

Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Thursday 20 June	Celtic Spirituality discussion
Saturday 22 June	HVIS Quiz Night
Sunday 23 June	Storytellers discussion
Thursday 27 June	Film Club
Friday 28 June	Music Friday night
Sunday 30 June	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 30 June	Mid-Winter Pot Luck Dinner
Friday 5 July	Darts night
Thursday 11 July	Book Club

COMINGS & GOINGS

There has been a bit of to-ing & fro-ing over the past couple of months. Elaine McAlister has returned from visiting her ailing Mother; the Rynne family are heading to Ireland soon; Trish Regan had a fascinating trip to Holland & Morocco to catchup with young Molly; Sonia chased down young Ruby and spent time wandering the world with her; Declan & Catriona are back from a family visit trip to Ireland; and, lastly, Christy O'Toole is off on an extended 'OE'.

Safe Travels to those about to leave, and Welcome Home to those recently returned!

"FAMILY STORIES" GROUP

A diverse group of about 15 members & friends attended the Telling Family Stories session last month. They all had a project they wished to pursue, or had in hand, and were looking for a bit of help getting to the next stage.

I have setup an email 'group' (storytellers@huttirish.org.nz) so we can all stay in touch and share ideas or progress.

We will be meeting again on **Sunday 23 June**. Come along at 7.30 pm if you're interested in joining the group.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024-25!

HVIS' Financial Year ends on 31 March, which means, of course, that your subscription for the new year is now due. 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!*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Remembering to pay the Subscription is a perennial problem for many of us. Yet there is a simple solution.

Why not set up an AUTOMATIC PAYMENT schedule for early April each year? Payment should be made to account number **06-0529-0416815-00**. **Please be sure to use your family name** as the reference, so we know who is making the payment! That's it! Problem solved!

REMINDER

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

COUNTY GAZETTEER

Vital stats for each Irish County

County Clare / *Contae an Chláir*

Province: Munster

County town: Ennis

Area: 1,30 sq mi (3,450 km²) (Rank: 7th)

Highest elevation (Moyleusa): 1,745 ft (532 m)

Population (2022): 127,938 (Rank: 19th)

Motto(s): "True to our heritage"

Website: [Clare County Council](#) or [Visit Clare](#)



Notices:

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

Keep in touch at:

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

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/huttirish.
On Instagram, look for [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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*Beaḡán a rá agus é a
rá go maith.*

(Say little but say it well.)

June, 2024

FUNDRAISER ART AUCTION

You will recall that we raised over \$2,500 at our Concert for MSF earlier in the year.

At the end of May, Alice Paul organised an Art Auction for the same cause – the work of *Medecins sans Frontiere* in Gaza.



We were gifted some small original works from an artist in Co Kerry, which we auctioned.

And a surprising number of our members offered a range of pictures they no longer wanted or needed.



We corralled Joe Coffey into the role of Auctioneer Extraordinaire, and he ran an entertaining (& profitable!) show.

The generosity of our members and friends meant we collected a further **\$2,000** for MSF. An outstanding effort! Our thanks to all involved in whatever capacity.

“BE OPEN TO BEING ENCHANTED”

We are offering a guided Workshop on Celtic Spirituality, drawing out our Irish indigenous wisdom. It will be lead by facilitators Sr Mary Leahy and Fr Jeff Drane.

Set aside the evening of Thursday 20 June, at HVIS. 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start.

Light tea provided from 6.30pm, so to help with catering, please RSVP to celtic-spirit@huttirish.org.nz.

HVIS QUIZ NIGHT

It's BACK!! The HVIS Quiz Night returns on **Saturday June 22**.

So get your team organised – the sharper the better! We can accommodate as many as 10 teams, of 4-8 people, and it'll be 'first in, best seated'.

Entry is \$10 per person, there'll be prizes galore, and **SERIOUS HONOUR** for the winning team! Possibly including an entry to our Photographic Hall of Fame!

HVIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

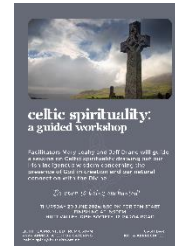
A **REMINDER** that the **2024 Annual General Meeting** of the Hutt Valley Irish Society will be held at HVIS, 12 Rara Road, Lower Hutt at 3 pm on Sunday 30 June, 2024.

Our Rules require a minimum of 25 Members to be present for there to be a 'quorum', so if you can spare us some time on that afternoon, please get along to be part of the AGM, and help us out!

But in addition to “making up the numbers”, have you thought about offering yourself for the Management Committee? In addition to the Offices (President, Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer) we also need up to **6** other Committee members, and this year we have been down on numbers, so it would be encouraging if others put their hands up to “take a turn”.

The role isn't onerous – we meet once a month (as a rule) and it takes just a couple of hours one evening. Of course there is a little additional reading, and sometimes we have to act outside normal meeting cycles, but that isn't common.

If you would like to be nominated, or to nominate yourself, you need to contact the secretary@huttirish.org.nz before the close of Friday, 28 June.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?



HVIS runs on the efforts of **VOLUNTEERS**. So we're always looking for people to help out. Which means it is time for you to ask yourself:

What can I do to help? Working in the Kitchen, cleaning, catering, helping with events, music, opening up, lighting, publicity, social media management, maintenance, governance. Any / all of the above? Do you have an idea for a specific event? Can you organise it?

What about **helping behind the Bar**? We have a small group of volunteers, but “the more the merrier”! There is plenty of scope to help serve, especially **Fridays**, & at other **Functions**, especially at private-hire functions.

Could you help out on the **Management Committee**? Shirley Duffy has been both Secretary and Treasurer for the last couple of months. Could you be her successor in one or other role? All positions from President to Committee Members are up for election at the **AGM** in June. Give it some thought! We can always use extra help.

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

FILM CLUB



It's time for something completely different!

The Delinquent Season (2017). Two friend couples have two children each and appear to live in marital bliss until cracks start to appear in both seemingly-steady marriages. The film asks the question 'How well do any of us really know each other?'

The cast includes Laoise Murray, Catherine Walker, Nora Cooper, and Cillian Murphy.

The next screening will be on **Thursday 27 June** 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 11 July**, from 7.30 pm. Their selection is **The Keeper of Lost Things** by Ruth Hogan. 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.

