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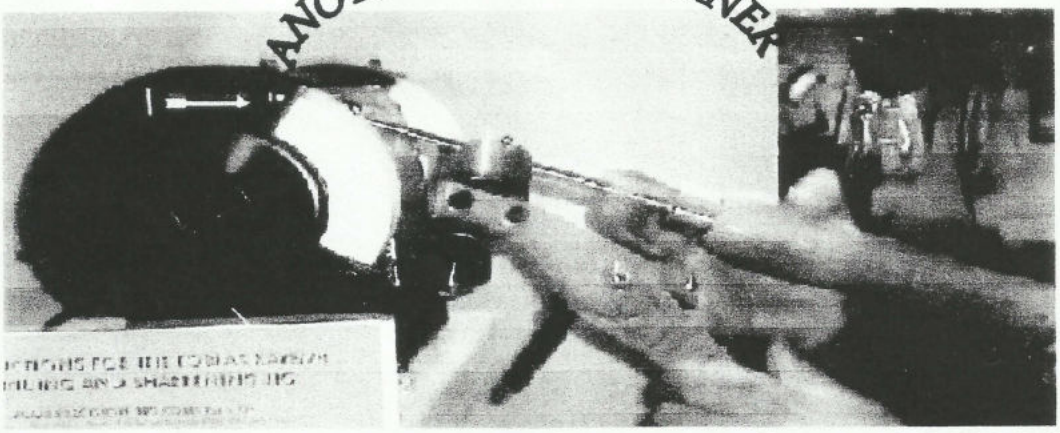

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Committee activity

The Committee have been working hard on making the Chapter more responsive to our members' needs. A suggestion at last years AGM to reform the monthly competition process has been getting some very close attention of late. When fully developed, it is proposed to bring the result to the next AGM. The outcome will form the basis for competitions in 2006. If you have views on needed changes to the competition system please let any committee member know NOW so that the outcome fully reflects the broadest set of opinions.

The banter that erupts at the end of each committee meeting is something to be experienced. A fly on the wall could hardly do it justice but suffice to say that the Goons or Monty Python could usefully take excerpts for inclusion in their sketches. For this alone, being a member of the committee is worthwhile. But the more important aspect is being there to effect changes and help shape how our Chapter develops.

Some committee members, myself included, will step down at the AGM and replacements will be needed. Consider going forward for just one year, play a part and enjoy the experience. Or you may wish to take over the mantle of Newsletter editor without membership of the committee? I am a firm believer that new blood and a steady rotation of membership and control is a healthy approach, bringing with it fresh ideas, renewed vitality and greater harmony.

Ed.

Photos by Hugh Flynn ••••▶

Michael Fay

Martin O'Halloran

Richard Murphy

ALEX SILKE

Eileen, wife of the late Alex Silke has written to the Chapter to express the gratitude of herself and her children Gerard, Henry, Siobhan and Una for the expressions of sympathy on the death of Alex. A special thanks to those who attended the funeral, phoned and sent mass cards.

Eileen mentions the beech tree planted in his memory and the love Alex had for wood, a characteristic he picked up from his father, a senior forester in Galway.

Mass has been offered for your intentions at the Capuchin Oratory in Blanchardstown.

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Competition Results

2005

Advanced	score	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Michael Fay	112	0	15	15	15	7	15	15	15	15	15
Cecil Barron	94	6	9	7	9	15	9	13	13	13	13
Tom Gibson	68	9	7	5	7	13	5	11	11	0	11
Chris Hayes	39	11	13	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	
Pat Walsh	33	7	5	11	5	0	5	0	0	0	
Henry East	34	0	5	0	11	11	7	0	0	0	
Sean Ryan	30	15	5	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	
Philip Kerr	29	0	6	13	5	0	5	0	0	0	
Adrian Finlay	22	0	11	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Albert Sloane	25	0	5	9	6	0	5	0	0	0	
Colm Hyland	37	13	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	11	
Seamus Carter	19	0	0	0	13	0	6	0	0	0	
Seamus O'Reilly	6	0	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	0	
Eddie O'Reilly	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Joe Laird	16	0	0	0	5	0	11	0	0	0	
Joe O Neill	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Mick Healy	9									9	
Experienced											
Pat Walsh	99	13	15	13	5	7	9	9	15	13	
Martin O'Halloran	84	0	12	15	5	15	7	15	0	15	
David Cox	45	0	0	32	0	13	0	0	0	0	
Una Sheeran	94	~~8~~	9	11	15	9	13	13	13	11	
John Holmes	49	15	7	7	5	0	6	0	0	9	
Frank Gallagher	55	11	5	0	6	11	11	11	0	0	
Eugene Colgan	33	0	11	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	
John Foley	24	0	13	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	
Irene Christie	20	7	6	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	
Paddy Finn	26	9	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	7	
William Edwards	26	0	0	0	11	0	15	0	0	0	
Stephen Richardson	24						24	0	0	0	
Pat Lambert	54								48	6	
Malcolm Hill	59								54	5	
Beginners											
Tom Delaney	52	13	11	5	5	7	11	0	0	0	
Pat Lambert c/fwd 15	60	0	9	7	11	13	5	0	15	promoted	
David Cox	39	15	13	11	promoted						
Malcolm Hill	67	0	0	6	15	11	7	15	13	promoted	
Denis Harbourne	26	0	6	15	0	5	0	0	0	0	
Sean Egan	27	0	0	9	5	6	0	0	0	7	
Colm McIntyre	24	0	0	5	13	0	6	0	0	0	
John Duff	17	0	7	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Peter Gillan	15					15	0	0	0	0	
Peter Hore	23	0	0	0	9	5	9	0	0	0	
Willie Reville	26	0	0	13	0	0	13	0	0	0	
Richard Murphy	26	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	0	15	
Noel Masterson	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	
Michael McNamara	16	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	11	
William Brazil	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	
William Hillard	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Stephen Richardson c/fwd 15	15						15		promoted		

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HIS NAME IS MICK

How can one summarise **Mick Healy**? Mick is an enigma.

At 78 years he is an inspiration to all who know him, as is his wife Betty. It's about six years since John and I got to know Mick through woodturning at Ballymun Comprehensive School, one of the various venues where Mick imparted his knowledge of woodturning to unsuspecting students of the craft. Little did one know that his charm, wisdom and humour, which are so infectious, would ensure that in a very short space of time, one caught the 'bug' so badly, that there is no cure. It just grows from strength under the Masters watchful eye.

Mick and Betty have an open house with a constant trail of wood shavings from the front door to the Studio. One enters the portal of the Studio as man or woman and completes the metamorphic transition as the wise Mick declares 'you are now a woodturner' - and the lesson begins.... Gown up, Mask on and 'Don't be too greedy with the gouge'.

If one was to do a research project on the knowledge imparted by Mick to members over the years, I imagine we would be on volume 7 of the most amazing instruction manual of woodturning theory and practice ever.

Should there be an election for a World Ambassador for the Irish Woodturners, without doubt Mick would win hands down.

The Dublin Chapter of the Woodturning Guild had its beginnings in the Scouts Hall in Larch Hill many moons ago. Mick held many important positions on the Committee over the years. These pioneers encouraged high standards, which we all appreciate today.

At the July meeting in Terenure, Mick became the victim of 'This is your Life'. At the opening of the meeting, **Frank Gallagher** from his position at the lectern, began reading out the introduction to the meeting, and quietly it dawned on Mick that he was the focus of 'something'. It was with great pleasure, the Dublin Chapter made Mick a Lifetime Honorary Member in recognition of his dedication to the work of the Dublin Chapter.

Mick received the award with dignity, grace and almost silence as he struggled to find words – not often a problem with Mick.

We all congratulate you and thank you for your work in making The Dublin Chapter of the Irish Woodturning Guild a great chapter. We thank you for your friendship, tuition, guidance, and perspective on life.

From the Lady and Gentlemen Woodturners, – your students of woodturning, from the Sawdusters, Spinningwheelers and many friends, we thank you and Betty. Long may you enjoy the goodness of life.

Una Sheeran
12 July 05

Above: Mick Healy at St Annes Rose Festival with another convert to woodturning. Note the personalised numberplate. Photo courtesy of Barry Dunne.