

Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Friday 18 August	Music / Cards night
Thursday 25 August	Film Club
Sunday 27 August	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday 9 September	Music Evening
Friday 1 September	Darts night
Thursday 14 September	Book Club

COMINGS & GOINGS



It is with sadness I record the passing of the passing of **Eddie Delahunty**, who died on 9 August last. One of the 'old guard', now gone. Have a look at our [website](#) for a [heartfelt tribute](#) from one of his friends and admirers.

Travel is in the air! I haven't heard from **Brendan & Alice Paul**, but **Lynn & John O'Toole** have been in touch, from Barcelona, where temperatures were in the high 30s! I'm sure they're missing the cool Wellington weather and showery conditions!

And speaking of travel, this month sees the departure of **Faran Foley**, with husband and new baby, for 'home'. She has done her 4-year term, and has a New Zealand-born child to keep her linked to New Zealand. We wish her & her family all the very best for the future, and thank her for the superb work she has done on behalf of the Irish government during her time amongst us. **Go n-éirí an bóthar libh.**

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2023-24!

Our thanks to those who've already paid their Subscription. For everyone else:

1. See the [website for Subscription rates](#)
2. Make payments by **DIRECT CREDIT** to account number **06-0529-0416815-00**. (Use your **family name** as the reference (or your phone number if you have to use numbers)
3. Tell us you've paid by [completing the Renewal Form](#).

You're of course welcome to invite friends to the Club, but when you do, why not suggest they join up? Especially if they are more or less 'regular' visitors. We have forms at the Club for new members, and the subscription rates are **LOW!**

REMINDER

If you're meeting friends or guests at the Club, they need to sign the Visitors' Book when they arrive.

KIDS' CHOIR

You know that Alice Paul is away overseas, but she has a couple of helpers to keep our Kids occupied. **Aislinn Ryan** and **Angelique Poczwa** have picked up Alice's baton, as it were, and are working with our Kids' Choir. If your youngsters haven't joined yet, but you're interested, [contact Aislinn](#).

COOK'S CORNER

The first ingredient of any recipe has to be: "find a man who can cook it" (*Kay Braid*)

Easy Chocolate Truffles

This month's recipe is not a traditional Irish one, but rather something which has been a hit at Pot Luck Dinners.

Ingredients:

1 tin condensed milk	2 tbsps cocoa
10 crushed Weetbix	1/2 cup chocolate chips
Coconut for coating	
Anything else you fancy e.g.:	Chopped apricots
chopped nuts	dates; etc

Method:

Stir this together, then with damp hands roll (big?) teaspoonfuls into balls, then roll in coconut.

To make them a little fancier, dip in melted dark cooking chocolate.

Notices:

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<http://www.huttirish.org.nz>

Keep in touch at:

On Twitter, look for [@huttirish](#).

On Instagram, look for [huttirish](#).

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/huttvalleyirish

Remember the Hall is available for Hire to members. All this helps your Club financially, so recommend us to your friends.

Don't forget the Club is open every Friday 7.30 p.m. to 1 am, and at other times by request.

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Beaḡān a rá agus é a
rá ḡo maith.

(Say little but say it well.)

QUIZ NIGHT



It's Back! It's Been. And was fun!

Thanks to Karl Hayes for some challenging questions, and serious debate (at least there was at our table!), and for keeping us honest.

If you missed the Quiz, never fear – we'll find an excuse to organise another one sooner rather than later, so keep your eyes open for advice of the date.

MUSIC EVENING

Saturday 9 September. Gael meets Balkan. Battle of the Bands!

We have a bumper **MUSIC NIGHT** planned for Saturday 9 September.

Crowd favourite **Shindig** will be playing one of their rousing sets. But so, too, will one of Wellington's best kept ethnic secrets: **Mehana** are a tight-knit group of musicians with a shared Balkan background. If you've heard Niko Ne Zna, then you'll know what to expect! If you haven't, be prepared to be impressed.

The evening is a fund-raiser, with entry by **KOHA**, and all funds go to UN efforts among the dispossessed in Yemen.

To help minimize costs (& maximise the fund-raising!), supper will be "pot-luck". You're challenged to bring something "Irish" or "Balkan" to contribute to a shared supper.

And then, the two groups plan to abandon the "stage" and sit around a couple of Tables, *a la* a Friday evening, and jam into the wee small hours!

It's not a competition – it just feels like it! Looking forward to it.

CELTICA

Their advertising says "You haven't seen Irish dance like this before", which may or may not be true!



It goes on to say "**Celtica** is high octane and exhilarating, featuring some of the fastest footwork ever to hit the stage.[!]

From the producers of the hit show 'Celtic Illusion', comes an impressive dance production featuring an elite

troupe of dancers. The lineup includes stars of 'Celtic Illusion' and 'Lord of the Dance.'

So if you fancy seeing "some of the fastest footwork ever", you should get along to Wellington's Opera House on 28 August. Book at [Ticketmaster](#).

GRADA

Grada – remember them? They're coming back!

Our own **Gerry Paul**, and fellow Kiwi **Andrew Laking**, along with Irish musicians **Nicola Joyce**, **Alan Doherty** & **Tola Custy** make up the group's current lineup. They are touring New Zealand in October, 12 years after last playing together.



Some of us have very fond memories of seeing them perform when last they played in Wellington, and we're excited to welcome them back.

A highlight on the traditional Irish music scene from 2001 - 2011, they have a sound rooted in Irish trad, while drawing influences from folk, jazz, world music, and Americana. The band's live shows exude energy, with an improvisation element that made them unique within the trad music world.

In celebration of their reunion tour their full back catalogue has been released via streaming services from late July 2023.

You have 2 chances to catch them live in Wellington:

18 October - San Fran, Wellington

28 October - Little Theatre, Lower Hutt

Tickets available from [gradamusie.ie](#)

A DESIGNER OR SOCIAL MEDIA WHIZZ?

I'm still looking for some help. Specifically, I'm looking for someone with a flair for graphic design, and a Social Media Whizz. The Club has a social media presence, but we need someone to actively curate it. Please [get in touch](#) or have a word with me the next time you see me at the Club.

TELLING FAMILY STORIES

August is Family History Month. Hutt City Libraries is holding a series of events to mark the Month. If you enjoyed the sessions at HVIS, or meant to go to them but couldn't, you should see what is on offer at the Libraries.

I am giving a presentation at Petone Library, but don't let that put you off! I have been invited to talk about one of my families, and so I'll be sharing some insights into the **patterns and quirks of a very large American Dutch family** at **1.00pm on Monday 21 August** at Petone Library. Keep an eye out next time you're at your local Library, or on the [Library's webpages](#).

FILM CLUB

And now for something completely different! Our next screening will be **Vivarium**, which stars **Imogen Poots**, **Danielle Ryan**, and **Jesse Eisenberg**.



A young couple looking for the perfect home find themselves trapped in a mysterious labyrinth-like neighbourhood of identical houses.

The next screening will be on **Thursday 24 August** at 7.30pm. As usual the Bar will be open, there is no cover charge, and all members and their guests are welcome.

BOOK CLUB

"Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while." - Malorie Blackman

The Book Club is holding its next meeting on **Thursday 14 September**, from 7.30 pm. Their selection is **Kindred** by Octavia E. Butler. If you're interested in joining the group, or maybe starting your own, get a copy of the book to read, and just turn up to their session.



VIOLIN LESSONS

Maureen McLoughlin has had contact from a few people inquiring about her offer to put together a **fiddle club** at HVIS.

Various abilities and experiences welcome, eg. children and adult beginners, or those who have had some violin lessons, or those who can play a little Irish fiddle music already.

The plan is to buy a set of fiddles for the Club at some stage, depending on interest. If you would like to give it a go, text Maureen on **0272820228**.

SURVEYING THE IRISH COMMUNITY

Have you had a look at the Wellington Irish Society community Survey? They want to find out what is important to Irish people in the Wellington region to determine how the community can best be supported, as well as to identify opportunities to collaborate with other Irish community and cultural groups to maximise their impact. They want to hear from anyone with an interest in the Irish community and cultural groups.

If you're not actively involved with any Irish community or cultural group, they would still love to hear from you. They want to know if is an intentional choice or if there have been barriers to your involvement. If you have a Google account, [have a look at the Survey](#).