

## Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Friday 14 March	Cards & Music
Sunday 16 March	International Music show
Monday 17 March	Golf Tournament
Monday 17 March	St Patrick's Day
Sunday 30 March	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday 26 April	Local Rose of Tralee

### GREETING CARDS

Congratulations to Colin and Richelle Everson on their first child - Finn - our newest club member .

And congratulations also to Claudia Wright on her leadership role as Head Girl.

It's nice to hear that Maggie Lee, Anne O'Carroll, and her gambling off-sider, Brian Gahan, are getting out and about after recent operations.

### ON A MUSICAL NOTE ...

The Pogues were blessed with a number of brilliant writers. One of the most talented has passed away.

Phil Chevron lucked into regular membership of the Pogues. Having played in punk groups in Dublin when young, he met up with McGowan in London while working in a record shop. When Jem Finer was given paternity leave, Chevron was invited to cover for him on banjo. When McGowan gave up guitar to concentrate on singing Chevron took over that role, thereby becoming a permanent member of The Pogues. As a songwriter he is probably best remembered for "Thousands Are Sailing".

IN 2007 he was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer. By 2009 he appeared to have beaten the cancer, but it returned and he finally died in October 2013.

### 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. Additionally, it is intended that we will have time when each person will be free to make their own arrangements.

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](mailto:trip@huttirish.org.nz)

### NATIONAL FINAL OF THE ROSE OF TRALEE

Have you thought about planning a trip to Christchurch yet? Remember that the team in Christchurch are working towards May 31 for the Final. If you are thinking of going south, you should start looking at travel arrangements soon.

### 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](http://www.wellingtongaa.com) or email them at [wellingtongaa@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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# Hutt Valley Irish Society

*The Irish Press*



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st patrick's  
day

**NI FEARR BIA NA CIALL**

*(Food is not better than sense)*

## ST PATRICK'S DAY AT HVIS

The annual St Patrick's Day arrangements are much the same as in previous years. This year we'll open about 5:00 pm.

Traditional dinner will be available from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. To help the digestion we have arranged some early evening entertainment. A number of our youngsters will be reciting / speaking at 6:00 pm, and then at 7:00 pm we have a dancing display by some of our younger members. And then it's over to Shindig, as Kieran, Tracey, Peter & Adrian help us stretch our vocal chords and lead us through a carousing rest of the evening.

If you do nothing else on 17 March, drop into YOUR Club, and celebrate "*a little bit of Ireland in the Heart of Lower Hutt*".

## ST PATRICK'S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual St Patrick's Day Golf Tournament will once again be held at the Te Marua Golf Club on Monday 17 March. It begins as usual with a 9 o'clock shot-gun start, and costs \$35 to enter (this covers game of golf, light meal, and prizes).

If you're thinking of entering what is always a great fun day out, you need to call **Bernie Breslin** on **04 526 9835** to register. Of course, after the golf, you can retire to the HVIS to revive yourself!

## ST PRACTICE DAY

We will be open on Friday 14 March, with cards and music, and then the card school will be meeting again on Friday March 21.

## A ST PATRICK'S EVE COUP!

We have managed to snare the musicians from Rian, one of the fascinating shows in the International Festival of the Arts. It is described as "Contemporary dance meets traditional Irish folk and music from around the world"

You can see the musicians on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, at the Club starting at 5:00 pm. Tickets on sale at the door: \$20 for adults; \$10 for children. World quality entertainment, only at your Club.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY ONLINE

The official St Patrick's Festival site in Ireland is at [www.stpatricksdays.ie](http://www.stpatricksdays.ie). Find out what the History Channel can tell you at [www.history.com/minisites/stpatricksdays/](http://www.history.com/minisites/stpatricksdays/).

[www.St-Patricks-Day.com](http://www.St-Patricks-Day.com) lists festivals, parades and more from around the world. The 'official' view of St Patrick himself, is at. Wigs, clothes, decorations - you name it, they've got it at <http://www.looksharpstore.co.nz/st-patrick-s-day>. If you're looking for something a little more "educational" try [www.saintpatrick.com](http://www.saintpatrick.com).

## THE LOCAL ROSE OF TRALEE

This annual event is scheduled for Saturday 26 April. So put a ring around the date on your calendar, as it is always a grand evening.

And if you know any young women who meet the criteria, why not have a word in their ear about entering? If they're interested they should get in touch with **Bryan** on **04 938 9525**.

## POT LUCK DINNERS

Next time you're in the Club, please take a moment to put your name on the roster for coordinating the food.

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

## GAA 7S COMPETITION

Have you been to have a look at the Wellington/Lower Hutt GAA Summer Sevens competition yet?

The current 7s tournament has been on since Wednesday January 20th. They play competitive games every Wednesday night from 6pm in **Ian Galloway Park**, Wilton.

New players are always very welcome to join games or training on Sunday. If you are keen, email them [wellingtongaa@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtongaa@gmail.com) for more information.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

It's that time of year again - the end of March is fast approaching, and that is when our Membership year runs out.

And THAT means it is time to pay your membership subscription. For a ridiculously small price you get to receive these 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 use numbers).

## WAR IN THE SHADOWS

We occasionally get interesting but impractical invitations. We were invited to attend the launch of a book called "War in the Shadows" - in Dublin 7 days later!

However, I was intrigued and discovered that the book is sub-titled "The Irish-American Fenians Who Bombed Victorian Britain"

The publisher's website tells me it is "An accessible and intriguing study of the Irish Fenian Dynamite Campaign in Britain from 1881-1885. A new age in warfare between Britain and Ireland whereby new clockwork bomb detonators greatly improved the effectiveness of the republicans' arsenal. A fascinating history of the dramatic events that unfolded and the British state's response to the bombings." That might have been interesting to attend!

## IRISH FIDDLER TO VISIT UPPER HUTT

Between 20th - 27th April this year there is a music camp at Camp Kaitoke, Upper Hutt. Although it is called the Southern Hemisphere International School of *Scottish* Fiddle it will be of interest to anyone interested in Irish music, especially if you're looking for some expert tuition.

They have acquired the services of Irish fiddler Liz Carroll, to teach at this year's camp. They will also be holding a concert at the Expressions Theatre in Upper Hutt on Saturday 26th April. So now you don't have any excuse to miss it!

All the details about the camp are on their website [www.shissf.com](http://www.shissf.com).

## WATCH OUT FOR CELTIC THUNDER

The latest Celtic 'supergroup' have announced they will be touring NZ in May. All six male soloists, Emmet Cahill, Keith Harkin, Ryan Kelly, George Donaldson, Neil Byrne and Colm Keegan, perform solo and ensemble numbers. In addition, the tour will also feature master musicians on strings, guitars, percussion, whistles, pipes and more in the dynamic eight-piece Celtic Thunder band.

If you're interested, you can get tickets from [www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz)