



# GALWAY CHAPTER NEWS

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## 2010 Promises to be a great year

Thank you to everyone who braved the AGM in January. The out going committee did a marvelous job over the last year. The club would not have functioned without their hard work and dedication. The new committee will continue without Ambrose and Brid O'Halloran and John Mc Gann.

These deserve recognition for their commitment to woodturning over the last number of years. Their work is sincerely appreciated by all the chapter members. **Thanks again.**

Sean Clancy has taken over the Treasurers roll. Thank you Sean. The AGM set the club up with a team to manage and organize our activities for the next 12 months.

Alas we are short one committee member. The position of **Secretary** is still vacant. It is important that the club finds someone to fill this post.

George

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# Chapter Events 2010

Date	Host	Location
21 Jan	AGM	Maldron Hotel
28th Jan	Niall O'Sullivan	Moycullen

## Meeting 4th February 2010

8pm Maldron Hotel, Oranmore

**Everyone welcome**

**Challenge piece is to turn something from green wood.**

## JANUARY CHALLENGE



First place  
TimLydon

Second place  
Clare Gurley

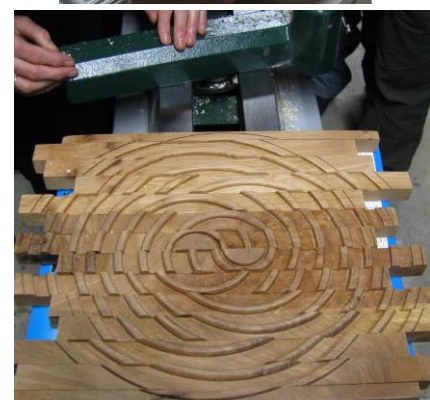
Third place  
Martin Lodge

## Nail O' Sullivan's Workshop

It was January 28<sup>th</sup> and we headed off to the first workshop of the New Year. After a delayed AGM due to the bad weather we were all anxious to see some shavings flying. Niall O Sullivan volunteered to host the first workshop of 2010 and did it in style as he recently moved house and has a new workshop and a new lathe. Niall recently bought the Record Wood fast Maxi 2 lathe. This looked a fine lathe as we entered a clutter free workshop with lathe in the middle of the floor and plenty of room to walk around. The old Myford was moved to one side but has not been retired just yet as we were about to learn on the night. A good crowd had gathered on the night to see what Niall had to show us. Some faces from the past appeared and were very welcome hope we see some more of them.

Niall had a piece of ash about 12 inch square and 1 inch deep mounted on the lathe. He turned some circles on the face of the piece like a series of beads and coves. When this was finished he took it off the lathe and showed us how he would rip it into 1 inch slices on the table saw. Then he would rearrange the strips to give a very unusual pattern. These could be arranged in many ways to give very different results. Then like any good cook he showed us some he had prepared earlier. One had been coloured and the other one in Elm had been sprayed with lacquer to give a beautiful finish. There was a great discussion about these pieces and the many ideas that threw up.

The next session was the audience participation one and as soon as Niall said the tea was ready there was a race to the house where Nora with the help of Ann Clancy had a fine tea prepared for the thirsty troops. Plenty of sambos cake biscuits etc totally beyond the call of duty but very much appreciated and no one complained. Thanks to Nora and Ann for the hard work.



Back to the workshop for the next session. Willie Creighton who had travelled all the way from Mayo went through the Woodoc products available. Willie is the agent for these products. He demonstrated some of these and gave us a good run down on their uses. They seem to be a good product and many of our members bought some to try out. I am sure we will see pieces at our chapter challenge with the woodoc finish so time will tell if they do what it says on the tin. The pieces Willie demonstrated on certainly seemed to do a good job.

Next Niall turned to the trusty Myford on which he had mounted a big piece of wet timber. The challenge for our next meeting is a piece of wet turning. Niall demonstrated turning a wet bowl. He then brought in some wet logs and cut out some blanks for chapter members for the next meeting. Judging by the uptake we can expect to see a large number of turned pieces on display next Thursday night. Just as the yawning and small meetings were beginning the new chairman George took control and thanked Niall and Nora for the effort.

This was a very enjoyable and informative night and like all workshops is an important part of the turning year.

Martin Lodge  
Journal editor.  
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