



# LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC

## SEPTEMBER 2017

*Entry \$5 members/\$10 non-members/\$3 children and school students  
Horowhenua Scottish Society Hall, cnr Bartholomew Rd and Middlesex St  
[www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/](http://www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/)*

### CLUB EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

**Friday, 8 September**

Concert Night with  
WilkieMac

**Friday, 22 September**

Club Night

#### OCTOBER

**Friday, 13 October**

Concert night with  
Gillian Boucher and Bob  
McNeil

**Friday, 27 October**

Club Night

#### NOVEMBER

**Friday 10 Nov**

Concert night will be  
held at the Levin RSA

Levin Folk Music Club Inc

c/o 106 Kawi Rd, Levin

[Contacts](#)

[Website](#)

### Concert Night: WilkieMac



Our guest artists for September concert night are WilkieMac. Duo Lynne Wilkins and Michael Mackinnon are inspired by songs that deliver on both melody and lyrics. They will take you on a journey around the globe and across the centuries. Their repertoire includes original compositions, as well as songs penned by NZ writers including Mark Laurent, Rene Andre, Rick Steele and Dave McCartney. There are traditional items; and songs written by internationally acclaimed writers such as The Avett Brothers, Van Morrison, Nanci Griffiths, Henry Mancini and Tracy Chapman. Lynne and Michael are based in Raglan, a small west-coast town with a big reputation as a creative community. They use a variety of instruments and vocal combinations to create a soundscape that will lift and inspire, get you singing along, laughing out loud and tapping your feet. They will tug at the heartstrings, and draw you along the path of whimsy. (Now that sounds special. Ed)

#### Blackboard Concert

Bookings for the blackboard slots will open at **7pm**. All performances are one item of no more than **5 minutes**.

#### Floor Spot

Jo Sheffield and Helen McLeane

**Thanks** Val for providing all that wonderful baking for the August Concert Night. With over 100 attendees it was very welcome.

### Club Night: Friday

**22 September**

Come along and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of our club night. It is a great opportunity to perform on your own, jam and join in with others. All welcome 7.30pm, \$2 entry with light supper.

## Floor Spot



Jo Sheffield and Helen McLeane will be our floor spot performers this month. They have recently been invited to perform at the prestigious Tui Farm

Folk Festival. Their beautiful singing, tight harmonies, and Jo's talents on multiple instruments have gained them a well-deserved reputation. We are looking forward to hearing their floor spot.

## October Concert Night



Our guest artists in October are award-winning artists, fiddler and step-dancer Gillian Boucher (Canada) and singer/guitarist Bob McNeill (Scotland). Together they are taking audiences by storm with their fiery stage act, compelling songs and riveting tunes. Gillian

commands the audience with her fiddle playing and charismatic style. She has taken the music she was steeped in and made it her own, developing an approach that is modern, full of spirit, and has more than a hint of punkiness! With Bob's innovative, rhythmic accompaniment, they present a truly dynamic yet sensitive acoustic conversation that is not to be missed.

## Looking Ahead

Here are our concert night guest artists for the rest of the year.

**October:** Gillian Boucher and Bob McNeill

**November:** (To be held at the Levin RSA) Raven Mavens and Neil Billington

**December:** Christmas Party

## Annual General Meeting



The AGM was held on Friday 4 August with a good turnout of members. Dale is resigning from the committee after many years in various roles including Treasurer and Chairperson. Jean thanked Dale on

behalf of the club and presented her with that lovely cyclamen. We are pleased that Dale will continue to arrange bookings, liaise with performers and promote the club on the website and on Facebook. She will also continue organising and promoting house concerts which have met with recent success.

## Election

There were no nominations for the position of chairperson. For the past year the committee has elected one of its members to run each meeting, and at this stage will continue to do so. Jean Hollis was unanimously elected as secretary and Val Jenkins was similarly elected as treasurer. We all thank them very much for their willingness to undertake these important roles. The committee members are Paul Webster, Kevin Watson, Colin Brown, Keith Heginbotham, John Jenkins and Cavan Haines. Colin Brown will continue as editor of the monthly newsletter and Simon Critchley has agreed to join the sound team (currently Paul Webster and Kevin Watson).

## Other Business

Thanks to Val for her treasurer's report and Jean for the annual report from the committee. Members were informed that the club is in a very sound financial position and continues to have a strong membership. We thank Chris Hartwell, who is the newly elected Chief of the Scottish Society for attending and updating members on the future of the Scottish Hall. Chris undertook to ensure items of maintenance identified by members would be completed. The committee reported on the RSA as an alternative venue (should this be required) and the meeting voted to trial a concert night later in the year at the RSA. More details in later newsletters. The Members Floor Spot Guidelines were approved and the meeting agreed club funds could be used to top up performers payments at the committee's discretion. This was a very positive and productive AGM and the committee thank all those who attended and supported the club.

## Members Jackpot Draw

Congratulations Alastair Pain for taking the August jackpot. \$5 for the September concert night.

## Ohau Market (3rd Saturday of the month)



The Levin folk club has an arrangement with the Ohau Market (4km south of Levin) organisers to provide background music each month. If you would like to play at the market contact Kevin Watson on 06 3688337. Kevin has kindly offered to have his sound gear set up for you to use between 9.30 and 12.00. (Thanks Kevin for coordinating this for the club. Ed)

## Wellyfest Performers Needed

The organisers of Wellyfest have offered our folk club a time slot to perform a wee concert in the Balladeer Tent. (Probably on Sat 21 October but time and date TBC) This is a fantastic opportunity for our club to showcase our member's talents and for members to perform to a wider audience. Cavan Haines has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this event for the club. If you would like to play, contact Cavan on 06 3640176. (Exciting. Ed)

## Meet a Member

### Helen McLeane



Helen lived in Dublin until moving to New Zealand about 5 years ago. Her parents enjoyed singing and she remembers her great uncles and aunties

playing a variety of instruments at family gatherings. An item from the children was also expected and she remembers enjoying these performances. As a child she joined a musical theatre group and sang in musicals such as Fiddler on the Roof and the Wizard of Oz. Her parents also encouraged her to have a go at Irish dancing and ballet. She ditched the Irish dancing but kept up the ballet well into her teens. She also sang in the church folk singing group and remembers upsetting the priest when they sang The Rose, which he considered frivolous. (Go figure. Ed) In her teens she attended an Irish club and with a couple of friends sang in the finals of the Castlebar song writing contest. At secondary school she took guitar lessons and in her late teens and early twenties she learned classical singing. At one singing

competition the judge was so critical that she lost confidence in her singing and didn't sing for many years. Thankfully, in her twenties, a friend who sang in a band called Street Life got her up singing harmonies and back-up vocals. The band gigged weekly in pubs and clubs and Helen regained her confidence and sang harmonies and vocals over a wide range of covers and musical styles. (Thank you Street Life. Ed.)

About 5 years ago she moved to Foxton which she loved as it reminded her of Wexford where her family went for seaside holidays. In her first year there she met Danny Healey who invited her to sing at the Paddy's Day concert in Levin. There she met Tony Burgess who invited her to Lily's Ranch House and she became a regular performer. At the next years Paddy's Day concert she met Charlie and Patricia. Charlie suggested she come along to the Folk c

Club and she has wowed us with her blackboard performances ever since. She attended Wellyfest where she met Jo and together they have gone on to attend and perform at many festivals. Helen also enjoys singing with others, particularly Patricia and Ruth with Charlie's accompaniment and with Jo. While Helen loves singing the Irish ballads made popular by artists like Mary Black and Delores Keane, she is happy singing a wide range of styles. Her future ambition is to keep gaining confidence as a performer and to take every opportunity to enjoy singing with others. We are thrilled that this includes singing at the Folk Club where her blackboard performances are always stunning. We look forward to Jo and Helen's Floor Spot in September and wish them well for their guest artist performance at the Tui Farm Folk Festival in 2018. (Thanks Helen. Ed)

## Members Playing Up





**Rainy Jack** (Patricia, Kevin, Simon, Paul and Colin) performed a lunchtime concert at Te Takere. Thanks to the many folk club friends who turned up to support the band.

## Picks & Tips for the Month

**From Chris:** More from Chris on what caught his eye on the internet next month.

### Paul's (Kings Sound Centre)



Paul has everything you need to get into home recording. Check out the condenser mic pack that includes the mic, a desk mount stand, suspension mount and leads. All for \$149.00. Add in a Behringer Q802 mixer for \$219 and you have all you need.

### Cavan's Choice

Here is Cavan's recommendation for this month.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dzQQoUx1oOU>

This is a beautiful Glen Campbell song that will bring a tear or two. Clicking on this will also take you to many other Glen Campbell videos that you can enjoy. (Thanks Cavan. Ed

## Gear 4 Sale

Let me know if you have instruments or other musical gear for sale, and I can give it a wee plug in the newsletter.



**Chris Lloyd** is selling his much loved Blueridge Guitar for \$695 and beautiful wooden Kazoos for \$10.00.

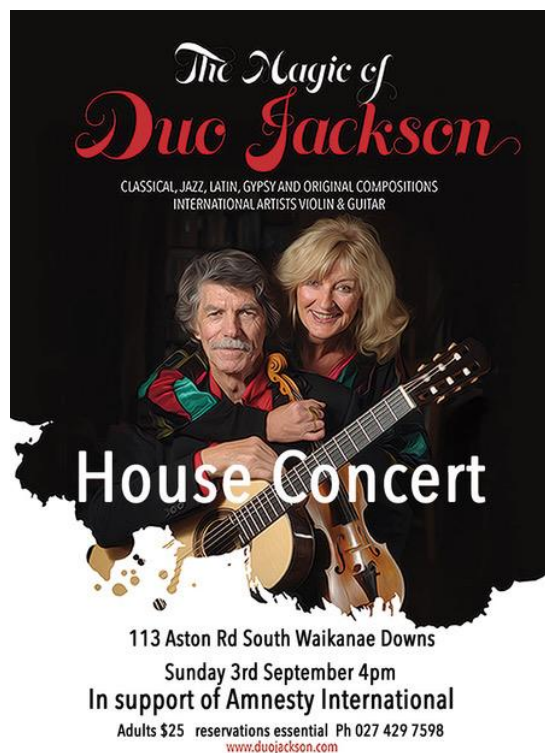


These Kazoos come in a tin box with spares.

They are great to play and nicer in the mouth than metal or plastic. Chris has 6 for sale at \$10.00 each

Contact Chris on 0274131504

## House Concert



## Festivals Coming Up

### Wellyfest

Labour Weekend, Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre, Moores Valley, Wainuiomata.

Check out 2017 guests on their web site

[wellingtonfolkfestival.org.nz](http://wellingtonfolkfestival.org.nz)

[http://wellingtonfolkfestival.us5.list-](http://wellingtonfolkfestival.us5.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=3a055f51c317e8c3a0b9d5fcc&id=a9c2036260&e=efaa05bdce)

[manage1.com/track/click?u=3a055f51c317e8c3a0b9d5fcc&id=a9c2036260&e=efaa05bdce>](http://wellingtonfolkfestival.us5.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=3a055f51c317e8c3a0b9d5fcc&id=a9c2036260&e=efaa05bdce)

### Programme Sampler

Vikki Clayton and Gilly Darby (UK and NZ)

John Leo Carter (Sweden and Ireland)

Richie and Rosie (USA)

Guilhem Desq (France with help from NZ/France Friendship Fund)

Fuego Latino

Reverie

Hot Diggity

Helen Dorothy & Co

T-Bone Trio

Ruth Mundy

Broken Lexicon

Kids programme with Roadworkz

Gary Elford

K Too

Don't sign up for war - commemorating WW1

Plus workshops and sessions including a slow Irish jam  
Festival choir

**Saturday night** Ceilidh dance with Chillli Jam

**The Balladeer** - invitation sets

**David Barnes** and the brewers singing session

**Blackboard concerts/jam sessions/on-site catering**

**Unlimited camping** spaces. Bunks available but book early!

Any questions contact organisers on

[info@wellingtonfolkfestival.org.nz](mailto:info@wellingtonfolkfestival.org.nz)

## Other Music Events in Our Region

### Tsunami Live

**Glory Box** (Karen Clark and Celine Filbee)



**Friday 22 September-**  
7.30pm at Tsunami  
Studios, Speldhurst  
Country Estate -70

Kimberley Road Levin. \$15 cash at door. Full supper included. Can BYO.

### Coming up in October

Sat 14 October - Helen Dorothy with her new Cd launch with guest artists Paul & Lott.

Wed 18 October - Guy Buttery - Young South African, finest finger style guitarist, innovative and renown instrumentalist.

Contact **Adele** on 021 161 9154 or [adele@tmv.co.nz](mailto:adele@tmv.co.nz). At Tsunami Sounds - Speldhurst Estate 70 Kimberley Road Levin for any enquiries.

### Bent Horseshoe Presents

**Sept 3:** Flora Knight and Sean Donald live at The Hokowhitu Bowling Club. 7.30 start at \$20 a ticket.

**Sept 30:** Hobnail at Hokowhitu Bowling Club

Contact Steve at [steve@benthorseshoe.co.nz](mailto:steve@benthorseshoe.co.nz)

027 3682367 with any enquiries.

### Lily's Ranch House

**Piano Bar This Friday and every Friday**

Bar, espresso and meals available. Lily's opens at 6pm. Please phone Lily on 06-3670251 or 021-438842 if you wish to have a meal.

**Every Friday 10am-3pm - "Coffee and Cake"**

Lily's is now open every Friday daytime. Meet up with friends and family for a relaxing coffee in a quiet rural environment.

**Thursday 7 September - Muso Nite** - From 6pm

Tonight's theme is a tribute to the great late Glen Campbell. So many much loved pieces to choose from. Bring along your singing voices as there will be some join-in and sing-a-long items. Bar, meals and espresso available.

Please phone Kathy (021-438842) or email

[kathy@lily's.co.nz](mailto:kathy@lily's.co.nz) for more details.

### Te Takere

**Andrew London**



Friday 29 September will feature Andrew London Trio Album Release "Let's Take a Fence". See our local heroes fly through

their new songs with their usual wit, grace and aplomb. From 7pm, Tickets \$20

### Jazz Jam



**Saturday 2 September**  
**2.00 – 3.30pm.** Meet in the big back room at Te Takere. A range of

musicians and singers turn up and we just work out what we will play on the day. A small but enthusiastic audience is also turning up to hear a bit of easy listening jazz. If you are interested, feel very welcome to come along and play or just grab a coffee and enjoy the music.

### Palmerston North Folk Club

**Friday 22 September:** Martin Curtis concert, 8.00pm, \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

Theosophical Hall, 304 Church St, Palmerston North. More information on:

<http://pnfolkclub.weebly.com/>

## Feedback

We welcome your suggestions and recommendations for guest bands/musicians. Comments and feedback from club nights and suggestions or content for the newsletter are always appreciated, either through the website [www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/](http://www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/) or directly to a committee member.

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

Acoustic Routes

[acousticroutes.org.nz/](http://acousticroutes.org.nz/)

Kapiti Live Music

[www.klmc.org.nz](http://www.klmc.org.nz)

WELLINGTON  
BLUEGRASS SOCIETY

[wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/](http://wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/)

**Mainly Acoustic**

Second Tuesday, Mayfair  
Cafe, Contact: Kevin & Sue  
Meehan, 04 970 4008

## Thanks for the Support

**Kings Sound Centre**

Support our local music store. Show your membership card in store for a discount. Visit the Sound Centre's website ([www.ksc.net.nz/](http://www.ksc.net.nz/)) to see what is on offer at our local music store. You'll be surprised at the range available. From guitar picks and music stands, music books, ukuleles to sound systems, amplifiers, recording equipment and more.



The Horowhenua Chronicle supports the LFMC by publishing an article each month advertising our Concert Nights. This is one of the main ways we let our community know what is happening at the club. Thanks to the Chronicle for this important support.