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## Great Demos from Little Acorns Grow.

The October demo, given by Charlie Ryan, was to make an Acorn Measuring Tape Holder. Essentially, this item is an acorn shaped slotted box with a central shaft, housing a tape measure which can be drawn out and wound back.

At the outset, Charlie stressed the need to wear adequate face/eye and lung protection at all times when at the lathe. For this reason there is no significant reference to sanding or finishing in the following, as our demonstrator chooses to avoid any such health hazard.

It is most pleasing to the eye to use contrasting wood, light and dark as between lid and body.

## Upcoming Events:

- Next DWT Meeting - 3rd December 2016.
- Christmas Day - 25th December.



The body/tape-housing  
A rounded blank of light coloured wood

60mmx50mm dia. is mounted. The tailstock carries a Jacobs chuck with 6mm drill-bit. A depth of 30mm is marked with insulating tape on the bit. This hole will accommodate the central shaft. A smaller diameter hole is drilled at the bottom to retain the 6mm shaft-end. The tape housing is turned to size with the 3/8th inch spindle gouge. The outer 'acorn' curve is now profiled and a slot cut with junior hacksaw/hacksaw blade, then sanded, rounding the edges for smoothness of operation. This should be tested before proceeding. Charlie emphasizes, "This is all your own preference. You can do it any way you like." The body is now parted off, and the lid-blank mounted, to be used initially as a jam-chuck to finish the bottom of the body. Using the method described above, a 6mm hole is drilled through the top to accommodate the central winding shaft. The top is now profiled and parted off. Once more, the remaining stock is used as a jam-chuck to complete any work on the top.



## The Shaft

Charlie now produces another of his dozen chucks! The shaft-blank looks like a jumbo pen-blank about 110mmx35mm dia. He turns a 6mm shaft about 50mm in length, pointing out that he could use a length of 6mm dowel instead. (He may be trying to impress the eagle-eyed Tony Lally!)

There are two types of winder which can be used: either a crank type, as on a fishing reel, or a knob on the end of the shaft. Our demonstrator chooses the latter for today. The knob can be turned as an integral part of the shaft or turned separately, drilled and glued onto the shaft as it protrudes through the lid. Most importantly, the shaft needs to be slotted at the bottom end so as to accept the tape-end, which is lined up with the slot in the side of the body. It is most important to test the functioning of the



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device before final assembly. Just one final item needs to be addressed; to prevent the shaft from popping up out of the bottom retaining hole, a 'washer' is turned from the remaining part of the top-blank. This will be glued onto the shaft just under the lid as a vertical retainer.



Assembly

Carefully thread the tape via the body-slot onto the shaft. It can be glued on at this point. Locate the shaft into the bottom retaining hole. Once you are satisfied with the functioning of the item, glue the lid into place. Most cloth tapes have a metal piece at either end which should act as a 'stopper' preventing the tape from being over wound and disappearing into the acorn!

And there you have it. Every sewing box should have one! As expected, all of the above-and more-was delivered by Mr. Ryan, generously laced with glorious banter. All in all, a most entertaining and informative morning. Thanks Charlie.

Pacelli O'Rourke



Its that time of year again!  
*Overall Competition Winners and the AGM.*  
Here are the Competition trophies that will be won on the left.

As to the AGM - current committee members are standing down this year, so we need your support for a new committee.

There is a form accompanying this Newsletter that you can use to nominate members for positions on the new committee.

October 's Wednesday Demo

This month's demo was given by Jonathan Wigham, who showed the way to make three sided straight and twisted pieces. He did not finish the pieces on the day, but later provided us with a picture of three articles: a three sided twisted candle stick; a three sided twisted container; and three five sided napkin rings, which he had made previously.



**Prizewinners at the 2-16 National Seminar**

Great news from the National Seminar on Oct 22/23rd. Members of the Sublin Chapter collected four prizes. Pat Walsh collected 1st and 2nd in the Open Section with an olive & ash platter and an elm burr bowl respectively. James Gallagher came 1st in the Spindle Section. Jack Wright came 3rd in the Under-Sixteen section with an apple.

**Congratulations to all of you.**



Pat Walsh - 1st Open Section - an olive & ash platter.



Pat Walsh - 2nd Open Section - an elm burr bowl.



James Gallagher- 1st Spindle Section - in walnut & holly.



Jack Wright- 3rd Under-16 Section - Apple.

**Tallaght Lirary Craft Fair - Dates**

An alert to the dates for the Craft Fair this year in the Tallaght Library.

Friday 25th November 9:45 - 4:30

Saturday 26th November 9:45 - 4:30

If you have something to donate, or can attend contact Paul Murtagh, (087) 133 1292 or (01) 456 5509.



**Trade Stands at the Saturday Meetings for remainder of 2016.**

Oct. The Hut

Nov. The Woodshed

Dec. The Hut

Jan17. The Woodshed



**Lathe for Sale.**

Record Cornet four foot bed in perfect condition. Includes drive centre and live centre.

Price is €500. Has a swivel head for outboard turning; solid steel bed bars; good quality motor; polydrive 4-speed belt drive. In case you do not know; Cornet were taken over by Record, thus this was their first mass-produced lathe. If you re interested contact Joe O'Neill on 087-6230162.

**Demonstrators 2016**

**Saturday**

November - tbc AGM

December - Joe O'Neill

**Wednesday**

November - V. Whelan

December - Joe O'Neill

**October Competition Entrants**



Advanced



Artistic



Experienced



Beginners

October Competition Winners



Cecil Baron - Artistic



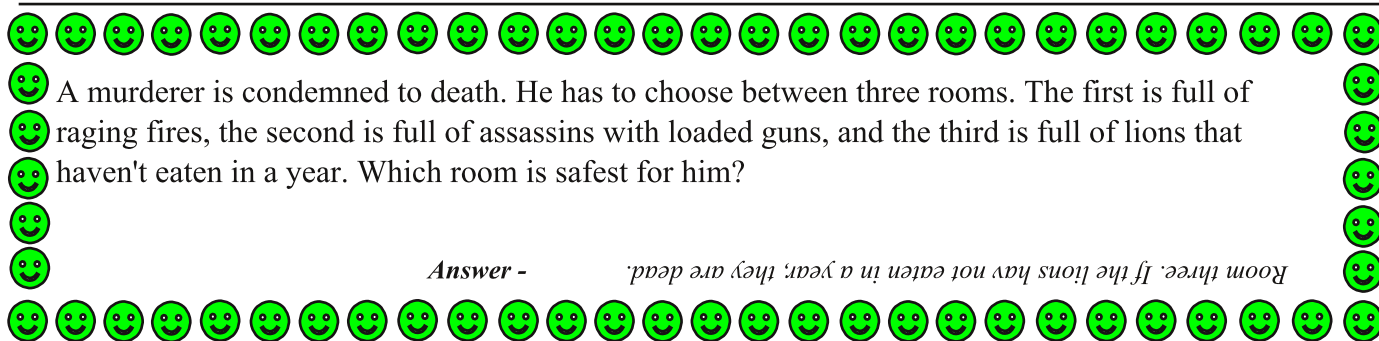
Bob Finley - Advanced



John Duff - Experienced



Alan Smith - Beginners


  
 A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of
   
 raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that
   
 haven't eaten in a year. Which room is safest for him?
   
 Answer - *Room three. If the lions have not eaten in a year, they are dead.*

# Overall Competition Results

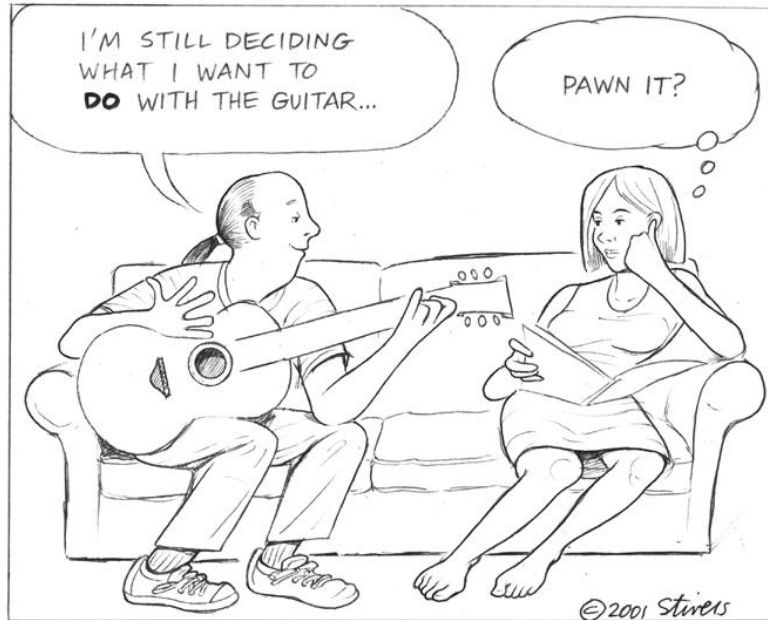


<b>Competition 2016.</b>														
<b><u>Advanced</u></b>														
NAME	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total	Points
Bob Finley	0	15	15	11	13	11	9	9	15	5	15		118	
Cecil Barron	0	13	5	13	9	6	13		7	11			77	
Seamus O'Reilly	0	11											11	
Paddy Finn	0	9		5	7				6				27	
Henry East		7											7	
Frank McCarthy		6											6	
Paul Murtagh		5	5	6	6	7	6	15	11	7	9		77	
Sean Ryan		5	5	5									15	
Joe O'Neill			13										13	
Pat Walsh [big]			11			9	15	11	13				59	
Jonathan Wigham			9	9									18	
David Sweeney			7	15	15	13	7	13	9	15	13		107	
Willie Edwards			6	7				7	5	6	7		38	
Pat Walsh [ennisk]			5				11			9			25	
Pacallie O'Rourke			5	5	7		5		5				27	
Tony Lally			5				5			13			23	
Adrian Finley				5				6	5				16	
John Earls				5									5	
Seamus Carter					11						11		22	
Michael Fay					15								15	
<b><u>Experienced</u></b>														
NAME	dec	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	june	july	aug	sept	oct	nov	Points	Points
Martin Boyle	15	15	15	13	15	15	15	15	15	15			148	
Willie Edwards	13												13	
Kevin McCormack	11	7	13	15									46	
Frank Maguire		13	6	6	9	11	9			13	13		80	
John Earls		11											11	
George Madden		9	9	9	13	9	11	13	13	11			97	
Pat Costigan			11	11									22	
John Ownes			7										7	
Irine Christie				7									7	
Kevin Milton					11	13	13						37	
Michael Jordan							7	11	11	9	11		49	
Michael Doran								11					11	
John Duff											15		15	
<b><u>Beginners</u></b>														
NAME	dec	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	june	july	aug	sept	oct	nov	Points	Points
Ruth Wallace	15												15	
Jack Wright		15	13	15	15	15	15	13	15	13	13		142	
Michael Colclough		13											15	
Ronnie Butler			15	13									28	
Jim Cashin			11										11	
Dacey Reilly			9	11		13	13						46	
Vincent Whelan				9			11		13				33	
Robbie Dowdall				7									7	
Michael Quinn								15					15	
Alan Smyth										15	15		30	
<b><u>Artistic</u></b>														
NAME	dec	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	june	july	aug	sept	oct	nov	Points	Points
Michael Fay	15	15	13	15	15								73	
Cecil Barron	13	13	15	6	9	6	15	13	11	15	15		131	
Martin Boyle	11	7	11	11	11	11	7	9	13	11	13		115	
Seamus O'Reilly	9	6				5							20	
Tom Leonard	7												7	
Kevin McCormack	6												6	
Paul Murtagh	5	9	9	13	13	9		11	9		11		89	
George Madden		11	7			5							23	
Bob Finley		5				7			15				32	
Sean Ryan				9									9	
Tony Lally				7									7	
Ronnie Butler				5						13			18	
John Ownes				5									5	
Dacey Reilly				5			9						14	
Michael Colclough				5									5	
Pat Walsh						15	11	15	7				48	
Kevin Milton						13	13						26	
Dacey Reilly						5							5	



**SAFETY FIRST  
- PROTECT  
THOSE EYES!**

Thanks to Alison Hurst for spotting this.



**AGM 2016 – Nominations for the NEW Committee.**

Use this form to nominate someone for a one or more positions on the new committee at the beginning of the 2016 AGM. Hand the completed form to any current committee member.

A seconder is not required at the time of submitting this form; one will be obtained at the time of the voting.

\* The positions available are Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Member.

I wish to nominate . . . . . for the position of \* . . . . .

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