

Many thanks to all who represented us on our stand namely Clare, Pete, Mick White, Dave Parry, Steve, Ian and not forgetting our own Woody.



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HOW TO MAKE A WHISTLE BY our own John Davies

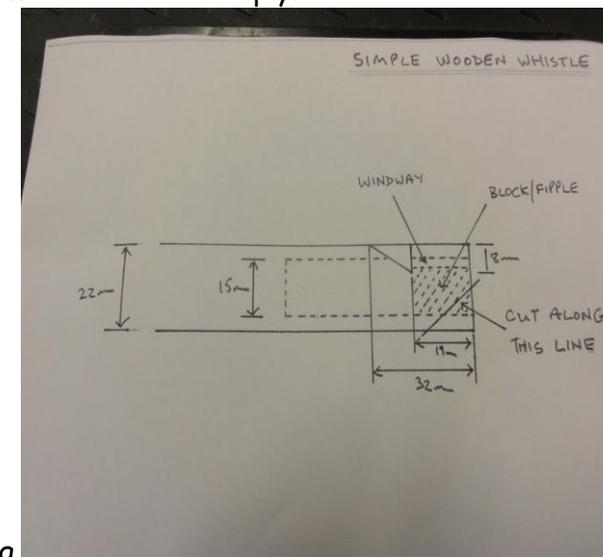
Forthcoming Attractions

Tonight @ 7:00pm - Richard Findlay
 July 5th @ 7:00pm - our very own Mike Smets
 Aug 2nd @ 7:00pm - Steve Heely
 Sept 6th @ 7:30 -Hands on
 Oct 4th @ 7:00pm -John Johnson
 Nov 1st @ 7:00pm -Viv Harvey
 Dec 6th @ 7:30 pm Hands on

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John first demonstrated this some months ago. Now people either totally misunderstood what he was doing or he had a mystery object that everyone would like to be able to make. By the end of the evening we had at least four other whistles although not all would actually screech, but that was just a matter of minor adjustment. In fact someone asked if they could be shown a recorder. Not just shown one but shown how to make one. Perhaps for another occasion came our leader's reply.



First you need a drawing.

Trial and error is not the best way to tackle this item. The whistle will not whistle unless you work your piece closely to these dims. The

ultimate key to a good sound is the slot and small gap at the top of the plug. But first you need a dowel 22mm in diam.



Then a 15mm diam hole is drilled into this to form the resonating air block. John went about this part of the demo very carefully. However since the demo I am reliably informed (as they say when they do not want to let on who told them) that you can do it with a bog standard 15mm twist drill and it can be a bit out



This next bit is tricky especially when you have a crowd looking on.



This cutting of the slot needs to be fairly accurate. A small fret saw



will prove easiest.

Now make a small tight fitting plug to neatly fit the 15mm diam. hole. Cut away the windway off the plug (see drawing for dimensions). Push into whistle and blow. On the night three out of four worked first time. Now that wasn't luck but the genuine skill of our members. All the whistles gave off the same note more or less. It was at this point that someone suggested we try to make a recorder.



The finished whistle

Daventry show.

For those who didn't go to the wood turners show at Daventry I'm told they missed a treat. Nick reports that next year it, and hopefully our stand, will be bigger and better. Unfortunately a camera was not on anyone's mind so there are no photos at the time of going to print.