

## Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Friday 6 November	Open Mic evening
Thursday 19 November	Book Club gathering
Friday 20 November	Cards & Music evening
Sunday 22 November	Seniors' Afternoon Tea
Thursday 26 November	Film Club gathering
Sunday 29 November	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday 5 December	Adults Xmas Party
Sunday 20 December	Kids Xmas Party

### COMINGS & GOINGS

I have been told that our Patron, Anne O'Carroll, has been poorly recently, and spent some time in hospital. Hoping you're on the mend Anne. All the best from all of us!

On a brighter note, I recently had some hospital treatment, but am back circulating as I should be.

And Colleen Talty recently celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday – hope there are plenty more still to enjoy!

### EXTERNAL EXAMS

This time of year sees the dreaded external exams occupying the minds of our teenage members. Our best wishes go to all those sitting the exams, whether Level 1, 2, 3 or Scholarship. And for Mums & Dads, if you don't know when the exams are, get your own copy of the [timetable!](#)

### POT LUCK DINNER

The November Pot Luck Dinner is the final one for the year. Please keep your eye open for the Helper Calendar for next year & take your turn looking after the evening.

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS OVER-DUE!

See the [website for Subscription rates.](#)

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) and then complete the attached Renewal Form and email to [membership@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:membership@huttirish.org.nz).

### COVID-19 & HVIS

Please remember to scan the QR Code as you arrive at the Club, or fill-in the Register form if you don't have a phone able to scan the Code.

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

### FRIENDS OF IRELAND

Over the last few weeks, the **Embassy** has been profiling [Friends Of Ireland](#) from all over Aotearoa online. If you would like to participate, send a message to [info@friendsofireland.co.nz](mailto:info@friendsofireland.co.nz).

### CAPITAL IRISH RADIO

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

### GAA TRAINING & COMPETITIONS

I hope you're keeping up with the GFHA schedule? They have Training sessions at Ian Galloway Park on Tuesdays & Thursdays, as they gear up for their Social Gaelic Football season which will run from November 2020 to February 2021. Check their [website](#) for details.

### OPEN MIC NIGHTS

We're offering 'open mic' evenings on the first Friday of the month. Sing a song, recite a poem, tells us a joke, it's your choice, just give it a go!

### 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. Especially if you're a player, you could find some inspiration on their website <https://wellington.session.nz/>

### Notices:

Find us at:

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

Keep in touch at:

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

On Instagram, look for [huttirish](#).

On Facebook: [www.facebook.com/hutt.irish](http://www.facebook.com/hutt.irish)

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

*Níor chraigh fial riamb go  
hlífreann.*

*(No generous person ever went to hell.)*

## 7S TOURNAMENT A GREAT RETURN

After a drought of competitive Gaelic games in 2020, Wellington/Hutt Valley GFHA hosted a Sevens tournament over Labour Weekend at Te Whiti Park, Lower Hutt.

Clubs from Auckland, Canterbury, Taranaki, and Queenstown joined the Wellington/Hutt Valley GFHA for a tournament covering the traditional GAA codes. They even managed to squeeze in a Kids' exhibition Game on Sunday morning!



morning!



I spent several hours watching on Saturday (& got the sun-burn to prove it!), and was blown away by the speed and skill on display. Given these were part-time amateurs, they showed the

experience developed 'at home' on the proving grounds of junior and youth competitions.



Our congratulations go to Wellington/Hutt Valley for winning Camogie, Men's junior football, and Women's Football Cup.

And Wellington/Hutt Valley featured in the 'Player of the Finals' awards as well. Congratulations to **Sheila Forde** (Camogie), **Trevor Mangan** (Men's junior football), and **Charlotte Adam** (Women's football).

You can find all the results at <http://www.wellingtongaa.com/blog/wellington-sevens/#competitions-and-fixtures>. Photos are at: <https://paulopicnz.shootproof.com/gallery/13275788/home> or <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmRUNkVd>

## CHALLENGING TIMES FOR IRELAND!

Ireland has now been at **LEVEL 5** for a couple of weeks now. If you're not sure what that means for family &/or friends, here are a few highlights.

- At Level 5, the public health risk means that everyone is asked to **stay at home**, with certain exceptions. There will be no gatherings other than small numbers at funerals and weddings. No visitors to home or garden, with the exception of visits for essential purposes.
- No **organised indoor gatherings** should take place. For example: business, training events, conferences, events in theatres and cinemas or other arts events (excluding sport).
- No **organised outdoor gatherings** should take place.
- Religious services will be held **online**.
- Bars, cafes and restaurants (including hotel restaurants and bars) - **Take away food or delivery only**.
- **Essential retail and essential services** will remain open. This includes food shopping. Face coverings must be worn. All other retail and personal services are closed.
- You should **work from home** unless you are providing an essential service for which your physical presence is required.

Full, and up-to-date information is on the Government's website, at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2dc71-level-5/>

## FILM CLUB

We've had a couple of "Music movies", and a couple of political films, so it's time for something completely different.

**Bad Day for the Cut** (2017) tells the story of a middle-aged Irish farmer, still living at home with his mother, who sets off on a mission of revenge when the old lady is murdered. It stars Nigel O'Neill, Susan Lynch, Józef Pawlowski.

If that sounds interesting, feel free to come along & join us – **Thursday 26 November** at 7:30pm.

## BOOK CLUB

*"Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while."* - Malorie Blackman

This month's Book Club selection is **A Little Life** by Hanya Yanagihara. Their gathering has been delayed a week, and now will be on Thursday **19 November** at 7:30. I am sure the discussion will nonetheless be electric and the interpretations and opinions diverse. You can also get in touch with [Desiree](#) about joining them, or to collect a copy of the book, or call her on 021 727 835.

## HVIS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year HVIS provides Scholarships to members starting their Tertiary studies. Our aim to help ease what can be a sizable burden on families, and to provide assistance to the 'next generation' of our members.

We will call for applications after the external examinations are finished. Applications will close after the release of Results in mid-January, with announcements of the recipients to be made at the January Pot Luck Dinner. Families who have been HVIS members for at least a year and who have children leaving college and going onto tertiary education or an apprenticeship are welcome to apply. Big thanks to all the sponsors who make this possible!!!

## XMAS FUNCTIONS

Who else has "blinked" and missed a good part of the year? Where did it go? And now we're staring down at Christmas! So, what's on?

First up, is the **Seniors' Afternoon Tea** on 22 November. Stella & Ryan Hill will be providing some musical entertainment, and we have other kids who will be reciting poetry. The afternoon gets underway about 2pm. But please let either [Shirley](#) or [Lynn](#) know if you need a lift to the club – we don't want anyone to miss out!

(I'm looking forward to the **BEST** afternoon tea of the year!)

Then on 5 December, the 'Big Kids' come out to play: the **Adults' Xmas Party** is set down for that Saturday evening – music, dancing, fine supper, grand craic! You know the routine! A show not to be missed!

We save the BEST 'til last: Santa puts in his annual appearance at HVIS on the afternoon of Sunday 20 December.

I have heard a rumour that the Ambassador, **Peter Ryan**, has been in (eating) practice in a bid to act as a Santa substitute, but please reassure your youngsters we can confirm the **REAL SANTA** will be dropping in to see them on the 20<sup>th</sup>!

A little closer to the date we will circulate registration forms and payment details towards the present. Any questions, send to [santa@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:santa@huttirish.org.nz).