





7th December 2023

# **Christmas Decs**

Dave took some time out from Santa's workshop to show us what he's been working on for those who aren't on the naughty list this year.

He showed a range of Christmas Decorations that sell at craft fairs eg Small Tree Decorations at £3 each or 2 for £5. These are relatively quick and inexpensive to make and sell well with a relatively low price point.



Woods used are usually Oak or Cherry off-cuts finished with water based acrylic pens (available from Hobbycraft).





Santa Claus was Dave's first demo. An offcut of Oak turned to round and sanded 240 and 320. Sanding sealer applied with a bamboo cloth (about £2 for 6 sheets). Tipex used for the white parts and red/black acrylic pens with a small eyelet for hanging.







TIP is to apply pen with lathe running at a slow speed otherwise friction will create heat and burn the tips of the pens.

You could coat with melamine spray for a good finish.

Next off the line was a Mushroom turned from a 25mm square piece of oak. Dave used a parting tool to turn the stem, sanded to 320, sanding sealer applied and then red pen and tipex for the white detail.





After a quick break Dave rustled up a Christmas Pudding in a similar fashion but this time using green and red pens to create the holly adornment...looks tasty.





All good sellers in the run up to Christmas so plan ahead for next year!

# **Christmas Social Reminder**

The club Christmas Social will be held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm** in Offchurch Village Hall

The evening will include food prepared by Dave, Nick's quiz, a hotly contested competitions for members' woodturnings (one piece each) and a competition for partner/spouses' crafts.

Price is £8.50 per person.

If you haven't yet booked but would like to come along, please email Dave to let him know <u>david.simms26@outlook.com</u>, you can pay on the evening



Whilst food is provided, please bring sides and/or supporting food such as quiches, salad, dessert – if you haven't done already, please let Dave know what you'll be bringing.

Soft drinks will be available but please bring own alcohol if desired.

#### **Charnwood Machinery Discount**

Please note that the 10% discount available to members at Charnwood Machinery is only applicable to Charnwood's own range and not to 3<sup>rd</sup> party brands. <u>https://charnwood.net/</u>

### Treasurer's request regarding payments

Most members are paying by card each week & less cash is available for change, Andy has asked that those preferring to pay by cash please bring the exact amount – usually  $\pounds$ 6. Thanks in advance.

#### **Forthcoming Meetings**

The club depends upon members volunteering to do demonstrations. **Please let Dave know what you can do for the club**.

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

Subject	Demonstrator	Date
Club Christmas social		13 <sup>th</sup> January
Back to Basics 2	Roger Gilbert	1 <sup>st</sup> February
AGM		7 <sup>th</sup> March

If you have any requests or ideas for future meetings, please mention it to Dave Simms.

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