



PALMERSTON NORTH FOLK MUSIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

November 2019 – March 2020

President's Message

Craig's Summer Prelude

The flowers of spring and chirping birds herald the romp towards summer.

We've had a fun winter – early spring programme of folk songs and tunes.

Encouraging attendances have played our way through a wide variety of themes:

- From *Socialising Pirates and Buccaneers* under a *Full Moon*
- Through *Spring has Sprung Outer Space*, where *Love and Loss* from *Strange Happenings* were *Instrumental* in *Memorialising Peter Cape*
- To *Clothing* our Folk Music Club with *Humorous Songs!*

A big thank you to members who have looked after the door, provided sumptuous suppers, hosted evenings, and especially for running workshops or practice sessions. We all really appreciate these efforts. Well done.

Unusually, no guest concerts over the past 3 months or so. But we made up for that by having our own 2 hour concert programme at Café Royale in Square Edge. The Café staff and audience were very appreciative of our performances. A wide eclectic range of folk music (tunes and songs) was on 'public' display.

Thanks for your music, which made the evening such a success. We plan to do it again next year.

Two positives for the Club were:

1) We purchased a new, smaller sound system (2 ALTO powered speakers and a 14-channel mixer box). We'll give it a sound trial at the 1st November Whiteboard Concert.

Note: The Committee is looking for ways to dispose of the four large speakers and the amp from the old sound system. They were purchased in 200. A donation to the club for them would be acceptable. If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be, please direct all enquiries to David Newman: 4dnewman@xtra.co.nz.

2) We finally produced 100 copies of the Club's CD – 11 tunes /songs from 16 musicians. We are indebted to Brendon Deere (Marton), who recorded all of the songs and tunes in his home-built studio. We are hoping that Brendon will soon be able to attend one of our nights when we can show our appreciation of his voluntary expertise and skill in producing professional recordings. Also, many thanks to Rosemary and Lesley van Essen for their efforts on the graphics and assembling the CDs. The CDs were reproduced by KURB Promotions, Auckland.

If you're a Club Member and want a CD, ask Craig, David, or Lesley and we'll make sure you get one.

Coming-up is our annual PN Folk Music Weekend Retreat at Canp Rangī Woods (up the Pohangina Valley) on Friday 15 – Sunday 17 November. DON'T MISS IT! It's always a fun weekend of folk music jams, a Saturday evening 'blind draw your partner' concert, workshops, jam sessions, and general socialising. You can always go for a stroll along the Pohangina River or through the surrounding native forest, if you seek some other exercise!

Look forward to the warmth of Summer and to playing your Folk Music into 2020.

Sumer is icumen in, Lhude sing cuccu! Groweth sed, and bloweth med, And springeth the wude nu. Cuckoo Song c.1250 [Translation: Summer has arrived, loudly sing cuckoo! The seed is growing, and the meadow is blooming, and the wood is coming into leaf now.]

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Subscriptions for the year – single: \$20; family: \$30.

Subscriptions for half year (July to December) – single: \$10; family \$15

Pay to David on club nights or Direct bank transfer, please ensure your name is in the details:

Bank Account No.: 02-0719-0137825-00  
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## CONCERTS COMING UP

– make a note in your calendars – these are high quality performers!!!  
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8th November – Pat Higgins



Pat Higgins is an Irish musician living in Wellington, New Zealand. A Galway man who moved to New Zealand last century, he plays Irish traditional music on whistle and more recently wooden flute, also with a steel string guitar. Pat has guested at music festivals, in New Zealand, Ireland and Australia. He is a co-founder of Ceol Aneas, and has previously taught whistle at that event. Pat is sought after as an Irish traditional music teacher, and has given workshops on whistle at several music festivals. He currently runs regular classes in Wellington on the tin whistle as well as leading a weekly music session. He once sang solo live on Sky TV, has performed on stage with the Chieftains and is delighted to be able to give something back to the music tradition and

honour the people he has learnt from.

Concerts for 2020

21st February – Joel Fafard



Joel is a Canadian finger-style and slide guitarist from Saskatchewan. Award-winning guitarist Joel performs Southern roots and blues classics with the soul of a purist and the showmanship of a seasoned entertainer. As he closes in on 20 years as a professional musician, Joel has traveled down several distinct paths: folk singer-songwriter, roots rocker, acoustic instrumentalist and now interpreter of Southern roots and blues. He is one of Canada's most tasteful acoustic guitarists and one of the funniest and most personable entertainers on the circuit today. He is also an artist so brimming with authenticity that he's not afraid to play exactly the style of music that feels most real to him in the moment.

27th March – Jordan Brodie



Award winning Fingerstyle guitarist and composer Jordan Brodie, is regarded as "one of the best young guitar players in Australia". With his fine sense of showmanship and technical virtuosity, Jordan is well on his way to a flourishing solo career.

Based in Cairns, Jordan, a graduate of the Queensland Conservatorium of Music released his new album "In Good Company" in March 2018 through MGM distribution. The album explores elements of folk, jazz, and classical music and draws on old and new inspirations such as Emil Ernebro, Julian Lage, Ralph Towner and Tommy Emmanuel.

He is known to dazzle audiences with his fingerstyle technique.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome Thomas back to the club – he was extremely well received the last time he visited us. Don't miss him this time through!



June/July (date to be confirmed) – Thomas Lofke

Islands in the North Atlantic, like Tory Island - the Irish island of legend and myth, the Hebridean Island of Staffa or the wild archipelago of the Faroe Islands situated between the Shetlands and Iceland - these are the places where harpist and photographer Thomas Lofke spends a considerable amount of time every year to compose music. Dramatic coastal landscapes, the wide open space of the Atlantic ocean and the ever changing sky reflect in the pieces of music written there.

The tunes are accompanied by photographs Thomas took during his travels to the islands and in his solo programme these "Northern Isles pictures" are part of the show.

Our popular **PN Folk Club Weekend Retreat** at Camp Rangī Woods is coming up, **November 15-17th** – this is open to all club members.

We have a Guitar workshop, Ukulele workshop and a Learn a Tune by Ear workshop scheduled amongst lots of time for Jam sessions. One of the highlights of the weekend is the Blind Date Concert – always a fun and interesting time.

Arrive anytime after 5.30pm on Friday 15th November.

Registrations are now open – contact Cathy at grandmacathybarker@gmail.com

Fees:

- Full weekend (Fri – Sun) \$50 (includes lunches, BBQ)
- Saturday-Sunday \$40 (includes lunches, BBQ)
- Day pass (until 6pm) \$10 (includes lunch, morning/afternoon tea)
- Evening (from 6pm) \$5 (includes supper)
- Overnight accommodation \$5 (bunk beds)
- Saturday night BBQ \$10

Pay by CASH when you arrive, exact monies please – pay to David

When you register you will be sent an information sheet that tells you what to bring and includes the programme



Things of note in the Events Calendar:

On November 29th we have **Roy** giving us another inspiring Ukulele Workshop, more tips in getting a great sound from your uke.

On December 13th **Nigel** is teaching another Celtic Tune by Ear, learning by ear is a great skill to have.



EVENTS CALENDAR

November 2019 - March 2020

Unless otherwise stated our door charge is: \$3 members; \$5 non-members;
School aged children & 'First-timers' FREE

VENUE: The Theosophical Hall, 304 Church St (between Linton and Pitt St)

Complimentary supper around 9pm.

See us online at: <http://pnfolkclub.weebly.com/>

NOV Fri 1st	8pm: Whiteboard Concert:- come and play your best tune or song Names go on the board at 8pm	Host: David Supper: Mike O Door: Nigel
Fri 8th	8PM: PAT HIGGINS in concert Public:\$15 Club members:\$10- cash only <i>Support Act: David Newman</i>	Host: Nigel Supper: Cathy Door: David
Fri 15-17th	PN FOLK CLUB WEEKEND RETREAT This is open to all members	
Fri 22nd	8pm: Food & Drink:- Cherry Pie, Blueberry Hill, Brown Sugar, etc	Host: Mike O Supper: Ruth Door: Craig
Fri 29th	7pm: Ukulele Workshop with Roy 8pm: 60's Night:- The Beatles, Cliff Richards, The Beach Boys,...	Host: Keith Hollis Supper: Cheryl Door: Mike O
DEC Fri 6th	8pm: Pub Songs:- let's have a rollicking good time	Host: David Supper: Bruce Door: Ellie
Fri 13th	7pm: Learn A Celtic Tune with Nigel 8pm: Come All Ye... bring along songs and tunes of your choice	Host: Ruth Supper: Nigel Door: David
Fri 20th	8pm: End of year JAM!!!! 	Host: Craig Supper: Committee Door: FREE!!
	NO FOLK CLUB - it's Holiday Time!!! <i>See you again on the 31st of January</i>	
JAN Fri 31st	8pm: Beginning of year JAM!!!! HAPPY★NEW★YEAR	Host: Craig Supper: Mike O Door: Ruth
FEB Fri 7th	NO FOLK CLUB as it's WAITANGI WEEKEND	
Fri 14th	7pm: Practice Tunes with Craig 8pm: Sea Songs:- Ocean waves, Tall Ships, Fishing, Mermaids...	Host: Bruce Supper: Ellie Door: Lesley
Fri 21st	8PM: JOEL FAFARD in concert Public:\$20 Club members:\$15- cash only <i>Support Act: Take Your Pick</i>	Host: Lesley Supper: Lis & Arthur Door: David
Fri 28th	8pm: Songs about Work & Occupations:- the working life...	Host: Ellie Supper: Dianne Door: Nigel
MARCH Fri 6th	8pm: Whiteboard Concert:- come and play your best tune or song Names go on the board at 8pm	Host: Craig Supper: Cathy Door: Lesley

Please check for your name in the programme above, highlight your duties and mark your calendars

- If you are rostered on for supper duty, please bring milk and two kinds of biscuits (bring your receipt to David/door person to be reimbursed for the costs)
- If you are unavailable for your rostered duty please arrange a replacement and contact a committee member or email palmyfolkclub@gmail.com
- Hall phone number is 353 2310 if you need to cancel at very short notice or are running late
- If you would like to be included in future rosters please contact Lesley: palmyfolkclub@gmail.com