

## December events

### Thursday 4 December

Pukerua Bay Folk Club  
Blues @ The Bristol

### Sunday 7 December

Singaround, Toi Poneke

### Thursday 11 December

Blues @ The Bristol

### Friday 12 December

Club night, Toi Poneke  
Wairarapa Folk Club  
Levin Folk Club  
Ceol Alba

### Tuesday 16 December

Kapiti Live Music Club

### Thursday 18 December

Blues @ The Bristol

### Friday 19 December

Bluegrass Society Concert

## January events

### Thursday 8 January

Blues @ The Bristol (might be closed in January)

### Friday 9 January

Club night, Toi Poneke  
Wairarapa Folk Club  
Ceol Alba

### Thursday 15 January

Blues @ The Bristol

### Friday 16 January

Mojo Acoustic, Mojo, Willis Street

### Sunday 18 January

Singaround, Toi Poneke

### Friday 19 January

Bluegrass Society Concert

### Thursday 22 January

Blues @ The Bristol

### Thursday 29 January

As it's the silly season it may be a good idea to contact the relevant club organisers if you have any doubt about a date or venue for any of the events advertised above.

## Mojo Acoustic

One thing that is certain is a new event to be held twice a month - first and third Fridays - at Mojo on Willis Street in Wellington - starting in January.

Be there for the inaugural night on 16 January 2009. Contact Ruth Birnie on ruth.birnie@xtra.co.nz or phone 565 3432.

## Folk Clubs & Contacts

### Acoustic Routes

Concert 4th Sunday of month (not December), Toi Poneke, Abel Smith Street, 8pm. Informal sing-around 2nd Sunday, Jam session 3rd Sunday, and Blackboard concert 5th Sunday, same time & place. Also new blackboard concert/session on 1st Friday. See p 2 for contacts.

### The Singers' Club

Contact: Tony Hillyard (021) 816 372 email: info@tonyhillyard.com

### Mainly Acoustic Music Club

2nd Tuesday of month, 7.30, Mayfair Cafe, 166 Main Street, Upper Hutt. Contact: Kevin or Sue Meehan, 970 4068  
No sessions in Dec or Jan - starting again Tues 10 Feb 2009

### Pukerua Bay Folk Club

1st Thursday of the month, 8pm, 9 Donlin Rd, Pukerua Bay. Contact: Murray or Julie Kilpatrick, 239 9951; email: julmur@paradise.net.nz

### Wellington Bluegrass Society

3rd Friday of month, 8.30 pm, Petone Function Room, 54 Richmond Street, Petone. Blackboard concert 1st Friday of month. Contact: Andrew Bicknell, 477 0069

### Kapiti Live Music Club

3rd Tuesday of month, blackboard 7.30, guest 8.30. Murphy's Law, Main Road, Waikanae. Website www.klmc.org.nz

### Levin Folk Club

2nd Friday of month, Horowhenua Scottish Society and Pipe Band hall, corner Bartholomew Rd and Middlesex Street. Blackboard concert plus guest artist: \$5 including supper. Workshop 4th Friday of month (no charge). Contact: Anne Campbell (06) 368-3777

### Wairarapa Folk Club

2nd Friday of the month; Contact Remco de Ket or Jenny Freemantle, (06) 370 1021 - wairarapafolkclub@paradise.net.nz

### Ceol Alba - Scottish Music Club

2nd and 4th Friday s of the month.  
Phone Lynne Scott, 565 0164: lynne@scott.gen.nz

### International Folk Dancing

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm, Deirdre Tarrant Dance Studio, 125 Cuba Mall. Contact: Cashy Yates 569 1618.

### Morris Dancing

*Pride of Holland Street (men and women):* In recess.  
*Britannic Bedlam Morris Gentlemen:* Wednesdays 8pm, Tawa Pipe Band Hall, by Redwood Station. Contact: Ian Appleton 476-4391.  
*White Rose of Wellington (women):* Wednesdays 8pm, Brooklyn Scout Hall, Harrison St, Brooklyn. Contact: Debs Potter, 476-9294  
Morris website: <http://morrisdancing.org.nz>

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# The Balladeer

Monthly Newsletter of  
ACOUSTIC ROUTES

December 2008

## Christmas Party And Special General Meeting



Bring a plate and a bottle, and all the instruments you can carry, or at least the ones you mean to play!

On the programme this year we will have Christmas Carols, and a General Jam Session.

Create an item specially for the life and times of our folk club!

- Special category - "Our Leader (+/or beloved) is Over the Seas" The one off 'GOLD PLECTRUM AWARD' for the Best Performance -

Bring a wrapped present for Santa's sack to the value of \$5 - marked if only suitable for adults/males/females etc.

(If you are able to stay to give us a hand cleaning up at the end, it would be much appreciated.)

Gold coin entry.

**Special General Meeting** regarding change to constitution after advice from the Charities Commission. Meeting will begin promptly at 7.30 and will address only this issue - see page 3 for details.



**FRIDAY 12 December 7.30PM**

**TOI PONEKE, 67 ABEL SMITH ST**

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

## Acoustic Routes

PO Box 27-191 Marion Square  
Wellington, New Zealand.  
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president@acousticroutes.org.nz

**Acoustic Routes** (Wellington Folk Centre) is a club for people who enjoy performing and listening to music with the emphasis on folk and acoustic styles.

**Monthly Concerts** are held at Toi Poneke (Wellington Arts Centre, Abel Smith Street), on the fourth Sunday of each month at 8pm. These feature an invited guest performer, with a variety of supporting acts to open the show. Door charges are \$8 for members, \$12 for non-members, and school-aged kids free. Free tea and coffee.

**Singarounds** are held at Toi Poneke on the first Sunday of the month. These are more informal sessions where anyone can perform or lead a song. Door charge \$5/\$7.

**Jam Nights** happen at Toi Poneke on the third Sunday of the month. Door charge \$5/\$7. The emphasis is on making music together as a group - joining in and having the opportunity to lead or add your own flavour to the mix.

**Friday Session** Second Friday of the month. Blackboard first half and jam session to follow.

### Club Committee 2008-9

**President:** Mary Livingston  
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## The Balladeer

This newsletter is produced once a month for Acoustic Routes members and other subscribers.

Contributions are welcome and should be emailed to Nik by the 15th of the month preceding the month of issue. Publication is the last weekend of the month. Relevant publicity leaflets may be inserted with mail-outs, at the discretion of the committee.

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## President's note from a small island

Yes I am over here in little Britain trying to get excited about roast chestnuts and Guy Fawkes while a brisk November wind whistles up me fundamentals! A bit reminiscent of folk fest over Labour weekend in Wainouiomata! Wasn't it brilliant though? A noticeable drop in numbers (or maybe people were just giving me and the teenagers a wide berth) but hey...at least it was fine for tent erection and whatever the opposite of erection is..tent drooping? I had wondered how Tim V.E. would go without the carthy-watsonson backing band as I chugged up the hill in my over-laden rag top fiat...but he was so good, and his heart-stopping poignancy brought multiple upwellings to my eyes! Larfed my sox off at Jugularity especially Waltzing MacTilda, followed by passion-filled dreams about Ramon from Argentina (such gorgeous men shouldn't be allowed...). Forbidden Joe were simply superb-I loved the smokey, jazz styled sea shanty!!! And Pat Higgins played some absolutely gorgeous songs. Yes I suppose the weekend was a tad muddy, but then again, that's good for the complexion....dunno what happened to the sunset ceremony...maybe a water-earth sign based ceremony would be more appropriate!! By the way...the power of positive thinking WORKED!!!! The great Leonard Cohen IS coming to NZ and Australia after all, in January 2009!! Those of you who read my review 3 Balladeers ago will know how highly I rated his



concert in Toronto earlier this year...concerts kick off in Wellington 20<sup>th</sup> Jan and Auckland 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. Got my tickets already...he really is a slick act with a surprisingly funny and witty repartee....quite different from the views held about him 40 years ago... don't hesitate...GO! So I have abandoned the committee for 3 weeks while I swan around over here-I do get a week in Valencia too. And I should be back in time to catch the Hulett-Rovics club concert YESSS. Have kept this short so Gerard can get in a few REAL happenings instead of my prattle...just want to wish everyone a Good Christmas break...so if I don't catch you at the Xmas party on the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. or on the music circuit this summer, happy hols everyone. The Balladeer resumes in Feb....chow for now...Mary.

Mary Livingston

### 5th Sunday Blackboard concert in November

Please note there is no 4th Sunday club concert in December as it will be Christmas.

However there is a **bonus Sunday club night in November** and on the 30th of November we will be having a Blackboard Concert.

Usual venue, time and rules.  
See you there!

## Wellington Bluegrass Society Pukerua Bay Folk Club

8pm, Thurs 2 December

Murray and Julie Kilpatrick's home  
9 Donlin Rd, Pukerua Bay  
Ph 239 995  
Email: Julmur@paradise.net.nz

Christmas Party this month - once around the circle then general merriment to follow. Bring a plate and your favourite tipple.

The WBS will be meeting both December & January as we run year round - however dates are yet to be finalised for both of these months.

Contact Andrew Bicknell for more information (see back page for contact details).

### Neal Hellman workshop

21 December 2008 1 pm to 4 pm

Toi Poneke (Wellington Arts centre), Abel Smith Street, Wellington. The venue is the same building in which Acoustic Routes has its meetings, but entry is through the front door. Tickets \$20.

Neal Hellman, nationally acclaimed performer and teacher of the mountain dulcimer, has been active in performing, writing, teaching, and recording acoustic music for the past 25 years throughout the United States, Europe and New Zealand.

- Any dulcimer player will get heaps out of this very rare offering. - Get a note back to Remco to "register" with the \$20, or e-mail dutchman@paradise.net.nz .

- Tea coffee and bikkies will be provided by the organisers mid-afternoon.

- Bring your dulcimers!!!

- Neals' workshop will run from 1 p.m. to about 3.30, but we have the premises till 5 pm so there'll be time for extra learning, jamming and general hilarity after the workshop.

- Neal will probably have T-shirts, CDs and maybe other merchandise for sale, so some folding ones or a chequebook might be handy.

- All welcome, complete rank beginners through to virtuosi. Neal will undoubtedly "perform" quite a bit, as well as teach.

Neal's previous workshop was a huge success so we recommend you book get your tickets early by sending your cheque to; Remco de Ket, 251 Falloon Settlement Road, R D 8, Masterton 5888.

Brought to you by Two Dutch Boys & NZDulcimer List.

## Folkin` Good Times

Is a series of gigs being organised by Jimmy Stearn: a singer/songwriters collective, with the aim of gettin' as many gigs for performers in Wellington, and maybe in other cities too, if we get our act together. We're quite keen on giving people who don't get to gig often a shot at it, and also to set them up on the same nights as

slightly better known artists, so that they can get exposure. Things are moving along nicely now, the performer list is growing and its picking up momentum ... if you go to [www.myspace.com/folkingoodtimes](http://www.myspace.com/folkingoodtimes) the gig listings are on there.

23 Jan 2009 Auckland Folk Festival,  
Auckland

### www streamed radio every Friday

I arrived in NZ Feb this year, have not broadcast before but as President of Christchurch Folk Music Club I am keen to do all I can to promote Acoustic Music in all its forms.

If you write to my [info@chris-lee.co.uk](mailto:info@chris-lee.co.uk) I will give my personal address to anyone wanting to send in material to possibly be included on the

show. No promises other than I will give it a play which is more than many get to give in radio. I am keen to find out who is out there both for radio and booking at our club too.

I can also help promote festivals etc from this show.

Look forward to hearing from you,  
Chris Lee

# ON THE AIR

### Access Radio (783 AM)

Celtic Connections: Saturdays 9am  
Ireland Calling: Wednesdays 10pm  
Capital Irish: Sundays 12 mid-day  
Town & Country Radio: Mondays 9 pm  
**Radio Active (89 FM)**  
Global Pulse: Sundays 8 - 11am

Americana: Sundays 2 - 4pm  
**RadioNZ National (567 AM / 101.3 FM)**

Music 101: Saturdays 2pm  
Beale Street Caravan (Blues): Mondays 11pm

## Coming up in January

### Jez Lowe and Kate Bramley

**Their only concert in the region!**

**28 January 2009**

The Lounge, High Street, Carterton.

Jez and Kate are a duo from the UK who are the headline guests at the Auckland Folk Festival and are touring New Zealand following the festival. This is a concert not to be missed. If you are coming from out of the area for this concert, you would be advised to arrive early to ensure you get in (have a meal at The Lounge while you wait) as we cannot take pre bookings.

Jez and Kate are part of the group, Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies. Both are song writers. Jez writes songs predominantly about his native North of England and is well known internationally as a superb songwriter and performer. Kate also performs with the US group Sweetgrass and is a theatre writer and director, run-

ning her own Bad Apple theatre.

There is more information about Jez and Kate at the Jez Lowe web site.

<http://www.jezlowe.com/index2.html>

Brought to you by the Wairarapa Folk Club. Contact Jenny or Remco, 06 370 1021 [wairarapafolkclub@paradise.net.nz](mailto:wairarapafolkclub@paradise.net.nz)



*Kate (right) and Jez (second from left) with the other Bad Pennies*  
Photos by Alan Bennington

### Wairarapa Folk Club

Club Night (every 2nd Friday)

8pm Friday 12 December - **will also include a barbeque**

Entry: Koha

Venue: 251 Falloon Settlement Road, Masterton. Follow Upper Plain Road to the end and take the right hand fork into Falloon Settlement Road. 251 is 2.5km from the fork, on the left. Look for the Folk Club sign.

Contact Jenny or Remco, 06 370 1021

[wairarapafolkclub@paradise.net.nz](mailto:wairarapafolkclub@paradise.net.nz)

Also meets at The Lounge, Wine and Tappas Bar, Carterton every 4th Wednesday - not December. Also Friday 9 January - informal sing-around/barbecue.

## Kapiti Live Music Club

### Christmas Party presents

#### Blind Date 2008!!!

Dec 7th Mid-day till evening

Murphy's Law Waikanae

[enquiry@klmc.org.nz](mailto:enquiry@klmc.org.nz), [www.klmc.org.nz](http://www.klmc.org.nz)

**Blind Date 2008** is an informal relaxed opportunity to meet some of the club members you may or may not know, get to know each other, jam and pull a casual set of entertainment to be part of the celebration of another great year for the club. In past years we have had 40 plus performers drawn into groups of approximately 4-6 performers of all calibres (beginners to professionals, young and older).

## Festivals north and south

**The Whare Flat Festival 08/09** will be held near Dunedin from 30 Dec to 3 January.

Website: [www.whareflat.co.nz](http://www.whareflat.co.nz)

**The Auckland Festival 2009** will be held at Kumeu Showgrounds, Auckland on 23-26 Jan 2009

Overseas guests include Jez Lowe and Kate Bramley from North-East England, Sandy Brechin and Ronan Martin from Scotland and Sonia from USA.

Website:

[www.aucklandfolkfestival.co.nz](http://www.aucklandfolkfestival.co.nz)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT TOI PONEKE, 67 ABEL SMITH STREET, WELLINGTON, 7.30PM 12 DECEMBER 2008

Please note the proposed amendments to the Constitution outlined in the notice below will be presented for acceptance by vote by the membership at the meeting:

### The Wellington Folk Centre Incorporated

#### NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSITUTION as required by the Charities Commission as a pre-condition to our registration as a Charitable Entity.

The Commission (20 October 2008) states: "...Your rules do not contain a clause prohibiting the payment of any money, advantage or benefit for private pecuniary profit, and your winding up clause is not sufficient to meet our requirements".

**INSERT NEW CLAUSE 12** (with all later clauses re-numbered appropriately) as follows:

#### 12 NO PRIVATE PECUNIARY PROFIT

- a Any income, benefit, or advantage derived by the Society must be used to advance the charitable purposes of the Society.
- b No member of the Society, or anyone associated with a member, is allowed to take part in or influence any decision made by the Society in respect of payments to or on behalf of the member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage.
- c Any payments made to a member of the Society, or person associated with a member, must be for goods or services that advance the charitable purposes of the Society and must be reasonable and relative to payments that would be made between unrelated parties in an arm's length trading situation.
- d This Clause shall be considered paramount for the status of the Society as a registered Charitable Entity and shall not be removed from the Constitution of the Society unless the Society resolves to cease being a registered Charitable Entity.

**DELETE EXISTING CLAUSE 12 ("Winding up") and REPLACE WITH NEW CLAUSE 13** (with all later clauses re-numbered appropriately) as follows:

#### 13 WINDING UP

- a If a Special General Meeting, called for that purpose, resolves to wind up the Society and terminate the existence of the Society, the Committee shall be empowered to dispose of the Society's remaining assets (after settlement of all of the Society's debts and liabilities) at the direction of such Special General Meeting PROVIDED that any such remaining assets shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society but must be given or transferred to another organization that is charitable under New Zealand law and has purposes or aims and objectives similar to those of the Society.
- b This Clause shall be considered paramount for the status of the Society as a registered Charitable Entity and shall not be removed from the Constitution of the Society unless the Society resolves to cease being a registered Charitable Entity.

## Levin Folk Club ...



**... hosts Legal Tender  
on Friday 12  
December**

Legal Tender is based around the Kapiti Coast duo of Ian Campbell (guitar, vocals) and Moira Howard (bass, vocals). The genre is folk/country/rock. They are seen in concert at major festivals and events throughout the country with line-ups to suit the venue.

Lately they have been performing with Carylann Martin (piano-accordion, keyboards, vocals) and well known fiddle player Colleen Trenwith (Hamilton County Bluegrass band) and it is with this line-up that they will be performing at the Levin Folk Club on December 12.

Further info and sound clips can be obtained from [www.muddybootsrecords.com](http://www.muddybootsrecords.com)

There is no club meeting in January, but do come

along to the BBQ and concert for Andrew White at Cavan Haine's home in Otaki on 10 January. Contact details: PH 06-3648991 or [chaines@pocd.co.nz](mailto:chaines@pocd.co.nz)

**Venue: Horowhenua Scottish Society Hall,  
Bartholomew Road, Levin.  
7:30pm \$5/supper provided  
Open blackboard first half  
Contact: Anne Campbell  
([annemc@ihug.co.nz](mailto:annemc@ihug.co.nz))**



### Acoustic Routes' regular events

All held in the Back Room, Toi Poneke, 67 Abel Smith Street, 8pm, admission \$7 / \$5

### Singaround - Sunday 7 December (*changed to first Sunday of the month*)

Everyone who wants to gets a turn (or two) to perform in a supportive atmosphere.

### Christmas Party and SGM - Friday 12 December

**Jam Session - Sunday 21 December - Not held this month.**

## CEOL ALBA

**2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Fridays, Chilton St James, Lower Hutt 7:30pm - 9:30ish, \$3  
Ph. Lynne Scott, 565 0164; [lynne@scott.gen.nz](mailto:lynne@scott.gen.nz)**

Ceol Alba is a club for Scottish music enthusiasts to get together to share and play Scottish music. Any instrument is welcome, except perhaps bagpipes, as they use a different scale and tuning. Although the main gates are on Waterloo Road, the back gate in Chilton Grove is the best.

## The Laftah Festival (Life after Tahora)

**27 December-2 January 2008  
Bridge Lodge, Otaki**

Sorry, no pets and  
absolutely NO dope

Hop onto [www.bridgelodge.co.nz](http://www.bridgelodge.co.nz) and have a look around. This is a fantastic all-weather venue for a music festival and a great holiday spot. Wonderful facilities with a staged concert hall, jamming snugs, cooking facilities, fire pit, Confidence course and our own swimming hole in the Otaki River.

Great selection of campsites, from right amongst it to totally secluded. Don't do camping? Really comfortable and private rooms available. Even some double beds! Book early, Exciting programme planned for the week, culminating in a Hootenanny New Year's Eve. Surround yourself with fun times, laughter, and great company.

Adult's Rates:	Camping	\$100 for 6 nights	\$20 per night
	Rooms	\$166 for 6 nights	\$30 per night
	Day pass	\$10	
	New Years Eve Feast only		\$30

Under 5's:	Free	5-12 years:	Camping	\$75 for 6 nights	\$12 per night
	Rooms	\$75 for 6 nights		\$12 per night	

TO REGISTER Please contact: **Anne McGregor [annemcgregor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:annemcgregor@xtra.co.nz) (04) 233 8567**

### Lembas alive and kicking

Tucked away in Raumati South is one of the hardest-working performance cafes in the region. Headed by local mosaic artist and big-hearted community gal Gail Lewis Lembas hosts around 15 performance events a month, including art exhibitions, poetry events, jam nights and a top shelf-live music selection. Acoustic Lounge happens every month and presents fine singer/songwriters and ambient performers in a relaxed vibe. The three-act gig from

4-6pm is a well-loved community event and koha is appreciated.

In December it is on Sunday 21 Dec and features the Short Blacks celtic duo – Roy McGuinness on vocals and Julian Ward on guitar. Come one, come all!

To get the monthly Lembas e-notice contact at Gail at [Lembas.co.nz](http://Lembas.co.nz). Keep an eye out for Women in Jazz, Wayne Mason, Too Funky, The Cattlestops and the Blackseeds Summer Sessions all coming up soon. Karen Clarke

### The Bent Horseshoe Cafe Sunday sessions

Musicians looking for another chance to strum those strings might like to check out the Bent Horseshoe Cafe at Horseshoe Bend Tokomaru, 10 minutes from Palmerston North. Co-owner Steve says, "A few weeks ago we started Sunday afternoon sessions, whereby at about 4pm a few musicians turn up and have a bit of a play and a sing. Anyone is welcome to come along either to just listen or to participate. Any style of music is ok but it does seem to be mostly Folk at the moment. Free coffee for all participants." Steve also says they are looking at becoming an alternative venue, having held some Sunday afternoon concerts over Summer, mostly country/folk.

### Otaki Live Music Club

Sunday 5 December, 7pm  
Senior Citizens Hall, Rangatira Street, Otaki  
\$2 and supper

**All-genre Blackboard  
concert**

Contact: Cavan Haines  
06 3648991  
[chaines@pocd.co.nz](mailto:chaines@pocd.co.nz)



### Palmerston North Folk Club

Every Friday night, 8pm  
310 Church Street, near the Square  
Different events every week, always a friendly jam after 10pm; small door charge. All welcome.

Contact: Bruce Thomson, Palmerston North 06 357 7773, or (weeknights) Wellington 04 232 9974; [bruce.thomson@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:bruce.thomson@slingshot.co.nz) 021 176 9711