

Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Thursday 12 March	Book Club meeting at HVIS
Friday 13 March	Open Mic evening
Saturday 14 March	St Patrick's Day Parade – Wgtn waterfront
Tuesday 17 March	St Patrick's Day
Friday 20 March	Mick Talty Memorial Card School
Sunday 29 March	Pot Luck Dinner
Friday 17 April	HVIS – GFHA Darts evening
Friday 24 April	HVIS – GFHA Cards evening
Saturday 25 April	HVIS – GFHA Bowls evening @ Naena Bowling
Sunday 26 April	HVIS – GFHA Golf Open
Sunday 26 April	Pot Luck Dinner + HVIS – GFHA Prize-giving

COMINGS & GOINGS

Sarah Rose Mulligan made a flying visit home in early February. If you blinked, you missed her! But Jayne has got herself a job based at the Tower of London.

Rose Peoples has begun an academic exchange at University in Sweden.

Georgia Christensen-Walden is off to the World Dancing Championships next month, with our best wishes!

And, of course that means Sonia will need to go with her for guidance and support! Enjoy the trip!

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

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**

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).

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 if you're interested in either finding out more, or joining the discussions.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

A quick reminder of this annual event, which this year will be on May 9, along the Wellington waterfront.

It raises funds for the fight against suicide and self-harm.

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 or you can find them on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/WellingtonHuttValleyGFHA/.

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 **Catriona** on **022 0454 209** 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!

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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An rúd a théann i
bhfad, téann sé i
bhfuair

(What drags on grows cold)

ST PATRICK'S DAY @ HVIS

Buckle up – it's a bumper couple of months we've got lined up!

Firstly, The Parade returns! Small, but nonetheless ...! Co-ordinated by Teresa Ryan, it follows a short route, but will have good participation – dancers, music, pipers, costumes, flags, and great craic!

This year's parade is on 14 of March from 2pm - 5pm (participants assemble at 1:30pm) with the parade starting from Circa Plaza, 1 Taranaki Street, moving along the waterfront to finish with live performances 'Under the Sails' at Queens Wharf.

It is an event for all the family with a fantastic mix of New Zealand and Irish performances. So wear something green and come join our friends from the [Embassy of Ireland New Zealand](#) and [Wellington Irish Society](#).

"The Day" itself. Because it's a 'working day', the Club will be open from about 4.00pm, and will be serving traditional dinner fare at bargain prices between 5.00 and 7.00pm. We'll have live music from about 7:30pm, and sometime during the evening we'll fit in an exhibition by some of the finest local Dancers.

So why not round up a group of friends and treat them to an evening of 'Irishness', HVIS-style? Remember, "It's never too late to be Irish".

ST PATRICK'S DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

A reminder that Bernie Breslin's annual Golf Tournament is on again.

It's held at Te Marua Golf Club in Upper Hutt on Tuesday 17 March. It's a 9.30am shot gun start; entry fee of \$40, which covers your game, a light lunch, and prizes and a Lucky Cash Draw. Breakfast is available at the course from 8am if anyone wants it.

You need to register, so call Bernie Breslin on 04 526 9835 or 027 5269 835 as early as possible.

A CHALLENGE ISSUED



Former President, Brian Gahan, has issued a 'challenge' to the Wellington/Hutt Valley Gaelic Football & Hurling Association. HVIS is challenging the GFHA to a 4-event Tournament in April.

The four events are:

Darts, Bowls, Cards, & Golf, with competition spread over 2 weekends, culminating in a special prizegiving, and the presentation of a specially

commissioned trophy at the regular April Pot Luck Dinner.

It'll go something like this:

Darts: Friday 17 April, from 7pm. 2-person teams; entry \$10

Cards: Friday 24 April from 7pm. Texas Hold'em; entry \$25 per person

Bowls: Saturday 25 April from 6:00pm at Naenae Bowling Club. 2-person teams; entry \$10

Golf: Sunday 26 April from 12noon. Entry \$50 per person

So we're calling on all members to "step up" to the challenge! Sharpen up your skills, hone your techniques, it's your time to shine for *your* Society.

FRIENDS OF IRELAND

And speaking of 'friends of Ireland', have a look at their website - www.friendsofireland.co.nz. An initiative of the Embassy of Ireland, they hope you "find this platform an informative and open space for 'Friends of Ireland' in New Zealand to share stories, news, events, as well as connect with one another."

Of particular interest, may be the "Events" section. Get a flavour of what's going on around the country.

OPEN MIC NIGHTS

Late last year we began a regular series of 'open mic' evenings. They are designed to invite those with a talent for singing, or talking, to share their talent with a small but supportive audience.

Why not drop in and see what it's like – you never know, all that singing in the shower may finally bring some acclaim!

When: 2nd Friday of the month – anytime from 7:30pm

Where: HVIS

BOOK CLUB

A group of HVIS members has formed a "Book Club". They read an agreed book, selected by one of the group, and then, once a month, they get together at HVIS to talk about the book and their reactions to it.

Their next gathering is Thursday 12 March (7pm) at the Club, and it's open to all, whether you've read the book or not. If you want to know more about it, email desiree@huttirish.org.nz or call her on 021 727 835.

FILM CLUB

Following on the idea of the Book Club, a few of us have decided that a similar concept could be used for Films produced in Ireland.

So once a month – the 4th Thursday of each month – we will screen a movie in which Screen Ireland (formerly the Film Board of Ireland) has an involvement.

To start us off, we'll be showing an Irish culture clash comedy, *Halal Daddy*, from 2017. It tells the story of Raghdan Aziz's attempt to escape his controlling father by moving to the west of Ireland. But when dad lands on his doorstep with a birthday present of the keys to a former abattoir turned halal meat factory, his son has no choice but to become a reluctant entrepreneur.

There is no entry fee, and the bar will be open before and after.

So, put a ring around Thursday 26 March, for a 7.45pm start. The run time of the film is 92 minutes.

BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES

One of the funniest films shown at last year's Film Festival was called Births, Deaths & Marriages. Made locally, it was directed by Bea Joblin, and featured "snappy dialogue and spot-on performances from a cast including Geraldine Brophy, Sophie Hambleton and Jamie McCaskill." It was touted as "A pungent kiwi slant on classic domestic farce." The credits included a dedication to Joblin's grandparents, John & Marie Brophy, of Upper Hutt.

I was fortunate enough to be at the Festival screening & can attest to the film's entertainment value, and the skill of all involved. And now you have a chance to see it for yourself on 3 March at Lighthouse Petone and then on 7 & 8 March at Lighthouse Cuba.

I seriously suggest you support these local artists by getting to one of the screenings. You can see a trailer at <https://vimeo.com/353713825>

We are also actively investigating what we can do to promote it as a Club.

POT LUCK DINNERS

Pot Luck Dinners continue this year as before. But each month needs a 'Host' family. We're looking for 'hosts' for the last 4 months of the year: August, September, October, and November.

Offer your name (& preferred month) for the roster for 2020 by writing to Lynn O'Toole at bookings@huttirish.org.nz.

MERCHANDISE

More than just "Taties



We have our own recipe book available for just \$25.

It's packed full of favourite recipes which are sure to conjure memories of meals 'at home' – wherever that may be!

Talk to Bryan to get your own copy.