



# LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC

## JULY 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

#### JULY

**Friday, 14 July**

Concert Night with Alan Downes & John and Susan Sutherland

**Friday, 28 July**

Club Night

#### AUGUST

**Friday, 11 August**

Concert night with Hot Diggity

**Friday, 25 August**

Club Night

#### AGM

**Friday 4 August 7.30pm**

Levin Folk Music Club Inc  
c/o 106 Kawiū Rd, Levin  
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### Concert Night Alan Downes and John and Susan Sutherland



Our guest artists for July are Alan Downes and John and Susan Sutherland. Our previously advertised guest artist, Helen Dorothy, cannot make it and sends her apologies. Alan is a singer and writer of original New Zealand songs. He spent most of his life living and farming inland from Napier and left the sweet life when dairy cows started to dominate the landscape, moving to Napier and then Wellington. Now he is having a look at city life, trying to retrain his hands to play a guitar and writing a swarm of stories he is calling songs. Alan enjoys telling the stories of the country life he remembers. He reckons our backcountry stories are the same where ever we go. Alan writes them in a rhythmical rhyme and wraps them in a few chords with a dash of humour.

John and Susan have recently moved to Raumati to live. John plays guitar, and they both sing lovely folk songs, Scottish and traditional. They featured at Mainly Acoustic in June 2016 and Te Rangi Festival in Jan 2017. They choose songs of personal and social significance along with music they just feel an affinity with and endeavour to provide arrangements, which enhance and respect the material. John enjoys performing and with his music and humour the evening promises a performance full of great songs.

Dale has done a great job in organising John and Susan to join Alan in what will be a wonderful concert. We thank them for stepping in so willingly and thank Alan for his help in finalising the arrangements.

#### 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.

### Club Night: Friday

**28 July**

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.

## Some words from Alan.

From hill farms of Hawkes Bay  
Yarns of shepherds and shearers, post war children  
A past we seem to be forgetting  
Old cars and dogs, mountain stew, and homebrew  
The best we send offshore  
Men who worked the land  
Drifters, dealers, magpie, and the ones that got away  
I guess these are the songs of the Huiarangi.

## August Concert Night



Our guest artists for August concert night will be Hot Diggity. They are the only all female bluegrass band currently playing in New Zealand. They play original songs by Heather Carrigan (mandolin, guitar and vocals) and Deborah Mackenzie (guitar and vocals) along with plenty of bluegrass favourites. Backed up by Jenine Abarbanel (bass and vocals), Sue Drake (banjo and vocals) and Krissy Jackson (fiddle and vocals), they put out a powerful, lively sound with hot instrumentation and tight harmonies. Hot Diggity was formed in 2014, but all five members are veteran musicians having played with numerous other bands in a variety of musical styles for years.

## Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM will be held on Friday 4 August at 7.30pm in the Scottish Society Hall Bartholomew Rd. The AGM meeting will be followed by supper and jam.

Subscriptions are due 30 June 2017 or at the AGM.

Please note that only financial members are eligible to nominate or vote in elections, and to discuss and vote on motions. All members should have received an email with relevant material for the meeting. If you haven't, contact Jean Hollis on:

Phone: 06 368 6406

Mobile: 027 291 6281

Email: [jeanfeijoa@gmail.com](mailto:jeanfeijoa@gmail.com)

## Committee Nominations

Now is a good time to consider if you would like to be on the LPMC committee, as a member, or in the role of chairperson, secretary or treasurer. Nomination forms will be available at the July concert night. You can also email Jean Hollis [hollisjk@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hollisjk@xtra.co.nz) and she will email you one out.

## Members Jackpot Draw

Jackpots to \$10 for July concert night.

## House Concerts

The LPMC Committee are pleased to support house concerts featuring visiting artists from time to time as a way of promoting quality folk music in our region.



We would like to thank Chris and Barbara for recently hosting the first of these featuring Renny Millner and Janet Muggeridge. A great time was had by all.

Dale is hosting a further house concert at her home on Muhunoa East Rd Ohau on 21 July featuring Chrissy Penman. Cost \$15 which all goes to the artist. A gold coin donation to the host would be appreciated to help with costs.



Chrissy has appeared at all the major folk festivals and captivated audiences with her strong, clear vocals and emotive delivery, along with a sometimes hilarious stage presence. She loves all music and styles – evident in her repertoire. This tour sees her revert to her first love – unaccompanied traditional and contemporary songs drawn from struggles, love, hope, victory – linking the past to the present, whilst saluting the rock from which she was hewn.

Bookings essential as seating limited Contact [dalewebb@clear.net.nz](mailto:dalewebb@clear.net.nz) or 027 2079695

**Meet a Member**

## Meet a Member

### Cavan Haines



Cavan was born in Aldershot, south west of London. His father was a soldier. He was given his first guitar when he was 10 years old and took

lessons for about a year. When he went to secondary school he formed a trio with a couple of friends. Cavan played bass guitar and they covered the instrumentals being played by groups like The Shadows. At about 15 years old he joined a rock-n-roll band called the Hunky Chunk Band. They were the real deal and became well known in the London area. They had a manager and played as the supporting act for some up and coming groups. Among them The Rolling Stones, Bill Haley and the Comets and Fleetwood Mac. (You heard it first here folks, Ed). Cavan's life changed when he was 21 year old. A friend suggested they get motorbikes and do a world tour. The band was left in the dust, so to speak and Cavan spent 3 years travelling on his bike. The Middle East and Eastern Europe were his favourite places. He toured Australia and eventually crossed to New Zealand to continue his journey. One night he arrived at the Youth Hostel in Greymouth. (As you do) It was here he met Penelope, his future wife, who was also staying in the hostel and travelling the south island. For the next 30 years music was off the radar as work and family became priorities. However this changed 15 years ago when he came along to the folk club in Levin. He ended up at Jeremy and Rona's house where he felt very welcomed and supported. He later met Murray and Julie Kilpatrick and would also go down to their place to play. Penelope, a musician herself, started playing the harp and was invited to join in an Irish Review in Paraparaumu. Cavan thought this sounded like him, so he also auditioned. This started a long association with musical theatre. Cavan has performed in and directed many local shows. A future ambition is to join/form an ensemble so he can play more music with others. He would like a chance to play his banjo, mandolin, and uke. His very nice Martin guitar is his pride and joy and he advised anyone buying a guitar to get the best. He hasn't regretted it. That's the guitar we get to hear each month when Cavan plays the song he just found on the internet. When pressed, he admitted to a little more practice than he lets on to. We appreciate Cavan's contribution to the club and wider music and look forward to hearing his Martin again next month. Ed

## Picks & Tips for the Month

**From Chris:** I have been investigating woodworking at the Menzshed with a view to making a few things like shakers and a travel ukulele and/or travel guitar. Some great Youtube ideas for these here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfjWnt-Urmk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xa59ZAiKno>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jslt1Cpuvw>

Also for the aspiring guitarists or already skilled, there is an update to Guitar Pro that has just been released:

<https://www.guitar-pro.com/en/index.php>

Guitar Pro allows you to edit your music scores and tablature for guitar, bass, and ukulele, as well as create backing tracks for drums or piano. This is a most thorough yet user-friendly tool for musicians who wish to get better, compose, or simply play along. (Thanks Chris. Ed)

### Paul's (Kings Sound Centre)



Paul reckons tapping out the beat on anything is a great way to get involved in music, and he should know as a drummer himself. This month he is

featuring a huge selection of percussion instruments. Cajon Beat Boxes, Congas, Djembe drums and much more to check out in store.

**Cavan's Choice:** Knowing how good Cavan is at finding new music on the internet, I have asked him if he would do a monthly spot in the newsletter to tell us what he has found. Here is his first choice he reckons we should check out. This is Reg Meuross. (Thanks Cavan. Ed)

<http://www.regmeuross.com/faraway-people-austerity-is-a-lie/>

## Other Music Events in Our Region

### In Vogue in the Village

Join us for a night of dancing, good food and fine company in the Horowhenua. To be held on Friday 30th June. In Vogue in the Village will see the Mangaore Hall taken back to the roaring 1920's, with guests arriving in Great Gatsby Glamour. Cocktail on arrival, followed by a cocktail bar (cash only). Canapes will be served. Live music by the Andrew London Trio will have



us all dancing. Tickets are strictly limited, so get in quick! This is a not-for-profit community event. For more information and to purchase a ticket, look us up on <https://www.facebook.com/invogueinthevillage/> or [contact Kristy on 021 191 3231.](mailto:kathy@lily's.co.nz)

### Tsunami Live



#### Polytropos

Friday 28 July.

\$15 cash entry - supper provided.

Oscar West and Rennie Pearson are the masterful

acoustic duo Polytropos. They specialise in performing Scottish, Irish and global traditional music. They perform a dynamic range of tunes, songs and instrumental spirited sets arranged in thoughtful and exciting ways. With a highly responsive and conversational quality to their performance, West and Pearson take their listeners on a varied journey across several Western and Eastern traditions and several centuries, weaving the tones of the fiddle, wooden flute, guitar, voice, whistles and Scottish smallpipes in beautiful and inventive ways. **Polytropos** is an immensely memorable listening experience for all ages and will have your heart soaring and toes tapping.

**Book with Adele** on 021 161 9154 or [adele@tmv.co.nz](mailto:adele@tmv.co.nz).

At Tsunami Sounds - Speldhurst Estate 70 Kimberley Road Levin

### Bent Horseshoe Presents

**The Cattlestops:** on 15 July at the Hokowhitu Bowling Club. \$20 at 7.30pm.

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

027 3682367 to check out what he has coming up.

### Lily's Ranch House

**Piano Bar This Friday and every Friday**

Bar, espresso and meals available. Lily's opens at 6pm. Please phone Lily on 06-3670251 or 021-438842 if you wish to have a meal.

**Every Friday 10am-3pm - "Coffee and Cake"**

Lily's is now open every Friday daytime. Meet up with friends and family for a relaxing coffee in a quiet rural environment.

**Thursday 6 July - Muso Nite - From 6pm**

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

### Lots on at Te Takere

Check their website for details.

## Festivals Coming Up

### Mid-Winter Holler Tatum Park

This year the **Holler** will be the weekend of the 14 to 16 of July at Tatum Park and will follow a similar format to previous years with workshops, blackboard concerts the midwinter feast and Saturday night Concert. Between the Mid-Winter Feast, Invitation Concert, workshops and blackboard concerts there is plenty of time and heaps of hideaway spots for jamming, jamming, jamming. After all, there is no better way to hone those skills than to pick a plenty and holler out loud.

**To Register** Cost \$75, Full weekend which includes the Saturday Mid-Winter feast. Accommodation and meals (apart from the Saturday night Feast) are additional.

You can email [midwinterholler@outlook.com](mailto:midwinterholler@outlook.com) with any queries or phone **Tony Burt** on 021 682878

## 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.

Thanks to all the performers.

## Members Playing Up

Himitangi Hootenanny

Geoff Toa

Hootenanny visitors



June Concert Night  
Ivan Johnston, Gladstone Road and our guests Reverie



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

**Acoustic Routes** [acousticroutes.org.nz/](http://acousticroutes.org.nz/)

**Kapiti Live Music** [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>	Second Tuesday, Mayfair Cafe, Contact: Kevin & Sue Meehan, 04 970 4008

**Thanks for the Support**



Support our local music store. Show your membership card in store for a discount. 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.



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.