

## PROFILE OF CLUB CHAIRMAN

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Owen Treacy joined the D.M.T.C. in 1999 after being introduced to it by Paddy Murphy. In 2005 he was elected Chairman, and has been re elected each year since.

His first taste of motorcycling came when he was 10 years old. A Velosolex was stolen and dumped in a field near his home. Local youths were riding it and Owen decided he would have a go. He rode it until he crashed, but that did not deter him. Motorcycling was in his blood, as his Grandfather rode a side car outfit in the 1920s [family transport].

At 13 years of age he acquired a Zundapp 50cc, and when his parents were not about, would ride it locally on the road and in the fields.

In 1967 he started an apprenticeship as an Optical Technician and in Sept. of that year, with his savings he purchased a 50cc Yamaha. He went on to upgrade to a Yasi 125cc, followed by a 250cc, 350cc and ending with a 500cc Kawasaki 3 cylinder.

In 1970 he went to work for DanFay [Yamaha distributors] where he spent several years working in all depts.

It was during this period that he met his girlfriend Ger, who would later become his Wife and favorite pillion. As was the case in those days, he hung out with a group of other motorcyclists and they traveled and holidayed throughout Ireland. When their three children, Caroline [motorcyclist ], Sean, [4 wheel enthusiast ], and Suzanne, [leaner motorcyclist ] came along, there was not much time for biking and it was not until the mid 90s that he bought a Yamaha Venture and started putting up the miles again .

A GTS 1000cc and an FJR1300cc followed. His current bikes are a Classic Motto Morini 3½ [350cc] and a Suzuki V Strom 1000cc. He is a competent motorcyclist, and conscious of the need to constantly improve his riding skills, Owen took advanced bike training. He regularly leads out Sun. club runs and likes to travel at a brisk pace. Owen has represented the club at the F.I.M. rallies in Denmark and Spain, and has toured Scotland, France and Germany.

Himself and Ger have been running their family business "TRACYMOWERS" since 1992 and free time can be very scarce. He hopes in the future to get more time off to indulge in more continental touring. To keep fit he swims several times a week.

His ambition for the club is to have a permanent fixed abode i.e. a proper club house. Owen is articulate, affable and good fun to be with. Since becoming Chairman the club has increased its membership and become more active