



Sept - Oct 2010 Newsletter

Hi everyone,

Welcome to another issue of the Wellington Irish Society Newsletter.

A lot has happened since our last newsletter, Christchurch has experienced a huge earthquake but luckily everyone is ok and the city is getting back to normal.

Speaking of Christchurch, its all steam ahead for the labour weekend Feis, and they have rolled out the welcome mat for all of us; see inside for the program of events and details of the weekend.

After the success of our last Ceili night at the club, we're delighted to announce the next Ceili night will be at the club on the 13th November. We look forward to seeing you all there.

A big congrats to the Wellington/Hutt Valley GAA Senior men's team after their heroic efforts at the Australasian Gaelic Games in Auckland last weekend. They reached the final for the first time ever and were desperately unlucky to lose to Queensland after 2 sets of Extra time.

This years Christmas Dinner will be on the 27th November, so mark the date in your diary and we'll see you on the night for an evening of festivities.

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

Rgds
David Rynne
Secretary

REMINDERS THIS MONTH

- ✓ **Next Ceili Night at the Club** – The club are organising another Ceili night on the 13th November.



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.

Christmas Dinner – 27th November 2010

This years Christmas Dinner will take place on the 27th November in the Irish Clubrooms.

The club will be open from 6:30pm with the main meal being served at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25 each and admittance will be by ticket only.

Tickets will be available from the 1st November to 23rd November and there will be NO DOOR SALES.

TONY HAYES – OBITUARY (Died 24 June 2010)

Tony Came to New Zealand from Navan, Co Meath on the Captain Cook arriving in August 1957.

His sister Catherine and her Husband Maurice Kettle were already living in Wellington. For many years he worked in the Hutt Valley drainage board and before retirement was with the Lower Hutt City Council. He played Gaelic Football for Wellington and attended the Irish Club regularly.

Tony married Dawn Riley in 1961 and had 3 sons and a daughter. He was a very popular person and highly respected by all he came in contact with.

Tony had a lovely Irish Send off at St Patrick's in Kilbirnie and the family would like to express their gratitude to all those who attended the Requiem and to those who sent messages of sympathy and shared their memories with the family.

May he rest in peace.



Irish National Feis 2010

60th Anniversary Celebrations

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the New Zealand Federation of Irish Societies National Feis, this year we will be opening the doors to the public and showcasing major aspects of the Irish culture. Especially those activities which are alive, well and prospering in New Zealand.

The heart of the National Feis 2010 is to showcase the uniqueness of Irish culture and share it with the general public, offering them an opportunity to understand and participate in a sampling of Irish arts, crafts, live music, dance, song, sports, food and drink.

The Programme

The Majestic Theatre will host the competitions during the day of Saturday October 23, starting at 8am and finishing around 5pm.

At 7.30pm that evening the doors will open for the variety performance to include “Riverdance” type performances from all the participating dance schools, as well as musical, live performances and the Ulster Cup.

Overview

The Irish dancing, speech, vocal and instrumental competitions will be held in the impressive Majestic Theatre, right in the centre of Christchurch. The Majestic can seat up to 1100 people and is an ideal location for the Irish Societies to showcase national and local talent. As well as providing the perfect venue to run the competitions, we are also putting on a landmark evening performance of Irish Dance, Music and variety performance. This event will be open to the public.

On the Sunday the finalists from the competitions will have the opportunity to perform on the main stage of the Feis at the Horticultural Hall in Hagley Park and delight the attendees with their talent and skill...

In between the sets of live music, sports activities (Gaelic football, hurling, soccer etc...) and workshops, there will also be an opportunity to sample and enjoy the arts, crafts, food and drink as well as the variety of additional entertainment.

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



Irish National Feis 2010

60th Anniversary Celebrations



"Cead Mille Failte!"

Welcome to the New Zealand Federation of Irish Societies National Feis 2010!

Hosted by the Christchurch Irish Society

The date is set (October 23 & 24), the dancers are ready to compete, the entertainers are chomping at the bit ready to entertain and delight our guests; singers, musicians and poets await their eager audience.....so join with us as we celebrate all things Irish, and we mean all things Irish!!!



Live Music:	Multiple bands, musicians and artists.
Food and Drink:	Sample Irish and international cuisine
Irish Dancing (Live):	Competitions + dance sessions + workshops
Celtic Arts and Crafts:	Browse the stalls
Irish National Sports:	Gaelic and Hurling competitions and workshops
Special Events:	Live concert and Ceili



Date:	October 23 & 24 2010 (Labour Weekend)
Location:	Christchurch Horticultural Hall, Hagley Park
Gates open:	8.30am—5pm Sat Oct 23 (Competitions) 10am—5pm Sun (Live music, Food, drink, workshops, etc...)
Events:	Sat Oct 23 from 7.30pm, Horticultural Hall, Irish Dance extravaganza Sun Oct 24 from 7.30, Horticultural Hall, Ceili with the Black Velvet Band!



Canterbury Horticultural Hall, the venue, is slap bang in the middle of Christchurch City nestled in Hagley Park, one of the largest and most beautiful urban parks in the Southern Hemisphere. Providing the perfect mix of indoor/outdoor flow with attractions for all the family!

More Info: Web: www.irishfeis.co.nz
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Howya!

Turty tree potaaytoes...flowery shpuds...a hang sangwich washed down with a mug of tay...

You can take the man out of Ireland but in all fairness, a feed of kumara, fush 'n' chups and a weak drop of tea is no match for the foods and drinks he has left behind.

As engrained in us as our accents, the Irish palate is one of simple pleasures. No need for expensive delicacies - give us a slice of freshly baked soda bread or a pack of cheese and onion crisps and we're as happy as a pig in muck!

Irish by name and Irish by nature, Irish Times in New Zealand brings Irish foods and drinks on a 20,000km journey from the Emerald Isle to your table. We don't do shamrocks, harps or dancing leprechauns - just a taste of Ireland down under. Enjoy some Irish times in New Zealand and watch this space for more Irish treats to come.

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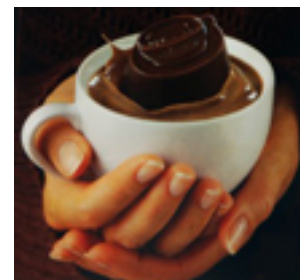
Samples



Barry's Gold Blend
\$ 14.50



Barry's Original Blend
\$ 14.50



Butlers Hot Chocolate
\$ 14.99



Recipe Corner



Ingredients

- 6 lamb shanks
- Flour, for dredging
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 12 small white onions, peeled
- 3 large carrots, sliced
- 3 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- Pinch of dried rosemary
- Pinch of dried thyme
- 1 cup Guinness Stout
- 3/4 cup beef stock
- 12 small potatoes, peeled

Method

1. Lightly moisten the lamb shanks with water.
2. In a large bowl or plastic bag, combine the flour, salt, and pepper and dredge the meat in the mixture.
3. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat the olive oil.
4. Add the lamb shanks and cook on all sides until browned, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a Dutch oven or flameproof casserole.
5. Add the onions, carrots, celery, garlic, rosemary, and thyme to the skillet and cook over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring to scrape up the browned bits of the pan.
6. Pour the vegetables and pan juices onto the lamb. Add the Guinness and stock, cover, and simmer for 45 minutes.
7. Add the potatoes, correct seasonings, re-cover, and cook until meat is fork tender, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hours.
8. To serve, place 1 lamb shank in the middle of 6 shallow soup bowls and spoon some vegetables and broth around. Serves 6.



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

October 8th-10th marked the 2010 New Zealand Irish Dancing Championships at Southwards Theatre in Kapiti. Not only did the Kildunne School have a whopping 50 dancers entered, we were also running the event.

The weekend was a great success, thanks to the incredible team of parents, friends and families who stepped in to help with all aspects of the weekend.

Our dancers received numerous accolades in both solo and team competitions. Most notable are our four new national champions:

Kuini-Colleen Vidal (under 12 girls champion)

Lachlan Cassidy-Rowse (13-15 boys champion)

Charlotte Wright (under 16 girls champion)

Kathryn Arnold (under 19 junior ladies champion)

The international adjudicators also selected Lachlan as the recipient of the TIDA Scholarship to attend the World Championships in Dublin 2011. Lachlan is the first Wellington dancer ever to receive the award.

With the pressure off, our dancers can look forward to a fun time at the National Feis in Christchurch, kicking up the heels at the November 13th ceili, and rehearsing for our Christmas concert which will be at Te Whaea National Dance and Drama Centre in Newtown on December 5th. Stay tuned for more details regarding our concert - we'd love to see you all there.

Regards,

Aislinn Ryan TCRG



Ceili Night

Saturday 13th November 2010

6pm till late

In what promises to be a sensational night at the Wellington Irish Society, we would like to present our next Ceili Night at the club.

I know you all enjoyed the last one in August and many of you had been enquiring as to when the next one will be.

So, Mark off the 13th November 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.





Gaelic Games News

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Australasian Games Finalists 2010



Back row ltr; Damien Greene, Paul O'Hare, Garrett Lynch (manager), Trevor O'Halloran, Gus O'Rielly, Les Mihalovics, Michael Beecher, David Rynne, Declan Rynne, Andy Cameron, Adam Greenfield, Ken Drury, Paddy O'Neill, James Troy, David Madigan, Steve Willis, Darragh Curley, Combie Cryan.

Front row ltr;

Peter Markey, Bryan Downes, Donal Kavanagh, Scott Maclean, Richie O'Connor, Daithi O'Connor, Mark Ronan, Dave Donohue, Johnny Murray, Robbie English.

Our congratulations go to the Men's Senior team who represented Wellington at the recent Australasian Championships in Auckland.

The boys made it to the Senior final for the first time in the history of Wellington GAA, but were desperately unlucky to lose out to Queensland after 2 sets of extra time.

In a fantastic game of football, Queensland came out on top on a scoreline of 0-22 to 4-06 (18)

All the lads did Wellington proud and a special thanks goes out to all the supporters who made the trip up for the final.

Australasian All-Stars

Congratulations to Dave Rynne, Paddy O'Neill, Dave Donohue, Daithi O'Connor and Fergus O'Rielly who were selected on the Australasian All-star team after the week's games.

**2010 AUSTRALASIAN
GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
OFFICIAL RESULTS**

27.09	0 , 17 (17)	S. AUSTRALIA	def	QUEENSLAND	1 , 7 (10)	SENIOR
	4 , 4 (16)	VICTORIA	def	S. AUSTRALIA	2 , 6 (12)	MINOR
	0 , 11 (11)	HUTT VALLEY W'TON	def	NORTHLAND	1 , 5 (8)	SENIOR
	1 , 5 (8)	S. AUSTRALIA	def	QUEENSLAND	0 , 3 (3)	WOMEN
	2 , 11 (17)	VICTORIA	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 5 (5)	MINOR
	2 , 21 (27)	W. AUSTRALIA	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 1 (1)	WOMEN
	1 , 11 (14)	QUEENSLAND	def	HUTT VALLEY W'TON	1 , 6 (9)	SENIOR
	BYE	AUCKLAND				SENIOR
28.09	3 , 9 (18)	AUCKLAND	def	S. AUSTRALIA	0 , 4 (4)	SENIOR
	1 , 8 (11)	S. AUSTRALIA	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 7 (7)	WOMEN
	0 , 10 (10)	QUEENSLAND	def	NORTHLAND	1 , 4 (7)	SENIOR
	2 , 11 (17)	S. AUSTRALIA	def	AUCKLAND	1 , 4 (7)	MINOR
	3 , 16 (25)	W. AUSTRALIA	def	QUEENSLAND	1 , 2 (5)	WOMEN
	1 , 10 (13)	S. AUSTRALIA	def	NORTHLAND	0 , 5 (5)	SENIOR
	3 , 15 (24)	VICTORIA	def	S. AUSTRALIA	1 , 6 (9)	MINOR
	BYE	HUTT VALLEY W'TON				SENIOR
29.09	0 , 10 (10)	HUTT VALLEY W'TON	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 4 (4)	SENIOR
	2 , 8 (14)	QUEENSLAND	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 12 (12)	WOMEN
	5 , 9 (24)	VICTORIA	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 4 (4)	MINOR
	2 , 19 (25)	W. AUSTRALIA	def	S. AUSTRALIA	2 , 4 (10)	WOMEN
	1 , 8 (11)	AUCKLAND	def	NORTHLAND	0 , 8 (8)	SENIOR
	2 , 10 (16)	LOSER GAME 2	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 10 (10)	MINOR
	BYE	S. AUSTRALIA		QUEENSLAND		SENIOR
30.09	2 , 12 (18)	S. AUSTRALIA	def	HUTT VALLEY W'TON	1 , 8 (11)	SENIOR
	1 , 8 (11)	AUCKLAND	def	S. AUSTRALIA	1 , 4 (7)	MINOR
	3 , 8 (17)	QUEENSLAND	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 8 (8)	SENIOR
	BYE	NORTHLAND				SENIOR
01.10	2 , 13 (19)	W. AUSTRALIA	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 3 (3)	WOMEN
	0 , 14 (14)	QUEENSLAND	def	S. AUSTRALIA	0 , 4 (4)	SENIOR
	3 , 5 (14)(AET)	S. AUSTRALIA	def	QUEENSLAND	0 , 11 (11)	WOMEN
	0 , 10 (10)	HUTT VALLEY W'TON	def	AUCKLAND	0 , 7 (7)	SENIOR
	1 , 18 (21)	VICTORIA	def	AUCKLAND	3 , 3 (12)	MINOR FINAL
02.10		HURLING		EXHIBITION		
		WOMEN'S		FINAL		
	5 , 9 (24)	W. AUSTRALIA	def	S. AUSTRALIA	2 , 1 (7)	
		SENIOR		FINAL		
	0,22 (22)	QUEENSLAND	def	HUTT VALLEY W'TON	4,6 (18)	AET X 2



Notices

- Our Deepest Sympathies to the Doran Family in Auckland on the loss of their father Owen.
 - Our sincerest Sympathies to the Prior family on the loss of their Mother & Grandmother Joan.
 - Special thanks to Sam Hautapu on his recent donation to the Irish Society. It is especially appreciated.
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National Feis 2010

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

Would all the trophy holders from last years National Feis please send them to Christchurch ASAP as they have valued. Please make sure that they are clean.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE - Sept 2010

Are you a Rh negative woman who had a child or miscarriage in Ireland between 1977-1979 or 1991-1994?

If so the Irish Blood Transfusion Service would like to speak to you.

Click the web link below to read more:

http://www.giveblood.ie/Clinical_Services/Monitoring_Programmes



Rodney Walshe Essay Competition

Registration is now open!

Entry is restricted - for full details and to read the 2010 winning essays visit www.ireland.co.nz

The Ireland Essay Competition

Initiated in 1990 as Ireland's contribution to the New Zealand Sesqui-Centenary Year celebrations, the competition has become an annual event.

The purpose of the competition is to further strengthen the links between Ireland and New Zealand by creating a greater awareness of Ireland's history and culture throughout New Zealand schools. The competition is open to all permanent New Zealand residents aged 16 and 17, attending school fulltime in the year of entry of the competition.

The essay must not exceed 1200 words, be non-fiction and relate to Irish history, culture, music, dance, language, and heritage. The winner travels to Ireland to attend various Summer School courses. All course fees, accommodation and return airfares New Zealand/Dublin are paid for.

Waterford crystal is presented to the runners-up and Certificates of Merit awarded to all outstanding entries, which do not win a major prize.

As the competition is financed by Rodney Walshe, the Honorary Consul General of Ireland, he presents the top three prizes personally to the recipients at their individual school assemblies.

The competition attracts entries from throughout New Zealand and presents the Judges with an extraordinarily difficult task in determining the prizewinners.

Kevin McGarry Returns Home

Kevin fulfils vow to walk on Irish soil again



KEVIN McGarry left Ireland four years ago as an energetic young man, eager to learn about the world.

But yesterday the 23-year-old returned to his family home in the village of Kilnamanagh, Co Roscommon, after going through a harrowing ordeal that changed his life forever.

Kevin lost both his legs after he crashed his motorcycle into an electric fence while rounding cattle on a dairy farm in New Zealand in August 2007.

With his legs entangled in the fence wire and trapped underneath the bike, Kevin drifted in and out of consciousness as a fire fuelled by nearby spilt petrol raged around him.

It was several hours before another farm worker found him and called for help.

"I wasn't conscious for four weeks after the accident, and by the time I returned to consciousness my legs were gone," he told the Irish Independent.

Now, more than three years later, Kevin has returned to Ireland for the first time since enduring months of treatment for burns on more than 45pc of his body.

His recovery has included several amputations above and below his knees, carried out as part of more than 40 procedures, at the National Burns Centre in the Middlemore Hospital in Auckland.

And having had prosthetic legs fitted just six weeks ago, Kevin was determined to return home as soon as possible after finally being able to walk again.

"He said from the start that he'd only come home when he could walk," Kevin's brother Enda said. "He had that in his head all the time.

"Because he was a good few hours on the plane he needed help getting off, but he was able to stand for photographers in the arrivals hall."

Taken from the Irish Independent

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/kevin-fulfils-vow-to-walk-on-irish-soil-again-2359008.html>



Puzzle Page

Last Month's Answers

Teaser 1: 101 **Teaser 2:** Second. **Teaser 3:** A Windmill

This Month's Teasers

Riddle of the great escape

Two convicts are locked in a cell.

There is an unbarred window high up in the cell.

No matter if they stand on the bed or one on top of the other they can't reach the window to escape.

They then decide to tunnel out.

However, they give up with the tunneling because it will take too long.

Finally one of the convicts figures out how to escape from the cell.

What is his plan?

Horse and Hay

A horse is tied to a 15 ft. rope and there is a bail of hay 25 ft. away from him. Yet the horse is able to eat from the bail of hay. How is this possible

Eternal Journey

If you're 8 feet away from a door and with each move you advance half the distance to the door.

How many moves will it take to reach the door?

Joke of the Month

A Lecture

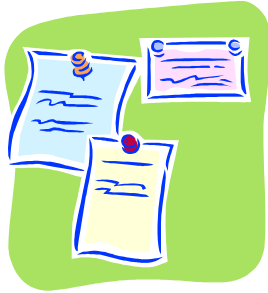
On New Year's Eve, David was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his car in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman.

'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police constable.

'I'm on my way to a lecture,' David answered.

'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the constable sarcastically.

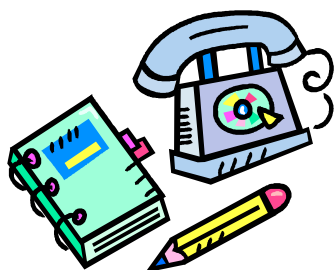
'My wife,' slurred David grimly



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.



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Alternatively, check the club website for online bookings.

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