

## Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Friday 21 November	Cards & Music night
Sunday 30 November	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday 8 November	Working Bee
Saturday 13 December	Seniors' Afternoon Tea
Saturday 20 December	Adults' Xmas Party
Sunday 21 December	Kids' Xmas Party

### GREETING CARDS

First up, congratulations are due to new parents Darren & Alice on the recent arrival of Aedan Housiaux McClure. And, just to put some of you in the shade, young Aedan has already attended his first Pot Luck Dinner (and managed to set a gaggle of women a-flutter!)

Congratulations also to Ann for her return to fine form after her recent health challenges - it was great to see her at the October Cards nights.

We're sure Denis Murphy will also be back amongst us for the Seniors' Xmas function - and we're looking forward to a catch-up.

### ON A MUSICAL NOTE ...

I was doing a little web-trawling recently and came across an Anglo-Irish group called Flook. They play traditional-style instrumental music, much of it penned by the band themselves. Their music is typified by extremely fast, sometimes percussive, flute and whistle atop complex guitar and bodhrán rhythms. After a hiatus the group is apparently back performing. If you've never heard them, you might like to check them out on YouTube - keyword: Flook.

### POT LUCK DINNERS

Don't forget that the November Pot Luck will be the last for 2014. The next one will be at the end of January 2015.

Come along, and while you're there put your name down on the roster for 2015.

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Have you paid your membership subscription yet? 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).

### 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. 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)

### 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



Obnacht na Nollag  
Agus Uian nan Maith Duit

Merry Christmas  
AND  
A Happy New Year

Eagrán na Nollag

(Christmas Edition)

November, 2014

## XMAS PARTIES

It's that time of year already - can you believe it? It's time to set aside time for Christmas functions.

As usual the HVIS has 3 you should be making a note of.

First up is the Seniors' Afternoon tea. This year it is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 2 pm. We'll have a dancing display, and our kids will reprise their pieces from the Feis. Please let us know if you're attending so we can get the catering right. Email [treasurer@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@huttirish.org.nz)

The following weekend, on Saturday 20 December it's the turn of the Adults'. We'll have live music, lovely supper and great craic! All from 7:30 pm.

Having recovered from Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon sees the annual Kids' Party, with, of course, the **SPECIAL VISITOR**. As usual, you need to register your kids or grandchildren, so keep an eye open for the Registration Form, which will be arriving soon. And don't forget that accompanying adults are asked to bring a contribution for afternoon tea.

We are also looking at providing an opportunity for our teenagers to get together for pizzas and then a movie, so if **your** teenagers are interested, please let Shirley know (at [treasurer@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@huttirish.org.nz) or 04 566 7323) so we can gauge interest.

## ANOTHER QUIZ NIGHT

Those who had the foresight to attend the Quiznight at the Club last month agreed it was blast! And their thanks to all those who made the evening a success.



## IRISH - NZ MUSICAL COLLABORATION

Our very own Gerry Paul is once again at the forefront of the exploration of the frontiers of Irish and NZ music collaboration.

Tuatara Brewery on Saturday the 22nd of November plays host to Aotearoa's much loved and celebrated Trinity Roots. They will be joined by Ireland's renowned Pauline Scanlon, Alan Doherty, Tola Custy and Dublin-born Kiwi Gerry Paul. Between them these quintessential Irish musicians have played everywhere from Glastonbury to Carnegie Hall and everywhere in between. They have played with Luka Bloom, Damien Dempsey, Lunasa, Bronagh Gallagher, Gráda, Sinead O'Connor, Andrea Corr, Jerry Fish and the list goes on...

The collaboration will combine traditional music of Ireland and New Zealand in a modern musical context, with the groups playing their own blend of tunes from Aotearoa to Ireland; from reels to reggae, Te Reo to Gaelic, roots to flutes, fiddles to dub and old favourites thrown in too.

And if you still need convincing, The Tasting Room will be offering a menu of Thai Fish Burgers, Gourmet Whitebait Fritters and Whole Chilli Crabs. Book early and bring your dancing shoes... 'cause this is one not to be missed!

**When:** Sat 22nd - 4pm - 9pm

**Where:** Tuatara Brewery, 7 Sheffield Street, Paraparaumu

**Tickets:** \$45 from [www.eventfinder.co.nz](http://www.eventfinder.co.nz)

And if you can't make that, you might like to catch up with the same crew in Wellington:

**When:** Sun 23rd - 7:30pm, Doors 7pm

**Where:** San Fran, 171 Cuba St, Wellington

**Tickets:** \$45 from [www.eventfinder.co.nz](http://www.eventfinder.co.nz)

## IRISH LESSONS

Interested in learning Irish? Reply with expressions of interest to [language@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:language@huttirish.org.nz) or have a chat with Finbarr Murray at the club.

The format will be 3 x 1 hour sessions, dates and times to be decided once we have numbers. Free to all club members. For a head-start, have a look (and listen!) to some of the [course content](#).

## IRISHMEN IN NZ AT THE OUTBREAK OF WW2

We have received an interesting request for help - well, interesting to those keen on history!

Geraldene O'Reilly wants to make contact with anyone whose family had a connection with a select group of "Sons of Eire".

This group consisted of a number of Irishmen living and working in NZ who refused to recognise their call-up for military service in WW2 on the basis they were not British subjects. The group included six Irish men from

Wellington who put their cases to a tribunal held by the Armed Forces Appeal Board. Similar Appeal Boards were convened elsewhere. By November 1941 these cases over 300 Irish men.

If this rings a bell with stories from your family past, please get in touch with Geraldene at [irish.genealogy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:irish.genealogy@xtra.co.nz)

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FEIS

Labour Weekend saw a small group of our members go to Christchurch to compete at the national Feis. And I'm delighted to be able to report they met with their usual level of success!

Mary & Fiach Gahan & Bridget Janes brought back a swag of trophies and medals, winning every event they entered.



And Charlotte Wright continued her purple patch of form, winning several of her dancing classes.

## REMEMBER OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

Get in touch with Shirley (on 566 7323) if you're interested in joining her craft afternoons.

Call Bryan on 04 938 9525 (evenings) if you want to buy one of the tiles on our wall - a snip at \$150 each.

We also have a range of T-Shirts for sale. Their slogans are good for a laugh, and guaranteed to start conversations! And for just \$30. Order through Darren on 021 029 32132.

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