



July-August 2010 Newsletter

Hi everyone,

Welcome to another issue of the Wellington Irish Society Newsletter.

There is lots happening in wellington at the moment with the International Film Festival and the All Blacks beating the Springboks at the weekend. For those of you who made the trip to New Plymouth last month to see the Irish Rugby team take on the All Blacks, it wasn't a weekend to remember. However on a brighter note, the Wellington Hutt Valley Gaelic Footballers beat Auckland in a challenge on the same weekend.

The film festival is on at the moment in wellington and this year there is an Irish film being premiered, its showing in the penthouse cinema, see the events page for more details.

On the 28th August, the club is holding a Ceili night at the clubrooms, there will be live music and Irish dancing. This will be a night for all the club members and their friends. If you know how to dance or have never taken part in a set, we'd love to see you there.

On that note, I'd like to ask everyone to make an effort to visit the club at least one night a month, otherwise the clubrooms just become a hall available for hire, let's remember what an Irish club should be about and we hope to see you all in the near future.

Rgds
David Rynne
Secretary

REMINDERS THIS MONTH

- ✓ **Ceili Night at the Club** – The club are organising a Ceili night on the 28th August, please help make it a success..
- ✓ **Facebook** – We're now on Facebook. (Follow us on <http://www.facebook.com/WellingtonIrishClub>)



Coming Events

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.

Minor Gaelic Football – Sundays 3pm

Gaelic Football continues for our under 18s on Sundays at 3pm in St Pat's Kilbirnie.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in playing/helping out please call Dave on 021-02784187 for more details or direct them to

www.wellingtongaa.com

First Friday at the Club– 6th August 2010

Join us at the club on the 6th August for the next in the series of 1st Friday afternoons in the Irish Society Clubrooms. We're looking forward to seeing you all there.

Live music concerts every Sunday

Sun 18 Jul to Sun 1 Aug 2010

2pm to 2.45pm and 3.15pm to 4pm every Sunday

As part of the Museum's annual Sampler Season festival, these free Sunday afternoon concerts give you the perfect chance to get in from the cold and sample a veritable feast of musical talents. Two live performances every Sunday afternoon feature a range of acts from talented New Zealand musicians. Blues guitar, traditional Appalachian mountain ballads, contemporary folk, Celtic harp, and jazz give you just a taste of the many music styles that will have your toes tapping and your imagination wondering.

(For further details and a complete list of the vast musical offerings please visit the Museum website – www.museumswellington.org.nz)

New Zealand – International Film Festival – Irish Movie

His & Hers



"A man loves his girlfriend the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest." – Irish proverb

Director: Ken Wardrop

Year: 2009

Running time: 80 mins

Editor: Ken Wardrop

Producer: Andrew Freedman

Best Irish Feature, Galway Film Festival 2009

Irish women talk about the men they love in this simple and simply affecting award-winning documentary. Little girls talk about their dads, bigger girls talk about their boyfriends, married women talk about their husbands and their sons, and widows talk about the husbands they've lost and the sons who keep an eye on them. It sounds sentimental, but it really isn't. Filmmaker Ken Wardrop captures appealingly unforced expressions of affection, exasperation and insight from 70 interview subjects, filmed in the comfort of their kitchens, living rooms and hallways across the Irish midlands. Following a simple chronology from cradle to the grave, he finds something transcendent in genteel, ordinary experience. — BG

Session Times

Sat 24 Jul | 3:45pm | [Penthouse Cinema](#)

Sun 25 Jul | 2:00pm | [Penthouse Cinema](#)

Wellington Phoenix vs Club Atletico Boca Juniors

7.30pm, 23 July, Westpac Stadium



Legendary Argentinean football club Boca Juniors are making their first trip to New Zealand to take on the Phoenix.

See <http://bocajuniorstour2010.com/wellington.html> for more details.

Bar Prices Update



Over the last couple of months it has become increasingly more expensive to stock the bar in the Irish Club.

Lion Nathan has been increasing their prices as well as bottled gas getting more expensive.

After some discussion around what increases were required, it was agreed that the following will be the bar prices from 1st August 2010.

- Guinness & Kilkenny increase from \$6.00 to **\$7.00**
- Speight's Gold & Dark increase from \$4.00 to **\$4.50**
- Bottle Beer (Tui & Export) increase from \$3.50 to **\$4.00**
- Other Bottle Beers (incl Bud, Steinlager etc) increase from \$4.50 to **\$5.00**
- Wine (Per Glass) increase from \$5.00 to **\$5.50**

It is never the clubs intention to charge 'town' prices and every effort has been made to keep the prices as low as possible.

We look forward to you all at the club.



Support your club!

As Secretary of the club, I'd like to make a call to arms for all Wellington Irish Society club members, over the last few weeks and months, numbers at the club on the club nights (Friday & Sunday) have been quite poor. Without the usual 3 or 4 usual members turning up, the place would be completely empty.

If I could ask that those of you who are able to make it into the club to just pick one night a month to pay us a visit, the club will be all the better for it.

Any suggestion to grow numbers attending is appreciated.

Davey



Recipe Corner

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Smoked Haddock Fish Soup



This traditional Irish soup is a simple concoction and as seafood dishes are very popular the haddock fish soup can be found in many homes, restaurants and cafes as a starter dish or appetiser

Method

1. Pour the milk into a large saucepan. Remove the leaves from the parsley and add the stalks to the milk. Finely chop the leaves and keep to one side. Add the bay leaf and the haddock.
2. Bring the milk to a gentle boil and cook for 3 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and leave to infuse for 5 minutes.
3. Using a slotted spoon remove the haddock from the milk and put to one side. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve and reserve the liquor.
4. Heat the butter in another saucepan, add the onions and cook gently until translucent about 5 mins, taking care not to burn them.
5. Add the liquor to the onions, then add the potato and stir until incorporated to create a thick, creamy consistency.
6. Flake the smoked haddock into meaty chunks taking care to remove any bones you may find. Add to the soup.
7. Add the chopped parsley leaves to the soup and bring to a gentle simmer and cook for a further 4 - 5 minutes.
8. Taste the soup and add salt and pepper as needed. Serve

Ingredients

1¼ pints/700 ml milk
½ cup/ small handful flat leaf parsley
1 bay leaf
1lb /450g undyed, smoked haddock fillet
½ stick/55g butter
1 medium onion, finely chopped
8oz/ 250g mashed potato
Salt and pepper

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Serves 4



Dancing News

Classes:

These have commenced for 2010 and are held at the Wellington Irish Society Clubrooms on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Any enquiries please contact Tricia Budding on (04) 232 6388.

Dancing News:

With Aislinn Ryan

The last month has brought many highlights for the Kildunne Irish dancing school.

Charlotte Wright, Eleisha Foon, Shania Foon, and Yasmin Kelly had a wonderful time at the Australian competitions, all bringing back a trophy each.

Another four of our dancers - Tegan Jennings, Kathryn Arnold, Phoebe Hilliam, and Yasmin Kelly - headed south for a Christchurch competition in early July, representing us particularly well.

This competition also marked the debut of the Nelson branch of the Kildunne School (taught by EJ Ryan), with five dancers competing for the first time.

We look forward to seeing the Nelson branch develop. We have just survived our third annual dance camp at Bridge Lodge, Otaki.

As always, the dancers worked to the bone but had a great time in the process.

This weekend marks our annual Capital City Feis at the Little Theatre, Lower Hutt. We are welcoming dancers from around the country and, as always, there will be a particularly high standard and lots of fun.

It's FREE ENTRY this year so, if you find yourself in the Hutt this weekend (24th/25th), we'd love to see you.

Rgds

Aislinn



Ceili Night

Saturday 28th August 2010

6pm till late

In what promises to be a sensational night at the Wellington Irish Society, we would like to present our first Ceili night in many a long night.

It's been a while since we've had a Ceili night and we're sure that there is a big demand for it.

So, Mark off the 28th August in your diaries, and join us at the club from 6pm for a great night of live music and dancing.

It doesn't matter if your dancing is a bit rusty or non-existent, Aislinn Ryan will be there to put us all through our paces.

We would ask everyone to bring a plate to share prior to the dancing and music. We'll eat from 6:30-7:00pm and then commence with the music and dance.

There is NO charge for entry so spread the word and bring your friends along.

Remember that it's a cash bar too.



New Zealand Irish Dancers want to buy your products!

The Irish Dancing community in New Zealand is small but very dedicated with numerous World Championship medal holders and recallers who regularly make the journey across the ocean to Feisanna in Australia, America and Europe.

We want to help you get your business name into the NZ Irish Dancing community by offering advertising spots in the 2010 programme.

The 2010 New Zealand Championships are our only World Championship Qualifying event and are taking place October 8th - 10th in Wellington. This is your chance to advertise your upcoming event, your products, or provide sponsorship to one of our age groups.

You may want to donate items for our prizewinners or for each of our competitors as a keepsake. Vendors may also contact us about stall placement over the weekend.

Special Price List for New Zealand Businesses:

(Programme is A4 glossy)

Full page b/w	\$150.00
Half page b/w	\$75.00
Full page colour	\$185.00
Half page colour	\$112.00
Quarter page b/w	\$40.00
Quarter page colour	\$60.00
Section Sponsorship	\$100.00

All section sponsors will receive:

- Day admission
- Complimentary programme
- Voucher for morning tea to the approx. Value of \$5

For more information visit <http://www.irishdancenz.co.nz/page.php?21>

Closing date for advertising - August 30th

Thank you for taking the time to look at our proposal, we hope you will join us in making this year's National Championships a great success.

Yours faithfully

Leeann Doyle T.C.R.G.

Webmaster for www.irishdancenz.co.nz

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WINNER of the New Zealand Rose of Tralee 2010

Elizabeth Sara, the Otago Rose, is the 2010 New Zealand Rose of Tralee. The National Final was held in Invercargill 4-7 June.

Elizabeth will travel to Ireland to represent New Zealand at the International Final in Tralee, Co Kerry from 20-24 August 2010.

The 2009 International Rose of Tralee winner was Charmaine Kenny, the London Rose.

Visit the NZ Rose of Tralee website - and see photos and video clips of the National Final www.roseoftralee.co.nz



The 2010 contestants:

(l to r) Ashley MacKenzie-White (Hutt Valley), Elizabeth Sara (Otago), Karen Lynch (Christchurch), Anna Mills (Taranaki), Lisa Monaghan (NZ Rose, 2009), Nicole Gourley (Invercargill), Laura Young (Auckland), Kimberley Farthing (Waikato).

"If you know of anyone that would like to represent Wellington Irish Society in 2011, please let us know and we can get things organised when the time comes"



Gaelic Games News

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Wellington Hutt Valley V Auckland – June 12th



Back row ltr; Garrett Lynch, Scott Maclean, Declan Rynne, Davey Rynne, Daithi O Connor, Darragh Curley, Ken Drury, Liam Gannon, Adrian Dalton, David Madigan, John Murray, Fergus O Rielly.

Front row ltr; Jason Harrington, Ciaran Mcpeake, Richie O Connor, Digger Donohue, Paul Cotter (capt), Donal Kavanagh, Robbie English, Mattie Ryan, Mossie Hartnett, James Troy

Congratulations to the Wellington Hutt Valley GAA Seniors on their impressive victory over Auckland. The game was a curtain raiser to the Irish rugby test against the All Blacks in New Plymouth. In a keenly fought game, the Wellington lads came through on a 1-15 to 1-12 score line. Paul Cotter accepted the Frank Lyons trophy on behalf of the team.

Australasian Games 2010

This year, the Australasian Gaelic Games tournament takes place in Auckland's Trust Stadium from 27th September to 02nd October.

The Wellington Hutt Valley's senior men's team continues to train at Nairnville Park on Sundays and in Newtown running track on Thursday evenings.

If you'd like to play Gaelic Football in the coming season or know of somebody that does, please have a look at www.wellingtongaa.com



Family Notices

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- **Congratulations to past members Declan Mcgeeney and Brenda Finnegan who have recently got engaged on a trip back to Ireland. Brenda and Declan are now living in Perth, Australia but will be visiting us again in the near future.**
 - **We wish Danny Forde well at the present time, he has been ill recently and our thoughts are with you for a speedy recovery.**
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National Feis 2010

The 2010 National Feis will be held in Christchurch over Labour Weekend 23 - 25 October 2010.

Visit the Christchurch Irish Society website for full details - link below:
www.christchurchirishsociety.co.nz

Nominating a club Member (Reminder)

When you are nominating someone to be a member of the society, can you please bring them along to the club prior to meet us and for them to get familiar with the clubrooms. Also can you advise them to not send any money with the nomination. We will send them an invoice when membership is accepted.



Tracing your Family Tree!

Irish 1901 census is available

On June 4, the National Archives of Ireland made the 1901 Irish census available online. Since August 2009, all counties for 1911 have been available online.

The 1901 and 1911 Irish returns list the name, age, sex, relationship to head of the household, religion, occupation, marital status and county or county of birth for every member of each household.

The census also records an individual's ability to read or write and speak the Irish language.

The 1911 census required married women to record the number of years they had been married, the number of their children born alive and the number still living.

The returns are arranged by townland, smallest division of land, or, in urban areas, by street.

Both census contain returns for police and military barracks, public and private asylums, prisons, hospitals, workhouses, colleges, boarding schools and industrial schools.

You can search by name of individual or by location. The names have been transcribed as they were written into the original census forms. Spellings have not been corrected. Some names are illegible or appear on a damaged form.

If you are unsure of the spelling of the person's name, you can use wildcard characters. Use an asterisk (*) to represent letters of which you are not sure. Names that begin with O as a prefix, such as O'Connor can be transcribed as O'Connor, O Connor or Oconnor. Entering any of these will bring up all the variations.

Access to all information is free. Visit the National Archives of Ireland website at

www.census.nationalarchives.ie/about/index.html.

Irish Church Records available online

[Irish Genealogy](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie), hosted by the Ireland [Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport](http://www.dcs.ie), has added a large number of new church records of baptism, marriage and death to their free Web site. This brings the total to over 2 *million* church records from Dublin City and counties Kerry and Carlow, plus a subset from Roman Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Cork & Ross. These records include transcriptions and, in many cases, digitized images of the original records (though these are not yet available for all online records) taken from Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland parishes, as well as a small number of Presbyterian records relating to a congregation in Lucan. Best of all, these Irish church records can be accessed online completely free of charge.

Project work is ongoing to complete the computerization and digitization of the remaining Roman Catholic records for Dublin City and the Diocese of Cork and Ross, which encompasses Cork City and all of the parishes in West Cork. The intent is to have the rest of the project completed and available online by the end of 2010.

<http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/index.html>

The Origin of Irish Family Names

It is a help when tracing your family history to know something about the origin of and evolution of Irish names and particularly how names have changed over the centuries.

Early times: In ancient Ireland the population was much smaller than today and the mass movement of people was uncommon. It was usual therefore for a person to be known only by one name: Niall, Eoin, Art, etc. Once there was no one else in the locality with the same name then this was not a problem.

The Gaelic Clann system was well established and this gave people a common identity with their people of the tribe and with the commonly shared area. This single name system began to break down during the eleventh century as the population was growing and there was a need for a further means of identification. The solution was to adopt a prefix such as Mac (Mc is an abbreviation) or Ó. Mac means 'son of' whilst Ó means 'grandson of'. Mac surnames are generally of a much later date than Ó. The vast majority of Gaelic Irish surnames were created during the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

It should be noted that the Scottish Gaels were actually descendants of Gaelic emigrants to Scotland. The word 'Scotus' is Latin for 'Irishman'. Scottish settlers who moved to Ireland (and especially Ulster) may already have been of Gaelic Irish descent.

Septs: The Clans eventually broke up into a number of distinct septs or groups. These groups were headed by an original member of the clan and dominated a particular part of the countryside. It was not uncommon for septs from the same clan to be found in completely different parts of the country (O'Connor for example) so it is important when researching your roots to try to find out the original part of the country that your ancestors came from as this may be a completely different area from that where the 'major' sept was domicile.

The sept system was an integral part of Gaelic society and survived and was even propagated by the Norman invaders. The system did not survive the English invasion and colonisation of the seventeenth century however, and it became a disadvantage to have a Gaelic sounding name.

Anglicization: The Penal laws that were enforced by the colonists attempted to completely subjugate the Gaelic way of life. It is about this time then, that many Gaelic names changed to their Anglo equivalent or translation. This can cause confusion as many of the names were misinterpreted or misspelled. The name McEaney for example has a number of variants including McAneny and Bird (the Irish word for bird is éan). Mac an Thomáis was converted to Holmes, Mac Giolla Íosa to MacAleese, etc. The conversion of names beginning with Mac and Mc was even more difficult because the removal of the M sound from the name often completely changed the sound of the name.

The revival of Gaelic consciousness in the later eighteenth hundreds saw many Irish families reassume the Mac, Mc, Ó or other Irish form of their names although this was reduced in a number of cases depending on the sound of the name (Kelly is still much more prevalent than O'Kelly, Murphy more prevalent than O'Murphy, etc.)

- **We will have more articles on Irish Surnames in the next few newsletters including the origin of some of the most common Irish names.**



Puzzle Page

Last Month's Answers

Teaser 1: Fill the 5-litre bowl and overspill water to the 3-litre bowl, which you empty afterwards. From the 5-litre bowl overspill the 2 remaining litres to the 3-litre bowl. Refill the 5-litre bowl and fill in the 3-litre bowl (with 1 litre), so there stay the 4 required litres in the 5-litre bowl.

Teaser 2: Last Name.

Teaser 3: 32°F is freezing point.

This Month's Teasers

Teaser 1

What is the number that, when multiplied by a four-digit number, results in the same four digits being repeated twice. For example, if you multiply 4762 by this number, the answer would be 47624762.

Teaser 2

You are in a convoy of supply vehicles. What position are you in if you overtake the truck in second place?

Teaser 3

I have four wings, but cannot fly, I never laugh and never cry; on the same spot I'm always found, toiling away with little sound. What am I?

Joke of the Month

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, "I'm sorry but you scared the daylights out of me."

The frightened passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.

Plato (429-347 BC)



Notice Board

If you're looking for anything and you think that the wider Irish community can help, please send in your request to wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com and we'll publish it in this newsletter. When answers come back in we'll let you know. Whether it's a carpenter for a day, somebody to cut the lawns, someone to teach music etc, feel free to get in touch.

- We're always looking for new material for the newsletter, if you have anything to submit, original poems, stories etc, we'd be delighted to publish them in the newsletter.
- The club is also looking for family notices from Births, Marriages, anniversaries, Deaths etc that we can publish in the newsletter. Please send notice of same to wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com or to PO Box 449, 10 Fifeshire Ave, Wellington.
- The downstairs hall in the club is available for hire for both our members and the general public. Whether you'd like to hire it for 21sts, weddings, or any other celebration, we'd love to hear from you. Please leave a message on the clubs phone at 04-3848535 or drop an email to wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com. Please note that the upstairs hall is not for hire to members or to the public.

NEED A WEBSITE!!!!

We also have people than can develop websites for your business or other interests. We can help set up and design your site in return for a donation to the GAA. Again, you can contact Dave on 04-3890426 after 5pm for more details.



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**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.**

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