

Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Sunday 17 August	Watch the ABs in Argentina
Wednesday 20 August	Rose of Tralee announcement
Thursday 21 August	(Alice's) HVIS Choir
Friday 22 August	Music Evening
Sunday 24 August	Watch the ABs in Argentina
Sunday 31 August	Pot Luck Dinner
Friday 5 September	Darts night
Thursday 11 September	Book Club

COMINGS & GOINGS

Congratulations to **Carrig Murray** who continues to do well at Chess tournaments.

Congratulations, too, to **Sonia Christensen** who recently completed an "ICE SWIM" (1 mile in ≤ 5° water!) of 37 minutes at St Bathans in Central Otago.

John & Lynne O'Toole are off to see their children (& do a little 'touring') on the First of September. Safe travels!

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 25-26!

Our thanks to those who've already paid their Subscription. Now is also the time to renew your membership of HVIS for the financial year beginning 1 April 2025:

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!** And remember: an **AUTOMATIC PAYMENT** is Easy as ...!

HV FOOD BANK

I have a challenge for you: when you prepare your contribution to our next Pot Luck Dinner, **add to it a contribution for the Food Bank**.

You decide what, drop it in the marked box at the Club – we'll deliver it!

AUGUST MUSIC NIGHT

Shindig are juggling commitments this month, so their regular "session" at the Club will be **Friday 22 August**.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



HVIS runs on the efforts of VOLUNTEERS. So we're always looking for people to help out.

Could you help out on the **Management Committee**? All positions from President to Committee Members are up for election at the **AGM** in June. Give it some thought!

What about **helping behind the Bar**? We have a small group of volunteers, but "the more the merrier"! We'll be employing staff for St Patrick's Day, but there is plenty of scope to help at other times, especially **Fridays**, & other **Functions**.

Let us know [how you can help](#).

COUNTY GAZETTEER

Vital stats for each Irish County

County Derry / Contae Dhoire

County Londonderry /

Contae Lunnonderry

Province: Ulster

County town: Coleraine

Area: 818 sq mi (2,118 km²) (Rank: 15th)

Highest elevation ([Sawel Mountain](#)):
2,224 ft (678 m)

Population (2021): 252,231 (Rank: 6th)

Motto(s): *Auxilium A Domino* "Help comes from the Lord"

Nickname: "The Oak Leaf County"

Website: [Discover Northern Ireland](#)



Notices:

Find us at:

<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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NĀ bíodh do theansa
faoi do chrios.

(Don't keep your tongue under your belt.)





Put a ring around the date : **13 SEPTEMBER, 2025!**

A group of HVIS members, and a couple of others, are deep into planning an **Irish Cultural Extravaganza at Brewtown**, in **Upper Hutt**.


We've got a **WIDE RANGE** of events & activities – something for everyone, **TO BE SURE!**

 Traditional **DANCING EXHIBITIONS** by the Kerry School


 Trace your family origins or ask the experts for help at the **GENEALOGY** Booth

 Watch demonstrations by Players and Give **GAELIC GAMES** a go

 Traditional **DANCING EXHIBITIONS** by the Gregan Irish Dancers

 Watch & learn how to make Soda Bread. **MAKE YOUR OWN BREAD** & take it away! (\$)

 Ryan Dorris Children's **RIVERDANCE** performance

 Live music from ever-popular HVIS 'house-band' **SHINDIG**

 Traditional **CEILI** for all to join in & enjoy

 Hutt Valley **IRISH SINGERS** will entertain and entrance

 Justin Reed's **UKELELE BAND** will get your feet tapping!

 The **Shenanigans Band** are always popular, and may induce **DANCING!**

¶¶ Of course there'll also be **FOOD & DRINK** to keep you fuelled!

 **FACE PAINTING, CRAFTS, GAMES** galore to keep the kids entertained!

We need volunteers to help with tasks like putting up advertising signs around the Valley. If you've got a fence facing a well-used road – [get in touch!](#)

And if you think you'd like to 'lend a hand', [send Darren a message](#) or text him on **021 02932131**.

HOW TO GET TO THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Not sure how to find BREWTOWN?



[27 Blenheim Street](#), Maidstone, Upper Hutt

NZ ROSE OF TRALEE

Ciara Jo Hanlon is, as I write this, in Ireland as part of the Rose of Tralee Festival.



the Event.

The Selection Nights are **Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th**. Given the time difference, that of course means from 0900 on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings. You can watch the show(s) using the [RTE Player](#).

CAPITAL IRISH

Two of our members are amongst the presenters of this regular radio show – Alice Paul and Finbarr Murray. And HVIS is one of the regular sponsors.

Their half-hour show is broadcast each Sunday at mid-day.

If you've never heard it, you can hear the [most recent episodes](#), or look back over their [previous shows](#).

You might be surprised by what you find!

HELP AN INJURED GFHA SKIER

Wellington/Hutt Valley GFHA recently posted the following:



“Last month, our club member **Luke Stuart-Mills** was in an unexpected accident while skiing in Queenstown, NZ. He is now in Dunedin Hospital, where he has undergone lifesaving surgery for a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and is in critical care. ...

If you can, please support Luke, his girlfriend Laura, and his family by making a donation to help with Luke's medical and rehabilitation costs and for any accommodation

costs for his family. Any donation, no matter how small will make a huge difference.

Help out with a [DONATION](#).

CALLING HVIS SINGERS

Alice Paul's group of “singers” are learning a variety of songs – in Irish and Irish songs sung in English.

And they're always open to new ‘members’ wanting to give it a go!

If this appeals, [send Alice an email](#) or **call** (or txt!) her on **021 2288 293**. Their next gathering is Thursday 21st August

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 11 September**, from 7.30 pm. Their selection is **Better the Blood** by **Michael Bennett**. 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.

