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Hands on Evening from June 6th

This evening proved once again that person A's way of doing things is not the same as person B's.

You would have thought that making a candle stick was easy for the members of our club. Just divide the members into four teams with the premise that every ten minutes or so the person at the lathe would hand over to a fellow team member.

First thing though is to set up the equipment. The special stand made for the normal demo lathe was deemed to be a bit suspect- well it wobbled a bit. There is probably a technical term for that but it simply swayed back and forth and that was without the lathe rotating. So Roger set to work with a drill etc which he just happened to have in the car. That's him underneath the lathe receiving plentiful advice .

Once the four sets of lathes had been set up the members had to



divide themselves into four teams. This was rather unfairly done in that not every team had three, and skills were also unfairly distributed. Or so your reporter thought. As it turns out no one appears to do even the simple act of turning a bevel the same way or amazingly with the same size

tool.

The phrase heard several times was "Well if you want to do it that way....!" Followed by " I'll just stand a bit further back."



Each team was given a block for the base and a slim square shaft for the stem. Then how and why was up to each team.



The phrase “What I would do” did rather echo round the room. One thing no team did was to put in the hole for where the candle would go first.. Doing it later proved difficult to get central.

At least two club members came with drawn plans. Others quickly sketched a sort of shape they wanted. Fortunately when it came to judging the plans were not compared to the final shapes.

Each team member had roughly ten minute slots to shape up a bit of the candlestick then he handed over to his comrade. This was where the different ways of doing things showed up plus the phrase “ Well I didn't bring that tool but I will use this -- it will probably be O.K.





By nine o'clock we had four fair representations of a candlestick.

With Mick and Nick gently pointing out the errors of our ways they actually weren't bad. Mick, of course very gently suggested the error of peoples ways or more importantly how to get that better fit when inserting the stem into the base.

So what was the outcome?



Four candle sticks of somewhat varying design.

Editor's note: Sorry folks but your reporter was away last month and Steve Jennings standing in for me took notes but then ended up in hospital, so did not have time to print off the June newsletter.

Forthcoming Meetings 2019

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

- 4th July *Left hand nut & bolt (Keith)*
1st August *Toad stools (team competition)*
5th September *Double axis square top bowl (Mick)*
To Come *Tool sharpening*

Remember: members who demonstrate will receive payment.

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