



GALWAY CHAPTER NEWS

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A word from the Editor

At our May meeting we received the news that Julie Heryet will travel over to Galway to give us a one day workshop in November.

This is great news for the Chapter as Julie is a fabulous turner and a very nice person as well. She will select the pieces for the Ballybane library exhibition when she is here. She will give us a days turning at a venue to be decided. I really look forward to this day.

Tim has got some suggestions at the last meeting for new books and DVD's for the library and during the summer he will be adding new stock to the library.

We hope to organise a trip to In-

chagoill during the summer and maybe have a guided walk of the island. We could learn about the various trees on the island. This could be a family day out with maybe a picnic. More details at the next meeting.

The challenge for the next meeting is to bring in pieces that might be suitable for our exhibition in December. Bring in as many as you like even pieces not finished and someone might give you an idea to finish them.

Martin Lodge

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Ordinary membership €54
 Family membership €57
 Student membership €10
 Associate membership €10

Chapter Proposed Events 2010

Date	Host	Location
21 st January	AGM Meeting	Maldron Hotel
28 th January	Nial O'Sullivan	Moycullen
4 th February	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
20 th February	George Anderson	Renmore
4 th March	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
25 th March	Sean G Clancy	Moycullen
1 st April	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
25 th April	Ambrose O'Halloran	Cregboy
6 th May	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
15th May	Martin Lodge	Corofin
3rd June	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
2 nd September	Meeting	Maldron Hotel
16 th September	Tim Lydon	Moycullen

Meeting 3rd JUNE 2010

8pm Maldron Hotel, Oranmore

Everyone welcome

Challenge piece is to turn something for

Our exhibition in December

MAY CHALLENGE



First place
Clare Gurley



Second place
Clare Gurley



Colin Becker



Joint Third place

Clare Gurley

Special report from our investigative reporter on recent suspicious activities in Corofin



On Saturday May 15th early in the morning, a committee meeting was held to discuss a very weighty problem.



It seems somebody put this log on Martin Lodge's Bobcat. All we can say at this point is that everything hangs in the balance.

The local sergeant said he could not confirm that an investigation into the incident was being handled by the Special Branch. *"That's just barking up the wrong tree"* he said.

Local sources say that the two Martins were seen in local woods recently. Our on the spot reporter says there is a large hole where a beech tree used to be. Investigators are puzzled by some evidence found on the site. A spokesman said **Wood-Mizer LT40HDD40 Super** was either a number plate of a foreign registered vehicle seen in the area or the model No. of one of the most useful pieces of equipment for a Woodturner.

Information received from abroad indicates that the LT40H is the hydraulic version of the Wood-Mizer range of portable sawmills with a 40 HP four cylinder engine with electric start. It has supported swing arms which adjust for different log lengths and allow longer length logs to be accurately cut. Centralised cutting controls located on central console include head movement and blade guide arm in-out. It has adjustable outriggers for levelling.

The machine has a throat capacity which allows for cuts up to 28" wide. The clamping system enables you to cut within 1" of the bed.

On the day, two men wearing very distinctive headgear, were spotted. Any information on their current whereabouts would be welcomed by the fashion police.



The fashion police would like to assure the public that they view these types of breaches as very serious and will do all that they can to rid the streets of these kinds of wardrobe malfunctions.



By time the workshop was about to start, the log had been lifted by the hydraulic arms onto the platform and clamped in place.

As Martin powered up, some of us were worried about how small the planks would be - judging by the bagged evidence behind him.

Photographs obtained by our reporter show that Sean is **clearly visible** making sure that none of this tree would end up as firewood. The Chapter "leaves" that kind of monitoring to the Western Command.

With dexterity of a neurosurgeon, Martin Lodge skilfully cut the two large pieces of trunk into usable, 3" and 2" planks. Some people, being awkward, wanted 6" square pieces.

Martin cut them showing the dexterity of the manipulation system on the machine

The local sergeant said he had reports of a number of strange vehicles in the area. Locals reported that they had seen these vehicles being loaded with the wood as soon as it came off the mill.



When contacted, a spokesman for the Galway Chapter - George Anderson - said that, unavoidably, he was not present; but he did know *"that a beech tree had been donated to the Chapter. The pieces were planked and distributed to the members of the Chapter. Later in the year, pieces made from the timber, will feature in a juried Exhibition to be held in December in the Ballybane Library."*

Speaking on behalf of the entire Chapter, he said *"it would not have been possible for the Chapter to process this tree without Martin's enthusiasm, skill and equipment. We are genuinely very grateful to him for staging this workshop."*

Una fed and watered everybody in such style that the Woodturners were torn as to which was nicer - the wood or the home baked fare - the jury is still out.

Many thanks to Martin Lennon for sourcing the tree, and for sharing his wonderful find with the Chapter.

Thanks to Martin and Una Lodge for a wonderful and enjoyable workshop and for their warm welcome to us all. Martin is one of the unsung heroes of the Chapter. He is always willing to do a good turn for us whenever he can.

The local sergeant would like to point out that rumours that this reporter drives a red coloured vehicle and left with a large amount of timber, are unsubstantiated.

Ambrose O'Halloran

