



# LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC

## DECEMBER 2015

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

Entry \$5 members/\$10 non-members/\$3 children and school students

Horowhenua Scottish Society Hall, corner Bartholomew Road and Middlesex Street, Levin  
[www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/](http://www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/)

### CLUB NIGHTS

#### THIS MONTH

**Friday 11th December:** Steve McDonald

**No Acoustic Night** December and January

#### 2016

**Saturday 9th January** Club BBQ at Jo & Merlin's place

**Friday 12th February:** Paul Ubana Jones

**Friday 26th February**  
**Acoustic Night:** Sing around and jam

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C/- 25 Green Ave, Levin

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### Steve McDonald – Club Concert Night



Our guest this month is Steve McDonald. Steve has been a prominent figure in New Zealand music for the past twenty five years. He is one of Wellington's most successful musicians and is a consummate performer.

In the early 90s he began exploring, writing and recording Celtic music. He has recorded five albums that have collectively sold over a million copies in the USA alone. He tours there regularly, and in 2005 signed up with a major recording label. His music is dramatic and beautiful, and is some of the most powerful and moving contemporary Celtic music you are likely to hear. He is one of New Zealand's top solo acts. **NOT TO BE MISSED!**

#### The Evening's Programme



The first session will be reduced to an hour (7.30–8.30pm) with performances from club members. There will be a longer supper time to enjoy some festive treats. The night is moderate BYO and a plate for the table would be most appreciated. There will be a jam following Steve's show for those who can stay on to continue the celebration.

#### Club Acoustic Night

There will be no Acoustic Night (AN) in December or January. The next AN will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm at the Scottish Hall Bartholomew St Levin. A great chance to get the year started with a sing around and jam.

### February 2016 – Paul Ubana Jones



Our first guest for 2016 will be Paul Ubana Jones. Paul has performed internationally to growing acclaim. Concert performances include opening for the likes of Bob Dylan, Patti Smith and touring with: Taj Mahal, Keb Mo', Tuck and Patti, Crowded House and Norah Jones.

Festival appearances include Dublin Blues Festival, Byron Bay Blues Festival, Vancouver Folk Festival, Comox Festival, Calgary Festival, Edmonton Festival, Winnipeg and Blues at Bridgetown, as well as festivals across Switzerland, Germany, France and Spain. Paul is well known to audiences throughout New Zealand. What a way to start the year.

**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/](http://www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz/) or directly to a committee member.

## From the Chair



As the year comes to a close, the committee wishes you all a happy Christmas season. We have enjoyed bringing you some of the emerging folk sounds of today, and will continue with quality performers in the New Year. During the holiday break, I am hopeful our folk community will remain close and supportive of each other. While enjoying your break, we encourage performers to continue learning and polishing their repertoire and look forward to our monthly blackboards. Very best wishes to all!

## Club News



**Club Barbeque:** Our first event for 2016 is a BBQ at Jo and Merlin's place on Saturday, 9 January. Start time is 2.30pm with BBQ in the evening. Please bring your own meat, drink, a plate for a shared supper and an outdoor chair. Pack your instruments for lots of singing and playing. Please park in the dog walking park carpark further down the road just past Jo's house. Phone Jo on 06 368 2437 if you have any queries.

**Club Facebook Page:** We have started a **Levin Folk Music** page on Facebook. It is a public page so anyone can join. It is a great way to make a comment, catch all the latest news, photos and comments from other members. To join just go into Facebook and link to the page.

**Club Members' Newsletters:** If you would like the newsletter sent to you as an email attachment as well as in the downloadable form please email: [mailto:colin-brown@xtra.co.nz?subject=LFMC Newsletter](mailto:colin-brown@xtra.co.nz?subject=LFMC%20Newsletter) (club members only)

**Membership:** The club currently has 64 members with 1 new member joining last month. We warmly welcome all new club members and look forward to seeing you at club nights.

**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 perhaps in 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, 26 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 November draw was not won so has jackpotted to **\$10** for December.

**CD Raffle:** Congratulations Marty for winning the very popular CD raffle. We thank Frank Burkitt for the donation of the CD.

## Members News



**Magic and Mischief:** Congratulations Kevin, Radha and Simon on your successful concert at Lily's Ranch House last month. We are fortunate to have such talented musicians in our community. (Photo is from NZ Music Month spot)



**Autoharp Wanted:** Margaret emailed me with the following note. "I have recently returned to NZ and am looking to buy an autoharp and hopefully learn how to play one. Do you know if anyone in your club has one they no longer use and would like to sell. A 21-chord harp I have been told would be best for me. Could you please ask your members if they know of one for sale? My contact mobile is 020 40949487 or [kiwikoalabus@gmail.com](mailto:kiwikoalabus@gmail.com)



## Picks & Tips for the Month

**Chris's Digital Diary:** Chris suggests you take a look at the **Noteworthy Tuner**. It is a new instrument tuner for Android. He says, "As far as I can tell, it is the very first tuner that is both free and ad free (all other tuners I found required purchase to eliminate ads). It is also the first open-source tuner for Android. It is intentionally very simple. Just open it up and tune away!" <http://www.noteworthytuner.com/>



**Paul's (Kings Sound Centre) Gear Pick:** Check out the amazing Stomp Box he has in the store (see photo). It plugs into your amp and when you tap it with your foot it sounds like a kick drum. This sound is a great addition to folk music. You can hear it in the sound of groups like Mumford and Sons.

**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 [www.gillian-boucher.com](http://www.gillian-boucher.com)

## Other Music Events Coming Up

**Library Jam:** Friday, 4 December at 7.30pm (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.

### Tsunami Sound Studios



Keely Turuwheua & AJ Crawshaw hail from the Kapiti Coast and are both young singer/songwriters. They will perform together at the 'Live at Tsunami' concert on Saturday, 5 December at 7.30 pm. Venue in Speldhurst Country Estate (was old Kimberley Hospital site) 70 Kimberley Road. \$15 cover charge. (No EFTPOS available). Refreshments provided.

Places limited: contact Adele on 021 161 9154 or [adele@tmv.co.nz](mailto:adele@tmv.co.nz).

Tsunami studios are also planning an end-of-year open mic/fun jam night on 19 December from 7.00pm. \$2 entry. BYO Tea/coffee/ & some supper provided but if anyone would like to bring a plate to contribute to our party, that would be gratefully accepted. Check our Facebook page for final details closer to the event.

**The Women's Voices Summer Camp:** 8–10 January 2016 at Waihoanga Lodge Otaki Gorge. Costs including all meals, singing and adventures on a sliding scale from \$215-\$270. Registration or enquiries to [te.ao@clear.net.nz](mailto:te.ao@clear.net.nz)

### Recommended Camping Festivals for Musos (check Facebook/website for details)

Whare Flat Folk Festival, Dunedin	Dec 30- January 2, 2016
Tui Farm Folk Festival, Nelson	Dec 31 - January 4, 2016
Tahora Dec 27 -	January 2, 2016
Te Rangi, HB	Jan 22-23, 2016
Auckland Folk Festival Waitangi	L/W, 2016
Aongatete Festival, Katikati	Feb 26-27, 2016

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

*Acoustic Routes*

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

**WELLINGTON  
BLUEGRASS SOCIETY**

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

*Kapiti Live  
Music*

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

**Mainly Acoustic**

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

**Kings Sound Centre**

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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.