



LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC

FEBRUARY 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/*

CLUB EVENTS HAPPY NEW YEAR

FEBRUARY

Friday, 10 Feb

Concert Night with Glass Boat

Friday, 24 Feb

Club Night

MARCH

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

Club Night: Friday 24 February

Come a long 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.

Concert Night with Glass Boat



Our guests for 10 February Concert Night are Glass Boat. They are a contemporary folk band from Taranaki. The band members for our concert will be Missie Moffat and Matt Herrett, with Krissy Jackson guesting on violin. Missie (NZ) has a unique voice and jazzy style that gives her an edge of unpredictability, her songs are instant classics. Matt Herrett (UK) provides powerful honest lyrics, tasteful electric sounds and highly praised finger picking guitar playing style. One reviewer wrote that their music is spacious in its arrangement and often takes advantage of their contrasting voices. Each artist takes their turn to lead a track, and harmonies are used to raise choruses. Counter melodies swap between acoustic and electric guitar, added to by cajon-based percussion, giving things a little groove. Others have said that they would not be out of place performing at Womad or opening for Cohen at the Bowl. They played the Auckland Folk Festival in 2016 to a great reception and have played with or supported The Eastern, The Frank Burkitt Band, Albi and the Wolves, Andy Irvine, Eb & Sparrow amongst others. What a way to start the year.

Floor Spot

We also start the year with a floor spot from Jill and Rona.

Blackboard Concert

Bookings for the blackboard slots will open at 7pm. All performances are one item of no more than 5 minutes. We look forward to hearing our talented blackboard artists.

Floor Spot



Rona and Jill have been playing together off and on for eight years. Between them they play several instruments and like doing songs that have a good story and a tune which they can harmonise. They mainly sing 'girl' type songs and one of their favourite songwriters is Gillian Welch. We wish them all the best for their performance.

Club Christmas Party and Concert

Big thanks to the committee and club members for making the Christmas Party such a success. The range and quality of club member's performances was outstanding and all performers did a great job. Big thanks to Alastair and team out in the kitchen as the festive supper was a highlight. Cavan did a top job as compare and photographer. Thanks for the pics below of some performers. Apologies to those we missed.



Thanks Jo: Folk 4 Kaikoura

Jo did a wonderful job of organising and hosting the Levin Folk 4 Kaikoura concert in December. The performers were outstanding and the concert brought out the best in the local folk music community. Levin did us proud raising nearly \$1000 for the cause. In total Jo says the various concerts throughout the country raised \$7,865.57. Jo wishes to acknowledge the support of the LFMC, Wayne Kaye Signs and Warehouse Stationery. We are all very proud of Jo's efforts.

March Concert Night



Our guest artists for March Concert Night are Cabin Fevre. They are a top performing and recording group from the Hawkes Bay. They perform bluegrass, alt country and old time traditional music. Artists covered include Steve Earle, the Band, Gillian Welch, Dylan, Carter Family, Old Crow Medicine Show and many more. Write this one in your diaries NOW.

Club News

Committee Members

The club goes into 2017 with a very enthusiastic committee line up. Here they are.



Guest Artist Koha Box

The committee has decided to set up a guest artist koha box on concert nights. This will give members of the audience an opportunity to express their personal appreciation to the guest artists. At times our payments to guests do not stretch to cover fully their travel, food, and musicians' costs, so this is seen as an extra thank you from the Levin audience. This will start at our February Concert Night.

Members Jackpot Draw

We restart the New Year at \$5.00.

Meet a Member – Marty Smith



Marty was born in Eton (Did you pick his accent?) but was raised in Canning Town in London's East End. He was a regular visitor to the trad jazz clubs in London where he witnessed the birth of skiffle and the rise of Lonnie Donegan. Marty's father was a heavy weight boxer and brought back blues and jazz records from his trips to the USA. Blues remains a favourite genre for Marty. In the 1950's Marty made 7 trips out to NZ as a sailor in the Merchant Navy. In 1959 he emigrated to NZ and arrived in Paraparaumu in a DC3. He moved to Wellington where he worked and managed a number of the iconic coffee bars of the day. These included the Left Bank, the Grotto and the Beach Comber. These coffee bars provided venues for local folk musicians and Marty still plays many of the songs he first heard back then. He

also got invited to after concert parties when visiting artists like Peter Paul and Mary, the Dubliners and the Clancy Brothers performed in Wellington. In the 1960's he completed a carpentry apprenticeship and was married in 1964. He bought his first guitar with money left over from buying a washing machine and learned bits and pieces from many musicians. In 1987 he moved up the coast and met Birnie while on the door at a Kapiti Live Music Club night. Birnie had been up to the Levin Folk Club and suggested they play together on the blackboard. They first played in May 1999 and fondly remember the support they received from Jeremy, Rona, Andrew and Anne. This was the first of many club blackboard appearances. They also used to perform regularly at charity concerts on the Kapiti Coast. Marty says they have a book with about 120 songs they can play. Marty has many music heroes including Woody Guthrie, Lead Belly, Peter Cape, Bob Dylan (sung by others) Eric Clapton and Chris Christofferson. Marty tells me he enjoys performing with Birnie at the Folk Club and we hope they will continue doing so for many years to come. I reckon there are lots of those 120 songs we have yet to enjoy. Thanks Marty (and Birnie) for sharing your music with us and your support of the club. (Ed)

Picks & Tips for the Month

From Chris: This site that may be of interest to songwriters and aspiring songwriters - lots of resources and they have just also set up a free member's only section with 30 or so tools.

<http://songchops.com/>

(Thanks Chris: Ed)



Paul's (Kings Sound Centre)

On the first Saturday of the month King's Sound Centre becomes a hive of activity. Check out the enormous range of vinyl, grab a coffee and enjoy the vibe and music.

My Music – Alastair Pain



Q: What is one of your favourite music and why?

Alastair enjoys an eclectic range of music including Dixie Trad Jazz, Polkas, Celtic and Traditional English and NZ songs.

He is struck by music that is connected to time, place and people. An old time favourite is Old Rugged Cross by Papa Bue's Viking Jazz band with George Lewis on clarinet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIECjhbkdck>

(Yes you heard it first right here. Ed)

Q: Who are your favourite artists?

Alastair enjoys listening to performers who show their soul. Music is about sharing deep feelings, not just playing the notes and singing the words he says. He picks Willie Nelson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zGGzsiA1dA>

(watch Willie's solo 3" in) Leonard Cohen; Jeff Buckley are also favourites who make 'a soul connection.'

Q: What music are you currently enjoying?

Alastair says he binges on different types of music. Right now he is binging on Polka from Slovenia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOa5lbtdjU> and

Czechoslovakia.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePA2PwIEE3g>

There's an interesting psychological/music 'formula' being applied by these Europeans- says Alastair!

Q: What are the songs you like to perform?

Alastair has played in a brass band (fond memories of Saint-Saëns Carnival of the Animals & The Can-Can polka) and in a Dixieland line-up he played Trombone- he doesn't perform now, but reckons we could do with more fiddle; Melodean and penny whistle players at the club. (I agree, thanks Alastair. Ed)

Other Music Events Coming Up

Tsunami Live



Monday 13 Feb: Daniel Champagne is back.

Many of you missed this extraordinary performer last year - don't miss him this time. The only

day available is a Monday but it's worth coming out for.

This young singer songwriter - guitarist virtuoso plays every part of his guitar - rhythm, picking, percussion and singing. One critic wrote: "Today I saw the future of Folk – Festival goers flocking in their thousands towards the main stage to witness the young musical phenomenon from Australia dish out an absolute show-stopper at the evening' send."

Firefly Column, USA

Pay at door - no eftpost available.

Bookings to Adele - 021 161 9154 or adele@tmv.co.nz

7.30pm at Tsunami Sound live Venue

Speldhurst Country Estate - 70 Kimberley Road Levin.

Te Takere

Friday Lunchtime Concerts

27 January: Magic & Mischief

3 February: Gentleman Geoff Stokes

24 February: Myrna Michell and the Sing Out Choir.



Sunday Concerts

29 January 2.00pm: Jim Bailey Band playing funky, bluesy and soulful covers and originals.



19 February 4:30- 6:30: Te Takere Tea Dance



featuring the Manawatu Jazz Club Big Band. Join us for this community Tea Dance with a live big band for those

who wish to dance with a partner. If you like to waltz, foxtrot, tango, just like to watch, fancy a bit of latin, swing or just have a blast sashaying across the dance floor, turn up your heels and kick off Aging Well Wellness Week in style!



26 February at 2pm: the Rodger Fox Quintet featuring Erna Ferry (Jazz and Blues).

New Zealand's foremost Jazz Trombonist and Big Band Leader, jazz educator Rodger Fox brings his top-notch combo to perform Te Takere's monthly Sunday afternoon concert. Erna Ferry is a paramount jazz and blues singer, and comes with stellar experience in many styles of musical performance.

Bent Horseshoe Presents

Friday 10 February: Winter Wilson [Winter Wilson](#) at the Joseph St Kitchen. \$20. They sound great, check the link.

Friday 17 February: Kirsty Bromley with Simon Dumpleton at the Joseph St Kitchen. Another great duo, \$20- www.kirstybromley.com

Saturday 18th February: Darren Watson and the Dangerous Experts.

Bookings Tel 06 329 8808 or email

steve@benthorseshoe.co.nz

LILY'S RANCH HOUSE

Please phone Kathy (021-438842) or email (kathy@lily's.co.nz) for what's on and bookings.

Other Summer Music in our region

8 February: Plimmerton Boating Club has duo Winter Wilson

17 February: PN Folk Club has Rachel Dawick

23 February: Acoustic Routes, Wellington has Kirsty Bromley and Simon Dumpleton

10 March: PN Folk Club has Hungrytown from USA

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/



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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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.