



## November-December 2009 Newsletter

Nollaig shona daoibh,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2009,

It has been a really busy last few months down at the club, with hosting the annual Feis over the labour weekend; a break over the summer months is well needed.

In this month's newsletter, we've got a new quiz, news on the Christmas dinner, New Years Eve and the Annual picnic on Anniversary weekend.

This year's Christmas dinner will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the club, tickets are only \$25 for adults and \$12 for Kids. Doors open at 4:30pm for a 6:00pm dinner sitting. It promises to be a great night, so book your ticket through Lilian ASAP, last chance for tickets is before the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The Feis was a huge success with good numbers taking part, it wasn't as big as previous years but the standard of competition was as high as ever. It was great to see Christchurch competing again in a football competition after many years and they took out the senior men's Seven-Aside competition, Wellington-Hutt Valley Clubs took out the Hurling and Ladies Football competitions.

We would like to thank all the following that helped out over the weekend including but not limited to Lilian and Aine Mackey, Colleen O' Donovan, Kay Kilner, Dean Rogers, Tanya, Jim Maguire, Jim McMeekin, Patricia Budding, Margaret Grealish, Sharon Craig, one of the dancing parents, All the lads and ladies of the GAA, the bowling section and of course the Barmen who kept the weekend afloat at the club.

Looking forward to the Christmas, we wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

And don't forget the Christmas Dinner!

Rgds  
David Rynne





# 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 – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

This year the Christmas dinner will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm downstairs at the club. Doors open from 4.30pm. We're having it in November this year as people in the past have been tied up with other engagements during December.

Tickets for the 3 course meal are fantastic value at only \$25 (kids \$12) and are available from Lilian from November 1<sup>st</sup>. There won't be any door sales this year so please let Lilian know in good time if you're going to be there. We need to sell at least 40 tickets to make it a viable event so please spread the word and we'll see you all there.

NOTE: The upstairs bar will be closed on the Sunday night.

## **Gaelic Football Seven's Finals Day – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

Those that attended the Feis games at Evans bay parade would have enjoyed a spectacle of football and hurling. The local Seven – Aside competition is now well underway at Ian Galloway Park in Wilton and the pre-Christmas final's day is on at the park on the 13<sup>th</sup> December. Come along to watch some top class football and maybe a game of hurling. There will be the usual free BBQ and join us in the Establishment afterwards for the awards presentation.





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## **New Years Eve at the Club**

Over the last few years, we haven't had very large crowds down at the club on New Year's Eve. With this in mind, this year will be a quieter affair. The clubrooms will be open as usual but there won't be a live band. We will have music playing and a light supper will be provided for those attending. If you like, bring along an instrument and help entertain those there. There is no charge on the night.

## **Annual Picnic – Queen Elizabeth Park – Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2010**

After last year's washout, we're all hoping that the weather gods are in better form this coming anniversary weekend and that our annual picnic can go ahead. As usual we're hosting at Queen Elizabeth Park from early in the day.

In what promises to be a great family day, we're appreciate everybody coming along and bring friends and neighbours, this event is not only for club members so get inviting!

During the day, we'll be hosting a tug-o-war, 3 legged races, puc-fada and maybe even a game of football or two. Kids, remember to bring a pillow case for the sack race.

We'll also be bringing along a small BBQ, so if you've got burgers and sausages to cook, bring them along and use our BBQ.

NOTE: In the event of a cancellation, there will be an update on the website ([www.wellingtonirishsociety.com](http://www.wellingtonirishsociety.com)) and on the Breeze radio station.





# Recipe Corner

## Colcannon

### Ingredients

- 3 pounds of potatoes
- 1 small head of cabbage
- two leeks
- 1 cup milk
- 6 to 8 tablespoons butter
- salt and pepper



Peel and cut the potatoes into 1 1/2" to 2" chunks. Place in saucepan cover the potatoes with water and boil until tender. About 10 to 15 minutes. When done mash the potatoes.

At the same time as the potatoes, core, quarter and thinly slice the cabbage. In a separate saucepan cover the cabbage with water and boil until tender. Again about 10 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile clean and cut up the leeks. Cut the white and pale green parts into 1/4" slices. In a small saucepan place the leeks and the milk. Simmer about 8 to 10 minutes.

When all is cooked, drain then blend the cabbage into the mashed potatoes. Then add the milk and leek mixture. Mix in the butter. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve with a chunk of butter on each serving.

This recipe serves an army, it's quite large. You can cut it in half and still have plenty for all.

(Note if leeks aren't available for this Irish food recipe, use a medium onion or a bunch of scallions.)





# Gaelic Games News

## **Social Sevens Tournament**

Our Social Sevens tournament is now well underway and again is a huge success. We play our games in Ian Galloway Park, Wilton on Wednesday evenings between 6 and 8 and also have general training at the same venue on Sundays between 1 and 4 in the afternoon.

If you'd like to watch the games or know of someone that would like to learn how to play ladies or men's Gaelic football ask them to drop along on either of the days or visit [www.wellingtongaa.com](http://www.wellingtongaa.com) for more details.

## **Flights to Ireland Raffle Results**

Congrats to Deirdre Finn on winning the \$5,000 flights to Ireland raffle. The winning number drawn was 06.

We'd like to thank everyone who helped out the club and bought a ticket. The Club is in great hands with such support and we're looking in great stead for 2010.

## **WORKING BEE**

The GAA Club have many experienced tradesmen and general workers in its ranks and as part of our fundraising for 2009-10 we're looking at running a few working bees over the summer.

So if you're looking for some work done around your property and have a need for carpenters, plumbers, electricians or just some muscle, drop us an email at [wellingtongaa@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtongaa@gmail.com) or ring 04-3890426 and ask for Dave.



## GAA Championships 2010 Ireland

### ***Hurling***

#### **Munster Quarter-final**

Tipperary v Cork

#### **Munster Semi-finals**

Clare v Waterford

Limerick v Cork/Tipperary

#### **Leinster Preliminary Round**

Carlow v Laois

#### **Leinster Quarter-finals**

Dublin v Carlow/Laois

Wexford v Galway

Antrim v Offaly

#### **Leinster Semi-finals**

Dublin/Carlow/Laois v Kilkenny

Wexford/Galway v Antrim/Offaly

### ***Football***

#### **Munster Quarter-finals**

Clare v Waterford

Kerry v Tipperary

#### **Munster Semi-finals**

Limerick v Clare/Waterford

Cork v Kerry/Tipperary

### ***Football contd.***

#### **Connacht Preliminary Round**

New York v Galway A

London v Roscommon B

Sligo v Mayo C

Leitrim D

#### **Connacht Semi-finals**

Sligo/Mayo v New York/Galway

Leitrim v London/Roscommon

#### **Ulster Preliminary Round**

Derry v Armagh

#### **Ulster - Quarter-finals**

Monaghan v Derry/Armagh

Antrim v Tyrone

Donegal v Down

Cavan v Fermanagh

#### **Leinster First Round**

Louth v Longford

Wicklow v Carlow

Meath v Offaly

#### **Leinster Quarter-finals**

Louth/Longford v Kildare

Wicklow/Carlow v Westmeath

Meath/Offaly v Laois

Wexford v Dublin





# Dancing News

## World Irish Dancing Championships 2010

In support of the Kildunne dancers attending the 2010 World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow, they're running a movie fundraiser at the Paramount Theatre on Courtenay Place on **Tuesday 24th of November at 6pm**

They will showing the NZ PREMIERE of *Morris: A Life With Bells On*.

Described as *The Full Monty* meets *Best in Show*, this comedy guarantees a great evening of entertainment. See <http://www.morrismovie.com> for a wee taste of what's on offer.

The cost per ticket is \$20 which will include entry to the movie, light refreshments plus the added bonus of a dancing display by our world qualifying dancers.

For tickets please contact:

Emma Coffey on 021 429 153 or Aislinn Ryan on 021 056 8670.

The students heading to the World Championships in Glasgow are Rachel Ford, Bridgid Lumberg, Lucy English and Lachlan Cassidy-Rowse.

## Get Well Soon

We wish Aislinn Ryan all the best on her recovery from a broken ankle. She's continuing with teaching the young children, and will be back dancing herself again in no time.

This time next month she'll be in China leading the Riverdance touring company. We wish her a speedy recovery and all the best on the tour.







# Family Notices

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## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to Fay and Bernie Breslin on the death of Fay's mother recently. May she rest in peace.

## Births

Congratulations to the following who celebrated new arrivals lately.

Finola and Tom Dunn on the birth of a new daughter  
Mary Connolly and Les Mihalovics on the birth of a new daughter  
And finally to Michelle and Mark Gilchrest also on the birth of a new daughter

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## REQUEST

If you'd like to receive this newsletter by email, please send an email to us at [wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com) and we'll update our records.







# Puzzle Page

## Last Months Answers

1. Twenty six Letters of the Alphabet
2. Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
3. One Thousand and one Arabian Nights
4. Twelve Signs of the Zodiac
5. Fifty four Cards in a Deck with the two Jokers
6. Nine Planets in the Solar System
7. Piano Keys
8. Thirteen Stripes on the American Flag
9. Thirty two Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes
10. Eighteen Holes on a Golf Course
11. Ninety Degrees in a Right Angle
12. Two Hundred Pounds for Passing Go in Monopoly
13. Disciples of Jesus of Nazareth
14. Three Blind Mice (See How They Run)
15. Four Quarts in a Gallon

## This Months Quiz

### Irish Politics Quiz

1. Who did Bertie Ahern succeed as Taoiseach?
2. When was the first recorded Irish parliament?
3. Which Mary became Irish president in 1991?
4. What is the minimum age allowed for an Irish president?
5. Which supreme Court judge resigned during 1999 as a result of the "Sheedy Affair"?
6. In which 'season' was there a Rising in 1916?
7. Which former Progressive Democrat Senator left the party and moved to Fine Gael in 2000?
8. In which decade did Ireland join the EC?
9. How long is a presidential term in Ireland?
10. Which David was elected Northern Ireland First Minister in 1998?





# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup>s, 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](mailto:wellingtonirishclub@gmail.com). Please note that the upstairs hall is not for hire to members or to the public.
- If you'd like to advertise your business in the newsletter or on the website, please drop us an email at the club and we'll be in touch with very competitive rates.





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With every  
good wish  
for Christmas  
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New Year

