



Woody's World

7th November 2024



Cow or Sheep or Bull or.....

Christmas Social news towards end of the newsletter.

Thanks to Nick for an entertaining evening showing us how he makes a cow...that could also be a bull, or a sheep.

He used a piece of the Cubbington Pear tree which was dry but also dusty so a good reminder to use dust extraction and PPE when working with a 'log'. This project is also a good use for off cuts if your local pear tree hasn't been felled.

I Body:

Mount between centres and turn to round with a spindle roughing gouge and then a parting chisel used to create a spigot ready for mounting into your chuck. Remember to make the spigot shorter than the depth of the jaws so the piece does not bottom out. Use Skew to clean up the spigot and create the dovetail for the jaws.

Mount & true up, use a spindle gouge to turn the tail end of the cow round and gently slope the head end. Create a parting off point at the chuck end and undercut to a concave so the finished piece can sit on a flat surface.

Sand 80-120grit - always remove the tool rest so you don't trap anything.



Use grain orientation/knots etc to determine the orientation of the finished piece.

Drill neck hole for 6mm dowel at a slight angle.

Finish with Nick's trusted process of 2 grits, sanding sealer, scotch pad to de-nib, 2 grits, sanding sealer, scotch pad to de-nib up to 400/600. Woodwax 22 or similar, buff with kitchen towel, 3 layers, up to 10.

Part off.

II Head:

Same process as body but scale head to suit the body. Shape the top of the head but don't make too small as will need to drill 4mm into it for the horns.

Sand and finish as per body.

Stick on eyes with CA glue – do eyes before waxing as CA won't stick to wax.

Part off and, carefully, clean up nub with skew.

III Ears/Horns:

Use sharpened pipe to cut a piece of leather (push cutter on to nylon as harder surface than wood) to create small discs. Cut piece of leather boot lace and shape for horns.

Fold the ears and CA into hole. To get horns to curl, put on a little CA glue and twist.

Finally, by law, a bull must have a ring in its nose, that's how you'll know it's neither a cow nor a sheep.



Christmas Social: Sat 11th Jan @ 6.30pm

The club Christmas Social will be held on Saturday 11th January 2025 at 6.30pm in Offchurch Village Hall.

Always a fun and enjoyable evening, the event will include food, a quiz, a raffle, a hotly contested competition for members' woodturnings and a separate competition for partner/spouses' crafts.

The partner/spouse competition is open to any craft.

PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE

Price is £8.50 per person. Please book your places and pay at the December meeting.

Whilst food will be provided, please bring sides and/or supporting food such as quiches, salad, dessert – and please confirm at the December meeting what you'll be bringing.

Soft drinks will be available but you are welcome to bring your own alcohol if desired.



Forthcoming Club Meetings

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

Date 2024/25	Topic	Demonstrator
5 th Dec	Festive Decs	Roger
11th Jan	Social 6.30pm	
6 th Feb	Sharpening – Bring your tools and a Sorby Pro-Edge if you own one	Nick
6 th March	AGM	

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