



LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC NOVEMBER 2015

Meetings: Second Friday of the month at 7:30pm

Entry \$5 members/\$10 non-members/\$3 children.

Horowhenua Scottish Society Hall, corner Bartholomew Road and Middlesex Street, Levin

www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/

CLUB NIGHTS

THIS MONTH

Friday 13th November: : The Frank Burkitt Band

Friday 27th November:
Acoustic Night sing-around and jam

NEXT MONTH

Friday 11th December: Steve McDonald

Acoustic Night: There will be no acoustic night in December. Restart 26th February

9TH JANUARY 2016

Club BBQ at Jo & Merlin's place
More details next month

Levin Folk Music Club Inc
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The Frank Burkitt Band- Club Concert Night

Our guests this month are The Frank Burkitt Band. In early 2014 Frank



relocated to Wellington from his Scottish home and was quick to form 'The Frank Burkitt Band' which includes Cameron Dusty Burnell (Mandolin), Krissy Jackson (Fiddle), Kara Filbey (Backing Vocals and Percussion) and James Geluk (Double Bass). A review of their Acoustic Routes Wellington concert stated- *Frank and his band are one of the classiest acts we've seen at Acoustic Routes*

for a while. His music is heavily influenced by blues, country, bluegrass, swing and Scottish folk, and yes, we heard elements of all of those, not in any piecemeal fashion, but blended into a style that had the characteristics of a fine whisky, really. We are thrilled they have included Levin in their touring schedule. This will be a very special night of music- one not to be missed.

Club Acoustic Night

We meet in the Scottish Hall in Bartholomew Street at 7.30pm. Entry is only \$2 with a light supper provided. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a sing-around and jam with others.

If you've been thinking of coming along to our club's acoustic night and so far, haven't found the courage to get there, or have attended but been afraid to play

or sing something, please think again! We can promise you a really warm welcome and a supportive environment. (Jo Sheffield)

December – End of Year Club Concert Night



We are planning a festive and fantastic end of year club night in December. Steve McDonald is our guest artist. Steve is one of Wellington's most successful musicians and is a consummate performer. He is described as one of New Zealand's finest exponents of Celtic music and has sold more than 3 million albums in the United States. The music is dramatic and beautiful, and is some of the most powerful and moving contemporary Celtic music you are likely to hear. The first hour will feature floor spots from a number of our clubs performing artists so there will not be a regular

blackboard. However there will be a jam at the end of Steve's concert for all to join in. More details in the December newsletter.

Reminder - We welcome your suggestions and recommendations for guest bands/musicians for 2016. Comments and feedback from club nights are always appreciated, either through the website www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz or directly to a committee member.

December - Acoustic Night

There will not be a Club Acoustic Night in December. We will start up again in **February 2016**.

Club News

Membership: The club currently has 63 members with 4 new member joining last month. We warmly welcome all new club members and look forward to seeing you at club nights.

Simon and Kevin: Thanks to Simon and Kevin for providing such useful and enjoyable workshops at our Club Acoustic Nights over the last couple of months.

Jenny Geelan has resigned from the committee as she is moving way down south. We thank Jenny for her time on the committee and wish her all the best for the future.

Club Sound Team: We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and experienced team that set up and operate our sound system each month. Contact Kevin Watson if you are interested in sound and maybe joining the team.

Club Logo Design Competition: A reminder that now is your chance to come up with a new logo for our club. A prize of \$50 is being offered for the winning design. The competition closes on Friday 26th February 2016 so you have plenty of time to have a go. Entry forms, the design brief and more details can be found on the LFMC website.

Members Jackpot Draw: The October draw was won by Colin Turner.

Website Festival Reviews: Go onto our website to hear more about club members experiences at Wellyfest.

Members News

Wellyfest: Some of our club members were there!!

Wellyfest was superbly organised with four stages running concurrently, leaving one spoilt for choices and able to catch all the performances during the long weekend. Among the fantastic special guests were sprinkled performances by club members Gladstone Road (Anne, Andrew and Han), Charlie with Helen McLeane, Jo and Pirongia songwriter Helen Stewart. Well done to Gladstone Road and Jo who were invited to play the Balladeer tent. (Dale)

Our Jo Sheffield with her friend Helen put on a great performance in the Balladeer tent as did many others. My personal favourites in the main Marquee were Gillian Boucher and Bob McNeill, and in complete contrast to them, The Pipi Pickers. We are lucky to have Gillian coming to play for us at LFMC in 2016. The fabulous family atmosphere meant there were people of all ages enjoying the music, the sunshine and the friendly vibe. (Barbara)



Picks & Tips for the Month

Chris's Digital Diary: Chris suggests you check out Metronome Beats – Ad supported, requires internet for ads but will work when not connected. <http://www.stonekick.com/blog/metronome-beats-different-time-signaturebeat-combinations/>

Online Fiddle Lessons: Gillian Boucher is running an online Fiddle School with HD video lessons, PDF supporting documents and direct access to her expertise. More information available at info@gillian-boucher.com

Leather Straps: Stephen Dixon makes handcrafted leather straps for ukes, guitars and other instruments. You can find him at the Levin Party Hire shop in Mako Mako Road. He has an amazing colourful and cheap selection and can install on the instrument as well.

Paul's Gear Pick: Trio Band Creator. This little box listens to the way you play and automatically generates bass and drum parts that match your song. Check it out at Kings Sound Centre.

Other Music Events Coming Up

Library Jam: Friday 6th November at 7.30 pm (first Friday of the month). Access is through a door on the east side of Te Takere down the alley. [Please confirm](#) if you intend to come, so Chris can let late responders know if there are too many coming.

Magic and Mischief will perform at Lily's Ranch House, 137 Fairfield Road, Saturday 7 November - 7.30pm. This is a new local band featuring Folk Club members, Kevin Watson, Radha Sahar and Simon Burgess. They play a variety of popular songs and styles, including country, blues, jazz, folk and bluegrass. Newly together as a trio, they will delight you with humour, instrumental virtuosity and vocal harmonies. \$10 on the door, or book with Kathy 3670251 for a meal at 6.30.

Other Music Clubs in the Region: for details of what's on, use their links.

Acoustic Routes

acousticroutes.org.nz/

WELLINGTON
BLUEGRASS SOCIETY

wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/

Kapiti Live
music

www.klmc.org.nz

Mainly Acoustic

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