

Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Friday 25 July	Rose function - Foggy Dew
Sunday 27 July	Pot Luck Dinner
Tuesday 15-19 August	International Rose
Sunday 31 August	Pot Dinner

GREETING CARDS

Welcome back to the Duffy family from an eventful trip to Ireland.

Bryan & Desiree Mulligan recently celebrated their combined 120th Birthdays, and are looking forward to 'gold-card years'. Congratulations to Molly Janes and Conor Peoples on their selection in regional sports teams - Netball & Basketball respectively.

It has come to my notice that Eddie Brownlee has died in Palmerston North Hospital on the 5th July. Eddie used work out of the garage at the old HVIS house for a number of years rebuilding batteries. Before that he worked at Exide Batteries. Eddie came from Northern Ireland. He was known to many of the older club members. The notice of his death can be viewed at www.tributes.co.nz/ViewMyTribute.aspx?id=10000.

ON A MUSICAL NOTE ...

Christy Moore has been at it again! This time it's a 3-CD 'retrospective' with a difference, *Where I Come From*. A few new numbers, but it's largely a re-visiting of many of his early songs. Many are presented a-fresh, sometimes to the extent you may not recognise them at first.

While this may surprise at first, in time it charms. Helped along by a number of skilled accompanists, he shows his skill with a bare sketch, content to let the listener's imagination do the rest. At other times he employs that intimate, almost conspiratorial voice with immense power.

What strikes you most over the course of 3 disks, is that even at his most caustic, he writes out of genuine care for the less fortunate, and that's the simple truth of it.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Have you paid your membership subscription yet? For a ridiculously small price you get to receive these outstanding

newsletters, a superior Members' Card which proclaims to the world that you belong to the Irish Society, and entry to Society events. What could be better?

Make payments by **DIRECT CREDIT** to account number **06-0529-0416815-00** or by sending a cheque PO Box 31-469, Lower Hutt. NB: If you pay by Direct Credit please make sure you use your family name as the reference (or your phone number if you have to use numbers).

HVIS LIBRARY

The Club has a growing collection of books about Ireland and as members you are welcome to borrow them. Just remember that you may **BORROW** them - they have to be returned! Make a point of checking it out.

YOUR LOCAL GAA CLUB

The Wellington GAA is a growing and active group drawing members from the whole region. Check them out at www.wellingtongaa.com or email them at wellingtongaa@gmail.com or telephone Daithi on +64211861099 or Kav on +64210658659.

CARDS OR MUSIC NIGHTS

Do you enjoy a game of cards? There's one on at the Club on the first Friday each month. Call **Anne** on **2329962** to check dates, times, and other arrangements. Or come along on the third Friday of the month for our music session. No arranging needed - just turn up!

Notices:

If you'd like you Newsletter by email, write to info@huttirish.org.nz

And the Club now has it's own WEB-SITE:
<http://www.huttirish.org.nz>

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

Don't forget the Club is open every Friday 5 p.m. to 1 am, and on Sundays 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.



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Lisa Dazalo – HVIS & NZ
Rose of Tralee, 2014

Dí thagann ciall roimh AOIS.

(Sense does not come before age)

July, 2014

THE NZ ROSE OF TRALEE

Our new Hutt Valley Irish Society Rose, **LISA BAZALO** wowed the judges over an action-filled few days in Christchurch in late May.

As a result, the 24 year-old lawyer is off to Ireland in August, to represent New Zealand at the International Festival.

She will be accompanied by a number of her (very proud) family, who will be joined by other family and friends to ensure Lisa has a strong support crew to help her.

Representing us in Tralee doesn't come cheap, what with the need for clothes, et al. So we've organised some fund-raising. First up is a music & social evening at the Function Room, upstairs at The Foggy Dew in southern High Street.

\$20 per head will get you entry and the chance to dance the evening away to one of the best live bands in the area - Shenanigans - and to win prizes in an array of raffles. And all in the name of the Irish communities on New Zealand.

We're looking for everyone to have long arms and short pockets! Great craic.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM was held on Sunday 29 June, at the Club. The turnout was pleasing and topics discussed ranged over a number of HVIS activities.

The Election of Officers saw a couple of newcomers join the Committee, which was expanded to accommodate this enthusiasm for helping out.

The Management Committee for 2014-15 consists of:

President: John O'Toole

Vice-President: Brian Gahan

Secretary: Ashley Mackenzie-White

Treasurer: Shirley Duffy

Bar-Manager: Darren McClure

and Marysia Raffan, Sherie Wright, Lyn O'Toole, Finbarr Murray, Bryan Mulligan, Ray Janes, and Dave Rynne.

Anne O'Carroll has once again accepted the role of Patron.



2016 TRIP

Remember that a group of HVIS members are already working on plans for a trip to Ireland in 2016. It will, of course coincide with the centenary of the 1916 Easter

Uprising, and we expect there will be lots on in Ireland at that time.

The plan is, loosely, to have a period in Dublin as well as to spend time travelling as a group.

Fund-raising and saving is underway already, but if you're interested in either finding out more, or joining the group, please email trip@huttirish.org.nz

IRISH FILM AT NZIFF

The New Zealand International Film Festival (NZIFF) is just around the corner for Wellington and we would like to bring to your attention to a delightful Irish film that will be screening, which celebrates Irish music and dance.

No filmmaker has had more films feature in competition at Cannes than British director Ken Loach. This year's entry, allegedly his last film, is a rousing and romantic retelling of the true story of 30s Irish folk hero James Galton.

The screening times for Wellington are:

JUL 26 SAT 7:00 PM Embassy Theatre

JUL 30 WED 6:15 PM Penthouse Cinema

AUG 01 FRI 11:00 AM Embassy Theatre

If you're interested book through the website at www.nziff.co.nz/2014/wellington/jimmys-hall/

GAA NEWS

The boys & girls of the Wellington/Hutt Valley GAA are dedicated folks!

Winter is no excuse not to be training, apparently, as training continues with something for everyone, from social to experienced, nearly every day of the week!

- Mondays at 7:30 pm: football training for all in Wellington college
- Tuesdays at 7:30 pm: track training at Newtown running track
- Wednesdays at 8 pm: men's football training at Wakefield Park
- Alternate Thurs 8pm at Wakefield Park and Sat 10am in Upper Hutt ladies football training
- Sat 12.15pm Running training at Newtown running track

There are some small costs: Monday night training's are \$5 per person per night. Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday sessions are only \$2 per person. This money

goes directly towards pitch rental. Track running sessions are FREEEE!

As if that wasn't enough, on Thursday 24th July they are hosting the premiere of *Mrs Brown's Boys*. It will be at Reading Cinema, Courtenay Place at 6:30pm.

Have a side splitting night of laughter and help them fundraise to send teams to the Australasian championships in Melbourne this year.

Tickets only \$20 available from any GAA member or book it at www.wellingtongaa.com/events.html

RIAN CONCERT AT HVIS

One of the highlights for many of us was the chance to see world-class traditional Irish musicians up-close and personal during a concert at the Club in March.

We videoed the performance. Unfortunately, the quality of the equipment available at short-notice wasn't quite what it might have been so the group are unwilling to have the video footage published. However they are happy for us share it with our members. If you'd like to watch it, you are welcome to drop into the Club and drop it into the DVD player. Alternatively, you can email info@huttirish.org.nz.

BERNIE THE INSTRUMENT-MAKER

Many of you will know Bernie Breslin, long-time member of various Irish communities.

What you may not know is that he's also a talented maker of stringed instruments.



He is exhibiting a collection of them at Art Space, 223 The Esplanade, Petone, until 20 July (late notice I know, so you'll need to be quick!)

Two other instrument makers are also exhibiting, and Bernie say that there will a little bit of music played on some of the instruments on Saturday afternoons from about 1.30 onwards.

POT LUCK DINNERS

These popular events rely for their success on the willingness of everyone to help out - oh, and of course to bring along superb food! Join the craic!