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YOUR COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Gleniss Kehely Secretary: Dean McGaveston <u>Treasurer:</u> Mark Flyger **Your Committee Members:**

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Dates to save:

14 Feb: Thursday Blues Night - - - -17 Feb: The Flaming Mudcats (HBS \$10/Non \$15) - -1-5pm 21 Feb: Hamilton Garden Arts Festival (Turtle Lake) 5-7pm 24 Feb: Sunday Afternoon Blues - - - - - - - - 7.30pm 27 Feb: Hamilton Garden Arts Festival (Turtle Lake) 5-7pm 02 Mar: Saturday Pirongia Blues Festival (door charge) TBA 09 Mar: Sunday Frankton Thunder - - - - - - - - noon-3pm 14 Mar: Thursday Blues Night----- 7.30pm 24 Mar: Sunday Afternoon Blues - - - - - - - - - - - I-5pm

Celebrity Quote: "I'm gonna play something so funky you can smell it" Buddy Guy

I I Apr: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M) - - - TBA



Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival from Wednesday 20th February to Sunday 3rd March



6p.m Shotgun

A BIG PUBLIC THANK YOU ... some newsletters we thank people who go over & above the call of duty: This time we are saying thank you to: Maciek Hrybowicz for the hours and hours of work getting our new website

Remember: you can find our events in Eventfinda and on Neighbourly - but the best way to track what is happening with HBS is to follow our FaceBook page (link to the left)

up and running - see over on Page 2 for more details ...



Past Event: HBS Christmas Party

Thursday 13 December: 7.30p.m-late

We had a wonderful Christmas party at Biddy's on Hood St. The music was sublime, the atmosphere was electric, and the Christmas spirit was abundant. A lot of people got dressed up in red & green outfits, making a real effort to see that the night was extra-special. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the owners of Biddy's: Mark Flyger, and Brigette & Duncan Otto, for a great year of support, prizes, and sponsorship...and don't forget the drinks deals on HBS nights!! Plus, for this end of year party they supplied lots of extra prizes, being super-generous with their giveaways this time!! Not only that, but they also loaded us up with a series fabulous platters of savouries. A great night all round.

T-shirts get them while they're HOT!! Three (yes 3) ways to get your T-shirt:

- * Buy a T-shirt for ONLY \$25
- * Win a T-shirt in the Blues Night RAFFLE... Tickets = \$2 each or 3 for \$5
- * Deal:T-shirt + membership = \$30 i.e T-shirt for \$20

Membership Benefits:

\$10.00 Membership per year (renewable April) gets you:

- * Discounted house wine and beer at Biddy's (Hood St.)
- * 10% discount off all your music needs at Shearers
- * Chances each Blues Night to win prizes
- Discounted entry to special HBS concerts
- * Eligibility to play on the stage
- Database notifications of upcoming events
- * And access to these cool newsletters !!

<u>STOP PRESS — BIG NEWS — OFFICIAL WEBSITE UP & RUNNING!!</u>

After many years HBS Committee is proud to announce that the website is now live check it out https://hbs.org.nz/

We would love your feedback and we are aware that some changes (tweaks) are required. So let us know either through the CONTACT form on the website or by e-mailing HBS directly at hamiltonbluesnz@gmail.com with HBS Website in the subject line. Don't forget the "nz" bit otherwise the e-mail will go to our sister Hamilton Blues Society in Ontario Canada!

HAMILTON BLUES SOCIETY Committee Member Profile:



I've been singing my whole life (just not publicly) and picked up the guitar approx. 5 years ago. A year or so later I summoned up the courage to attend an open mic at Diggers, one thing lead to another and before I knew it I was on stage at the old Biddy's fumbling my way through my first live blues set. I then had a brief stint with Martina's old band, Purple Fever, and then a briefer stint with Al's Angels before forming the Black Sheep about 2 years ago. We now have

a fairly solid band thats cover some good material, and over the past year and a half we've built up a set list of 40 mixed genre songs, which we trot out from time to time.

Some of my favorite bands/artists include The Smiths, The Cure, Motorhead, Iron Maiden, Black Sabbath, Led Zepp, Lou Reed, SRV, Willie De Ville, Marty Robbins, Roy Orbison, Jim Reeves, Terence Trent D'Arby, Renee Geyer, Jess Stone, Kings of Leon, Gary Clark Jnr, The War on Drugs, and my Uncle Rangi.

I've been on the HBS committee for just about a year now. I was motivated to join after I heard a lot of people talking about what the club should be doing, but very few of them actually stepping forward to help out - I decided I didn't want to be that guy.

Here's to another awesome year of live blues, good times and great memories.

Last year the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) was on April 14th, so start thinking about whether you would like to be on the Committee this year. Stan hit the nail on the head with his last paragraph - 'step forward and help out'!!

Currently Hamilton Blues Society has 30+ bands. If you would like your band profiled in this section, then send a blurb and a photo of you performing to: martijo5@xtra.co.nz (newsletter editor — in desperate need of content !!)

Formed about 5 years as a party band from previous groups too numerous to mention, The Rockaholics have been gigging around the Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Auckland. The 'Holics have a static line up: John Maydon (vocals/guitar/ harmonica) Paul Alderton (vocals/ drums,) Mark Kneebone (vocals/ bass), and Chris Penman (vocals/ guitar). Occasionally they also incorporate Brian Omundsen (vocals/ and/or Norbet sax), Abel (keyboards) when required. Blues from all genres has always been a large part of the band's repertoire and they enjoy a good jam session.

Band Profile: The Rockaholics



Performing at the Pirongia Blues Festival

Artist Profile: Buddy Guy

George "Buddy" Guy (born July 30, 1936) is an American blues guitarist and singer. He is an exponent of Chicago blues and has influenced eminent guitarists including Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimi Hendrix, Jimmy Page, Keith Richards, Jeff Beck and John Mayer. In the 1960s, Guy played with Muddy Waters as



a house guitarist at Chess Records and began a musical partnership with the harmonica player Junior Wells. Guy was ranked 23rd in Rolling Stone magazine's "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time". His song "Stone Crazy" was ranked 78th in the Rolling Stone list of the "100 Greatest Guitar Songs of All Time". Clapton once described him as "the best guitar player alive". In 1999, Guy wrote the book Damn Right I've Got the Blues, with Donald Wilcock. His autobiography, When I Left Home: My Story, was published in 2012. Buddy Guy was born as George Guy to Sam and Isabel Guy in Lettsworth, Louisiana. He was one of five children born to the couple. His brother Phil Guy was also a blues musician. He married Joan Guy in 1959. They have six children together; Charlotte (1961), Carlise (1963), Cauline (1965), George, Gregory, and Jeffrey. Greg Guy also plays blues guitar. He was married to Jennifer Guy from 1975 to 2002. They have two children together; Rashawnna and Michael. The marriage ended in divorce. Rashawnna Guy, better known by her stage name Shawnna, is a rapper. He began learning to play the guitar using a two-string diddley bow he made. Later he was given a Harmony acoustic guitar, which, decades later in Guy's lengthy career, was donated to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In the early 1950s Guy began performing with bands in Baton Rouge. While living there, he worked as a custodian at Louisiana State University. While Guy's music is often labelled Chicago blues, his style is unique and separate. His music can vary from the most traditional, deepest blues to a creative, unpredictable and radical gumbo of the blues, avant rock, soul and free jazz that changes with each performance. Guy was a judge for the 6th and 8th annual Independent Music Awards to support independent artists. Guy has influenced the styles of subsequent artists such as Reggie Sears and Jesse Marchant of JBM. On 21/2/2012, Guy performed in concert at the White House for President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. During the finale of the concert, he persuaded the President to sing a few bars of "Sweet Home Chicago".

Now go to their Wikipedia page to find out the answer to this question: Which famous artist stole two stage tricks from Buddy Guy?



Did you know that Hamilton Blues Society sponsors a community radio show called <u>The Blues Room</u>, hosted by Nate Taiapa, playing every Wednesday at 9.00pm on Free FM (89) so check it out!

