were of the simple pen variety.



This 'pen' has a transformer and a form of temperature control.

This 'pen' uses a wire and the wire thickness helps make varying thickness of mark.



Two more variations on the classic pen and hot wire.



Note the type of wood will affect how deep and dark the burn line is. Above is a ply sheet with a delicate line whilst below the burn is heavier. This is partly due to the nature of the wood as well as the heavy hand of the operator.



## Forthcoming Attractions 2018

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections. Meetings start at **7pm**.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> August Swannie Whistle by Jan  
6<sup>th</sup> September Finish of Mick Smetts ball demo plus  
pen kit turning with Nick  
4<sup>th</sup> October Inlay demo by Dave Simms

*Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.*

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