



LEVIN FOLK MUSIC CLUB INC

DECEMBER 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

DECEMBER

Friday 8 December

Christmas Party with
extended blackboard

**No club night in
December**

JANUARY 2018

No concert or club
nights

FEBRUARY 2018

Friday 9 February

Concert night with
internationally
acclaimed harp player
Esther Swift

Friday 23 February

Club night

Levin Folk Music Club
Inc

106 Kawiū Rd, Levin

Contacts Website

Concert Night is the Christmas Party



Come along and enjoy our end of year Christmas party. Remember we are back in the Scottish Hall and not at the RSA. The concert will be an extended blackboard with no guest artists playing. Depending on numbers, it is expected that black board performers should have time to play at least two songs. We will be relaxing normal blackboard rules to give different combinations a chance to play. We will sort out the final concert line up on the night to ensure we get a good spread of performers. There will be a festive supper so please bring a plate to share. The club has had a fantastic year with wonderful events, talented guest artists and quality black board concerts. This is a chance to celebrate our club's success, enjoy our local talent and spend an evening with Folk Club friends. Bookings for the blackboard slots will open at 7pm as usual.

November RSA Concert Night

The committee would like to thank the many people who made the RSA concert night a success. In particular we would like to thank the RSA volunteers who kept the bar open, were helpful all night and stayed behind to do a big clean up. Much appreciated. The committee recognise there will be a range of opinions on the RSA as a venue and we welcome any feedback you have. Please email Jean our secretary if you would like to express your view.

hollisjk@xtra.co.nz

Club Night: Friday 23 February 2018

Come along and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of our club night at the Scottish Hall. It is a great opportunity to perform on your own or jam and join in with others. All welcome 7.30pm, \$2 entry with light supper.

February: Esther Swift



Our guest artist on 9 February 2018 is the internationally acclaimed harpist Esther Swift. This is what people are saying.

"What one notices immediately is how contemporary her sound is. The harp is used by Swift as less a heavenly instrument and more a

bold alternative to the acoustic guitar. Swift's voice is sultry, settling and sensuous as she sings with confidence and a wry smile. Over the sombre vocals of The Scots Pine and breathless Pinus Silvestrus, Swift takes us on a journey through the Scottish landscape that is draped in traditional stylings. There's an organic quality to her playing as she veers dramatically from poised, fluid and precise movements to those rich, dark and sweeping bass notes." (A great way to start the year. Ed)

Club News

Ohau Market

A reminder that our club provides background music at the Ohau Market on the third Saturday of the month. If you would like to play a spot please contact Kevin Watson on 06 368 8337

Social, BBQ and House Concert at Dales

Saturday 2 December



Christmas Social and Victoria Vigenser house concert at Dales place 143 Muhunoa East Rd, Ohau

Because summer is here and Christmas is near, Dale is throwing a music-friendly social on Saturday 2nd December and would love for you to come. You are welcome from 5pm onwards with shared plate dinner 6:30 pm-ish (bring meat for the bbq if desired) and some music making. There is parking up by her house so bring instruments, a camp chair, warm jackets, your drinks, etc.

At around 8pm there will be an optional living room concert by Victoria Vigenser (who came to LFMC with

Reverie, and who is a wonderful solo singer/songwriter). Victoria holds both traditional and classical song at her musical core, and has built an enviable reputation as a talented songwriter, singer and accompanist. She has been described as a mashup of Joni Mitchell and Tracey Chapman. There is a spell binding quality to her voice that she weaves into every performance and any genre. There will be a \$10 pp charge for those who choose to enjoy this special treat. Please book with Dale to reserve a chair dalewebb143@gmail.com or txt 027 2079695. Vic is stunning, and has an amazing voice - you'll love her! Dale said, "It would be great to carry on after Vic's concert with some jamming or sing around until late. We'll make the most of this being the last Levin house concert this year it has been great to have your support!"

January 2018 House Concerts

January 14: Victoria Vigenser is back in Levin, playing at Jo's.

January 17th. Levity Beet is Jean Hollis's son and he is

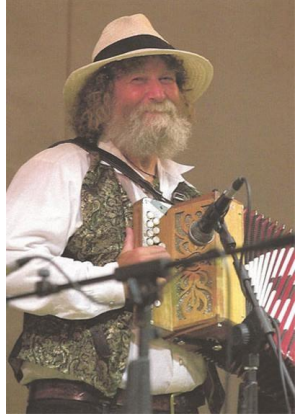


playing a house concert at her place on Wednesday January 17th. Levity is a highly talented children's entertainer, having won the APRA Silver Scrolls Children's Songwriter Award numerous times. He

captivates children (and adults) with his catchy and funny songs, as well as playing his range of unusual instruments. This will be a great treat for any children/grandchildren during the holidays, and following the concert you may find many of the audience inspired to attempt to create their own amazing instruments. Entry \$10 per adult. Up to 2 children free. (Additional children \$3). Light healthy refreshments provided following the show.

Further information contact Jean: 06 368 6406 or 027 291 6281

January 20: Pete Grassby at Rona and Jeremy's place.



Musician, singer/songwriter, dance-caller and showman extraordinaire. Pete is based in the UK but New Zealand is almost a home away from home for him.

He is a talented hammered dulcimer and melodeon player, although even Pete doesn't

claim to play both at once. He is very well known on the UK and Scottish festival scene and can call a mean ceilidh, bringing his special zany style to entertain the dancers. Contact Rona on 06 3682510 or ronacooper@slingshot.co.nz

Members Jackpot Draw

Jennie Cavaye took out the \$10.00 November Jackpot.

Meet a Member: Jude Woodgyer



Before emigrating to NZ with her family in 2016, Jude spent most of her life in Stroud, in the beautiful Cotswold region of the UK. Her parents weren't particularly musical but she took piano lessons (to grade 3) and they bought her a guitar when she was 7 years old. She took lessons at school and also

sang in the church choir at age 9 or 10. She remembers singing with the choir in Gloucester Cathedral. She didn't do much music through her teens but when she left home she lived above a pub with lots of live music. She started playing again and loved the Eagles, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd. When she was 22 she headed overseas and travelled through Thailand, Philippines Australia and NZ. She founds lots of opportunities to play, and returned to Stroud after 15 months away with new found confidence.

She joined Greenpeace and would organise events and play and sing at their gatherings. She also joined a choir called Circle of Song <http://youtu.be/z9llsWpXBb4> and stayed singing with them for 20 years. Harmony came naturally to her and she enjoyed teaching and

performing acapella with this group. She also joined a band called Souled & Healed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fe7gsftclMk>. She played mandolin and guitar, created the band's harmony parts, and sang. The band played original songs in a range of eclectic styles of music – folk, soul, blues and doo-wop. They also recorded several CDs in the form of radio ballads. Their songs would accompany other actors, and poets performing historical plays for radio. They played at pubs, parties and charity gigs. She played with the band for 20 years and it was hard to say goodbye when they left for NZ.

When she arrived in Levin she googled choirs and up popped Sing Out Levin. She watched them perform at an ANZAC ceremony and decided to join. She has brought her love of harmony singing to the group and enjoys leading and performing with them. She has recently formed an acapella group called Tui with a group of friends and we look forward to hearing them perform.

Jude found her way to the Folk Club's Acoustic Night and was quite surprised to find just a few people playing. However, she joined in and I remember we were all wowed by her beautiful voice. She now performs on the blackboard and at Folk Club events, and continues to be a keen supporter of Club Nights. Jude is also a talented song writer and we love hearing her songs. She has an eclectic and extensive range of music favourites but singled out Ed Sheeran as a special favourite.

Jude's ambition is to continue to enjoy singing in its many styles, to teach more singing workshops and to support community music in its many forms.

<http://www.songleaders.org.nz/index.php/cb-profile/208-judew>. We are so grateful that Jude shares her love of music so freely with others. We look forward to our 20 years of music with you Jude.

Thanks for sharing your story. (Ed)

Picks & Tips for the Month

From Chris:

Chris has found some really good tuners and metronomes for you to check out.

Metronomes

Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.andymstone.metronome&hl=en>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.reakcja.tdl.bestmetronomecom&hl=en> (I really like this one)

Ipad/Iphone

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/metronome-beats-tap-tempo/id559798172?mt=8>

Tuners

Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ovelin.guitartuna&hl=en>

Iphone/Ipad

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tuner-lite-by-plusadd/id635828559?mt=8>

Thanks Chris (Ed)

From Cavan

Cavan reckons you should lend an ear to Sam Carter performing his song The One. Cavan tells me it shows how songs that tell a story come in many forms. This one is a tear jerker.

<https://youtu.be/ChCTj-syuGg>

He also recommends you listen to Mike Harding's Christmas 1914.

<https://open.spotify.com/track/7yRXlplANQv6IX43l9C3V1?si=N7au4XE1S7eLEwLMZbwAWQ>

Thanks Cavan (Ed)

Paul's (Kings Sound Centre)



Check out the range of drum kits Paul has in store. All different styles and makes including electronic drums and practice pads.

Other Music Events Coming Up

LILY'S RANCH HOUSE

Friday 1 December: Cowboys and Indians 7.30pm

Local band Cowboys and Indians perform at Lily's for a pre-Christmas 'knees-up'. Style is Americana/ Country, with their own take on the classics. Great dancing music. \$10 door charge.

Thursday 7 December - Muso Nite

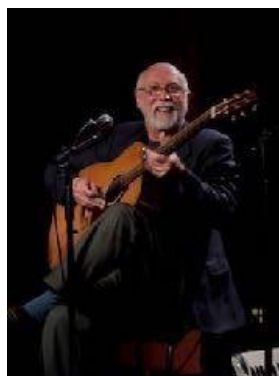
December Muso is the most popular Muso Night of the year. We are expecting to be very busy. Theme tonight is "Christmas". Come along to hear and sing your favourite Christmas songs. Will be serving a plated ham salad meal with new potatoes at a good price. \$2 door charge as usual. Dinner from 6pm.

To reserve your table 021-438842, kathy@lilys.co.nz

Tsunami Live Concert Venue

Adele 021 161 9154 or adele@tmv.co.nz.

Alan Reid on NZ tour



Friday Jan 12th at Tsunami Sound concert lounge.

70 Kimberley Road (Speldhurst estate)

7.30 pm, \$15 cash door sales.

Please book with Adele.

Supper provided.

Alan Reid hails from Scotland and has toured the world bringing Scottish traditional music to audiences over five continents. He has played at many prestigious music festivals and venues. He has recorded 30 albums with his hard working and influential Celtic band - Battlefield Band. In 2016 they were inducted into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame as recognition of their services to the performance of traditional music. In 2009 he was nominated in the Composer of the Year category in the Scots Traditional Music Awards.

His reviews state that his performances are fresh, engaging and full of passion for the stories and people he sings about. A master story teller in songs with great detail and diverse topics. He sings like a dream with his warm gentle voice and plays several instruments with

panache. Sometimes melancholy, often mesmerising, always impressive.

Te Takere and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

Always lots on at Te Takere and Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. Check out their websites for details.

Saturday 2 December Jazz Jam at 2.00pm will be held at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. Great music and a chance to play or sing.

Bent Horseshoe Presents

Bookings Tel 06 329 8808 or email

steve@benthorseshoe.co.nz

Members Playing Up

Rainy Jack



Rainy Jack (Kevin, Patricia, Colin, Paul and Simon) played their first gig at Lily's Ranch House Levin. They would like to thank Peter and Kathy for hosting the concert and to the many Folk Club members who came along. We were very humbled by your support and hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did.

November Concert Night

(Photos courtesy of Kate Lang)





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.

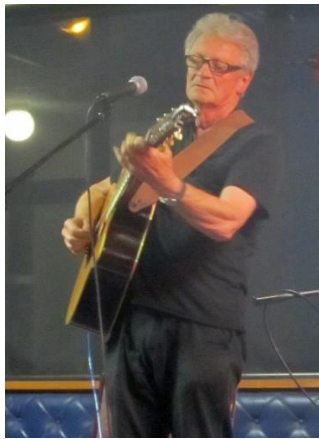
Acoustic Routes

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



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/) 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.

