



## Jan-Feb 2011 Newsletter

A belated Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a great Christmas and that you're all following your New Year resolutions!!

Unfortunately the club picnic didn't happen again this year due to the weather conditions. We've been really unlucky with the weather and may have to rethink the date.

In this month's newsletter we have lots of news and lots of really interesting websites for you to visit. Have a read for more info.

The club will be going ahead with the honours board in the next couple of months and with this in mind, I have included the current list of presidents that we have in our records. If you could add to this list and help complete it, it would be very much appreciated.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all of you who sent Leanna and me your best wishes on our wedding last month. It was a fantastic day and everyone had a great day.

On behalf of the club I'd also like to thank Aislinn Ryan for all her work for the club in the last year. She has been instrumental in getting the Ceili nights back in the club which are immensely enjoyable. Aislinn is off to Europe for her OE and we wish her all the very best for her journey. We look forward to hearing all about her trip.

St Patrick's day is fast approaching and the annual Golf tournament is again on the agenda. See the page inside for more details and thanks to Bernie Breslin for again organising the event.

As it's February again, I'd like to remind all our members that your membership fees are due again by the 1<sup>st</sup> April. For new members who joined in the last couple of months, your first membership is also due at this date.

I have attached membership renewal forms as well as committee nomination forms for the AGM later in the year. Please take time to see if you'd like to be a committee member and help the club out.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and any feedback is more than welcome.

Rgds  
David Rynne  
Secretary



# Coming Events

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## **Friday Nights at the Club**

If you're partial to some really good harp and traditional music, then call down to the Club on Friday nights from 7.30. We have a group of musicians visiting us regularly and it would be a shame not to support them. Call in for a night of good music and plenty of fun. We've been getting a good few down at the club on Friday evenings so if you've got an hour or two to spare, feel free to drop in for a tune or even a game of pool with the usual suspects.

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## **WOMAD 2011 – Luka Bloom**

Womad 2011 is taking place in Taranaki from the 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March and this year features the famous Irish artist Luka Bloom. Luka is the younger brother of Christy Moore and has performed extensively throughout the world.

Follow the link below for more details.

[www.womad.co.nz/Luka\\_Bloom.htm](http://www.womad.co.nz/Luka_Bloom.htm)

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## **Zirka Circus – Wellington**

### **09-20<sup>th</sup> February – Waitangi Park**

**Zirka Circus is a brand new circus, the first new circus to hit the New Zealand scene in many years.**

Zirka Circus has a contemporary show featuring beautiful costumes and choreography as well as death-defying acrobats and unbelievable feats of human strength and bravery.

The show features 30 incredible international acrobats, clowns and magic. All wrapped up in a beautiful love story.

Don't miss out - book now on 0800 2 ZIRKA (0800 294752).

[http://www.wotzon.com/eventlisting.php?event\\_id=5027795](http://www.wotzon.com/eventlisting.php?event_id=5027795)

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## **2011 Wellington Summer City Festival**

**Hot town, summer in the city... it must be the 2011 Wellington Summer City Festival. See the full programme below.**

The Summer City Festival is Wellington's summer in the city festival of outdoor fun and entertainment - and with a wide array of events and concerts over three months, there are heaps of reasons to get out and join in the action in Wellington.

The Wellington Summer City programme started on 31 December and runs to mid April. There is something to cater for everyone's taste, and most of the events are free.

[http://www.wotzon.com/eventlisting.php?event\\_id=5007742](http://www.wotzon.com/eventlisting.php?event_id=5007742)

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## Tommy Tiernan - Designer Wino

**Multi award winning Irish comedian Tommy Tiernan returns to New Zealand following his hugely successful sold out tour of Australia & New Zealand in 2010.**

His observations about life are offbeat and thoughtful but most importantly, he's a tremendous storyteller. He will challenge, he will engage and he will definitely entertain.

Date	27 Mar 2011 (Sun)
Time	8pm
Venue	<a href="#">The Opera House</a>
Address	111 <a href="#">Wakefield Street</a> , Wellington Central
Cost	\$56.40
Bookings	Ticketek <a href="http://www.ticketek.co.nz">www.ticketek.co.nz</a> (04) 384 3840. Please note: Ticketek booking fees apply



## Welcome to New Zealand's Celtic music resource

home >

### A complete resource for Celtic music in New Zealand

- [Events & sessions](#) - in NZ
- [Teachers](#) - all instruments
- [Instrument](#) - sales and repair
- [Library](#) - FREE to the public -CD's, tutor books & tune books
- [Resources](#) - tunes and helpful hints
- [Dancing](#) contact

### Aims

This site aims to provide New Zealanders interested in Celtic music (particularly Irish and Scottish) a starting point, a place to find an instrument, a teacher or an event to go to. It also aims to develop networks within the Celtic music community in New Zealand. We are also aiming to establish some links between the dancing and the music. Please browse the site and feel free to [contact us](#) if there is anything else you would like to see here.

<http://www.celticmusic.co.nz/>



# Recipe Corner

## Recipe Corner

### Irish Sausages



#### ***Ingredients***

- 2 lbs of ground pork (if you can get a butcher to grind it for you fresh, ask for pork ground from the shoulder butt, otherwise, just use regular ground pork)
- 1 egg
- 1 cup of bread crumbs
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of cold water
- 1 and  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsps of salt
- 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsps of dried thyme
- 1 tsp dried marjoram
- 1 tsp freshly cracked black pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp or dried rosemary
- 4 cloves of garlic, flattened and finely minced
- Sausage casings (these are generally sold salted and refrigerated. To use, for small batches, just take off a couple of strands, rinse out well with cold water two or three times and then stuff, twisting as you go to form links.

#### ***Method***

1. Mix together all ingredients (except for the casings!).
2. Take a small amount and fry or microwave it up and then taste for seasoning, and adjust seasoning if necessary
3. Once seasoned to your liking, use a wide mouthed funnel (I often cut a water bottle and use that as a funnel) stuck into the end of a sausage casing, and then press the meat through the funnel into the casing.
4. Divide the casing into links by twisting at intervals, and then refrigerate for a day or two (Ideally) before cooking.



www.eireofsuccess.com  
www.eireofsuccess.com

Welcome to "Eire of Success"

*"The Irish - Be they kings, or poets, or farmers, They're a people of great worth,  
They keep company with the angels, And bring a bit of heaven here to earth"*



**"Eire of Success"** has been created as social network platform that enables Irish people, wherever in the world they may be, to connect and celebrate the amazing, positive achievements and influences the Irish have had in countries worldwide.

Sport, Music, Literature, Business, Movies, Showbusiness, Politics, Academia.... No matter what the field, the Irish have enjoyed tremendous success. There are close to 80,000,000 people around the world with Irish heritage, and from the massive Irish enclaves of the USA & UK to the far outreaches of Chile & Russia the Irish continue to make an impressive mark.

From George Bernard Shaw to Samuel Beckett, Patrick McGoochan to Colin Farrell, Barry McGuigan to Wayne McCulloch, U2 to Clannad, the Irish have managed to reach the pinnacle of success in all that they undertake.

The **"Eire of Success"** website gives you the opportunity to shout out your personal favourite Irish success story and at the same time learn about the other wonderful achievements of Irish people along the way.

It is hoped that "Eire of Success" will act as an inspiration to all young people of Irish heritage and let them see that they can achieve absolutely anything they want to in life as they are ***"Blessed with that dynamic Irish spirit"***.

**"Eire of Success"** is a continual work in progress that will grow with the input of proud Irish people who are openly invited contribute to the "Eire of Success" [forums](#) and spread the word to their Irish friends, families and Irish communities around the world.

Website Address: <http://www.eireofsuccess.com/>



# Irish Election Vote!

## *What is BallotBox.ie?*

Ballotbox.ie is a site where Irish emigrants who are not allowed to vote in the forthcoming General Election can cast a symbolic ballot.

There are three million Irish passport holders living abroad at present, many of them forced out of the country by economic necessity. Yet despite huge interest in the election among Irish in the UK, USA, Australia, Canada and elsewhere, Irish law prevents them from voting.

Ireland is one of the few EU countries where this is the case.

The aim of the site is to highlight this issue, and to allow any Irish people living abroad to have their say in the election. It may not be a real vote, but it's the next best thing.

### **When can I vote?**

Ballotbox.ie will open for voting on the week of February 15 and will remain open until shortly before the election. Only those living outside Ireland will be able to cast a ballot.

Register below to receive information on the day the site formally opens, how to vote, and when the results will be published.





# Gaelic Games News

## Gaelic Games News

Hi everyone,

Its been a very exciting period in the Wellington GAA scene.

Our post Christmas 7's tournament was a huge success with 10 teams taking part. We had our finals day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February and in what was a great day of football T-Shirt time came out victorious after an epic battle with the Monster Munchers.

No resting on our laurels, we have started our Men's 7's competition last Wednesday. This competition will run for the next few Wednesdays from 6.30 to 8pm.

The finals day will be Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> March in Ian Galloway Park. We will be having a few drinks and a BBQ during the day and hopefully we will see you all with your families there to watch a few games of football.

I would like to offer the clubs congratulations to Davey Rynne & Leanna Humphrey on their recent marriage.

Also congrats to the Clare Team on their win over The Rest of the World on the Wednesday before their wedding. It was a great game despite the weather and everybody had a great day.



Clare Team V Rest of World – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Back row ltr – Jason Mullarkey, Donal Rynne, Adam Greenfield, Davey Rynne, Donal McNamara, Shane O'Connell, John Talty.

Front row ltr – Declan Rynne, Michelle Rynne, Caroline Rynne, Kathleen Rynne, James Troy, Kevin Queally.

Donal Kavanagh  
President – Wellington GAA

Check out the latest fixtures and results at [www.wellingtongaa.com](http://www.wellingtongaa.com)  
Wellington Gaelic Football & Hurling Association



# Notices

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## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Davey Rynne and Leanna Humphrey who recently got married. Congratulations to Esther Budding who also got married last month.

We wish you all every happiness.

## **New Arrivals**

Congratulations to Mattie Ryan and Justine on the recent birth of their Daughter Aoife.

Runour has it that she's already shouting Tipp Tipp Tipp!

## **Deepest Sympathies**

Our Deepest Sympathies to John & Vanessa McManamon, and Family on the death of their father Sean.

Our Sincerest Sympathies to Joe Fleetwood & Family on the recent death of his father.

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# Puzzle Page

## Last Month's Answers

1.d, 2.c, 3.d, 4.a, 5.c, 6.c, 7.c, 8.c, 9.c, 10.d

## This Month's Teasers

1. What are the two main parties in the US?
2. What is the name of a two-coloured oblong cake covered with almond paste?
3. In which country is the city of Dresden?
4. Which brothers sang about the price of love?
5. Who wanted to ask the wizard of oz for courage?
6. In past times, what would a gentleman keep in his fob pocket?
7. What kind of creature is a cabbage white?
8. Who sang with the Miami sound machine?
9. Peter Docherty is associated with which sport?
10. What word can go before "holiday", "relations" and "school"?
11. Which family of plants does garlic belong to?
12. Which is the largest country on the Iberian peninsula?
13. What was the value of a rugby union try prior to 1971?
14. Which county formerly had Abingdon as its county town?
15. What shape is the trunk of the cotton wood tree?
16. What does the word mono mean in the words "monocle" or "monorail"?
17. What nationality was Marie Curie?
18. How many people are portrayed in Da Vinci's the Last Supper?
19. Who was the first presenter of " holiday" on BBC1?
20. In the old testament which book directly follows psalms?



**St Patrick's Day Golf tournament  
Thursday 17th March 2011  
Te Marua Golf Club**

Shotgun Start 9-30 am

\$35 per person includes Golf, Complimentary can of Guinness or  
Kilkenny to start of the day & light meal

**Usual Great Prizes!**

All players that play on the day are eligible for Lucky cash draw prizes  
Breakfast before Golf will be available at \$15 a head but must be booked

**To register for the day please give a call to Bernie Breslin on  
5269835 as early as possible**



# Can you Help?



## **SEARCHING FOR MISSING PERSON: PATRICK DOLAN – CAN YOU HELP?**

Greetings from Ireland. I am wondering if you would be able to help locate a missing person.

My uncle, Patrick Joseph Dolan, 'disappeared' in Auckland sometime between 1959 and 1969 and his mother, brothers and sisters never stopped looking for him. His sister searched for him years ago and involved the Salvation Army back in the 70s but apparently they found no record of him. Presumably they would have checked down and out hostels, hospitals, prisons, etc. His brother Philip, my father, sadly died last January and his sister Maureen died a few weeks ago. Patrick has one remaining sister and brother, Margaret (Peggy) and Michael. They would love to know whatever happened to their older brother. As longevity runs in the family, and there is no record of his death, Patrick may well be alive....he would be 91.

Here are some details about him:

Patrick Joseph Dolan was born in Ireland, in Dun Laoghaire, a coastal suburb of Dublin, on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1919. He had red hair! He was well educated (for the times), and he had a great sense of adventure. Apparently he was clever and well read and always had a book in his hand. We think he had a good sense of humour and he was also fond of a drink so he probably partook of the 6o'clock swill! His hobbies were unusual so someone might have met him through one of these. He read Morse code and he was interested in Esperanto and we have made contact with the Amateur Radio Group and the New Zealand Esperanto Association.

Apparently he left Toronto after one or two years and then moved to New Zealand. He may have gone to Wellington first but sometime between 1959 and 1969 (although it may have been as early as 1955) he was living in Auckland, so he would have been

between 34 and 49 years old at this stage. He sent a Christmas card home during this period (the card depicts the Harbour Bridge with 4 lanes, which is how we know the time period!). In this he gave an address of 82A Grafton Road (now part of the university) and prior to that he had provided an address at Wellesley House, Wellesley Road – perhaps they were both boarding houses? In the card he said he would be home for good in two years and signed off with '*Hasta la vista*'..... nobody has heard a word since and further letters to him were returned to sender!

Does anyone have any information at all? Did anyone know him or what happened to him, or know if he moved on to somewhere else? I will happily phone anybody who thinks they be able to help, even in any small way. Even information about what type of work Irish immigrants might have done at that time or where they may have moved to if they left New Zealand. My e-mail and phone contacts are below.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and any response will be greatly appreciated.

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An Lár TV

An Lár TV is a new Irish Community Internet TV channel. An Lár TV broadcasts 24/7, featuring shows about every part of Ireland. The channel strongly features Irish music, culture and local events. In recent months, we have seen a steady increase in audiences from New Zealand. We know from our research that the channel is of particular interest to the Irish Diaspora. We also have a page where viewers/communities around the world are listed – this may also be of interest to you.

The channel can be found at [www.anlar.tv](http://www.anlar.tv), and your feedback would be very welcome.

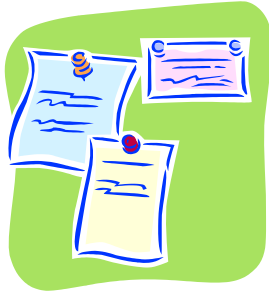
Regards

Susanne Carpenter, Director, Strategic Operations

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# Notice Board

## Wedding Band with a Ceili Caller!

Emma & Paul are looking for a Wedding band that also has a caller for a Ceili. They are getting married near Tauranga in January 2012.

If you know of any such band can you please contact Emma on the following email address.

paulandemma2012@yahoo.co.nz

The Two Oceans Trio are Grammy Award Winning Bluegrass Icon Tim O'Brien, Lunasa and former Waterboys bass player Trevor Hutchinson and Gerry Paul of Gráda. From three different continents and two oceans between them, the Two Oceans Trio find common ground in the language of Roots, Bluegrass, Irish Trad and Americana music. This will be the Trio's second tour to NZ and since the last tour eighteen months ago, O'Brien has been busy touring the world as part of Mark Knopfler's band, as well as playing with the Chieftains and actor/banjo master Steve Martin.



**27 February 2011**  
**Wellington**

The Wellington Fringe Festival  
@ The Paramount Theatre

Tickets from <http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/> and  
the Paramount

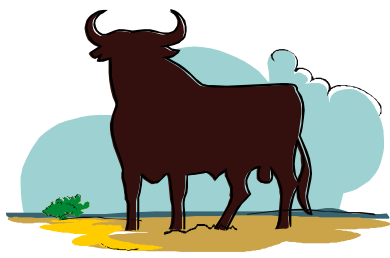


# Honours Board

Year	President	Year	President	Year	President
1939-40	William Myers	1963-64	George Scullin	1987-88	Lilian Mackey
1940-41	Paddy Feeney	1964-65	Dave O'Connell	1988-89	Davie Coburn
1941-42	Paddy Feeney	1965-66	Tom Dwyer	1989-90	Davie Coburn
1942-43	Paddy Feeney	1966-67	Tom Lally	1990-91	Lilian Mackey
1943-44	E Walsh	1967-68	Mrs. Pat Nally	1991-92	Pat Scullin
1944-45	E Walsh	1968-69	Mrs. Pat Nally	1992-93	Jerry McCarthy
1945-46	E Walsh	1969-70	Mrs. Pat Nally	1993-94	Jerry McCarthy
1946-47	Maurice Aylward	1970-71	Mrs. Pat Nally	1994-95	Barry Doyle
1947-48		1971-72	Liam Higgins	1995-96	Barry Doyle
1948-49		1972-73	Paul Harte	1996-97	Jim Bowler
1949-50		1973-74	Paul Harte	1997-98	Jim Bowler
1950-51		1974-75	Paul Harte	1998-99	
1951-52	Hugh McCoach	1975-76	Paul Harte	1999-00	John Whitty
1952-53	Larry O'Connell	1976-77	Seamus Hallissey	2000-01	Margaret Grealish
1953-54	Maurice Kidd	1977-78	Seamus Hallissey	2001-02	Margaret Grealish
1954-55	Maurice Kidd	1978-79	Davie Coburn	2002-03	Jim Bowler
1955-56	Maurice Kidd	1979-80	Davie Coburn	2003-04	
1956-57	Maurice Kidd	1980-81	Seamus Hallissey	2004-05	Jim Bowler
1957-58	Maurice Kidd	1981-82	Michael Lavan	2005-06	
1958-59		1982-83	Davie Coburn	2006-07	Jim Bowler.
1959-60		1983-84	Ted O'Donovan	2007-08	Jim Bowler.
1960-61	George Scullin	1984-85	Ted O'Donovan	2008-09	Lilian Mackey
1961-62	George Scullin	1985-86	Lilian Mackey	2009-10	Lilian Mackey
1962-63		1986-87	Lilian Mackey	2010-11	Margaret Grealish

**We have decided to proceed with getting an honours board for the Wellington Irish Society. If you know of any missing entries on the list we have above, could you please get in touch ASAP!**





# Tain Bo Cuailnge

*A Story to tell the grand children!*

*We'll have an ancient Irish legend in each newsletter for you to spread the Irish Heritage to your families. All suggestions are welcome.*

The central story of the Ulster cycle is the Cattle-raid of Cuailnge (Tain Bo Cuailnge). Queen Medbh of Connacht and her vanguard attempt to steal the great bull, Donn Cuailnge, owned by the men of Ulster. She desires this bull so that her possessions will equal those of her husband, King Ailill, who owns a great white-horned bull, Finnbennach. The Queen of Connacht, Medbh, was very jealous. She had as much jewellery and fighting warriors as her husband, King Ailill, but he owned the one possession that she envied beyond belief ~ the White Bull of Connacht.

It had come to the Queen's knowledge that a man called Daire owned a great brown bull in Cooley. Medbh ordered her army to capture this bull, thus she thought this acquisition would make her rich in possessions as her husband. The army set off for Ulster, and their march was known as the Táin - the "Cattle Raid". The warriors of Ulster had become sick and feverish; the curse of Macha had surfaced, with weakness in abundance when strength was most required. Cuchulain stood at the "Gap of the North", protecting the borders of Ulster against the impending onslaught by Medbh's armies. Medbh's armies had heard of Cuchulain and were scared, because he was the only warrior in the province of Ulster to have been spared of Macha's curse (not being born in Ulster).

When engaged in battle, young Cuchulain was said to be divine. In the battle, the Connacht warriors were no match for Cuchulain. Cuchulain fought with the strength of 20 men. Medbh's warriors were slayed left, right and centre. Medbh was cunning. She managed to bribe Ferdia, Cuchulain great friend, to engage in battle against him. Friend or no friend, Cuchulain had no choice, he had to fight against his friend. Ferdia was also a champion, and the ensuing battle lasted for four days. On day four, Ferdia allowed Cuchulain to choose his weapon first. Cuchulain opted to fight with his own weapon, the gae bolga, which was a spear with five sharp points. Ferdia was slain at last, at the death Cuchulain was sad to lose a great friend but praised his courage in battle.

The curse of Macha was lifted, as suddenly as it had come, it had gone! The warriors of Macha together with Cuchulain, drove Medbh's army back. However, the beaten Connacht men had already managed to capture the Brown Bull, and they paraded it before them as they quickly fled from the opposition. Back at Connacht, the White Bull was no match for the Brown Bull. The Brown Bull gored the White Bull to shreds, and then condescended on a wild rampage back towards Cooley! The Brown Bull reached Druim Tarb ~ "the Ridge of the Bull", where his heart burst and he died. All the Queen had succeeded in achieving was losing her bull, i.e. matching her husband's loss!



# Club Contacts

The following are the contact details of the Committee in 2010-11

Role	Name	Phone Number	Email
Club Patron	Ted Ramsbottom		
Club President	Margaret Grealish		margaretgrealish@yahoo.com
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	Tony O'Riordan		
	Paul Murray		
	Jim Maguire		Jm.flooring@xtra.co.nz
	Jim McMeekin		
	Lilian Mackey		
	Kerry Dwyer		greenink@xtra.co.nz

**For details of hall hire please ring the club on 384-8535 and leave a message with your number. We will ring you back with details.  
Alternatively, check the club website for online bookings.**

Please send any Newsletter details to [Secretary@wellingtonirishsociety.com](mailto:Secretary@wellingtonirishsociety.com)

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# Wellington Irish Society (Inc)

## Executive Committee Nomination Form

Please complete and return this application to the Irish Society

Nominations accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 30th May 2011 at 8.30pm

### Nominated Person

Name	
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### Nominated By

Name	
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### Nominated Position (Tick One)

- President ☐
- Vice President ☐
- Secretary ☐
- Treasurer ☐
- Committee Member ☐

### Acceptance

I hereby accept the nomination. [Nominees Signature]	
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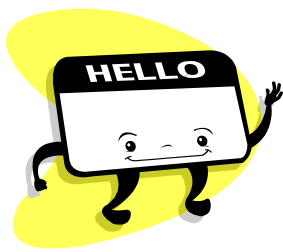
### Proposers

1 <sup>st</sup> Proposer	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Proposer	

There are some rules regarding nomination to electable offices in the club.

#### Rule 14.5 states

*No member shall be eligible for nomination as President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer unless they have been a member for at least 3 years before the date of closing of nominations; and no member shall be eligible for nomination as assistant secretary, or as a committee member unless he/she has been a member of the society for at least 1 year before the closing date of nominations.*



# Whats in a Name?

## **Doyle – O Dubhghaill**

**If you're a Doyle, you probably have Vikings in your past, says Shauna O'Halloran.**

This twelfth most popular of all Irish surnames boasts some 20,000 name holders today. Originating from the Gaelic O Dubhghaill, meaning 'dark stranger', it is without doubt one of Ireland's ancient names, despite being curiously missing from most old genealogy records and having no 'O'Doyle' variation. The most accepted theory for the beginnings of this Irish surname is that the clan hails back to a Viking invader, with Dubhghaill the commonly used term to describe the Viking Danes, distinguishing them from their fairer haired Norwegian cousins. The variations on this name include McDougall and McDowell (also popular Scottish surnames, where they are MacDougall and MacDowell respectively).

The most prevalent locations for Doyles in the 20th and 21st century remain in Dublin and its nearby counties (Wexford, Wicklow and Carlow) where it is thought the name first appeared, although there are pockets of Doyles also found in Counties Cork and Kerry. As such a popular surname, it has had many illustrious owners over the last two centuries, one of the most famous of which is undoubtedly the Scottish author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who penned the Sherlock Holmes series of detective novels. What is perhaps less well known is that his father, Charles Altamont Doyle, was a Victorian artist and son of an Irishman, while his mother, Mary Foley was undoubtedly of Irish decent meaning we can surely claim him as yet another Irish great. Another well-known wordsmith bearing the name is Booker-prize winning screenplay writer, novelist and children's author Roddy Doyle, whose successful works include The Commitments, Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha and The Woman Who Walked into Doors.

Today in Ireland, Doyles still dominate the airwaves on national television and radio, with presenter Craig Doyle a firm family favorite on primetime television, and Anne Doyle a longtime leading newscaster for RTE news.

On a more light-hearted note, the name was catapulted into comedy popularity in Britain and Ireland in the Channel 4 series, Father Ted, during the 1990s. Actress Pauline McLynn played the character of housekeeper to the Craggy Island priests, Mrs Doyle, the quintessential Irish tea-pusher with good intentions and a somewhat scary insistence about her.

*Courtesy of <http://www.irelandofthewelcomes.com>*

# Wellington Irish Society (Inc)

## Annual Subscription

### Invoice

Please complete and return this application to the Irish Society

#### Member Details

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Date	

#### Membership Type – Please select one:

- |   |         |                          |
|---|---------|--------------------------|
| Family (2 Adults & Children under 18 yrs) | \$45.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Retired Couple                            | \$35.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Single (Waged)                            | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Single (Retired/Unwaged)                  | \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Subscription Due Date – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011**

**Membership Period is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

Payment Details
<p><b>1.</b> Send a cheque to the Irish Society at the address above</p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>2.</b> Pay online to the society bank account <b>06-0513-0058515-00</b></p> <p>Please use your name and "subs" as the reference.</p>

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