

## Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Thursday 11 June	Book Club gathering
Thursday 25 June	Film Club gathering
Sunday 28 June	AGM
Sunday 28 June	Pot Luck Dinner

### COMINGS & GOINGS

Clearly there have been few given the current restrictions.

However, it was nice to see Molly Janes at the recent film evening, back from her sojourn in Germany.

And Jayne Mulligan is back in Wellington after a post-London spell in isolation in Ohope.

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE!

Have you paid your membership subscription for the 2020-2021 year yet? It's never too early. Make payments by **DIRECT CREDIT** to account number: **06-0529-0416815-00.**

Family membership (includes children <b>under 18</b> )	\$35.00
Single membership	\$25.00
Pensioner (single)	\$20.00
Pensioner (couple)	\$30.00

**NB:** Please pay by Direct Credit, making sure you use your **family name** as the reference (or your phone number if you have to use numbers) and then complete the attached Renewal Form and email to [membership@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:membership@huttirish.org.nz).

### 2023 TRIP

A group of HVIS members are already talking about the possibility of a trip to Ireland and Scotland in 2023. The idea is to repeat the immensely successful 2016 trip.

There are no specific proposals, although the initial talk has been of a 2-week bus tour, as in 2016, but this time around Scotland, perhaps beginning in Dublin. It will, of course coincide with a Rugby World Cup to be staged in France. But that's just a coincidence, I assure you!

Email [trip@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:trip@huttirish.org.nz) if you're interested in either finding out more, or joining the discussions.

### CAPITAL IRISH RADIO

A wee reminder that Wellington has its own "Irish" radio programme. You can find it on air at 106.1 FM, or online at <https://www.accessradio.org.nz/capital-irish.html>.

Our own Alice & Eddie Paul and Finbarr Murray are amongst the presenters of the weekly half-hour show. It is worth trying to catch it Live at Mid-day every Sunday, but if you miss that slot, listen online at your leisure.

### YOUR LOCAL GAA CLUB

The Wellington/Hutt Valley Gaelic Football & Hurling Association is a growing and active group drawing members from the whole region. All ability levels welcome, with both social and competitive leagues played. Check them out at [www.wellingtongaa.com](http://www.wellingtongaa.com), or on Twitter at [@WellingtonGFHA](https://twitter.com/WellingtonGFHA), or you can find them on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonGFHA).

### TRAD MUSIC SESSIONS

Do you miss those music sessions in Irish pubs? Well, fear not! Wellington's Welsh Bar has been hosting weekly sessions for some time now, and you're welcome to drop in. Of course they are suspended just at the moment, but, especially if you're a player, you could find some inspiration on their website <https://wellington.session.nz/>

### PEANUT-FREE

We have a couple of members who have an allergy to peanuts. So we ask that anyone who brings food to an HVIS function makes sure it does not contain peanuts.

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

If you are a Twitter user already, or have been thinking about opening an account, look for @huttirish.

We will be tweeting reminders about upcoming events, or if we need to get in touch urgently.

### Notices:

Find us at:

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

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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# Hutt Valley Irish Society



## The Irish Press

## AITHNÍTEAR CARA I SCRUATÁN

(A friend is known in hardship)

## COVID-19 AND HVIS

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Now that restrictions are easing, we're settling into a new 'routines' at the Club, and have had a couple of very enjoyable evenings – a bit of music, cards being played, catching-up with friends, a Film evening, and good craic!

But we're now in a position to plan for our first substantial events.

The last Sunday in June is our annual AGM date, and so it will be this year – details are below. It will be followed, as is customary, by a Pot Luck Dinner.

Subject to confirmation closer to the date, the Pot Luck will be either our traditional Mid-Winter Xmas Pot Luck (hosted of course by the Gahans!), or sausages and chips provided by the Club. Which we choose will be determined by Government restrictions on such gatherings.

We also have a couple of "awards" to make - Siobhan Cotter is to receive her HVIS Quiz Night Cup, and I will be awarding the prize of a free drink to whoever is able to answer the questions about the photo in this Newsletter.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hutt Valley Irish Society will be held on Sunday 28 June 2010, starting at 3:00 pm at the premises of the Society (12 Raroa Road).**

The Agenda will be:

- *Apologies*
- *Minutes*
- *Annual Reports*
- *Election of Officers*
- *General Business*

Any further notices of Motion must be received by the Secretary no later than Sunday 14 June.

Any nominations for the Committee or Officeholders must be received by the Secretary no later than Friday 26 June.

Each financial member shall be entitled to exercise one vote on any motion before the Annual General Meeting.

So, in addition to blocking out that date in your Diary, you need to be asking yourself: *What can I do for HVIS?* We will need nominees for the Committee, helping with the Bar, Publicity, Welfare, Kitchen, Event planning, and so on. So get in touch with:

- John ([president@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:president@huttirish.org.nz)) or Shirley ([secretary@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:secretary@huttirish.org.nz))

to let them know what you are offering to do to help.

The Society is only as strong as the commitment of members to its success.

## WHO DO YOU RECOGNIZE?

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A month or two ago, I asked for photos from past HVIS events that members might have. The indefatigable Anne O'Carroll was able to contribute a few pictures, most taken by the late Austin. Amongst her photos was this gem showing a Camogie team.

She tells me it was a team which attended one of the Annual Feis', and the team included both Anne and Margaret Healy.

So my challenge to you is: Identify the year, and which of the people shown are Anne and Margaret.



There is a drink in it for the first person able to tell me the correct answers at the next Pot Luck Dinner (at the end of June).

## BOOK CLUB

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The Book Club also advises their next choice is **NORMAL PEOPLE** by Sally Rooney. You might be watching a television adaptation of it on TVNZ On Demand at present.

Their next gathering will be on Thursday June 11 at the Club, so you're welcome to get hold of the book, read it, and join them for a discussion about it at the Club from 7pm on the 11th.

Desiree will be in touch with the 'regulars', but if you're interested but haven't yet been to one of the evenings you're welcome to send her a message at [desiree@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:desiree@huttirish.org.nz) or call her on 021 727 835.

## FILM CLUB

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So much for a 'film evening'! The pandemic put paid to that, or nearly!

A group of us gathered at the Club on the Sunday of Queen's Birthday weekend, and chortled our way through **Halal Daddy**. Dating from 2017, it is an entertaining tale of inter-generational conflicts in an immigrant family in the new diverse culture that is modern Ireland.

Thursday 25 June is our next get-together, and we'll have a nostalgic look back at Dublin in the 1980's, and see how a young boy escapes his strained family life by starting a band to impress the mysterious girl he likes. **Sing Street** stars Ferdia Walsh-Peelo, Aidan Gillen, and Maria Doyle Kennedy.

## COVID-19 AND HVIS MEMBERS

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The Management Committee are also keen to remind members that if they are facing difficulties during this period, they are urged to get in touch with either [John O'Toole](#) or [Shirley Duffy](#). They will arrange for you to get the help you're needing.

You will recall we established an Assistance Fund, targeted at Irish citizens stranded in NZ, and referred to us by the Embassy. While we haven't yet had any call on this Fund, the Management Committee are conscious that we aren't yet "out of the woods" and it may yet still be needed. Members are invited to make a contribution to this Fund by making a deposit to account # 06-0529-0416815-03. Please use your name as your reference.

## GAA PHOTOS

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Our local GAA Club has also added a selection of old GAA photos to their [Facebook account](#) which go back a good number of years. But they're keen for more.

If you have GAA photos please either post them on Facebook or email [Dave Rynne](#).

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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Putting together the Virtual Quiz recently, got me to wondering, about favourite films, music groups, albums, etc.

So I thought I'd see what others think, and share the results with you next month. But it seems we only have opinions about Films!

2 people voted for **The Field**, and 3 for each of **Brooklyn** and **In the Name of The Father**.

I have decided to extend this for another month, so vote for:

- Best Irish Traditional Folk Group,
- Best Irish Album,
- Top Irish Female Singer,
- Top Irish Male Singer,
- Top Irish Music Group
- Top Irish Film

Have your say at: <http://huttirish.org.nz/tell-us.html>