

Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Friday 17 February	Cards night
Saturday 18 February	Working Bee
Friday 24 February	Music evening
Sunday 26 February	Pot Luck Dinner
Friday 3 March	Screening – John Hume
Saturday 11 March	Ceilidh
Sunday 12 March	St Patrick's Day Parade
Friday 17 March	St Patrick's Day

COMINGS & GOINGS

Jack Doherty passed away, after a long illness in January. Our thoughts go to Joanne, Sarah, and the rest of his family.

I can report that **Murray Hill & Elaine McAlister** managed to navigate pre-Christmas travel chaos and made it to Ireland, enjoyed their visit, and then managed to get home – along with their Luggage!

In the light of recent weather incidents, we hope those travelling, especially north from the Hutt Valley, are careful, enjoy the time, and return safely.

If you have family or friends visiting, why not bring them down to the Club for a quiet drink and a yarn.

POT LUCK DINNERS

Have you volunteered to “Host” a Pot Luck Dinner next year? Our thanks to those who have put their name forward. To **volunteer for 2023**, use the [online form](#).

REMINDER

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

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2022-3!

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!*

FOR SALE – DANCING SHOES

Sue Ikin has a pair of hard shoes and a pair of soft shoes she'd like to pass on. Both pairs are English size 5 or NZ 38, are in reasonable condition and she'd like around \$80 for the two. Ph (04) 478 4160 or email Sue at s.ikin@supermail.co.nz

COOK'S CORNER

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

Kerry Apple Cake

This cake does not keep very well, but that is not usually a problem! It is best eaten warm with cream or Greek-style yoghurt, and is also perfect with cheese.

Ingredients:

175g/ 6oz butter	175g/ 6oz castor sugar
2 medium cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped	225g/ 8oz self-raising flour
2 eggs, beaten	1tsp lemon rind
2tbsp demerara sugar	pinch cinnamon
pinch nutmeg	

Method:

Preheat oven to gas mark 4/ 180°C/ 350°F, and grease and line a 900g/ 2lb loaf tin. Cream butter and sugar. Gradually add eggs and flour. Stir in apples and lemon rind. Pour into the tin and sprinkle with sugar and spices. Bake for 1- 1 1/2 hours.

Notices:

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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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*TÉANN AN SAOL THART
MAR bheadh eiteoga AIR
AGUS CAIREANN SACH DON
NOLLAIS bliain eile AR DO
ghualainn.*

*(Life goes by as if it had wings, and every Christmas puts
another year on your shoulder.)*

THE ANNUAL HVIS “XMAS PARTIES”!

We finished the year on a high! Xmas Parties thick and fast, crowded and busy, noisy and ‘craic’ing!

Have you had a look at the [Photos?](#) [Ah Gwan!](#)

NEW YEAR, NEW PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The New Year is almost here, and we have been working on a busy programme of events and activities for the year ahead.

We’ll make sure you are kept well advised of what’s coming up, but keep an eye out, especially, for events in the leadup to St Patricks Day, an Emma Coffey-led Ceilidh, and a brief series of “Remembering Family Stories” evenings. Quiz Nights, Golf tournaments, Bingo evenings, and more! And of course, we’re continuing the usual Pot Luck dinners and Friday evening sessions. Keep your eyes open for notices! And don’t forget we have our [Calendar](#) on our [website](#).

FILM CLUB



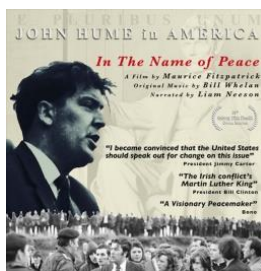
A special treat to begin the year! In association with Culture Ireland, we are delighted to bring you **John Hume in America** on

Friday March 3 at 7.30pm.

It is a feature documentary that shows how legendary Irish politician, Nobel Peace Prize winner and Martin Luther King Peace Prize winner, John Hume, harnessed the power of Irish America and cultivated relationships with The White House and US Congress to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

This special one-off screening will be introduced by the filmmaker, **Maurice Fitzpatrick**, who will also be available to answer questions after the film.

This is an outstanding opportunity to learn about the role of one of the key figures in the recent political history of Ireland, and a ‘must-see’ for anyone interested in ‘The Troubles’.



ST PATRICK’S “IRISH FESTIVAL, 2023”

There are a number of special events on during early March, which we should consider together – an “Irish Festival”, if you will.

We start with the **special screening** mentioned above on **Friday March 3** – Mark your calendar **NOW!**

Then, a week later, on **Saturday March 11**, we have a return of the old-fashioned **Ceilidh**. Our own Emma Coffey will be leading it, with assistance from other experienced dancers. She promises that all ages and expertise levels will be catered for, and that, if the weather is co-operative, will be outside, allowing that much more space! We’ll get underway at 7.30pm, and there will be no entry charge, but you are welcome to make a contribution to our ‘Raise The Roof’ fund.

I understand that Wellington Irish Society have picked up the mantle of organizing a **St Patrick’s Day Parade in Wellington**. The latest I have heard is that it will be along the the same waterfront route in Wellington on **March 12**. As soon as I know more (time, other arrangements) I’ll pass them on.

And a week after *that*, of course, it is **St Patrick’s Day** – a day given over to **celebrating IRISHNESS**, in all its variety.

First up is the annual **Golf Tournament**, to be held at Judgeford Course again. **Shotgun start** is at **9.30am**. If you haven’t sent in an entry form you can register at the Golf Shop from 8am. **Entry fee** is **\$40**, and there is, of course, the competition for the annual **Cup** between HVIS and WIS golfers! See the attached Flyer and Entry form documents.



is fine we’ll have canopies for shade. We’re **servicing traditional fare** for low-cost dinners between 5.30 and 7pm. And to help the digestion, a few of our **youngsters** will provide **some entertainment**. And then **Shindig** will set up, and get underway after **7.30pm**. Which is all we need, really!

I’ve heard a wee whisper that we might have a visit from a wee Leprechaun, long missing from our shores. Now that would be a cause for celebration!

If you find yourself in **Auckland** on **March 18**, and it’s not raining, you might like to get to the centre of the City to enjoy



the sights and sounds of their **St Patrick’s Day Parade**.

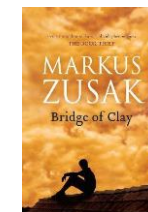
It starts at midday, and travels along Queen Street. Hopefully, they will have been able to update [their website](#) with more details.



ROSE OF TRALEE

NZ has not had a Rose of Tralee since 2019 with the rotational policy at Tralee for International Centres and Covid. The “current” Rose, **Sinead Stayton**, is ready to pass on her Crown in Auckland on 6 May to the 2023 NZ Rose, who will be selected from the representatives from Irish communities around NZ. Do **you** want to be the **Hutt Valley Rose** at the Nationals? And maybe win a trip to Ireland? Do you **know someone** who does? Call by the Club, or email secretary@huttirish.org.nz for information.

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 16 February**, from 7.30 pm. Their selection is **The Bridge of Clay** by Markus Zusak. 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.

DARTS, CARDS, & ...

On the 3rd Friday of the month (usually the same night as the music session), the Card School gathers, and they are always happy to welcome new players, no matter the level of experience or expertise.

The observant among you may have noticed that we have 2 new (& additional) dart boards at the Club. The plan is simple: **David Duffy** is organising a regular Darts competition. Anyone interested in having a go, should come along to the Club on the **first Friday** of the month.

And if neither cards nor darts are your thing, what about Chess? Bring along a chess set, and you never know what (or who) might happen.

Remember that the Club opens FOR ALL MEMBERS, and if you want to play darts, or chess, or cards, that is up to you. As is sometimes said, **“Fill yer boots!”**