

Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Friday 4 September	Open Mic evening
Thursday 10 September	Book Club gathering
Saturday 12 September	HVIS v GFHA Golf
Saturday 12 September	Golf Presentations @ HVIS
Friday 18 September	Cards & Music evening
Thursday 24 September	Film Club gathering
Sunday 27 September	Pot Luck Dinner

COMINGS & GOINGS

I understand a few hardy souls have 'hit the road' now Auckland has re-joined 'the world'. One stalwart is heading for **Bethlehem**, and then **Nazareth**. By road from Taupo! Merry travels Brian!

POT LUCK DINNER

These appear to be increasingly popular, post-COVID. Please feel free to offer to help out on 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.

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-in, as well as to sign the Visitors' Book to meet our obligations as a Private Club.

2023 TRIP

Some of us are talking about repeating the immensely successful 2016 HVIS group, but this time to Scotland. Email trip@huttirish.org.nz if you're interested in either finding out more, or joining the discussions.

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.

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>.

YOUR LOCAL GAA CLUB

The Wellington/Hutt Valley Gaelic Football & Hurling Association is a growing and active group drawing members from the whole region for both social and competitive leagues. [Check them out](#) online, or on Twitter at [@WellingtonGFHA](#), or on [Facebook](#).

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.

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

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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Is glas iad na cnoc i bhfad
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(Distant hills look green.)

CHALLENGING TIMES!

The highlight of this month is sure to be HVIS and GFHA Challenge, now less than two weeks away.

It will be held on **Saturday 12 September**, at Manor Park Golf Course. It starts at 1:00pm, will cost \$50 / head, and finish at the specially designated **19th Hole** at **12 Raroa Road (HVIS)**.



We'll have a number of competitions on the day including: an individual tournament, a team tournament between HVIS and Wellington/Hutt Valley GFHA, two longest drive competitions and two closest to the pin competitions. And to spice things up, we're giving each player a [mulligan](#) and a [gilligan](#).

And for the evening, get out your County colours. We want to see as many counties represented as possible.

SPONSORS OF THE GOLF CHALLENGE

We have been fortunate to gain the support of a number of businesses for our Golf Challenge. We think you might like to support **them** in return when you have the opportunity.

Alpha Movers (Chris Ellis)	Ginny Anderson (MP)
Bayleys Real Estate (Christian Taylor)	Campbell Barry (Lower Hutt Mayor)
Corys Electrical (Mike Maloney)	Maser Wire & Cable (Geoff Tennent)
Curtain and Blind (Donal Kavanagh)	Mastercraft Kitchens (Tony Hawes)
First Light Builders (John O'Toole)	Momentum Consulting (Callon Keogan)
Gahan Energy (Brian Gahan)	O'Leary Agriculture
GFHA	Profesionals Real Estate (Charles Lindsay)
G H Flooring (Graham Hamil)	Reily Gary (Gary Reily)
Harcourts Real Estate (Lisa Durrant)	Stratum Management
Horowkiwi Paving (Peter Green)	Te Aro Brewing (Karl Hayes)
HVIS	Telfer Electrical (Dean Foster)
J.A. Russell Ltd (John Pritchard)	Wellington Irish Society
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NAMING OUR NEWEST TROPHY

You will have seen the shiny new Trophy made especially for us for the HVIS – GFHA Challenge. However, we have yet to assign it a name. So we're looking for suggestions.

The **Ryder Cup** name has already been taken, but **The Skibbereen Shield** has been suggested, as has **The Father Ted Memorial Trophy** (I'm not sure how seriously!).

So put on your Naming Hat and send your suggestion(s) for the Trophy name to trophy@huttirish.org.nz.

NOT ONLY, BUT ALSO

So you're not a golfer, and feeling a little "left out" of the **fun-draising** of the HVIS-GFHA Challenge? Never fear, you're welcome to join the festivities at the "19th Hole" (i.e. at HVIS) for the evening. Should be great craic!

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 advises their next choice is **The Only Story** by Julian Barnes. They will be meeting Thursday **10 September** at 7.30. I am sure the discussion will 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.

FILM CLUB

We're continuing the "Music" theme this month. **Good Vibrations (2012)** chronicles the life (& times) of Terri Hooley, a record-store owner instrumental in developing Belfast's punk-rock scene. If that sounds interesting, feel free to come along & join us – **Thursday 24 September** at 7:30pm.

SINGING CLASS



Alice Paul runs Irish singing sessions every second Sunday 3-4pm at the Hutt Valley Irish Society.

New members are very welcome - girls and boys from ages 4-12. It's a friendly

and fun group and the children love singing.

They also have the opportunity to perform for the Irish community at the Pot Luck dinner once a month. There is no charge. To find out more, [email Alice](#) or call 021 228 8293.

BEGOTTEN NOT MADE

Newly published **Begotten Not Made** is an historical novel set in 1920's Ireland. Like the country opting for

Independence, the Kelly sisters have to make their own choices. The sisters' decisions separate them, and then reunite them in love, loss, grief and a kind of redemption.

Author **Pat Higgins** is a Galwayman, living in Wellington.

If you would like to buy a copy, [email Pat](#) with your postal address. Deposit payments into **03-0521-0034222-000** and use the Code/reference fields to identify yourself. Cost is \$35 per book, plus \$6 postage (NZ domestic).



RAISE A GLASS TO RAISE THE ROOF



Carl Hayes of Te Aro Brewing was prevailed upon to run a Brew Evening at HVIS. This time he ran a demonstration session, working on a Pilsner, while those interested observed, asked questions, and tasted some samples he had with him.

Needless to say those of us who watched proceedings are awaiting the post-fermentation "tasting" session with considerable anticipation – probably late in

September, so keep an eye on your emails.

A BUSY POT LUCK



The August Pot Luck was especially busy as we hosted most of the Capital Irish presenting crew & families, and were joined by many of the families of the Children's singing

group.

For those who've 'been around for a while', it was refreshing to see so many new faces, and to hear the progress the youngsters are making with their singing.



Hopefully we welcome back many of those 'new faces'!