



LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC

AUGUST 2016

*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/*

CLUB EVENTS

AUGUST

Friday, 12 August:

Concert night with
Rhodeworkz

Friday, 26 August: Club
night with a sound
system set-up for an
open-mic sing-a-round
and jam

SEPTEMBER

Friday, 9 September:

Concert night with
Gillian Boucher and Bob
McNeill

Friday, 23 September:

Club night

Levin Folk Music Club Inc
c/o 106 Kawi Rd, Levin
[Contacts](#) [Website](#)

Concert Night: Rhodeworkz



Join us on Friday, 12 August for a concert night with Rhodeworkz. They are a family band from Te Akatea, 25 mins out of Hamilton. Laurence plays rhythm on a guitar he made himself, with finger-style and flat-picked lead breaks, Sam plays strong rhythm and innovative breaks on mandolin or fiddle (sometimes both in the same tune) and Nate keeps steady time with percussion. The brothers have made an impression in folk circles, and have played in front of around 2000 people at the Auckland Folk Festival. They play a range of styles including bluegrass, blues and celtic music. They have been performing at the local farmers markets, and at the local blues and bluegrass clubs, and various shows, and folk festivals around New Zealand.

One reviewer wrote that when you hear them, expect to hear a range of skills on guitar, banjo, mandolin, and fiddle. Expect them to sing, brilliantly. In terms of material, expect anything from bluegrass to folk, and more besides. What you won't be expecting perhaps is how at ease on stage they are, how well they handle any technical issue, how well they handle continuity. This sounds like it's going to be a special Levin concert.

Blackboard

Before our guests perform there will be a blackboard concert (7.30–8.45pm) followed by supper. Bookings for the 16 blackboard slots will open at **7pm** at a table in **front** of the stage. All performances are one item of no more than 5 minutes. A carry-over reserve list to next month's blackboard will be kept. We look forward to hearing the performances.

Club Night: Friday 26 August

Club night is a great opportunity to play, perform on your own, jam or join in with others or just listen and enjoy the music in a supportive environment. All welcome 7.30pm, \$2 entry with light supper.

September – Gillian Boucher and Bob McNeill



Our guest artists in September 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. Heart-wrenching slow airs and riveting arrangements of songs and tunes, Gillian Boucher and Bob McNeill take what you know about traditional Scottish music and bring it to another level.

Club News

AGM Report

The AGM was held on Friday 22 July with over 20 members present. Dale reported that the club was in good heart with a very healthy financial position and membership last year reaching over 80. She thanked all the volunteers who had contributed to the success of the club in 2016. In particular she acknowledged the contribution of Rona, Margaret and Jo who were stepping down from the committee. Dale is also stepping down as chair but thankfully staying on as a committee member. Rona thanked Dale, on behalf of members, for her leadership over the last 2 years.

The meeting voted to keep door charges at current levels but to increase membership subscriptions to \$25 from July 2017. So no change to members subscriptions this year.

There were no nominations for the position of chair or treasurer so these roles will be sorted out within the committee. Colin was elected as secretary for another year.

2017 Committee Members

Colin Brown (Secretary)

Cavan Haines

Keith Heginbotham

Jean Hollis

Kevin Watson

Dale Webb

Paul Webster

We wish the new committee all the best for the coming year. The committee of course relies on the support of the many volunteers who help out at concert nights and other events. We continue to welcome anyone who can lend a hand. Contact Jill at jillandguy@extra.co.nz

Wellyfest 2016 LFMC Concert

The organisers of Wellyfest have invited members of the LFMC attending Wellyfest to perform a concert in the Balladeer Tent. We have accepted their kind offer and will get something organised nearer the time. If you are intending to go to Wellyfest and would like to play in our concert please let Colin or Dale know.

Members Jackpot Draw

July's members draw was claimed by John Gray.

Members News

Performances: Members were out in force at muso's night at Lily's Ranch House in Levin



Jo and Helen



Paul and Simon



Tony and Simon
backing Helen and
Patricia



Paul and Jude



Jo and friends



Kevin, Paul, Jude and Colin (hiding behind Paul) at Te Takere

Meet a Member



Ivan was born in County Down in a rural area near Belfast. He learned harmonica and tin whistle in school and, for many years, sang in the church choir with his four brothers and his mum and dad. In his teens he was a keen youth hosteller, which meant summer cycling trips and winters around the hostel fire singing, playing instruments and dancing. When I asked him when he realised that he could sing he said everyone in Ireland can sing or thinks they can. In 1952 he came to NZ and lived in Wellington. He was a regular attendee and performer at the Irish, Scots and Celtic clubs where he got to share the traditional Irish songs he loves. He was a buyer and travelling salesman for Buxton (leather goods) which saw him travelling extensively through NZ, Asia and the Pacific. These trips often involved entertaining clients and Ivan was always ready with an Irish song. I asked him how he learns new

songs and he said he has been playing the 100 songs in his folder for as long as he can remember. Why change a winning formula I say. He moved to Foxton when he retired in 1990 and started playing at the Levin and Palmerston North folk clubs. He has always been a dancer, from Irish dancing in school, to ballroom dancing, and now sequence dancing a couple of times a week. He continues to play at the folk club, the Ohau Market, various retirement villages, for community groups and clubs and for people's birthdays and other special life events. His wit, good nature and beautiful singing make him a welcome performer and we are very privileged to regularly enjoy all the above at our club.

Picks & Tips for the Month

Chris's Digital Diary: More from Chris next month.

Paul's (Kings Sound Centre)

Vinyl Market Day



The first Saturday of the month is **Vinyl Market Day** at Kings Sound Centre. The shop becomes a mecca for

those wanting to buy, sell, exchange, talk about and play their favourite records. This is a wonderful idea and a great chance to browse thousands of records of all genres and for all musical tastes. I might have to dust off my turntable (Ed).

Other Music Events Coming Up

Bent Horseshoe Presents

Bent Horseshoe presents Charlotte Yates Solo at Joseph Street Kitchen, Saturday, **30 July 2016** at 7:30pm – 10:00pm. This will be a special winter's night of heartfelt song from leading singer-songwriter Charlotte Yates. In this comfortable and intimate venue, join Charlotte as she gives you a sneak preview of her latest material hot off the press, including soon-to-be-released single 'Back for More' as well as gems from her extensive back catalogue of six solo albums. Charlotte's solo shows get rave reviews for good reason. Contact Steve at: steve@benthorseshoe.co.nz or Ph. (06) 329 8808

Te Takere Live (Contact: Nick Van Dijk)

Friday Lunchtime Concerts (12-1.00pm)

- **5 August**, Guitarist/vocalist **Jordie Parrant** performs covers and songs.
- **12 August**, **Angel of the Foxy Mama Foundation** sings R & B classics and pop with backing.

Saturday Concert

- **20 August, 2:30pm-3:30pm**
Levin Centennial Concert Band: 10th Birthday Reunion Concert. This is a free community event of instrumental music that all are welcome to attend and enjoy the band in the warm acoustic of Te Takere's main space.

Sunday Concert Series

- **Sunday 31 July, 2-3:30pm**
Jazzical Potpourri: Kevin Clark & Fran Barton: Pianist trumpet player composer Kevin Clark is one of New Zealand's celebrated award winning jazz musicians. He has been known to improvise on his trumpet and piano simultaneously. Vocalist Fran Barton is a very experienced and popular television and radio recording artist with a wide repertoire.
- **28 August at 2pm -3:30pm.**
Darren Watson: Mr Planet Key himself, bluesman Darren Watson plays the free afternoon concert at Te Takere. Darren has toured the country since the 1980s with Smokeshop, and in 2009 won first place in the blues section of the prestigious international song writing competition in Nashville judged by a panel including Tom Waits & John Mayall, before his meteoric rise to infamy with the release of Planet Key just prior to the last election. No one plays the blues like Darren... Over the better part of three decades he has developed a style that, while touching on all of the greats who inspired him, is personal, powerful and identifiably his own.

LILY'S RANCH HOUSE

Muso Nite: Thursday 4 August. Theme is **Hot August Night**, \$2 door entry as usual. Lily's opens at 6pm. Bar, meals and light snacks available. For further information please contact Kathy on 021-438842 or 367-0251 or kathy@lilys.co.nz

Festivals (check Facebook/website for details)

Legal Tender Norfolk Island Country Music Festival
We are contemplating hosting a tour group to The Norfolk Island Country Music Festival next May and wondering if some of you may be interested in this. The package includes airfares, accom for the week and concert passes. Waiting on final costings but somewhere between \$2000 and \$2500 and of course being hosted by Moi and me. If you have any initial interest please let me know as soon as possible as the more the merrier and cheaper. (Ian)

Wellyfest

Only a few weeks to go to Wellyfest 2016!

We've got a terrific line-up of guests as always including:

Jojo Smith from Australia

Goodland Trio from Scandinavia

Catgut & Steel all the way from Dunedin

WAI.TAI contemporary Maori and Pasifika

Rhodeworkz,

Crossing the Borders,

Frank Burkitt Band,

Bill Morris and the Hinterland Band,

and from the Terrace in Wellington - Free & Frank.

Plus The Jimmies celebrating 30 years of wonderful ceilidh music on Saturday night.

Full kids programme, dance workshops and a host of other workshops.

Check out our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/wellyfest or our website

www.wellingtonfolkfestival.org.nz for more details and mark the weekend of **21-24 October** in your calendar now.

As always, the festival will be at Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre, Moores Valley, Wainuiomata, Lower

Hutt. Camping is encouraged! (You wouldn't want to miss out on the jam sessions). Ticket sales open in August.

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/ 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/

Kapiti Live Music

www.klmc.org.nz

WELLINGTON BLUEGRASS SOCIETY	wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/
Mainly Acoustic	Second Tuesday, Mayfair Cafe, Contact: Kevin & Sue Meehan, 04 970 4008

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