## **Woody's Christmas Social**

Our post Christmas social will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014

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 prize donations welcomed

## Reserve your places soon please

Payment by December meeting please

## **Forthcoming Attractions**

Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	@ 7:30 pm	Hands on or members' demo
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Nov 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm Viv Harvey

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm Hands on or members demo

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This month John Davies was our home grown presenter. He was showing variations on a simple Christmas Tree decoration. This was a simple hanging pendant with a ball at its centre.



to droop massively.



The spindle that John is turning is actually the top and bottom parts of the left photo. As John is doing in our photo you need to measure accurately and make the grooves in the same place if you intend to make many decorations. You will note that the left picture is of a pendant with a wooded ball. Looks OK until you try and hang twenty or so on your tree. The weight causes the branches

Solution is to use a lightweight plastic ball, John found his at Tesco but the Pound Shop and others stock them. These are very light but you need to glue the wooded pendant parts into the plastic ball.

Also you need an accurate measure of your pendant's male part so it fits exactly into the hole you will drill into the plastic ball. This is true for a wood ball but you can fiddle this with bits of paper glue etc. to wedge. So you use a drill, then, to ensure a good fit, then John suggests using a spanner the same diam, as your drill. Push this onto stem once you are near the right diameter.





Sample plastic balls

With one part of stem fixed



John working on the grooves on the pendant part. Note the centre is not quite down to size. This is where John used a spanner of the right size to make the final adjustment.

Now you do not have to make pendants to impress at Christmas. You can make a variety of small items. Christmas trees, snow men, acorns and even bells although these can be a bit tricky. Then there are small table candles with flickering lights. The lights can be obtained from B and Q and Aldi. As you can see some of these are on our members' display, plus the



eggs and their cups from our chairman's competition of a couple of months ago. Here are a few examples of Christmas items. Note the trees are very effective and only need a narrow parting tool and a steady hand.