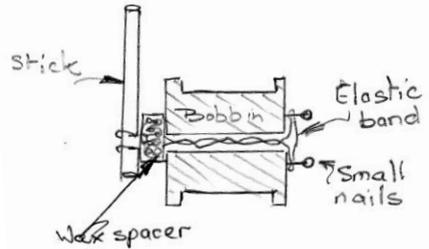




How to entertain your grandchildren



Nick found himself in charge of a few small, but not that small, children. What to do with them? From some time long ago came the inspiration—make a bobbin tank. The kids could be introduced to a bit of lathe work with care and supervision.

Once Nick showed what he was about to demonstrate member's memories came flooding back. There were suggestions as to refinements for greater speed or how to get them to go up slopes. Work them in tandem. Use two lever sticks.



What Nick demonstrated was to turn a simple bobbin with a central hole through the middle. The two edges or rims needed to be serrated. Leaving them smooth would mean the 'tank' just skidded on one spot.

You also need wax spacer between the stick and the bobbin otherwise everything jams up and movement becomes, if not impossible, then restricted.

It was at this point that we had suggestions from the floor. Instead of serrating the edges you could put an elastic band as a sort of tyre.

The wax spacer can be a button or, if you have it a washer made of plastic where it is normally used to give that non friction surface.



One problem that Nick's suffered from was the elastic band jammed in the hole in the bobbin. Here again a suggestion that you can use a proper spring. There was a thought that this is all getting too sophisticated!

At this point went for our tea break to continue chatting about wasted time at school or when in training as a raw youth.

Next year at the Daventry Show

Nick suggested and it was generally agreed that each member would make something for next year's show. The item need not be spectacular- just it should be representative of our club. This means we try and make a variety of turned objects. Rather as, earlier this year, we presented simple to complex items. But next year each member would do a variation so it wouldn't just be fifteen bowls.

Further discussion to take place about this.

Our model "Woody" was originally made by each club member making one part. The original drawings have been returned to the club and Nick suggested the club repeat the exercise although this time we make a female partner for Woody. This idea seemed to get general approval with some qualifications as to who might do what. This idea will be explored at the next meeting.

Christmas Social

The post Christmas Social will be held on Saturday evening 14th January.

At our October meeting the committee need to know numbers - are you joining the festivities and will you be coming with someone? Mary used to organise things but, having moved to Wales that is no longer possible. Raffle prizes, "best in show" and food details will be later.

Whilst all this discussion was going on and a tea break, Mick came up with an idea for a variation on the familiar Christmas tree decoration.



This was to make the usual tapered tree shape with a small variation, you can put a cross on the top. Mick started with the cone shape. Then as you cut the grooves in you leave a small gap at the top. In effect cut two grooves. Restart the cone effect below this groove. Now complete the tree-cone and trunk. Then carefully cut the top rings you made at the start so they leave a cross. See picture for the effect. If you are one of those who paint the trees using green glitter glue paint then you can paint the cross with gold glitter.



Forthcoming Attractions - 2016

Meetings normally are on the first Thursday in the month except when there are elections

Oct 6 th	TBA	7pm
Nov 3 rd	TBA	7pm
Dec 1 st	TBA	7pm

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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