

Dublin Chapter Newsletter

July 2015



A FINAL CALL. The Tallaght Hospital demo and sale is on July 27th, 28th and 29th this year. **Paul Murtagh** is looking for volunteers to man the stand and do demonstrations. **He could really use some help** as it is hard for one person to stand there all day. The sessions are from 10:00 till 16:00 so, if he could get three people to man the stand, it would only take two hours of your time. Contact Paul at 087 1331292 to see what you can do to help. It's for a good cause. He will also be looking for items to be donated for sale on the stand. Proceeds go to the Alzheimers charity

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Michael Kenny. He will be missed by his wife Ita who visited him every day during his illness at St James Hospital. A tree will be planted in his memory. May he rest in peace.

John brings out the child in us!

The demo for June was given by John Doran who showed how to make some wooden toys. But, it was pretty obvious that this was going to be a demo with a difference. Despite the presence of the lathe, complete with a small blank of deal, there was much evidence of



carpentry: eg a woodwork vice holding a bench hook, itself gripped in a workmate; a tenon saw, try square etc.. The real give away though, was a display of wooden toys; boats and tanks, a 3 carriage train-with-engine and a low-loader and traction unit. In addition to the above was a series of 14 bits and pieces revealing the process of construction of one of the toys. The low loader and the train sported bright red and black tyred wheels. Yes, a demo with a difference!

Item 1: The Boat

Note: As ever, overall dimensions of any of these items is a matter of choice (which lowers my stress level as John is firing out numbers of millimetres like snuff at a wake!)

The blank for the hull (all items are made of deal) is rectangular (180mm x44mm x30mm). The bow is curved to a point, with radii of 38mm from each side. Any saw capable of cutting a curve is fine. John has marking gauge, try square, pencil and ruler to hand. Two housings are cut across the deck, one fore and one aft, giving a maritime feel

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John Doran plays with his toys!



▷ Glenn Lucas visit in August. Places left.

Upcoming Events

- Visit to Glen Lucas Workshop. Aug 29th
- IWG National Seminar 2015 - Dublin, Radisson Blu Hotel (Dublin Airport), September 25 - 27th.
- Chapter Trade Stands: -
- * July - Carpentry Store.
- * August - The Woodshed.
- * November - The Woodshed.
- * December - The Hut.

The year moves on - here are some notable dates for July: -

- Independence Day - July the 4th (USA)*
- Bastille Day - July 14th (France)*
- First Moon Landing - July 20th, 1969*
- Amelia Earhart Day (USA) - July 24th*
- Beatrix Potter's Birthday - July 28th*
- International Friendship Day - July 30th*

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to the item. Both housing sides are cut to depth with the tenon saw, keeping to the waste side of the line. A parallel third cut is made across the middle as an aid to waste removal. Take great care when chiselling out these housings. Hold the piece in a vice and work from both sides of the wood. Get a nice flat on the floor of the housings. In the centre of the hull a hole is drilled for the funnel, and a smaller one for the masthead. These will be glued in. It was nice to see a bit and brace being used for all hole boring. Angle these holes slightly so that both items have a slight tilt to aft. John now produced a block to be glued in representing the bridge (term supplied by Cap'n Tony Lally). Hot melt glue was used for this operation. **HANDY TIP:** John recommends using a hairdryer on the wood to be glued as "It will give a valuable extra few seconds to position the piece accurately."

Item 2: The Tank

The basics: two tracks joined to a flat 'floor' piece onto which are glued the driver's cabin and over that the gun turret with muzzle. John's tracks were 208mm long. All ends need to be rounded. Three holes need to be drilled on each track to accommodate 5mm dia. axle bars. Both tracks are pinned and glued onto the edges of the floor piece (144mmx70mmx30mm). Two further pieces are glued onto the floor piece, ie the driver's cabin and the gun turret. Finally, the gun muzzle needs to be fitted into a hole drilled in the turret. Angle this slightly upward to look realistic.

Item 3: The Train

This comprises a locomotive and several (3-4) carriages.

The Carriage

This has two wooden parts, the body (258mmx92mmx44mm) and the roof (274mmx76mmx20mm). Mark four equidistant lines across the body piece. Use the marking gauge to mark four points on these lines, 38mm in from the top edge. Drill four 25mm holes, one at each of these points. Lower down, from each side mark points on which to drill the holes for the 5mm dia. axle bars, which will go straight through. The four 25mm holes now need to be elongated parallel up to the edge upon which the roof will sit. These are the carriage windows. The bandsaw is perfect for doing this. Two small, pencil-like pieces can be pinned and glued on each side, clear of the wheels, to act as running boards. The roof is then pinned and glued on.

The Engine

The body and cab consists of one rectangular piece (242mmx92mmx44mm). This is pre-bored for the three axle bars before being marked and sawn down to a basic 'L-on-its-back' profile. The taller piece now represents the driver's cab and the rest, the boiler. At the very front a further, angled down cut is made to represent a cow fender. On each side of the boiler section a rectangle of wood is pinned and glued to represent two panniers. The roof piece (92mmx86mmx20) is now glued and pinned onto the cab.

And so we come to the only bit of turning in this morning's demo: The two stacks. For these, John turned a profile reminiscent of the old-time steam locos we used to see in the cowboy movies. Appropriate holes are drilled to



accept spigots on these stacks. All that remains now is for the axles and wheels to be fitted.

Some Final Notes

John suggests using a pillar drill for drilling all axle borings. It could mar the enjoyment of the youngsters playing with these wonderful wooden toys if the wheels are out of line with each other. Both axles and wheels can be purchased from Hobby &co.com .

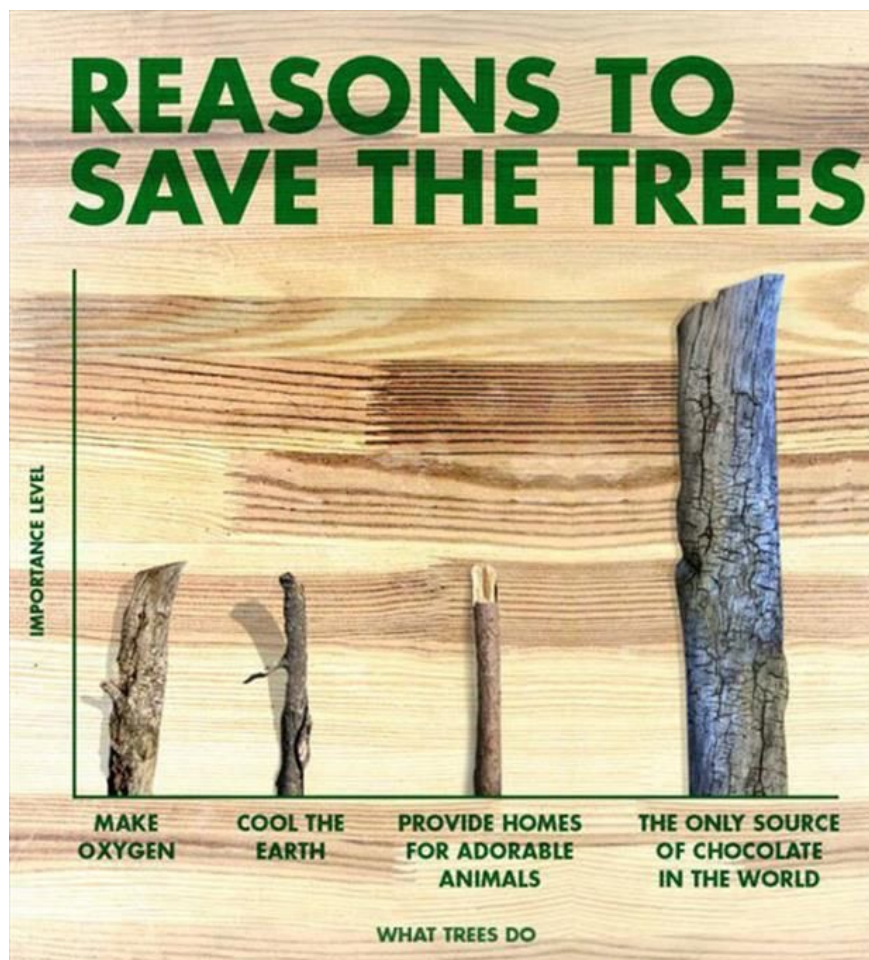
Remember to sand and round off all edges and resist the temptation to apply paints or other finishes. Apart from health and safety considerations, these are working toys. Let them mature as such.

Sadly, time caught up with John before he could show us the making of the low loader and traction unit. His children used to knock fun out of these toys up to twenty five years ago. Today, as John goes around demonstrating for primary school pupils, they 'go mad' for these very same masterpieces!



Someone at the end of the demo expressed appreciation for all the trouble John goes to by way of preparation. The applause which followed was richly deserved. Thanks, John.

Pacelli O'Rourke



Demonstrators 2015

Saturday

July - Noel Fay (Carp. Store)	October - Pat Walsh
August - David Sweeney	November - Bob Finley
September - John Doran	December - Joe O'Neill

Wednesday

July - Michael Jordan	October - Bob Finley
August - Cecil Barron	November - Malcolm Hill
September - Charlie Ryan	December - Joe O'Neill

Useful Links - Interesting and useful items related to wood.

Trees in Dublin City

There are more than 60,000 street and roadside trees within the city, with an average of 5000 trees being planted by Dublin City Council in the city each year. Take a look at the Tree Trails and see where some of your taxes go!

<http://dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture-dublin-city-parks/trees-city>



June Competition Entrants

Beginners



Experienced



Advanced



Artistic



Competitions 2015

<i>JUL - Box with Lid</i>	<i>OCT - Clock</i>
<i>AUG - Pen</i>	<i>NOV - No Competition</i>
<i>SEP - Segmented/Laminated</i>	<i>DEC - Toy</i>

A Demo at Glen Lucas' Workshop.

An opportunity to see Glen at work and tour the workshop of an Irish production woodturner.
August 29th - €30 (inc. food) - 10:00 until 16:00 - 20 places. If you are interested contact Vincent Whelan 087 760 4918 or DWT.treasurer@gmail.com.

June Competition Winners



Kevin McCormac - Beg



Willie Edwards - Exp



Seamus Carter - Adv



Tony Lally - Art

Overall Competition Results



Competition 2015.

Advanced

Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total Points
Seamus McKeefry	15	13	15	13	15	13							84
James Gallagher	13												13
Bob Finley	11		13		7								31
Paddy Finn	9	5	5	5	5	5	5						39
Paul Murtagh	7	11	5	5	9	5	9						51
David Sweeney	6		9	15									30
Tony Hartney	5	9	11	11	13	11	13						73
Gerry Ryan	5	6	5	5	5	5	7						38
Pat Walsh		15				15							30
Joe Oneill		7	5	5	5	5							27
Tony Lally		5	7	6	11								29
Fran Lavelle			6	9	6								21
Adrian Finley				7			6						13
John Ryan					5								5
Jack O'Rourke						9							9
Cecil Barron						7							7
Albert Slone						6							6
Seamus Carter							15						15
Pat Walsh[Enn]							11						11

Experienced

Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total Points
Jonathan Wigham	15	13	15	15	15	15							88
Michael Jordan	13												13
Willie Edwards	11	15		13			15						54
Peter Curran		11											11
Frank McCarthy		9	13	11	13	11	11						68
Michael Jordan		7		7	7								21
Frank Maguire		6		6	11	13	13						49
John Duff		5			6								11
John Ownes				9									9
Pat Costigan					9								9

Beginners

Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total Points
Kevin McCormack	15	9		9	9	11	15						68
Gary Deegan		15	9										24
Vincent Wheelan		11	13										24
George Madden		13		11	13		11						48
Martin Boyle			15	15	11	9	13						63
Ruth Wallace			11				9						20
Ronnie Butler				13	15								28
Alan Smyth				7									7
Peter Hoare						15							15
Mike Sims						13							13

Artistic

Name	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total Points
Henry East	15					9							24
Bob Finley	13	15	9										37
Pat Walsh Enn	11												11
Cecil Barron	9		7	11	15	11	9						62
Paul Murtagh	7		13	13	13	5	5						56
Tony Hartney	6		11	15	6	13	13						64
Fran Laville	5												5
John Ownes	5		6			5	5						21
Kevin McCormack	5												5
Gerry Ryan		13	5	7	11	5	5						46
Gary Deegan		11											11
Ruth Wallace		9					7						16
Michael Fay			15										15
Joe Oneill			5	6	5	5							21
George Madden				9			6						15
Sean McMorrow					9								9
Mike Sims					7								7
Seamus McKeefry						15							15
Albert Slone						7							7
Pat Walsh						6							6
Tony Lally							15						15
Malcom Hill							11						11
Dacey Rilly							5						5