



May-June 2010 Newsletter

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the May/June episode of the club newsletter. We've got plenty of news for you this month including news of the society AGM held on the 30th May.

I'm pleased to announce that Margaret Grealish will be leading the society for the next 12 months after being elected to the role of president. On behalf of all the society members I'd like to thank Lillian Mackey for her dedication to the society over her two year tenure as president. It is welcome news that she will be staying on as a committee member for 2010-11.

On a sadder note, we learned of the passing of Mick Lavan, Mick was a past president of the society in 1981-82 and a great character around the club. Mick was a constant at the club on a Sunday night until his recent illness and enjoyed many a game of pool with the Sunday night regulars.

In this month's issue we have news on the Gaelic Football Clubs AGM, another fantastic recipe for you to try and all the usual quizzes, jokes and notices.

We'd love to hear from you and if you've anything to add to the newsletter in future, make sure to drop us a line.

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David Rynne
Secretary

REMINDERS THIS MONTH

- ✓ **Subscriptions Due** – Subscriptions for 2010-11 are now **Overdue**, Please pay them at your earliest convenience.
- ✓ **Facebook** – We're now on Facebook. (Follow us on <http://www.facebook.com/WellingtonIrishClub>)



Coming Events 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

Ireland v All Blacks in New Plymouth – June 12th

The Irish rugby team is touring NZ and Australia in June 2010. 12 June is the confirmed date for a test against the All Blacks in Yarrow Stadium, New Plymouth.

Click the link below to see the list of results and upcoming fixtures for the IRFU www.irishrugby.ie/7051_260.php

NZ Maori Vs Ireland - 18 Jun 2010



Rotorua International Stadium will host the Irish versus New Zealand Maori encounter on Friday, June 18, a week after they play the All Blacks in New Plymouth and before the visitors depart New Zealand for tests against Australia.

The game is considered a great opportunity for match organisers and the Irish, who will be back in Rotorua for their 2011 Rugby World Cup match with Russia on Sunday, September 25.

Waiting for Godot – 30th June to 3rd July 2010

St James Theatre

When Samuel Beckett's play exploded on to the stage 50 years ago, it shocked as many people as it delighted. There had never been a play like it; indeed it was said that: "(Beckett) has achieved a theoretical impossibility—a play in which nothing happens, that yet keeps audiences glued to their seats."

Following record breaking season at London's Theatre Royal, Haymarket Waiting for Godot comes to you at the St James Theatre, Wellington.

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Ceol Aneas 2010

Dates: 4 - 7 June 2010

Location: Nelson, New Zealand

What is Ceol Aneas?

Ceol Aneas (*Ke-ol an-ass*) is New Zealand's Irish music festival, based in Nelson, New Zealand. It is one of Australasia's major Irish music gatherings, attracting musicians and traditional Irish music lovers from around New Zealand and overseas.



The Ceol Aneas 2010 programme features instrumental tuition, meet the artist workshops and numerous 'sessions' around Nelson, running on into the small hours.

See here for more www.ceolaneas.org

The Rhythms of Ireland– July 1st

Venue - The Opera House

This is an Irish Dance show which has been seen by over two-million worldwide amassing an unsurpassed reputation for their “stunningly executed performance.

Stars of the calibre of Anthony Street with a recorded tapping speed of 34 taps per second and lead male soloist of Lord of the Dance (2003-2007), David Moore, lead male soloist of Riverdance (2003-2005) Dierdra Kieley, 3 time world Irish dance champion lead a cast of 18 dancers with extensive experience with major Irish international productions thus ensuring a standard of excellence and quality in performance.

Phone: (04) 384 3840 or 0800 TICKETEK / 0800 842 538

Irish (Gaelic) Language & Culture Introductory Course

Thursday evenings 5:30 – 7.00pm
8 weeks starting **22 July 2010**
Wellington Central Library (Room on Mezzanine Floor)

Course Presenter: **Brian O’Sullivan**

(Brian is an experienced language teacher, writer
and folklorist who speaks Gaelic on a daily basis)

This course is designed for people with an interest in authentic Irish culture, for those who wish to know more about their Irish heritage and as a refresher for Irish-born people living in Wellington who want to reconnect with their culture.

The course content includes:

- An introduction to Irish (Gaelic) language incorporating correct pronunciation, greetings, slang, everyday expressions and usage
- An exploration of little-known Irish cultural traditions, music and folklore.
- An introduction to Irish mythology and important cultural sites.
- An insight into the contemporary and developing Irish culture.

Déan teagbháil linn! Contact us!

Places are limited, so please register by contacting Brian O’Sullivan on 021-0262-8562.

Email: info@irishibas.com Cost: \$280 (includes resources)

FIRST FRIDAY AT THE CLUB – 4th June 2010

Join us at the club on the 4th June for the next in the series of 1st Friday afternoons in the Irish Society Clubrooms. We’re looking forward to seeing you all there.

AGM Highlights 2010

Sunday the 30th May proved to be an eventful day in the Wellington Irish Clubrooms as the 2010 edition of the Annual General Meeting was held at 3pm.

If you weren't able to attend, here is a quick overview of the highlights of this year's AGM.

We had the biggest crowd in a number of years and at the commencement of affairs, there were over 60 paid up members in attendance. This was great to see and hopefully all of those who attended will call into visit us again over the next 12 months.

After all elections were held for the offices of the society for 2010-11 the following were elected to the society.

President:	Margaret Grealish
Vice Presidents:	Jim Henderson & John Whitty
Secretary:	David Rynne
Treasurer:	Conor Healy continues as treasurer
General Committee:	Aislinn Ryan, Paul Murray, Lillian Mackey, Jim Maguire, Jim McMeekin, Tony O'Riordan & Kerry Dwyer-Winnington

Ted Ramsbottom was unanimously agreed to be the club patron, we all welcome him aboard.

The following changes were also made to the Society Constitution:

- The AGM Quorum was reduced from 50 to 30 paid up members
- Proxy Voting at AGMs was added to the constitution
- A provision for the expulsion of members for serious breaches of conduct was also passed.



Recipe Corner

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Spiced Apple Tart



From: www.foodireland.com

Preparation time less than 15 mins

Cooking time 30 minutes.

Ingredients

8oz/225g Cream flour

pinch of salt

2oz/50g Irish butter

2oz/50g lard

1lb/450g cooking apples

1oz/25g demerara sugar

1 teaspoon ground mixed spice

Method

1. Sift the flour and salt into a bowl
2. Rub in the margarine and lard and mix to a stiff dough with cold water.
3. Roll out lightly floured board and use half to line a 10in/25cm pie plate.
4. Peel and core the cooking apples and cut them into thick slice.
5. Mix the sugar with the mixed spiced and toss the apples in the mixture then transfer this filling to the pie plate.
6. Add 2 tablespoons cold water to the apples.
7. Moisten the pastry edge on the plate and cover with the remaining pastry trimmings.
8. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400f/200c gas mark 6) for about 30 minutes or until the pastry is golden brown.
9. Serve hot or cold.



Dancing News

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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

It's been a busy start to the year for the Kildunne Irish Dancing School. Four local dancers - Lucy English, Rachel Ford, Brigid Lundberg and Lachlan Cassidy-Rowse - recently competed at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow. They all represented New Zealand extremely well, and it was a particularly exciting start to the year for Lucy and Rachel who have since embarked on their 'O.E's in the UK.

Earlier this month, Patricia Budding paid a fleeting visit to Dublin to partake in a meeting of An Comisiun le Rinci Gaelacha, for which she holds the position of vice-president. The Kildunne Fundraising Group also held its AGM and is currently busy preparing for the Capital City Feis to be held at the Little Theatre, Lower Hutt on the weekend of 24th/25th of July, as well as the New Zealand Irish Dancing Championships, which take place at the Southwards Theatre on the Kapiti Coast from 8th-10th of October.

Meanwhile, the dancers have been practicing hard for various competitions. Four dancers - Phoebe Hilliam, Neve Saris, Milla Saris, and Kathryn Arnold - took to the stage with great success in Auckland last weekend and, in June; several Kildunne dancers will be travelling to both the Gold Coast and Melbourne to compete.

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Aislinn



Gaelic Games News

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Movie Night - Cemetery Junction

June 22nd 2010 – 8pm



Movie: **Cemetery Junction (R16)**
Written and directed Ricky Gervis and Stephen Merchant
Location : **Penthouse Cinema,
Brooklyn**
Time: Tuesday 22nd June @ 8pm
Ticket price: \$20.

Wellington GAA is holding a movie fundraising night to raise some money towards the ongoing expense of the club. It would be great to see as many people as possible there to support the club. Spread the word to friends, family and workmates.

Come along and enjoy the Penthouse Bar for a drink and a meal before the movie. Your movie ticket gets you into a raffle for some great prizes as well so look us up!

Contact Dave on 021-02784187 for details or order online at www.wellingtongaa.com

Wellington Hutt Valley V Auckland – June 12th

Wellington Senior Men's Gaelic Football Team is taking on an Auckland Selection in New Plymouth prior to the Ireland V All Black Test on June 12th.

The Gaelic Football Game will take place at 4pm in Western Park, Morley Street, which is only 5 minutes from Yarrow Stadium.

So, if you're up for the game or know of anyone in New Plymouth that may be interested in watching a game of Gaelic Football, send them along to shout for Wellington Hutt Valley!



Family Notices



In Memory Of

Michael (Mick) Lavan

22/03/1924 - 25/05/2010

*Messages can be left in Michael's online tribute book or posted to P O
Box 14-366, Kilbirnie.*

<http://www.tributes.co.nz/ViewMyTribute.aspx?id=5234>

The 25th May 2010, marked the passing of a long time member, President, and Life Member of the Wellington Irish Society

Mick Lavan was born in Balla, Castlebar, Co. Mayo in the mid 1920's, the actual date has always been a matter of controversy! He worked in England for a time before setting sail for Wellington, arriving on the SS Atlantis on 23rd January 1951, along with his future wife, Norah nee Walsh.

They were married on 14th February 1953, at St Anne's Church, Newtown, and they both, had a strong interest in the Irish Club, firstly, when it was held at the Wellington Rowing Club Building, then Drummond Street, and when the Club moved to Fifeshire Avenue. Any spare moment Mick had, was spent at the club, cleaning, polishing, painting, whatever needed to be done, Mick was there to help, and that was his long lasting interest.

At one stage, Sunday evenings were spent at the Card table, and only accomplished card players were admitted to this select group. Mick only spent one year as President, but since its inception he has been deeply involved in the indoor bowls section, and was a champion bowler. In later years, Friday nights were regularly spent playing pool.

Mick was buried at Makara Cemetery, with his wife Norah, who, after a very long illness. She died on 26th October 2006,

We offer our deepest sympathy, to Mick's family, John & Lyn, Noreen & Graeme, Gary and grandchildren, Tanya, Belinda, Kelly, Michael, Nicolas, Meggie, and Katie. .

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

Thanks to Colleen O Donovan for the above piece on Mick.



Puzzle Page Puzzle Page

Last Month's Answers

1. **Bulbs** – Keep the first bulb switched on for a few minutes. It gets warm, right? So all you have to do then is ... switch it off, switch another one on, walk into the room with bulbs, touch them and tell which one was switched on as the first one (the warm one) and the others can be easily identified ...
2. **Christmas Tree** - There are 2 possible solutions:
 1. if angels B and C had aureole of the same color, then angel A must have immediately said his own color (other than theirs),
 2. if angels B and C had different colors, then angel A must have been silent and that would have been a signal for angel B, who could know (looking at angel C) what his own color is (the other one then C had).

This Month's Teasers

Teaser 1

If you had a 5-liter bowl and a 3-liter bowl, and an unlimited access to water, how would you measure exactly 4 liters?

Teaser 2

The Pope has it but he does not use it. Your father has it but your mother uses it. Nuns do not need it. Your lady friend's husband has it and she uses it. What is it?

Teaser 3

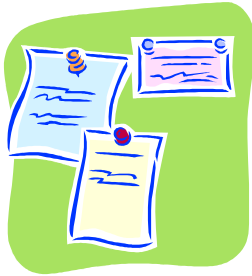
Two barrels each contain the same amount of water. The water temperature in one barrel is 49°F and in the other it's 29°F. Two golf balls of the same size and weight are dropped from the same height into the barrels. Which ball will touch the bottom of the barrel first?

Joke of the Month

During their silver anniversary, a wife reminded her husband: "Do you remember when you proposed to me, I was so overwhelmed that I didn't talk for an hour?" The hubby replied: "Yes, honey, that was the happiest hour of my life."

"I am thankful for laughter, except when milk comes out of my nose."

Woody Allen



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.



Club Contacts

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

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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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