

Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc

“Folk Victoria”

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Newsletter February 2006

Committee: Jeanette Gillespie (President and Folk Club manager), Rick Sidgwick (Secretary), Chris Bigby (Treasurer), Rebecca Marshall (Membership Secretary), Denise Hibbs (Folk Club door manager), Jamie Johnston (PA Manager), John O’Leary, Wendy Ealey and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee).

Greetings All – Folk Night Friday February 24th

Just a quick note this time to let you know we are still up and running, though no permanent home yet.

This month I’ve organised a **Folk Club music night for this Friday night February 24th** which I hope you can come along to and enjoy. It’s at the old Big House, now called “**Don’t Tell Tom**”, at 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick. I’ve booked the fabulous group from Geelong, “**Tam Lin**”, who play funky Celtic-style music on flute, fiddle, bodhran, guitar and probably a few other things! Also playing will be **Kevin Parsell** and friends – playing anything from Irish to bluegrass to country! Door price will be \$12 and \$8, and starting time for the music will be 8.30pm. The food is really nice – I’ve eaten there since the new management took over. Table bookings for dinner (recommended to book a table) can be made on 9380 8667. Come early and have a meal and a chat.

Folk Victoria is involved in running two **Brunswick Music Festival concerts** – if you are a Folk Victoria member, you can claim a Folk Vic membership concession for these two concerts when booking.

1. Thursday March 9th, 8.30 pm.

Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies – superb four piece band from the **UK**, with singer songwriter Jez Lowe at the helm.

Supported by the gorgeous harmonies of local duo **Kate Burke and Ruth Hazleton**.

Brunswick Mechanics Institute, cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds, Brunswick. **\$23/\$18**

Booking No 31: 9388 1460 or www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

Enquiries: Jeanette Gillespie: 0414 732 667

2. Friday March 31st, 8.30 pm.

Mundy-Turner. - Jay Turner and Cath Mundy from the **UK** present powerful original songs and beautiful instrumentation.

Supported by local singer songwriter **Chloe Hall** with **James Hazelden** on cello.

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Other Brunswick Music Festival Events

Sunday 4th March, 2pm – 5pm:
Music for the People - Coburg Town Hall.

Sunday 5th March, 12 noon – 7pm:
Sydney Road Street Party, from Union to Victoria Roads, Brunswick.

For bookings and programs:

Online– www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

Box Office– Phone: 03 9388 1460. Fax: 9380 8234.

Email: bookbmf@vicnet.net.au

For More Folk News and Views:

- **Join the Folk Alliance Australia**, Australia’s umbrella folk organisation. They have a terrific website and a regular magazine. Individuals: \$25. Partners: \$35. Small organisations: 450. Large organisations: \$100. Send all details and payment to FAA, 49 Lascelles Street, Braidwood, NSW, 2622, or go to www.folkalliance.org.au and use their secure on-line payment system.
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- **Log on to www.folktrax.com** to browse through a large selection of folk and acoustic CDs from Australia and around the world.
- **Community Music Victoria Inc.** A wonderful organisation with a wide variety of news and contacts. For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162, Fax: 03 9662 1197. Email: cmv@netspace.net.au
Website: <http://cmv.customer.netspace.net.au>

Cheers for now – study the diary and festival dates - and enjoy the music! **Jeanette Gillespie**.

Diary Dates

Friday 24th February: Folk Victoria Music Night at “Don’t Tell Tom”:

“Tam Lin” and Kevin Parsell & friends.

Saturday 25th February: Grumpy Old Man Benefit Concert:

Guildford Pub, Central Vic. Support and encouragement for Randall Percy. 12 noon onwards. Artists include Ken Maher, Rab Mitchell, Barbara Scott, Duncan Brown, Jeanette Gillespie, John McAuslan, Jamie Lawrence, Seamus Gill, John and Julia Ross, Richard Leitch. Phone the pub: 03 5473 4215.

Sunday 5th March: Eric Bogle and Colcannon: Harmony Row Vineyard, Pipers Creek, Vic (near Woodend/Kyneton). Lunch: 12 noon. Show: 2 pm. Contact Dennis Cartwright on: 03 5423 5286 or 0407 343 074. Email: adgc@bigpond.com More details on the Harmony Row and other acoustic concerts by emailing Cliff Ellery on taxman@bigpond.net.au and putting “subscribe” in the subject heading.

Thursday 9th March: Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies (UK) and Kate Burke and Ruth Hazelton: Presented by Folk Victoria at the Brunswick Mechanics Institute, cnr Sydney and Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick. 8.00 pm. \$23/\$17. Bookings: 03 9388 1460

Sunday 19th March: Global Songs at the Melbourne Museum: 4 – 6.30 pm in the forecourt of the Museum. Presented by the Boite and featuring Melbourne Millenium Chorus members. Phone: 03 9417 3550, or email: boite@boite.asn.au or visit the website at: www.boite.asn.au

Sunday 26th March: Chris While and Julie Matthews: Harmony Row Vineyard, Pipers Creek, Vic (*see above for details*)

Friday 31st March: Folk Victoria Music Night: “Mundy-Turner” (UK) (Cath Mundy and Jay Turner) and Chloe Hall. Brunswick Mechanics Institute, cnr Sydney and Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick. 8.30 pm. \$18/\$13. Bookings: 03 9388 1460

Sunday 2nd April: Harry Manx: Harmony Row Vineyard, Pipers Creek, Vic (*see above for details*)

** **Every Wednesday:** Traditional Bush Dancing with the Colonial Dancers. St Michael’s Hall, cnr MacPherson & McIlwraith Sts, North Carlton. 8.00 – 10.00 pm.

\$4 (includes supper). Musicians welcome.

Enq: Robin: 03 9722 9171 or Coral: 03 9885 6109.

** **Every Wednesday:** Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Irish music and dance session. St Phillips Church Hall, 156 Hoddle St, Abbotsford. 8.00 pm. Enq: Paddy O’Neill: 03 9312 6058.

Festivals

24th – 26th February: Frances Folk Gathering, SA. Just over the border from Victoria. Friendly, do-it-yourself folk festival, with sessions, blackboard concerts, competitions, prizes. Free, with small fee for camping. Phone: 08 8765 1093.

Email: folk@francesfolkgathering.com.au

Website: www.francesfolkgathering.com.au

3rd – 6th March: Nannup Music Festival, WA. Music from around the globe in picturesque Nannup, near Margaret River.

Enq: 08 9756 1511. Website: www.nannupmusicfestival.org

10th – 13th March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Victoria. Although all tickets are officially sold out, there is an independent web exchange service called “[The Ticket Exchange Board](#)” on which you can advertise spare tickets for sale or purchase other people’s spare tickets. All tickets are exchanged at cost price. The site is: www.port-fairy.com The Festival’s official website for all other information is :

www.portfairyyolkfestival.com

10th – 13th March: Burke and Wills Folk Gathering, Victoria. A more intimate alternative to Port Fairy, at the Burke and Wills Winery, central Victoria. One stage running all weekend, plenty of sessions, food, on-site camping. www.wineandmusic.net

10th – 12th March, 2006: Womadelaide Festival, Botanic Park, Adelaide. Fabulous festival of the sounds of the planet! 300 artists, six stages. 1300 30 40 72. www.womadelaide.com.au

17th – 19th March, 2006: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW. Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: bmff@pnc.com.au

Website: www.bmff.org.au

17th – 19th March: Mt Buller CRAIC Irish Music and Comedy Festival, Victoria. Intimate weekend getaway in Victoria’s high country. Free entry to festival. Phone: 03 5777 6077 or log onto www.mtbuller.com.au/craic

30th March – 9th April, 2006: Brunswick Music Festival. Fabulous feast of music right here in our own city. For updates, log on to: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

31st March – 2nd April: Yackandandah Folk Festival, Victoria. Friendly music festival in a historic village, featuring international, national and local artists. Email: folkfestival@yackandandah.com

Website: www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com

13th – 17th April, 2006: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra. Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere. Pre-bookings now open. Phone: 02 6249 7755 or check out: www.folkfestival.asn.au

21st – 23rd April: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Victoria

Tickets: Ticketmaster: 1300 308 999. For information phone: 03 5237 6761 or go to website: www.apollobaymusicfestival.com

21st – 23rd April: Mt Beauty Music Muster, Victoria

Phone: 03 5754 4008. Website: www.musicmuster.org.au

**COMMENCING WED 15th MARCH 8PM TO COINCIDE WITH ST.
PATRICK'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS!!!!**

Well known Melbourne singer of traditional and contemporary Irish song, Kathryn Clements, is delighted to invite you along to Melbourne's first Irish Singer's Club.

Kathryn has led many sessions both here in Melbourne, and at numerous festivals, with the aim of providing a welcoming space for all singers to share in the beauty and joy of song.

At last her dream has been realized and in collaboration with Melbourne's most traditional Irish venue, The Quiet Man, a monthly singer's club has now been established.

All singers and songwriters and musicians are welcome and Kathryn will also teach a selection of songs. Song sheets are provided! Traditional, Contemporary and Original songs are all welcome. So if you have always wanted a warm and welcoming space to sing your heart out, this is the setting for you!

Imagine a roaring open fire, Guinness on tap and hearty fare as we sit in a circle sharing songs and stories. Hopefully there will be lashings of rain outside to add to the authenticity of it all!

**WHERE: The Quiet Man PUB
271 Racecourse Rd
FLEMINGTON**

**WHEN : Wednesday 15th March: 8-10 pm : St. Patrick's Week
with some special surprise guests!!!!!!!**

**2006 DATES: Wednesday 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August,
13th September, 11th October, 8th November.**

* The club will continue to operate on the 2nd Wed of each month but always check by phoning the Quiet Man on 93766232.

***Please note that meals are available from 6-9pm and the bar remains open until 1am**

ENTRY: FREE.....FREE.....FREE.....So tell all your friends who love to sing or simply listen whilst quietly sipping on a Guinness!

**ENQUIRIES :Kathryn Clements
C/ Gum Tree Entertainment**

PH 94973229

Email: kclements@tpg.com.au

OR: THE QUIET MAN Ph: 93766232

AT HARMONY ROW VINEYARD (12KM EAST OF KYNETON)

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 12 NOON ONWARDS

\$30 SHOW ONLY (2PM), \$55 SHOW AND LUNCH (12 NOON) BOOKINGS TO DENNIS ON adgc@bigpond.com or 0407 343074 or 03 54235286

Directions: From Melbourne. Take Calder Freeway. Take the first Kyneton/**Heathcote** exit. Go around the roundabout and over the Freeway bridge. 200 metres after the bridge, turn right into *Pipers Creek Road*, and 200 metres later turn left into *Baynton Road*. 10 Kilometres down Baynton Road, turn right into *Pipers Creek Pastoria Road*. *Harmony Row* is located some 300 meters along the road. **From Bendigo:** Turn left off Freeway at first Kyneton sign, turn left at junction, turn right into Pipers Creek Road, and then as for the above directions.

MANGO (DIY) MUSIC - MANGO CAFE - NOW THE FIRST (OR SECOND) TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH March 7TH - 7:00-ISH ONWARDS - JUST TURN UP - 21 BOND STREET MELBOURNE (ONE STREET UP FROM QUEEN ST, OFF FLINDERS, TOWARDS ELIZABETH)

Bring your instruments, voices, ears, and play, sing, listen .. eat & drink as you wish .. a great atmosphere, friendly people, lots of fun .. call me on 03 96901233 or email me (Cliff) on taxman@bigpond.net.au for more information.

Note: We may alternate each month from the first to the second Tuesday for various reasons so watch out in these news emails.

For Hills (Dandenongs) residents there is a session at Rigo's Gourmet Pizza Cafe in Olinda the first Wednesday of each month. Shop 1, 1526 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Olinda PH: 9751 0216