

# The Balladeer

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

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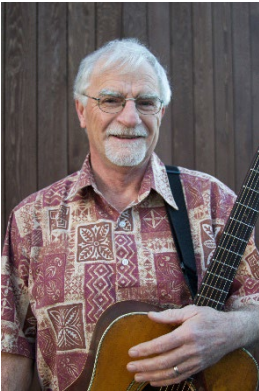


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<http://acousticroutes.org.nz/news/the-balladeer/>

## 1. AR monthly concert featuring Mike Harding and English As, Roseneath School Hall, 26 May, 7:30 pm



What better way to celebrate New Zealand folk music than with Mike Harding.

A musical storyteller at ease with his instrument, his audience and his mission to locate, archive, learn and perform the folk and popular songs of New Zealand's past and present, from our colonial and folk roots to the Kiwi music of today.

Mike will present a solo performance of songs of home with humour and affection, spontaneity, and wonderful musical skill. Celebrate with him New Zealand, our people, and our stories.

English As, aka Deb Harding and Mary Hubble, will share some of the folk songs they have enjoyed over the years with a certain Englishness about them. Deb had the good fortune to grow up in the North of England - quite a different country to the South - and always sang with her sister. Since emigrating to Aotearoa over 30 years ago she has found many 'sisters in song' to join her in a song or two and is delighted that Mary has taken up the challenge.

**Entry:** \$20/\$15 for members. Cash only (no eftpos facilities).

**Please note:** The Acoustic Routes Committee has agreed on the following approach under Orange Covid Level.

- Some audience members may not be fully vaccinated and/or may choose not to wear a mask, since these are no longer mandatory requirements.
- The Committee encourages audience members to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask for their own protection.
- Workers and volunteers at gatherings must wear face masks unless they are exempt.

## 2. Newtown Open Mic upstairs at The Office, Sundays 8 & 29 May, 5:15-8pm.



Newtown Acoustic Sound's "Open Mic" is back, upstairs at THE OFFICE Bar in Riddiford Street, Newtown, on Sundays 8 and 29 May 5.15-8pm. Hope to see familiar faces and hear wonderful music from you all

Contact: [kevin.ikin@supermail.co.nz](mailto:kevin.ikin@supermail.co.nz), or [newtownacousticsound@gmail.com](mailto:newtownacousticsound@gmail.com)

### 3. 🍀 **Open Mic, Plimmerton Boating Club, 10 Moana Road, Plimmerton, Wednesday 11 May, 7pm**

Open Mic at Plimmerton Boating Club kicks off again on the second Wednesday of May and again on the second Wednesday of June at 7pm. After that it's back to the second Thursday in the month.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Hope you've all improved cause you've had enough time! 😂😂😂.

Spread the word.

Same Ole MC.  
Roy McGuinness 021433878



### 4. **Balladeer music noticeboard**

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

#### a) **Up Close & Personal Plimmerton presents 'We Wayward Women' aka 'The Divas', 21 Gordon Road Plimmerton, Saturday 7 May, 7:30 pm**



Just imagine a musical fusion of Ab Fab, Miss Piggy and the Topp Twins and you've got a pretty accurate idea of what these two are all about. Music ranging from folk, country, blues and self-penned these ladies can deliver. "We take our music very seriously, but we love to have fun too"

Both are famed for their beautiful voices and between them play several instruments. Sometimes separately and sometimes together they've worked with Van Morrison, Richard Thompson, John Martyn, Fairport

Convention, Joan Armatrading, Ralph Mctell - the list is endless, and they are too modest (old) to remember them all. They've toured the world, played major festivals and events (did ya spot Gilly at Live Aid?) and armed with nothing but their voices, charm and prosecco they thrill audiences everywhere. Both born in the UK but now happily living in New Zealand.

Arrive from 6:0pm to mix and chat, bring a small plate to share for supper and your choice of drinks. Covid rules apply so please do come along if you are vaccinated and well.

\$15:00 a ticket Call or txt Annie on 0274599376 to book.

#### b) **Interested in Participating in a Documentary about Acoustic Routes?**

Stephen Riddell has decided to make a documentary about the history of Acoustic Routes and the Wellington Folk Scene so he is looking for people to help tell this story. In particular, he is looking for people who were around the club in the early days who would be keen to be interviewed about their experiences.

He is also looking for photos and video clips from the club's history, so if you have these rifling about then please let him know.

Contact: [stephen@riddellproductions.com](mailto:stephen@riddellproductions.com)

## 5. Want to perform?

The AR Committee would like to hear from you if you are interested in performing at our events, including support acts for our monthly concerts. Contact us at [performers@acousticroutes.org.nz](mailto:performers@acousticroutes.org.nz).



## 6. About AcousticRoutes

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. Check the website or the Balladeer for updates about the venue.

Members get priority access to performance opportunities and can have input into the club's activities. To join, email [treasurer@acousticroutes.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto:publicity@acousticroutes.org.nz).

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## 8. Other regular folk events/contacts in the region – please check websites or email for updates

*Trad Singing Session with Dave Barnes hosting*

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, from about 6.45pm

Where: Upstairs at the Sprig and Fern, Thorndon. 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](mailto:david.barnes@xtra.co.nz)

### *Ceol Alba Scottish Music Club*

When: 4th Friday of the 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](mailto:lynne@scott.gen.nz)

### *Levin Folk Music Club*

When: 2nd Friday of month, 7.30 pm, blackboard concert plus guest artist.  
Entry: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10, Children \$3 (includes supper)  
Club Night: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of month, 7.30 pm \$2 Koha.  
Where: Horowhenua Scottish Society Hall, cnr Bartholomew Rd and Middlesex St.  
Website: [www.levin-folk-music-club.org.nz](http://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: Mary Khalil 021 02314505 [mary.khalil@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mary.khalil@xtra.co.nz)  
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Website: <http://mainlyacoustic.co.nz/coming-attractions/>

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

### *Pukerua Bay Folk Club*

When: 1st Thursday of the month, 8pm (no club night in January)  
Where: 9 Donlin Rd, Pukerua Bay  
Contact: Murray or Julie Kilpatrick, (04) 239 9951, [musicianmurray@gmail.com](mailto:musicianmurray@gmail.com)

### *Wellington Bluegrass Society*

When: 3rd Friday of the month, 8pm  
Where: 54 Richmond Street, Petone  
Contact: Andrew Bicknell, (04) 477 0069, [bluegrass@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bluegrass@xtra.co.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 04 568 8635, email [iain@jumbletree.com](mailto:iain@jumbletree.com)