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Woody's World

The Newsletter of



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A log into a bowl

Nick Milton had a friend who had an apple tree. The use of the past tense is important. The apple tree is no more, in fact has not been an actual tree for quite a few years. Once it was a producer of fine eating apples but now it is turned into logs.

The friend too is no longer with us. It is in memory of the connection that Nick had been asked to make a bowl from one of the many logs still around after many years. There was bark on the logs and though the ends had not been treated at least one log was found with no splits or cracks. A piece suitable for at least an attempt at a requested bowl.

Your editor had a similar experience with a friend's cherry tree. No deaths this time happily. The friend had chopped down an over grown cherry and stored the pieces in his garage. This happened ten years ago. Now he decided to remove the stack so he could garage his new car. It was then he discovered the stack was riddled with wood worm. They had got into the rafters as well. But only just. He found a piece of cherry not too affected by the worm and as a reminder of his foolishness asked me to make something out of that sample.

Like Nick I wanted to do a good job but you are rather restricted in what you can do. Starting with the block Nick first removed the bark and checked if there were any hidden faults or rotten wood. Then he did a rough cut to get a broad outside shape.



Nick was using a screw chuck which on this occasion took two of us to release it. Also note that care needs to be taken when stripping off the bark as this has a tendency to come off in chunks.



Having got the outside shape more or less correct you need to shape up the end that will fit into the chuck for stage two – carving out the inside.



With the inside work it pays to drill out to the final depth first. You can do this as shown above with a spindle gouge using it more or less as a drill.

A bowl gouge is then used to cut out the bulk of the waste in the bowl. In this case the shape being bowed outwardly it is difficult to get a decent cut. So if you have a friend or relative who has asked what you want for Christmas then suggest a specialist tool for work inside a bowl.



Glen Teagle made the hollowing tool Nick used on the night. It shapes by cutting very narrow ribbons. When the edge of the cutter gets blunt you just move it round a fraction. There are many similar hollowing tools on the market.



The final shape although still to be finished off and a bottom flat put on it.

Note at the next meeting members will discuss arrangements for the Christmas get together in January. Expectations are that it will follow the familiar lines with bring and share meal, quiz and competitions. Bring your best stuff along if you want to win a prize..

Forthcoming Attractions – 2017-2018

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

Oct 5 th		7pm
Nov 2 nd		7pm
Dec 7 th		7pm
Jan 6 th	Christmas get together & party	
Feb 1 st		
Mar 1 st	AGM	

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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