

## Mark Your Diaries NOW!

Thursday 9 June	Book Club
Saturday 11 June	Bingo Evening
Friday 17 June	Cards & music evening
Thursday 23 June	Film Club
Sunday 26 June	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 26 June	Mid-winter Xmas Pot Luck
Wed 29 June	Ireland vs Maori All Blacks
Thursday 30 June	T-Bone play @ San Fran

### COMINGS & GOINGS

The exodus of members continues, with the latest being **Mary Gahan**, who, having completed her University studies, has taken off for the other side of the world. Travel well, enjoy yourself, & keep safe Mary!

But as one leaves, another arrives, with our daughter **Charlotte** welcoming her first child **Alfred Francis (Fred)** to the family. Needless to say Nana Desiree is super excited.

### 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. If you can't remember if you have already volunteered, or which month you said you'd help, email [potluck@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:potluck@huttirish.org.nz).

We're still in need of a volunteer for July, so if you can help, email [potluck@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:potluck@huttirish.org.nz).

### 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!*

### COOK'S CORNER

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

#### Potato Soup

##### Ingredients:

2 oz. butter	2 medium onions
3 large peeled potatoes	2 pints of milk
1 clove crushed garlic	Salt & pepper
1 sprig thyme, 1 bay leaf and 1 bunch parsley (tied together)	Chopped chives to garnish
	4 servings

##### Method:

Melt the butter in a pan and add the thinly sliced onions and potatoes. Toss well in the butter. Put a lid on the pan and allow the vegetables to soften over a low heat for about 10 minutes (don't let them brown!) Add milk and all other ingredients except chives and simmer for about 1/2 hour. Take out bunch of herbs and put the soup in a food processor for a minute.

Serve garnished with chives.

This soup is even nicer if you use something like chicken stock.

### REMINDER

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

### 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/hutvalleyirish](https://www.facebook.com/hutvalleyirish)

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Remember the Hall is available for Hire to members. All this helps your Club financially, so recommend us to your friends.

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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**

**DÍ BHÁD DA FIR MHÓRA A  
BHÁINEAS AN FOMHAR I**

**SCÓNAÍ**

*(It is not the great men that always reap the harvest)*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hutt Valley Irish Society will be held on Sunday 26 June 2021, starting at 3:00 pm at the premises of the Society (12 Raroa Road).

The Agenda will be:

- Apologies
- Minutes
- Annual Reports
- Election of Officers
- General Business

Any further notices of Motion must be received by the Secretary **no later** than Sunday 13 June.

Any nominations for the Committee or Officeholders must be received by the Secretary **no later** than Friday 25 June.

Each financial member shall be entitled to exercise one vote on any motion before the Annual General Meeting.

The Society is only as strong as the commitment of members to its success.

## IT'S TIME TO DO YOUR BIT!

So you've been a member of HVIS for a while now, especially if you grew up with the Club because your parents were members, but have always been a 'guest' at functions. Isn't it time you asked yourself, "How can I get more involved, and help out a bit?"

After all, the events you've enjoyed don't just "happen". Groups like ours survive because of the willingness of members to participate, as office-holders, on the Management Committee, helping behind the Bar or in the Kitchen at functions, Publicity, Welfare, fetching and carrying, maintenance, event planning, serving food, or a myriad of other roles.

If you can spare an hour or so a month, contact

- Brian ([president@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:president@huttirish.org.nz)) or
- Shirley ([secretary@huttirish.org.nz](mailto:secretary@huttirish.org.nz))

to let them know what you are offering to do to help.

And be sure to get along to the AGM.

## BUT, WAIT THERE'S MORE!!

As has become traditional, that date is also our **Pot Luck Dinner** for the month. And, as is now also traditional, we like it to be "**Christmas Themed**". **Kathryn and Brian Gahan** will be our hosts, and will be brewing complementary Mulled Wine to help you shake off the winter chills.

So, when you're organizing your food for the day, why not join in the spirit and choose a "Christmassy" dish to share during a time of good-cheer and good-will.

## BINGO!

I can't recall the last time we held a "Bingo" evening at the Club. But mark it in your dairy: **Saturday 11 June**.

We have gone to great trouble and expense to obtain the services of a highly skilled and professional Bingo Caller for the evening. She comes highly recommended, and promises a grand show.

Now, I have to confess that I have no idea what a Bingo Evening consists of, but I am planning on finding out. After all, it's never too late to find out these kind of things, or to expand one's experience of life beyond the confines of the known and predictable.

So why not join me **Saturday 11 June**, about 7.30pm? Ticket Books are just \$10, and supper will be provided.

## THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

It's been a good few years since the **Irish Rugby team** was on our shores, but, of course they are nearly here! I've already had a few excited fans talk to me about going to the games in Wellington, and whether we'll be open for the other games.



So let's start with the Schedule:

Vs Māori All Blacks, Hamilton, **Wed 29 June**, 7pm

Vs All Blacks, Auckland, **Sat 2 July**, 7pm

Vs All Blacks, Dunedin, **Sat 9 July**, 7pm

Vs Māori All Blacks, Wellington, **Tue 12 July**, 7pm

Vs All Blacks, Wellington, **Sat 16 July**, 7pm

*Next Question:* Will the Club be open for all the games?

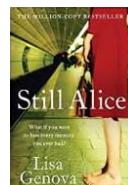
*Answer:* **YES!** We'll open an hour before the Kick-off time, to give us time to warm up the projector, and to record score predictions.

And if you're coming to watch a game at the Club, **WEAR YOUR COLOURS**.

## 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 9 June**, from 7.30 pm. Their selection is **Still Alice** by Lisa Genova. 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.



## FILM CLUB



On **Thursday 23 June** I'll be showing **The Matchmaker** from 1997. Marcy is an assistant to Senator John McGlory, who is having problems with a re-election campaign. Desperate for Irish votes, McGlory's chief of staff Nick sends Marcy to Ireland to trace McGlory's relatives or ancestors. It stars Janeane Garofalo, David O'Hara, Milo O'Shea.

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

## SPECIAL BELFAST SEASON

For one reason or another Belfast has had a number of films made about it. And so this year, we're going to pay tribute to one of the outstanding Irish cities by holding a special **Belfast Film Season**.

In July we will screen the first of four films either about Belfast, or which feature Belfast as a key 'character'. The films chosen to date are:

'71 (from 2014),

*I am Belfast* (from 2015),

*Man About Dog* (2004) or *Shadow Dancer* (from 2012)&

*Belfast* (2021)

## CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

Mia Scrimgeour is a talented young local golfer looking to move to the next level. And you can help.



She is running a Fundraiser Ambrose Golf Tournament at Manor Park Golf Club on **8 July** from 11am. Why not get a team of 4 (\$200/team) sorted? And represent HVIS! Email [Brian Gahan](mailto:Brian.Gahan@xtra.co.nz) or call him on **027 440 5109** to make the arrangements.

## HVIS & COVID PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

In accordance with Government guidelines we can open our premises for functions. As we can't physically accommodate 200 people the numbers restriction doesn't affect us, and the Committee has decided it will **not** require anyone to have a Vaccine Pass in order to enter the premises.

Similarly, we no longer require anyone to wear a mask or to scan the QR code at entry. **Of course, if you prefer to do so, you are entirely welcome to do so.**