



# ROTARY GRIQUA

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## Famous Stories from Irish Folklore

Myths and legends have been a part of Irish culture and folklore since the very beginning. Here's our guide to five of the best-known myths and legends in Irish and Celtic mythology.

**FAIRIES:** It is said that they live in hollow hills, which are located in the "sidhe" (mounds where megalithic monuments are erected in many places on the island). There the fairies are ruled by a king or queen.

One of the most famous legends about fairies refers to the "Lady of Death", a fairy that appears during the night with hair loose and red eyes. It is said that she arrives at the home of a family to mourn for several days the death that will fall on one of its members.

**BUTTERFLIES:** For the Irish, the butterflies are a message of the fairies, a sign of metamorphosis of the spirits waiting to be reborn. Likewise, they represent journeys between worlds in search of knowledge.

Depending on the colour of the butterflies, they acquire a different meaning. The browns and blacks announce little trips or inconveniences and enemies in sight, while white announces positive news and stability. Yellow butterflies announce success and a blue one is a good luck charm.

**LEPRECHAUNS:** These are one of the liveliest symbols of Ireland, and they are a race before the arrival of the Celts. Its name derives from the Gaelic expression "leath bhrògan" which literally means "shoemaker". They can be kind or fierce. They are small creatures that wear a special hat on their reddish hair.

They have blushes on their faces and wear green suits. They are free, wild and can be helpful or greedy according to the circumstances.

According to the legend, if you find one of them and you stare at him, the Leprechaun will be trapped, and you will be able to get the treasures he hides in his big cauldrons.

**LEGEND OF THE HARP:** It is said that Dagda, the main god of Irish Celtic mythology, possessed the first harp, but it was stolen by the gods of cold and darkness. Thus a great sadness befell the population. Dagda turned to the divinities of light and art, and they gave the harp back to her. Joy returned to Ireland, and the harp became a national icon that is still part of the country's folk music.

**SHAMROCK:** This curious name in Ireland named the three-leaf clover, which became a national symbol based on a historical-religious fact. It happened at the time when St. Patrick preached before the Celts, trying to explain what the Holy Trinity is.

Finding himself overwhelmed because the Celts could not understand that trilogity, Saint Patrick saw before him a clover. He showed the clover to the audience and explained that, as from a stem come three different leaves, so the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one, and the Celts understood the trilogity.

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 Mondays 12:45 for 13:00  
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## We welcome Bettina Daubermann - our Guest Speaker



# CALENDAR & DUTIES

## MAY

### Youth Service Month

20 May: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
*Guest Speaker: Bettina Daubermann*  
*"Holidaying in Ireland"*

27 May: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00  
*The Board Meeting of 27 May will be attended by incoming Assistant Governor, Rob Gibson. He would like an opportunity to meet up with our club in advance of taking over as our A.G. on 1 July.*

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Defeat is simply a signal  
to press onward.

*Helen Keller*

## DUTIES

*If you are unable to do a duty, please make arrangements for a substitute.*

### WEEK OF 20 MAY

FELLOWSHIP: Willem Badenhorst

CORPORAL: Brenda Booth

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Brenda Booth

### WEEK OF 27 MAY

FELLOWSHIP: BOARD MEETING – No Duty

CORPORAL: BOARD MEETING – No Duty

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

### WEEK OF 3 JUNE

FELLOWSHIP: Brenda Booth

CORPORAL: Barry Downs

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

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## JUNE

### Rotary Fellowships Month

3 Jun: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
10 Jun: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00  
16 Jun: YOUTH DAY (Sunday)  
17 Jun: YOUTH DAY HOLIDAY (Monday)  
17 Jun: NO ROTARY MEETING  
24 Jun: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00  
*President's Induction – 1 July.*

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

26 Jun Hanlie Louw

08 Jul Shirley Dally (Honorary)

24 Jul Dries van Tonder

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

16 Jun Peter & Charlene Daubney (Honorary)

28 Jun Barry & Gill Downs

### INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

21 May 2018 Hein Knoke

06 Jun 2005 Gill Quinn

### COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

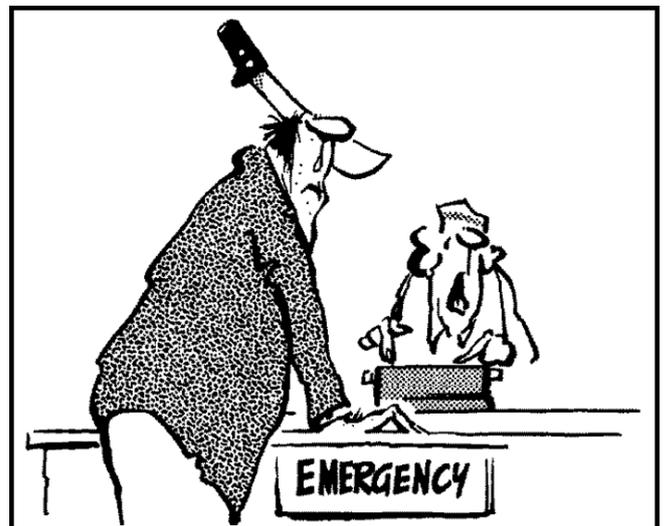
25 May Bill Fair

13 Jun Jock Robey

14 Jun Piet V.D. Merwe



## LAST LAUGH



"Joyce, how do you spell "juggling?"