



# Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

## Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Eanáir 2016 January

Craobh OTTAWA Branch

### OÍCHE TRÁTH NA gCEIST TRIVIA NIGHT



**Duaiseanna deasa ag an oíche tráth na gceist tiomsaithe le hábhair éagsula (ceol, rince, spórt, stair, srl) Taraigí le nó gan foireann faoi réir (4 sa fhoireann ar a mhéad).**

*Win great prizes at our fundraiser trivia night! Irish-themed night with diverse categories (music, dance, sport, history...) No teams required (max. 4 per team if you do compose a team ahead of time).*

**PATTY BOLAND'S**  
101 Sráid CLARENCE Street

February 4 Feabhra, 2016  
7:00 i.n. | pm



## COMHALTAS

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is a registered cultural non-profit organisation.

If you have an event or a piece you would like included in next month's newsletter, please send an email to Oscar at [info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com).



## CÉILÍ



**January 16 Eanáir**

7:00–10:30 i.n. | pm

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall  
194 Ascaill FOURTH Avenue

**Costas: | Cost:**

**Baill** — \$10 — Members

**Aíonna** — \$15 — Guests

**Scoláire** — \$5 — Students

**Faoi 12** — Saor in aisce

Free — Children under 12



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*Grianghraf le P. Avendano.*

If you are interested in providing soda bread, other baked goods, or entertainment for the céilí, please contact Carol Ann:

819-595-1094 or [cabowers@videotron.ca](mailto:cabowers@videotron.ca)

## Irish Seniors Drop-in Centre

Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. George's Church Hall, 415 Piccadilly Avenue  
(near Island Park/Byron).

Join the gang for potluck lunch, stories, music, and great craic!

Kay 613-829-8467 or Margo 613-837-4164

## Ottawa GAA

The Ottawa Gaels invite you to watch a [TG4.ie](http://TG4.ie) documentary on the team's 40 years. The team would also be delighted to have you join their winter practices. Details at [OttawaGaels.ca](http://OttawaGaels.ca).



## Upcoming TEG

All that some learning Irish in Ottawa want for Christmas is to be able to take the A1... make their dreams come true!

The A1 is the introductory level of the Irish-language standardised tests, and we'd love to see Ottawa be a test centre again this year. Tests are usually in May. See [TEG.ie](http://TEG.ie) for details on the test and

how to register. Contact us for more information on preparation courses and other people who are taking the exam at [info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com).



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Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am  
**cjll 97.9fm**

Streaming: [www.thegaelichour.ca](http://www.thegaelichour.ca) e-mail: [austin@thegaelichour.ca](mailto:austin@thegaelichour.ca)

## Ranganna Gaeilge | Irish-language Classes

**Oíche Dé Luain** | Monday evenings  
**Ó Mhí Eanáir go Mí Aibreáin** |  
Classes run January to April



**Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall**  
(194 Ascaill FOURTH Avenue)

**Bunrang** | Beginners'  
6:00–7:00 (i.n. | pm)

**Bunrang +** | Advanced Beginners'  
6:00–7:00 (i.n. | pm)

**Meánrang** | Ardrang | Intermediate & Advanced  
7:00–8:30 (i.n. | pm)

**Tuilleadh eolais, téacsleabhar, costas le fáil ar:**  
For more information, textbooks, prices:  
[Sheila.Scott@uOttawa.ca](mailto:Sheila.Scott@uOttawa.ca)

Ottawa Comhaltas Blog:  
[ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com](http://ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com)

is now taking submissions in English  
and in Irish. Please email our webmaster at  
[webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com)

## ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

Videos, sheet music, and more at:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/>

ComhaltasLive programme listing:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/programmes>

Check out the Comhaltas Archive:

<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>

### Irish-Music Lessons

CCÉ has *instruments* available for loan.

- Accordion
- 2 children's fiddles
- Uilleann pipes

Please check our website

<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com/music.php>  
for availabilities and applications!

## Ottawa-Valley Step Dancing

For lessons,

Contact Dawn Dewar: 613-794-3296



## Dance Classes

Monday Evenings  
Blessed Sacrament Hall,  
194 Fourth Avenue

### Set/Céilí Dance Class:

6:30pm – 8:00pm

### Irish Solo Dance Class:

8:00pm – 9:30pm

For more information and cost for classes,  
please contact Caitlin Crockard:

[cscrockard@hotmail.com](mailto:cscrockard@hotmail.com)

**Celtic Cross** is a local performance group made up of adult dancers from the disciplines of Irish, Highland, and Ottawa Valley Step dance with a roster of over 20 dancers with decades of experience as teachers, choreographers, performers and competitors, the group performs traditional dances, and original contemporary choreographies that blend all three dance styles. **Celtic Cross** is available for performances at concerts, festivals, parties, weddings, and more. Contact them if you'd like some lively dancing at your event!

Email: [celticcrossottawa@gmail.com](mailto:celticcrossottawa@gmail.com)

Website: <http://celticcrossdancers.com/>

## Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley

Contact Craig Hamm or Charles Dunlap ([cdunlap@explornet.com](mailto:cdunlap@explornet.com)) for information on music, workshops and concerts in your area! New blog posts to come.

<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca/>

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## Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

Until 31 Dec, **Screenings of Brooklyn**

**Brooklyn**, the 2015 Irish entry to the EU Film Fest, stars Saoirse Ronan as an immigrant to the titular NYC borough caught between her two lives. \$12/ticket, \$9 for members of Bytowne (325 Rideau Street). See [Bytowne.ca](http://Bytowne.ca) for details.

10 January, 10am-noon, Santa Pancake Breakfast

Serving a buffet with live Irish music, St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts (310 St Patrick Street) has **pancakes**, ham, sausages, tea, juice, and more for \$6 adults, \$4 children. All welcome. Call Ann for information at 613-225-1830.



10 & 24 January, 1:30-3:30pm, Kitchen Party

Every **2nd and 4th Sunday** of the month, musicians play Celtic music at the Royal Oak at 318 Bank Street. Musicians of different traditions (West Coast, Ottawa Valley, Maritimes, etc...) get to share a platform to showcase their talent and to practice their skill.

17 janvier, 13 h-16 h, Jam Trad Outaouais

Rencontrez les musicien(ne)s de **Trad en Outaouais**. Les danseuse(eur)s, les chanteuse(eur)s, ainsi que les spectatrice(teur)s sont les bienvenues. Entrée libre. Café Renaissance (18 ans ou plus, 325 rue Notre Dame, Gatineau).

22-24 January, 3rd Annual Student Celtic Studies Conference

This tradition that started in Ottawa is going into its third year. **Students** from all over North America present what they learn about Celtic studies (including language, music, and dance). This year at Concordia University in Montréal. Kicks off with a meet and greet on Friday evening and presentations go on Saturday and Sunday. **Céilí** Saturday night. Contact [cis.submissions@outlook.com](mailto:cis.submissions@outlook.com) for details.



23 January, Robbie Burns Semi-Formal

Sons of Scotland Pipe Band: Celebrate the great Scottish poet with a Highland **dinner**, song and music performances, and a dance floor for trad and ballroom. Delta City Centre (101 Lyon Street). Semi-formal or Highland attire. Call 613-521-5625 for details.



## Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

25 January, 7pm, **Game of 25**

The national **card game** of Ireland is called 25. Several Irish groups in the region (including Comhaltas) are dedicated to maintaining this tradition by playing every 25th of the month at a new location each month. January's location is the Pour House (62 William Street); see [TheGaelicHour.ca](http://TheGaelicHour.ca) for details.



Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to donate more than **80 new and warm articles of clothing** for the Toques and Toes Drive at the November and December céilís (including many items for children).

These include at least:

- 70 pairs of socks
- 26 pairs of gloves and mittens
- 24 items for children

Our own treasurer Gord McFee won the 50/50 draw at the 12 December Céilí, and he graciously **donated** the total winnings of \$76.50 to the Toques and Toes Drive.

Maureen Maher volunteered her time and bought articles of clothing with the winnings and other cash donations. She then wrapped all of the donated items for distribution at the annual **Christmas day lunch for the less fortunate** at the Byward Heart and Crown.

The Heart and Crown has been serving Christmas lunches for more than **20 years**. This year, around **800 people** are estimated to go.

*Mí Eanáir*