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**Woody's
World**
The Newsletter of



2015

Our own David Tilley was this month's principal demonstrator. His subject being Christmas Trees. The decorative ones you hang from a proper tree. Now David made some in autumn last year and almost by chance showed them to a stall holder at Hatton Country Park. The result was repeat orders for more for sale on her stall. He ended up making around 200, although not all for Hatton.



As most of us have experienced wood turning items don't go down well at church bazaars or events like that. Certainly not when they are at a realistic price. I remember Ken showed off some disc necklaces which we were reliably informed went down a bomb in London for £5- in Willenhall Coventry I was offered five pence and that was from a friend.

Back to David's trees start with a hard wood. You need to make clean precise cuts.



Make the cone shape first and there is no need to sand. In fact the slightly rough texture adds to the appearance. Then drill a fine hole in the apex for the hanging string. It is best if you do this with the lathe as it tends to get difficult if you try drilling using a hand drill.

The key steps follow that of making the branches of your tree.

These are cut with a fine parting tool and look best when evenly spaced. David did his by eye. He achieved this by working from the tree top to the base and making the cuts at a slight angle into the wood.



Using a parting tool to cut the rings

Note the cut and the 'branch' are diam. of lowest branch.



Starting to cut the trunk

This needs to end up about 1/8th the same width

The tree needs to look right so it is best if the cone shape eases in rather than bulges. This also applies to the underside of the lowest branch which should be concave to look as though the branches are lower at the edge than at the trunk. As David pointed out this is easy to achieve and helps sell them. The trunk to needs to curve in just a bit



To finish off the shape David had in effect a blob on the end of the trunk.

As you can see a blob is not an accurate description but what you need is something to make it look finished. If you leave your tree with just a trunk it looks somehow unfinished.

Other club members than had a go at copying David's design although they had to suffer a fair amount of unwarranted criticism despite some members showing they had picked up all the relevant points made earlier in the evening!



Woody's Christmas Social

Our post Christmas Social will be on Saturday 9th Jan 2016

7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. start

Cost £ 7:50 each

Wood turning competition

Craft competition

Soft drinks available but bring your own alcohol

Raffle prizes donations welcome

Reserve your places soon please

Payment December meeting

Forthcoming Attractions

Oct 1st @ 7:30 pm Hands On
Nov 5th @ 7:30 pm David Simms Christmas Decorations
Dec 3rd @ 7:30 pm Hands On

Remember members who do demos will receive payment.

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