

Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Thursday 27 October	Film Club
Friday 21 October	Cards & Music evening
Sunday 30 October	Halloween! Pot Luck
Saturday 5 November	Sparkle & Funk at HVIS
Thursday 10 November	Book Club

COMINGS & GOINGS



Those of us with long memories (i.e. us older folks!) were saddened by the recent news of the passing of **Stella Cassidy**. One of three siblings here, only Noel is still with us. I remember Stella being pleased as punch after winning the St Patrick's Day Golf Tournament in 2009.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

POT LUCK DINNERS

We rely on volunteers to co-ordinate each month's evening, and so our thanks to those who have put their name forward. To **volunteer for 2023**, use the [online form](#).

This month is Halloween! So, get out the face-paint & the fancy costumes! We'll have Prizes for the best costume, apple bobbing, and more!

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2022!

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!*

REMINDER

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

COOK'S CORNER

The first ingredient of any recipe has to be: "find a man who can cook it" (Kay Braid)

Rhubarb Fool

A fruit fool is a simple and delicious dessert, rich and creamy - but not overly so.

Ingredients:

6-8 plump sticks of rhubarb	40z/ 25g/ 1/2cup sugar
small knob of butter	250ml/ 1/2pt/ 1 cup whipping cream
serves 4	

Method:

Cut the rhubarb into chunks and sweat with the sugar and butter over a low heat until cooked but not mushy. Liquidise or pass through a food mill. When cold, fold into stiffly-whipped cream. Allow to set in the fridge and serve with Lady finger or Boudoir biscuits.

Apple or gooseberry fool is made in exactly the same way, except that in the case of gooseberries the purée should be sieved to remove pips. It may be necessary to adjust sugar to taste.

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/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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*An tē nach squireann
san earrach nī
bhaineann sé san
fhómbar.*

(Whoever does not plant in the spring does not reap in the fall.)

October, 2022

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

Our **Golf Tournament** was played at Manor Park on **1 October**.

And it was clearly a serious “hit” with those competing.

Sponsored holes, special scoring, a chance to win at a hole-in-One hole, a “best dressed” team competition all added spice to the afternoon, even if the weather was less than optimal.

Congratulations to **Peter Burke** who won the Bernie Breslin Trophy for the best Round.

But wait – there was more! After finishing their rounds players retired to the 19th Hole – i.e. HVIS. Where food and beverage awaited. And hilarity, and a fair dose of bragging, occurred. All while **Brian Gahan** cajoled wallet-opening for our Raise The Roof Fund. Brilliant work Brian!

Photos? you ask! Of course we have a [collection of photos!](#)

QUIZ NIGHT

9 Teams went Head-to-Head (if you’ll pardon the pun) at our recent Quiz Night. So the Club was fairly full, and suitably noisy.



Clare Warren’s BeGuinness Luck squeaked past **Desiree’s Real Slim Shady** team by a single point. Which suited me, as I didn’t have to resort to my Tie-Breaker questions!

And given that there were just 80 points on offer, to record a winning score of 75 was an outstanding effort. And even better was that our Raise The Roof fund received a healthy boost!



Did I mention [the photos](#) from the evening?

SPARKLE & FUNK



It is fair to say that a good few of us have found the past 2-3 years a real trial, in ways other than just health.

So we aim to refresh your social lives, in more ways than one!

Specifically, we want to restore an element of fun, glamour and glitz to our calendar. So we’re planning a **Sparkle & Funk** evening on November 5.

Our President’s Night will be our way of thanking you for all your work for the club this year, and an opportunity to relax before the Xmas season.

It will also be an opportunity to meet the new **Ambassador**.

You will be greeted with a complementary drink, enjoy canapés and conversation, and chill to the sounds of **DJ Uncle Silverback**.

So, **music, dancing, supper**, and, most of all, an excuse to dust off your **sparkly glad-rags** and **fancy footwear**. Perhaps even a competition for the best **TIARA!**

NOTICE : SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

During this month’s Pot Luck we will take a couple of minutes to approve a minor change to our Rules in order to meet the requirements the Companies Office (& ensure we qualify for a \$1,000 tax refund!). The change involves the removal of brackets () in [Rule #1](#).

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC

Pat Higgins and **Trish Given** of Wellington Irish Society are offering fiddle and tin whistle lessons, if there is sufficient interest. Adult or Children’s classes could be arranged, using the Hutt Valley Irish Society rooms at a time to be arranged.

Please email secretary@huttirish.org.nz if you (or your children) are interested.

THEY DID BETTER THAN “WELL”!

Wellington’s women footballers created history in Melbourne on Saturday 1 October when they won the **Australasian State Games** intermediate tournament, defeating South Australia 8-9 (33) to 3-11 (20) in a cracking final. An absolutely amazing achievement from a fantastic group of players.

Wellington GFHA has competed at the games on and off since 1988 and this is their first piece of silverware at the tournament in those 34 years. Brilliant achievement!

Read the [full Report](#).

FILM CLUB

This month’s screening in our special **Belfast Film Season** is **I Am Belfast**. It will be shown on **Thursday 27 October**. Made in 2015, it is a visual, poetic depiction of Belfast and its citizens, told with love and the passion of someone, who left the city many years ago but is still fascinated by it.



Quite a change from the grim & gritty thrillers we have seen to date. Perhaps a welcome antidote as we head into summer & the holiday season!

We’ll start about 7.30pm, and the Bar, as usual, will be open!

Watch for future screenings in our **Belfast Film Season**.

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 10 November**, from 7.30 pm. Their selection is **Lady in Waiting** by Anne Glenconner. 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.

XMAS GIFTS IDEA

The Club has been fortunate to have been sent a 2023 Calendar from Ireland. It occurs to me that others might be interested in them. The Calendar celebrates Irish wildlife and their habitats, in stunning clear detail.

Why not buy copies and have them sent to your family in Ireland? Or here in New Zealand? Go to www.eamonncoyle.com and have a look for yourselves. It has solved a problem for me already!

SIGN-UP FOR THE HVIS “SPAM”!

You probably receive my weekly update emails already. If so, I hope you don’t regard them as “spam” but as a helpful reminder.

But are there others in your household who would also like to receive them? Your partner? Or children over 18?

If so, just provide the email address(es) on our [online form](#).

CHILDREN’S HALLOWEEN POTLUCK

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