

The Balladeer

Monthly newsletter of Acoustic Routes, Wellington's folk music club

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All

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1. Folk 4 Kaikoura



Wellington Region

Thursday 8 December, 7:30-11:00 pm
Plimmerton Boating Club,
66 Moana Road, Plimmerton
Hosted by Roy and Annie
Open mic night

Saturday 10 December, 6:30-10 pm
Newtown Community Hall,
Cnr Colombo and Rintoul Streets Newtown
Kim & Dusty
The Overdogs
The Hey Judes (Madill & Douglas)
Cotton Daisy Backstep
The Madillionaires
Frank Burkitt
(04) 389 4786

Sunday 11 December
Acoustic Routes Members Christmas Party
Koha for Kaikoura

Levin

Friday 9 December, 7:30-11 pm
Scottish Hall
Bartholomew Road, Levin
Christmas invitation concert and party

Saturday 10 December, 2:00-5:00 pm
Memorial Hall
Corner of Queen Street & Chamberlain Street, Levin
Vic Manual
Black Eyed Suzie
Nigel Parry
Kevin Watson, Simon Burgess & Gill Allen
Jim and Ronni Perkins
Host: Jo 021 205 9972

givealittle site folk4kaikoura, <http://www.folk4kaikoura.com/>

Bravo Jo Sheffield and friends for this initiative!

2. Acoustic Routes Christmas Party, Sue and Kim Rose's home, 329a Paekakariki Hill Road Pauahatanui, Sunday 11 December, 4 pm

Sue and Kim have once again offered to host this year's AR Christmas party at their gorgeous rural retreat nestled in a little valley about 3 km from the Pauahatanui shops. (It's about the same distance from Wellington as Plimmerton - see map below).



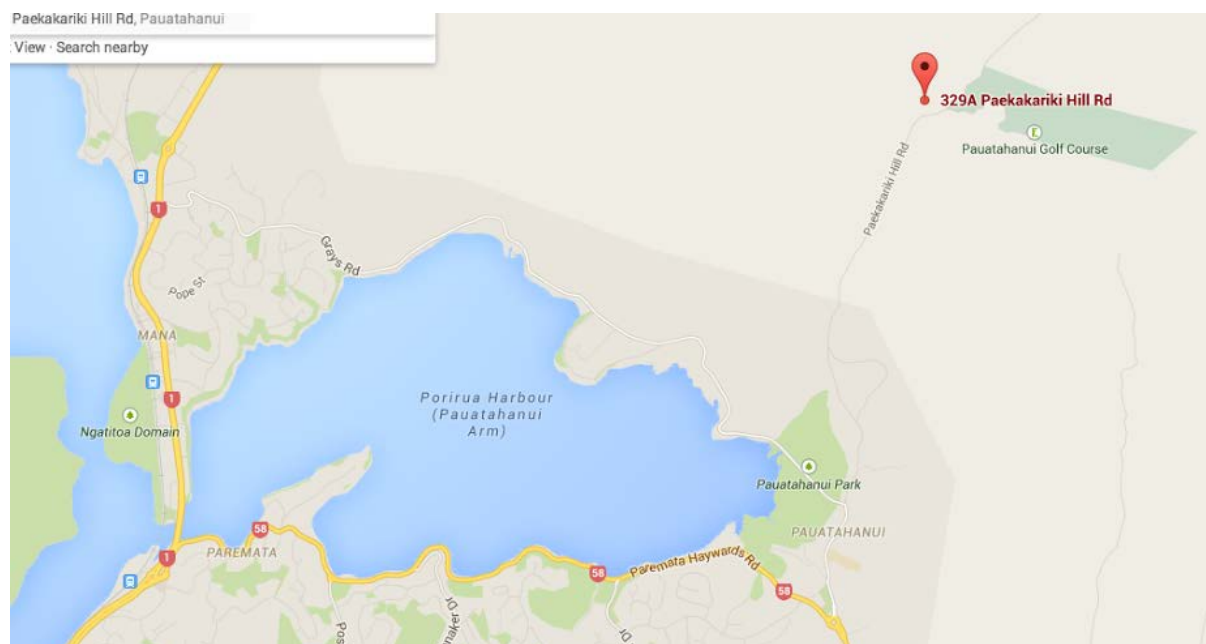
What To Bring

Please bring a plate of food, a bottle of what you like to drink, and a wrapped gift (no more than \$10) for the secret Santa. A koha for Kaikoura would be appreciated, and of course instruments and songs. Disposable plates, etc., will be provided but those of you who have picnic sets could bring them too, to help reduce the waste.

Instructions for Getting There

Sue and Kim's home is 3.29 kilometres from Pauatahanui village, heading north up the Paekakariki Hill Rd. At the end of a long straight you'll find the golf club on the right. Turn left into the drive just past that, cross the bridge and take the left hand fork to the house.

The nearest train stations are Paramata and Plimmerton if you are being picked up by a driver. Cell phone coverage is marginal but if you have any problems finding it, phone landline 2379029.



3. Pres sez

Hi Everyone

I hope all of you and your loved ones came through our Nov 14 ordeal unscathed! It took a long time for my knees to stop knocking and my thoughts are with those folk nearer the epicentre where aftershocks are a constant reminder. As you'll see in this issue we're lending our support by collecting a koha at the Christmas Party, and I encourage you all to attend the Concert in Newtown on Saturday 10 December – it'll be a great event for a good cause!

Well, we've had our last concert for the year, and what a night it was – terrific to see so many there, and welcome to our new members who joined on the night. And this is the last issue for the year, but there's no shortage of live music still to come. We're already getting geared up for our next events, including no fewer than three acts in February, so there's plenty to look forward to when you come home from Summer holidays and festivals.

Meanwhile, wherever you will be over the next weeks and months, may it be a time as smooth and melodic as the sound of Don Franks tinkling the ivories on his new CD!

Keep the music live!

Janette

4. Summer festivals coming up

Tui Farm Folk Festival, 30 Dec 2016 - 3 Jan 2017, near Tapawera

This is a gorgeous festival held on the 25 acre farm owned by Carol & Steve Rose 85kms south/west of Nelson. Tui Farm has two river boundaries and the swimming holes are easily accessible during the festival. There is even have a swimming hole for the doggies who are welcome as you agree to camp in one of the two designated doggie paddocks

Regular features include the Blind date groups (you might well ask!); Festival Choir; Liars Breakfast (bush poetry on acid); Jamming Round the Fires; Workshops; Children's Programme and loads more. www.tuifarmfolk.co.nz/

Whare Flat, 30 Dec 2014 - 3 Jan 2015, Waiora Valley

Run annually by Dunedin's New Edinburgh Folk Club since 1975, the Whare Flat Folk Festival has always featured four days of concerts, workshops, entertainment and relaxation in the superb Waiora Scout Camp in the Whare Flat valley just outside of Dunedin.

This year's guests include Maire Ni Chathasaigh & Chris Newman, Danny Spooner, Pipi Pickers, Donna Dean, Albi & the Wolves; Kim & Dusty, Café Operana, Matt Langley, Tine Pieces of Eight, Mornorey Family, Sweet Hurricane, Flora and Sean, Greg Waite & David Kidron, Jay the Juggler & Filipa Fairy, and Rainbow Rosalind. www.whareflat.org.nz/

Auckland Folk Festival, 27-30 Jan 2017, Kumeu Showgrounds

Always a glorious mix of open mics, performances, dancing, workshops and the (in)famous homebrew session.

The line-up this year includes Don McGlashin, Rachel Dawick, Kirsty Bromley, Fourwinds, Adam McGrath, The Stove, Great North, John Sanders, Wai Tai, Dave Khan, Dave Alley, the Frank Burkitt Band, Supersheep, Eyreton Hall, Renacer en Auckland, Ratna Venkat, and Black Joke Morris.

<http://aucklandfolkfestival.co.nz/>

5. Chris Newman & Máire Ní Chathasaigh house cushion concert, Hataitai, Wednesday 11 January, 6.30pm



Great news everyone – Chris (one of the UK's most staggering and influential acoustic guitarists) and Máire (the doyenne of Irish harpers) are coming back after 12 years – far too long!

They've played in venues ranging from the tiniest of village halls to palaces in Kyoto and Istanbul, London's Barbican, Sydney Town Hall and the Philharmonie in Cologne -

a breathtaking blend of traditional Irish music, hot jazz, bluegrass and baroque, spiced with striking new compositions ...

Here we get to see them in the intimate venue of someone's home, and you can be sure it will be a real treat for harp and guitar enthusiasts alike.

<http://www.maireandchris.com>

To book a place, contact Erica Dunwoodie Ph: 021 400 467,
email: e_dunwoodie@yahoo.co.nz
Entry \$20 – please bring your own cushion.

6. Annual Waitangi Day gathering, Anne and Roy's home, Monday 6 February, 4 pm

This annual treat takes place in the great party venue of Anne and Roy's home 21 Gordon Road, Plimmerton. All folkies and musos are welcome.

The party starts at 4 pm, and the barbecue will be going from 6 pm. Bring something for the barbie, salads etc., your drink of choice and of course instruments and voices to celebrate the day.

7. Concert dates to book for February 2017

We may be taking a break over summer, but we're getting right back into it in February with not one, not two, but three concerts featuring overseas guests for your delight and entertainment! Do put these dates in your calendars and we'll send out more details nearer the time. There'll also be at least one local opening act for each event.

8 February (Wednesday) – Winter Wilson. I saw this duo at the Derby festival last year with my friend Alison and my brother Paul and we all really enjoyed their gig. I felt sure you would too, so I'm delighted that the stars have aligned for them to come our way. We're 'cutting free' with this concert and hoping to hold it in Plimmerton, just for a change. <http://winterwilson.com/>

16 February (Thursday) – Rachel Dawick and Band. If you've seen Rachel before, you'll know she never disappoints, and she always has something different to offer. Now living overseas, she's coming back with a special preview of her forthcoming album "*A Penny Plain & Two Pence Coloured*" – she's bringing the whole band and it will be a great night. www.racheldawick.com/

23 February (Thursday) – Kirsty Bromley and Simon Dumpleton. Kirsty delighted audiences around New Zealand when she was last here and in February she returns with her musical partner whose "*beautiful piano and accordion playing will not disappoint your ears*". www.kirstybromley.com

8. Review, Bob McNeill and Gillian Boucher, 24 November



Photo, Donald Laing

There are times when I wish I had learned the fiddle, and Thursday night was one of them! There were three tunes I felt moved to rush home and learn – the two Tom Anderson ones played so beautifully by the Newtown Ceilidh band in the first half and the lovely dripping-with-romance *If ever you were mine* played superbly by Gillian and Bob in the main act.

Didn't sound quite so amazing on the whistle, but perhaps that says more about the player than the instrument.

It was a most enjoyable concert – the Newtown Ceilidh band performed with skill, grace and gusto, and were clearly very well-rehearsed for their first public performance. And Bob and Gill treated us to some rousing sets of tunes, beautiful airs and a good number of Bob's songs. It was nice to hear *Marnie Swanson of the Grey Coast* again, a tune by Andy Thorburn I learned when I lived in Scotland, and it seems each time I hear Bob's songs I pick up a bit more about them and where they've come from, which makes them all the richer.

Janette Munneke

9. Balladeer music noticeboard

Where you can advertise your music-related items—lessons, instruments, gigs, band members wanted, etc.

a) Monthly Blackboard Concert, Plimmerton Boating Club, Thursday 8 December, 7 pm

Hosted by the inimitable Roy McGuinness, this is a great night in a lovely venue with low cost drinks and food, and a sound system. Put this one on your calendar as a regular event. If you want to find out more, contact Roy on (021) 433-878.

b) Trad Singing Session, Upstairs at the Sprig and Fern, Thorndon, Monday 12 December, 6:30 pm

With Dave Barnes hosting, this session celebrates unaccompanied singing in traditional style. Fine beer and food to be had at the bar. Contact: Dave Barnes david.barnes@xtra.co.nz

c) Women's Voices Summer Camp, Waihoanga Lodge, Otaki, January 13-17, 2017.

Kia ora singing women

Carol and I would like to invite you to our Women's Voices Summer Camp 2017. We are expecting this to be a very relaxing and nurturing singing experience in the natural surrounds of Waihoanga Lodge, Otaki. All are welcome - no previous singing experience is needed. Spaces are limited and this year will be on a first in basis.



For full information please go to www.carolshortis.co.nz. (There is no registration form, just email with your special requirements and make your payment and you will be registered). Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries. We are looking forward to catching up with you while dipping our toes into nature and singing our hearts out.

Kind regards & warmth
Juli & Carol
04 904 0580, 027 813 6207

d) Want To Review For The Balladeer?

We have a handful of willing writers who regularly get shoulder tapped to review AR concerts and we are very grateful to them. The AR Committee is offering a free concert ticket to anyone who reviews a concert for the Balladeer. It is great to hear a range of voices and opinions, so if you are interested please contact Philippa balladeer@acousticroutes.org.nz

10. Are you ready to perform?



Are you interested in performing at Acoustic Routes events, including support acts for our monthly concerts? Contact us performers@acousticroutes.org.nz

11. About Acoustic Routes

Acoustic Routes (Wellington Folk Centre Incorporated) is a club for people who enjoy playing and listening to folk and acoustic styles of music.

The fourth Thursday of the month generally features a concert, usually with a visiting artist and support acts from amongst our membership. These concerts are at Roseneath School Hall, Maida Vale Road, Wellington.

Membership of Acoustic Routes costs \$25 a year for individuals, \$40 for couples or families, or \$15 for students and beneficiaries – **and as we're now into the second half of the financial year, all membership rates are now only half price to join from now until June 2018.** Membership entitles you to door-charge discounts at Acoustic Routes events, at events put on by most other folk clubs, and at Alistair's Music. Members get priority access to performance opportunities, and can have input into the club's activities. To join, email treasurer@acousticroutes.org.nz.

Acoustic Routes publishes this newsletter (The Balladeer) at the start of every month, and also an acoustic gig guide for the Wellington region (Acoustic Routes update). You can [subscribe online](#), or contact publicity@acousticroutes.org.nz

12. Acoustic Routes Contacts

President: Janette Munneke president@acousticroutes.org.nz

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Website: www.acousticroutes.org.nz

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Acoustic-Routes/89128457590/home

13. Other regular folk events/contacts in the region

Americana Jam Session

When: Upstairs room of The Third Eye – the Tuatara temple of Taste, 4th Sunday, from 4 to 6:30 pm. Join Richard Klein and friends and enjoy some of the Wellington region's finest players and singers of country, blues, Cajun, old-timey, boogie-woogie and all-around good-time American music, and it's an open session so you can join in.

Ceol Alba Scottish Music Club

When: 4th Friday of month, 7.30 - 9.30pm. A club for playing and/or listening to (mostly) traditional Scottish music. Sheet music supplied or downloadable.

Where: Lower Hutt.

Cost: \$5 per night

Contact: Lynne Scott, 04 565 0164 lynne@scott.gen.nz

Contradance with Chilli Jam

When: 4th Saturday of the month, 7:30 pm

Where: St Michael's Parish Hall, Kelburn

Cost: \$15 waged adult, \$10 unwaged adult or child and \$30 for a family.

Contact: kevinmcl12@gmail.com

Finn's Cafe Open Mic Nights

When: 4th Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm. This is a really popular night and a great way to meet other musicians. Hosted by Danilo.

Where: Finn's Cafe Bar, 2 Beach Rd, Paekakariki.

International Folkdancing

When: Every Wednesday from February to December, 7.30 to 9.15

Where: Tarrant Dance Studios, 125 Cuba St, Wellington

Contact: Cashy Yates (04) 569 1618 cashy@ihug.co.nz

Kapiti Live Music Club

When: 2nd Wednesday of the month, an acoustic social evening for listening and/or singing and playing, from 7:30.

Where: Paul and Kimbra's; 3 Jade Lane, Paraparaumu. Off the east end Mazengarb Road as it changes name and turns toward Kapiti Road.

Contact: enquiry@klmc.org.nz and <http://www.klmc.org.nz>

Kelburn Pub Live Music

When: Live music every Sunday 3-5 pm.

Sunday Roots on the first Sunday of each Month, 4-7pm. Hosted by Pip Payne and featuring a different guest artist each month. Details 'Sunday roots' on Facebook.

Contact: Pip Payne if you want to perform - 027 654 5419.

Levin Folk Club

When: 2nd Friday of month, 7.30 pm, blackboard concert plus guest artist.

Entry: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10, Children \$3 (includes supper)

4th Friday of month, 7.30 pm, acoustic night. \$2

Where: Horowhenua, Scottish Society and Pipe Band hall, cnr Bartholomew Rd and Middlesex St.

Contact: Barbara Lucas bmserendipity@gmail.com

Website: www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz

Mainly Acoustic Music Club

When: (Mostly) every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm

Where: Mayfair Cafe, 116 Main Street, Upper Hutt

Contact: Kevin & Sue Meehan (04) 970 4008

For enquiries or newsletter email harrier@paradise.net.nz

Morris dancing: Dave Barnes <http://www.morrisdancing.org.nz/>

Music and Poetry at the Metro

When: Second Sunday of the month, 3.00pm to 5pm
Where: Metropolitan Restaurant and Bar Lydney Place Porirua
Cost: free
Contact: Phil McConnell: musicandpoetryatthemetro@gmail.com
Phone (04) 237 9902 or 027 786 5542
www.facebook.com/music.metrobar

Pukerua Bay Folk Club

When: 1st Thursday of month, 8 pm
Where: 9 Donlin Rd, Pukerua Bay
Contact: Murray or Julie Kilpatrick, (04) 239 9951, julmur@paradise.net.nz

Wellington Bluegrass Society

When: 3rd Friday of month, 8.00 pm
Where: 54 Richmond Street, Petone
Contact: Andrew Bicknell, (04)477 0069, bluegrass@paradise.net.nz
[http:// wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/](http://wellingtonbluegrass.net.nz/)

Wellington Scottish Fiddle Club

When: Varies, but mostly monthly around the first Sunday
Where: Depends on who is hosting it this time! A club for learning tunes in the traditional "by ear" style, it welcomes fiddlers of all levels.
Cost: Mostly free
Contact: Iain Matcham, ph 04 568 8635 email iain@jumbletree.com