



LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC

OCTOBER 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 9th October: Steph Casey and the Racketeers

Friday 30th October: Acoustic Night beginning with a playing blues workshop

NEXT MONTH

Friday 13th November: The Frank Burkitt Band

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

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Steph Casey and the Racketeers - Club Concert Night

Our guests this month are Steph Casey and the Racketeers. Steph is an up and coming singer-songwriter from the Kapiti Coast.



Her debut album *Whisper and Holler* went straight to No 4 in the NZ Indie Album charts and No 8 in the NZ charts. The album received glowing international reviews and 3 songs from it were semifinalists in the 2013 UK Songwriting Contest. She will play with Alan Galloway on guitar and Hanne Jostensen on backing vocals. They perform a mix of originals and covers in folk, pop, Americana

and soul styles. Steph won People's Choice at the 2013 Wellyfest and as a former Horowhenua College student she has done Levin proud.

Member Plus One Door Charge: For this concert members can bring along a non-member guest at the members entry fee of \$5. This is an opportunity to give new people a chance to enjoy our concert.

Club Acoustic Night (Beginning with Kevin's playing the blues workshop)

Because many club members will be away at Wellyfest we have moved Acoustic Night to the **30th October** (5th week). The evening will begin with a blues workshop led by Kevin Watson. We have all enjoyed Kevin's guitar

playing and we appreciate his willingness to share his knowledge and experience with us. After the workshop we will have a sing-around and jam with no doubt some blues in the mix. Usual time and place, 7.30pm in the Scottish Hall. Entry \$2 members and \$5 for non-members with a light supper provided.

November - Concert Night



The Frank Burkitt Band will be our guests in November. Frank has been performing as a singer songwriter and guitarist for over 10 years. In early 2014 he 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). Franks music is heavily influenced by blues, country, bluegrass, swing and Scottish folk. Their concerts have received rave reviews and we are thrilled they have included us in their touring schedule.

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.

November - Acoustic Night

Club Acoustic Night will be on Friday 27th November at 7.30pm in the Scottish Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the sing-around and jam. The atmosphere is informal and it is a very supportive place to have a go at playing or just joining in with others. Entry is \$2 with a light supper provided.

Club News

Membership: The club currently has 59 members with 4 new member joining last month. We warmly welcome all new club members and look forward to seeing you at club nights.

New Club Logo: The committee has decided to run a small competition for the design of a new logo that reflects the unique characteristics of our club. The logo will be used on club letterheads, newsletters, banners/flags and website and in newspaper articles, advertisements and other publications. While the competition is open to all, we hope that club members in particular will enter the competition and put their design ideas forward. A prize of \$50 is being offered for the winning design. Entries will be shortlisted by the LFMC committee and the winning design will be selected through a club members vote. The competition closes on Friday 26th February 2016, club members will vote in April and the winner will be announced at the May club night. Entry forms, the design brief and more details can be found on the LFMC website.

New Seating Arrangement: At the September concert we moved more seats to the front of the hall and closer to the performers. We will try this again this month. Let a committee member know what you think of this arrangement.

Members Jackpot Draw: Each month we will draw a members name to receive a refund of their door charge. If the drawn member is not present the prize jackpots. The draw was won by Simon in September.

Website Festival Reviews: Our website now has a page for festival reviews and members are welcome to send their reviews of folk events they have recently attended, whether it is festival, house concert, folk club night. Send your reviews to Dale or Colin. They may also be included in the newsletter.

Members News

Congratulations Jo and Helen: Jo Sheffield came a very close second in the Wellyfest People's Choice original song writing contest. While not the result we wanted, it was a great effort and Jo wishes to thank everyone for their support. You can still see Jo and Helen Stewart performing in the Balladeer tent at Wellyfest and we know they will be fantastic.



Kevin's Te Takere Concert: Congratulations Kevin on your Friday lunchtime concert at Te Takere. Kevin displayed his guitar, singing and banjo skills to an audience of about 60 people. He was joined by Radha for some great originals and duets.

House Concert Report (Jo Sheffield): I was lucky enough to make Brenda Liddiard and Mark Laurent's house concert in Palmerston North last week – what a treat! A unique blend of songs and wonderful musicianship, Brenda and Mark combine between them a range of instruments including mandolin, guitar, rowan lute and ukulele. A house concert is a lovely, intimate way to share music and

I felt very privileged to be part of the small audience attending and to be introduced to the artists.

Ukuladies: Rona Cooper runs a popular ukulele session at Whispers every 3rd Thursday at 3.45pm, called Ukuladies. Also, Jean Hollis and Barbara Lucus have been encouraging weekly beginner sessions. Contact them if you are interested.

Riverslea Retreat (Dale Webb): In late August a number of club members attended the Riverslea Retreat in Otaki. This is a relaxed weekend with musicians coming from Wellington and the lower North Island. I joined in on Friday and Saturday nights and had a lovely time. Much food and wine was enjoyed, many songs were sung with new musical collaborations and great jamming. A wonderful warm weekend to put in your 2016 calendars.

Other Music Events Coming Up

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.

Tsunami Sound Studios have opened an intimate in house concert venue at their studios 70 Kimberley Rd. The next concert is Friday 16th October at 7.30pm with Erin Manu and Frank John performing. Erin and Frank are well known for their playing in the Fedz and Federal String Band. This is your chance to be part of a live studio audience at a recorded concert in a real recording studio. Cost \$15 and booking to Adele 021 161 9154 or adele@tmv.co.nz. Like their Facebook for upcoming news.

Wellyfest: Labour Weekend is fast approaching and that means it's time for the Wellington Folk Festival. There's a great line-up of guests, including Rosy Tin Teacaddy, Pipi Pickers, Gillian Boucher and Bob McNeill, to name a few, as well as Kim and Dusty, who delighted us when they appeared as our guest artists at Levin in August this year. Check out the Festival website for tickets and to look at the range of workshops and other concerts for up and coming young musicians. Check out this link for more information and make sure you don't miss it.

<http://wellingtonfolkfestival.org.nz/>

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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