



# LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC

## MARCH 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

#### MARCH

Friday, 10 March

Concert Night with Cabin  
Fevre

Friday, 24 March

Club Night

#### APRIL

Friday, 14 April

Concert Night featuring  
local musicians

Friday, 28 April

Club Night

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

### Club Night: Friday 24 March

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 Cabin Fevre



Come along on Friday 10 March and enjoy the music of Cabin Fevre. They are a Hawkes Bay based band unconfined by genre with influences from folk, bluegrass, country, blues, swing, and R&B. Playing original material while also mixing it up with covers from artists as varied as Barry Saunders to Cindy Lauper. The band is made up of Setha Davenport (USA) whose vocal harmonies add depth and colour and her banjo frailing brings an old time feel. Roddy Branagan, (Scotland) who weaves the music together with his highly skilled improvisational mandolin and enchants with a syncopated vocal style. Ian Turbitt's (NZ) guitar, harmonica and vocals are as solid as they come. All of this is held together by Marty Forrer (England/NZ) on upright bass. They met at Te Rengi Music Festival, Otane. They came to the cabin to play music and have fun. It's a fevre that's contagious. Cabin Fevre receive rave reviews wherever they perform so this is a concert not to be missed.

### 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.

## April Concert Night



Concert night this month falls on Good Friday. This is not a great Friday for our concert night as many people are likely to be away.

However, the committee has decided this provides an opportunity to feature some of the talented local musicians from our area. Kevin has offered to pull together a concert night programme featuring some of these musicians. At this stage we do not know who will be available so more details next month.

## Club News

### Community Day Musicians Required

A club member Denyse Howell-Styles is organising a Community Day for Sunday 19 March at the Adventure Park in Levin. She is keen to have folk club members provide some music for the morning. If you are interested contact Denyse on 0274455106 or [dhowellstyles@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dhowellstyles@xtra.co.nz)

### 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

Congratulations to February's winner. It is back to \$5.00 for March.

## Meet a Member – Jo Sheffield



Jo was born in Newcastle Upon Tyne and has always loved listening to music. She also always wanted to play guitar and when she was about 10 she was given her cousins old guitar and chord book. She remembers

painting her finger nails the different colours of the notes of the chord so she could learn where to put her fingers on the fret board. Her mum and dad gave her an upgraded classical guitar when she was 12 years old and she started accompanying herself singing. Joni Mitchell, Janis Ian, Lindisfarne and the Moody Blues were her favourites. In her mid-teens she teamed up with a few friends to form a group that played in churches and old peoples home. Jo and her friend Linda sang Lying Eyes at a talent quest in Berwick when she was 16 or 17. They didn't win but the experience left a lasting impression on her. At University in Yorkshire she studied drama as she wanted to become an actor. Funnily enough she pretty much stopped performing from this time until she arrived at the Levin Folk Club in 2012. But we get ahead of ourselves.

Merlin and Jo emigrated to NZ in 2005 after a previous holiday here. Jo had a job at Waiouru and they lived in Taihape for a couple of years before buying a bit of land at Weber. Things changed when Jo got a job in Palmerston North and Merlin at Trentham and Levin became a good mid-point to move to. Her friend Cheryl told her about the Folk Club and she came along and just watched for a few weeks. She eventually found her way to the then Acoustic Night and nervously sang in public for the first time in many years. She was encouraged by club members to put her name on the blackboard and since then has sung both solo and as a member of Friends and in other combinations. She also started writing songs and learned the Mandolin.

In 2014 she entered the Wellington Folk Festival's People's Choice Award which gave her a spot in the Balladeer tent. She has become an avid festival goer and met up with Helen Stewart at Otane. They have played at a number of festivals and house concerts. Last year Jo recorded her very own CD at Tsunami Recording Studio and thanks David and Adele for their encouragement and support. Some of her music heroes are Justin Hayward, Ralph Mc Tell and Fairport Convention. Her future ambition is to keep playing, learning, collaborating with others and enjoying performing. We look forward to lots more of Jo's wonderful performances at the club. (Ed)

## Picks & Tips for the Month

**From Chris:** One thing I came across that may interest people is a new type of amplifier for acoustic guitars – Tone Wood Amp ( [www.tonewoodamp.com](http://www.tonewoodamp.com)). Not cheap but seems to be amazing! (Thanks Chris: Ed)

### Paul's (Kings Sound Centre)

A whole lot of exceptional quality second hand instruments have arrived in the shop. If you are interested in playing music you should check these out. They include among others:

- A 1930 and a 1940 Rickenbacker lapsteel guitar
- A 6 string guitar tuned banjo
- A beautiful electric mandolin
- 4 amazing Gibson guitars and
- A Maton electric guitar.

## My Music – Jean Hollis



### Q: What is your favourite music and why?

Jean says her favourite music changes quite a lot. She likes songs with good lyrics that are easy to hear. While she particularly enjoys songs that tell a story she also likes fun songs and is happy to soak up anything that sounds good.

### Q: Who are your favourite artists?

Peter Paul and Mary were early favourites along with Cat Stevens, Donovan, Elton John and the Beatles. More recently she has enjoyed the music of Mark Knoffler.

### Q: What music are you currently enjoying?

While Jean enjoys her long time favourites she is also happy to listen to new music often recommended by younger family members. At the moment she is enjoying the music of Levity Beet. Levity Beet is actually Jean's son Nick who is a finalist in this year's Children Song Writer of the Year award. (We wish Nick all the best, Ed)

### Q: What are the songs you like to perform?

Jean enjoys playing a mix of styles including songs by artists like Joan Baez and Bette Midler. At club night she performed beautifully a diverse set that included Last Thing on My Mind, You've Got a Friend,

Summer Wine and Until The 12<sup>th</sup> of Never. (Thanks Jean, ED)

## FOLK FESTIVALS 2017

Dale has provided this very helpful list of folk music festivals coming up in 2017 as a guide to planning your music year. We can hopefully provide you with dates and more details on these festivals nearer the time. (Thanks Dale for info and photos. Ed)



Marie Buzan and Denyse Howell-Styles at their first camping festival - Te Rangi in January.

### April

Canterbury Folk Festival	Easter
Hamsterfest (HAMC)	Easter
National Australian Folk Festival	Easter
Tutira Tradfest, Tutira	ANZAC Weekend



Andrew and Anne went to Canterbury FF at Easter last year

### May

Folk Under the Mountain, Te Aroha 6/7 May  
Waihonga Retreat, Otaki



Helen McLeane singing with Roy McGuinness, with Jo Sheffield accompanying on guitar.

### June

Himitangi Hootenanny	Queens Birthday
Ceol Anas, Nelson	Queens Birthday
Waharau Festival	Queens Birthday
Mercury BayFest	Queens Birthday



## July

Strathean FolkUs, Te Horo  
Midwinter Holler, Tatum Park

## August

Riverslea Retreat, Otaki

## September

## October

WellyFest, Wainuiomata

## November

Operau Acoustic, Kawhia

## December

Tui Farm, Nelson

Whare Flat, Dunedin

Tahora (Alternate years)

Tutira New Years (Alternate years)

## Other Music Events in Our Region

### Tsunami Live

No concerts have been organised for March at this stage. However, you can still contact Adele on (021 161 9154 or [adele@tmv.co.nz](mailto:adele@tmv.co.nz)) to chat about any studio recording they can help you with or to check on events they have coming up.

### Te Takere

Check their website for information on upcoming concerts.

### Bent Horseshoe Presents

**Andrew White**, Friday 17 March, 7.30 at Joseph St Kitchen. Tickets are \$20 which can be booked through Steve or on eventfinda. Andrew is one of those rare artists who can skilfully combine brilliant finger-style guitar work with a compelling story in lyric and deliver them both in an engaging live performance.

Bookings Tel 06 329 8808 or email

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

### LILY'S RANCH HOUSE

#### Thursday 2 March - Muso Nite - From 6pm

Theme tonight is "Lost Musicians". Bar, espresso and blackboard menu available.

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

## Palmerston North Folk Club

**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/](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/)



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

<b>WELLINGTON BLUEGRASS SOCIETY</b>	<a href="http://wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/">wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/</a>
<b>Mainly Acoustic</b>	<b>Second Tuesday, Mayfair Cafe, Contact: Kevin &amp; Sue Meehan, 04 970 4008</b>

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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.