

Ruritanian International Folkdance Club, Inc.

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*Welcome to new member Jane Drumm,
who last danced with us 20 years ago!*

***CONTENTS: Much in preparation for the Club's 40th Anniversary.
Some of it is urgent. Please read on through the detail.***

***COVER PHOTOS: Front: Some Inter-School Sports at the Club AGM
Back: At Auckland's multicultural big day out (International Cultural Festival).***

President's Musings

I write [late April] from the South Island, where I have just completed the Abel Tasman Coastal Track, travelled along to the end of the Farewell Spit, boated on Lake Rotorua in the Nelson Lakes National Park and completed a return journey between Greymouth and Christchurch on the Tranzalpine Train, with stupendous views. This may not seem anything to do with dancing, but I can tell you, I have even more energy than I did before to dance the clock away!

Whilst tramping part of the Abel Tasman Track, which involved wading across a wide river estuary, I lost my wedding ring of 49 years. My faith in human nature was well boosted, when a week later I discovered that someone had found it, and handed it in at the Motueka Police Station.

We were all very sad to hear about the death of Andre van de Plas, and had been especially looking forward to a workshop that we were planning with him. Instead we are going to dedicate the day workshop to remembering the dances that he has introduced to us over the years.

Our 40th Anniversary celebration is to be held on 21st September, which will involve a daytime workshop and an evening dinner. Invitations will go out soon. So, make sure this date is in your diary! We are also looking for photos and other items of memorabilia, as well as any prose or poetry that you might like to be included in a bumper celebratory Roundabout and for viewing on the night. Please get any contributions to a committee member as soon as possible because it is all going to involve quite a lot of pulling together.

Those of you that did not come to the AGM missed a fun event. We all dressed up in back-to-school outfits, which was hilarious. Bronwen won first prize. [And Maggie won second - Ed.] We had dancing on the lawn at Rae's house, and we enjoyed an amazing feast of food! The committee stays the same, except firstly Ana Maria has stepped down, but offering help when we need it. We are very grateful for all her input into the committee over the years. Secondly we welcome Fred Carr onto the committee.

One other thing I should add before closing is that there will be a teacher's training seminar on 22nd September.

So I close, continuing my journey along the West Coast, and on to Marlborough Sounds.

Happy dancing,
Love,

Maggie



Coming Events

Sat. 29th June: DanceFolkus 25th Birthday Ball. See p.10. **Earlybird till 31 May.**

Sunday 4th August: Multicultural Society's Expo. Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, Dominion Rd, almost opposite Potter's Park. 12 noon to 4pm. Free entry. Food to buy.

Saturday 10th August: Winter WarmUp, Danish House. NB Starting at 5pm!
NB: The workshop is on our Club's Anniversary Party Day this year, 21st September.

Sat. 21 Sept., 6pm: Club's 40th Anniversary Party at Danish House. See pp.6,7,8.
And 10am-3.30, a celebration of Andre v. de Plas in his dances. See pp.6,7, and 8.

Sunday 22nd Sept.: Teacher Skills Workshop, hosted by FDNZ. See pp.6,7, and 9.

Saturday 28th September: Farandol (Christchurch IFD group) celebrate their 40th Anniversary. See invitation and details on p.12.

Labour Weekend (25th-27th Oct.). Machol Pacifica (Israeli Dance) in Wellington. For all information and booking, see the website. It's **time to sign up** - go to www.macholpacifica.org.nz and under the "Camp 2019" dropdown open the "Register" tab. It's all pretty straightforward. But beware: don't put a \$ sign in Total Payment.

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Winter WarmUp

Saturday 10th August, from 5pm!!

The dancing will begin at 5.30, and roll on non-stop until 10.15 - including several exciting new groups.

Danish House: 6 Rockridge Av, Penrose -near Mt Smart Stadium.

- Cash bar opens 5pm, with mulled wine ready on arrival.
- Argentinian dinner food @ modest price. • Raffle.
- Entry (for all, incl. performers) \$2 - or be more generous!

Your hosts are the Danish Society Dancers and the Ruritanian Club.

Questions? Rae, ph 524-9504, raestorey36@gmail.com

Club 40th Anniversary

The game starts NOW!

PHOTOS:

We are collecting them NOW for the party – a PowerPoint presentation of our past and present life – together and in the associated groups. For permanent keeping too in the Anniversary edition of the Roundabout.

We need all photos by Saturday 22nd June at latest.

Deliver/send hard copy or digital copy on USB Flashdrive, or by your usual sharing medium, **to Rae Storey:**

24a Dell Ave, Remuera, Ak 1050; raestorey36@gmail.com

- Please identify the occasion, date, and people in the photo so far as possible.
- For digital copies, give the identifying information in an email.
- Hard copy: Please write your name on the back of each photo for returning (and for the credits) – we have to separate them from your batch when we are using them.
- If sending digital copies of photos, send in full resolution.
- If too many photos or files are too big for attaching in a few emails, use WeTransfer (won't take folders!), or Google Drive or similar, or send them on a USB stick.

REMINISCENCES:

We also want YOUR contributions to the Historical Account, including reminiscences however trivial, for the Anniversary edition of the Roundabout. Please start writing now. If you can illustrate them with photos, try to send those photos (and preferably the text with them) to Rae by the 22nd June deadline.

ALL WRITTEN MATERIAL for the Anniversary Roundabout must be in the hands of the Editor, Rae, by 10th July at latest – but as soon as you can have it ready, please.

- The Special Edition of the Roundabout promised for the Club's 40th Anniversary will be published in time for distribution at the Winter WarmUp – as is usual for the August issue. That will allow people time to read the content in advance of the Anniversary and be able to discuss it at the party.



.... Is where we dance

More to help us get on with it all:

Please let Maggie or Rae know:

- If you would be able to help with the work of the catering - either one large pot or dish of a main dinner item (to be agreed upon), or a large plate of before-dinner nibbles. You would be reimbursed for the ingredients.
- If you will be happy to help with preparing the hall and/or clearing it up afterwards.
- (ASAP) If you would like a souvenir Ruritanian Anniversary SWEATSHIRT. We shall investigate a source, price and practicalities if we have enough indications of interest. We would incorporate the fresh logo created by Maggie's Dave, which is reproduced above.

(We are not offering to produce a T-shirt. All of us can easily access more T-shirts than we can use, but sweatshirts other than hoodies are not so easily found these days, and are very useful.)

- Do you want your Bumper Anniversary Roundabout by digital transfer (email attachment, or if it's too big, then by WeTransfer)?
And in that case, do you want the hard copy as well?

Registrations for both the party and the day workshop "Andre Retrospective":

- The registration form is enclosed in this Roundabout, as a centrefold you could scan, copy from, or carefully lift out. But please **don't use it before 14th June**, when the Booking Officer, Bronwen, returns from the wide world.
- Send it (and payment) to Bronwen between 14th June and 24th August.
- About 12th June you should receive (by email if you have email) a formal invitation, which will remind you it's time to register.
- **The Teaching Skills Workshop** (on the Sunday) is being hosted by FDNZ. Send registrations for that to **Rae Storey**. That day is free of charge, but BYO lunch.
- And just so you know: We are keeping your costs as low as we dare. We have to cover all the (remarkably many!) expenses of the 40th Anniversary ourselves - having been unsuccessful in our application for a grant. We are watching every penny, as we don't make money on a normal year, and will pretty much empty the bank account this year! This is why we are taking on the dinner catering ourselves.

Some details for weekend of 21-22 September

The Andre Retrospective Day:

This is an opportunity for many of us to review our debt to Andre over so many years, for so much wonderful variety in International Dance.

- The workshop will be led by a panel of teachers (up to 10!) who use Andre's dances. They will offer their favourites – and you are welcome to send in requests for yours.
- We are holding this Retrospective (and the Sunday's Teacher Workshop too) on this Club Anniversary weekend, so that one trip will cover the multiple purposes for people to gather from out of town.

The Anniversary Party:

- You are welcome to send in requests for favourite dances to be enjoyed together at the Club Dinner-Dance. If they are old dances that we may have only on cassette tape, please, if you can, send Bronwen the music digitized. See her contacts in the Committee list, inside the front cover.
- Please volunteer (in advance) to lead dances – easy fun sociable dances.
- Come at 6pm for chat and a drink. Dinner will be served at 6.30. Short speeches after dinner will then lead into all-in dancing.
- A PowerPoint show of photos and a collection of photo albums will be on display for the evening.
- The bar will be open from 6pm (bring cash for it).

The FDNZ Teacher Skills Workshop next day:

- All are welcome, whether experienced teachers glad to spend a day brushing up and swapping tips, or newbies interested in helping to lead an existing group or sharing the fun with others in the community.
- The workshop will be led by Fiona Murdoch, Jane Luiten, and Rae Storey.
- The hours will be 9.30 to 3.30.
- A programme is being developed for the day, but it is flexible and will respond to requests from the participants for topics and skills to be addressed. Please send these to Rae in good time - at latest by 24th August.
- It will be held at Kayak Hall, 55 West End Road, Cox's Bay, where the Saturday Morning Dancers meet.
- Folk Dance NZ is making this a free workshop, to encourage everyone interested!
- Registrations should reach Rae Storey by 24th August. Please include your requests and write a short description of your dance and teaching experience.
- Questions? To Rae - see contacts in Committee list and Registration pages 9 to 11.

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- **NB: Deadline for Earlybird Tickets to Dance Folkus' 19th C. Ball is 31st May.**

RURITANIAN IFD CLUB 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 21st September 2019
Danish House, 6 Rockridge Avenue, Penrose, Auckland

**REGISTRATION FORM
is on the back of this page**

**FOR PARTY AND ANDRE RETROSPECTIVE
WORKSHOP**

Submit it TO REACH BRONWEN between 14th June and 24th August.
But we have a limit of 100 places at the dinner-dance. Don't miss out!

Payment is required at the time of registration, either by cheque
to "Ruritania 40" or direct to the bank account (along with an
email to the Booking Officer advising her of the transaction.)

Booking Officer: Bronwen Arlington, 8/12 Pukerangi Cres., Ellerslie. 1051
bronwena@xtra.co.nz, 571-0203, 027-4523-089

Bank account: "Ruritania 40": Westpac 03-0181-0195766-003
Online payments will be acknowledged by email within a week.

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**REGISTRATION FORM
FOR THE FDNZ TEACHER SKILLS WORKSHOP**
is on the following page.

NB This one is to be returned by 24 Aug. to Rae Storey!

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Note these forms are designed to be a centrefold that
could be detached from the Roundabout staples.

REGISTRATION FORM
Anniversary Party and Andre Retrospective

YOU and your companions:

Name(s)

Contact Address

Email

Text/Mobile

Preferred name on each badge

Ruritania 40 Dinner Dance, 6 to 10pm

How many of you? Price \$25 each. TOTAL: \$....
Any dietary restrictions?

Workshop Andre Retrospective, 10am to 3.30pm
(lunchtime 12.30 to 1.15)

How many of you (fill in)? At prices as below:
Full day \$20 (including lunch).
Half-day \$10 (not incl. lunch).
Spectators \$5 (not incl. lunch).
Lunch if not included in quoted price \$7.
Morning tea, coffee, water & biscuits included.

Price for your WORKSHOP bookings: \$.....
Price for your DINNER-DANCE bookings: \$.....
TOTAL PAID (by direct credit? cheque?) \$.....

REGISTRATION FORM

for FDNZ-hosted Teacher Skills Workshop

9.30am-3.30pm Sunday 22 September 2019

All welcome.

NO CHARGE. We are guests of Folk Dance New Zealand.

Bring your own lunch.

Cup-o'-Soup will be provided, and tea/coffee, biscuits.

Workshop leaders: Fiona Murdoch, Jane Luiten, Rae Storey.

Name(s)

Postal Address

Email

Text/Mobile

- Your requests for topics and skills to be addressed:

- Brief run-down of your dance and teaching experience.

Please send this registration as soon as you are ready but at latest by 24th August, to Rae Storey, raestorey36@gmail.com or 24a Dell Avenue, Remuera, Auckland 1050.

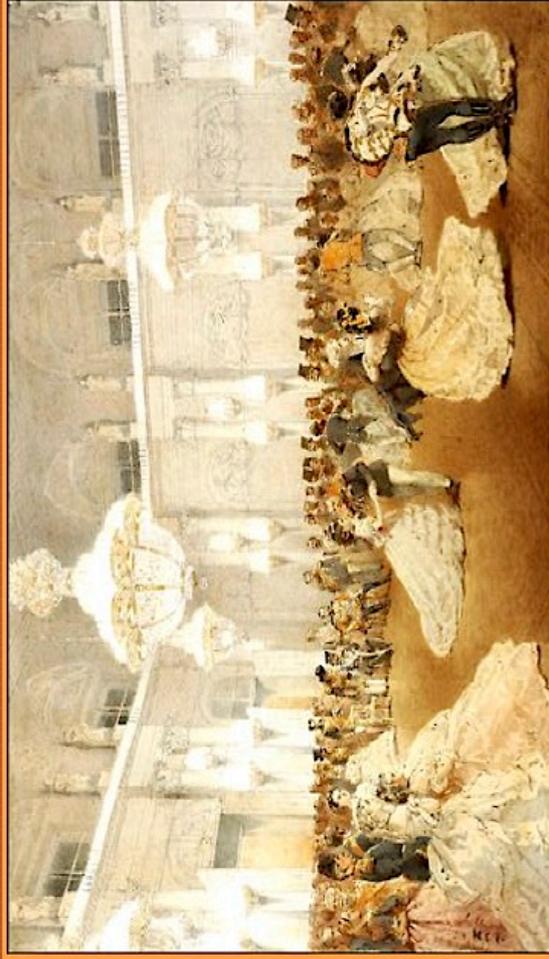
Questions? Rae 09-524-9504, 021-0231-8888

DANCE FOLKUS PRESENTS A PUBLIC EVENT.... 19TH CENTURY BALL 29 JUNE 2019

Enjoy fun social dances from across the 19th century from Regency dances in longways sets to late Victorian waltzes and barn dances

Why not come along in Regency / Victorian / Edwardian / Steam Punk dress for added fun?or not if you prefer

Fill your Dance Card...

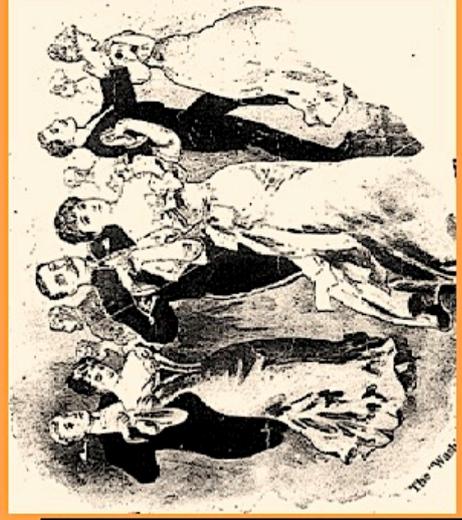


LIVE MUSIC

Popular Dances from the era called with dance floor instruction and walk throughs; Light supper; Bar available

THE METEOR THEATRE
1 VICTORIA ST HAMILTON

SATURDAY 29 JUNE 7.30PM
DOORS OPEN 7.00PM



Tickets available from themeteor.co.nz

Early Bird \$25pp

Full \$30

No door sales



Auckland Multicultural Society Inc.
Presents
Multicultural Expo 2019



Information stalls from ethnic groups and community organisations

Display of Traditional Children's Rhymes, music and dances from around the world with audience participation.

Food stall from three continents, South America, Asia and Europe

Date: Sunday 4th August 2019

Time: 12:00 to 4:00pm

Venue: Mt Eden War Memorial Hall

489 Dominion Road

Mt Eden

Auckland

Contact: Anamaria.devossanchez@gmail.com

Supported by

**Ethnic Communities
Development Fund**

www.aucklandmulticulturalsociety.org.nz

Multicultural Society book launch

On Saturday 2nd March the Auckland Multicultural Society launched a second volume (2001-2018) of their History *Uniting Our Cultures*. It gives a fascinating selection from their Newsletters, of articles, reports of events, and photos of members, celebrations, and performances – including some by our own groups.

We can lend you a copy of the book. It can be bought too, from President and publisher Thuten Kesang, or Ana Maria.

Maggie and Bronwen represented our Club at the launching, which was a merry gathering of more than 60 people.

Pictured: Our Maggie with Rani and Aaur, both stalwarts of the AMS who have been great community builders too.



Farandol's 40th Birthday Celebration: Invitation from Farandol to Any of Us

Many feet have pounded the boards and grassy places in Christchurch and beyond during Farandol's 40-year history, sharing the joy of folk dance. Marking our proud longevity in various ways this year, we are printing an anniversary T-shirt, finally publishing the long-awaited Farandol history, and are holding a dance party in Christchurch on Saturday 28 September. We would love you to come!

Our catered event is to be held at the Hornby Working Men's Club, 17 Carmen Road, Christchurch, 28 Sept., from 7.30 to 11.00 p.m. So book your transport and please let us know (info@farandol.folkdance.nz) by 14 September if you plan to join us. We'd love to see you here.

Billets and/or help with transport to and from the venue might be a possibility, but we'll be able to provide more information nearer the time.

And Our Congratulations to Them

We northerners send hearty congratulations to a great group that does great things - several of us have been able to join in some of their events to our memorable pleasure. And we have enjoyed their company, several of them, at events in the north too.

Heartfelt sympathy

We offer Margaret Hamill our warmest sympathy in the recent loss of her husband Peter, whom she has cared for devotedly through a long illness. To those of you who don't know her otherwise, Margaret is our lovely gracious Santa Lucia at Christmas parties.

Left Behind at our Christmas Party

Did you leave any of these items at the Christmas party?

A tall narrow glass water-jug

A cake plate, Chinese stoneware, with flowers and fruit around the edge.

Some smallish serving spoons

A tea-towel, background colour light olive green, motif a Middle Eastern jug.

If so, please contact Rae Storey, raestorey36@gmail.com or ph. 524-9504

Our Club A G M

Club AGM (just another school day).

Roll Call: I arrived I think on time to find Headmistress Storey (in appropriate gown) checking the room full of assorted school uniform-clad, rather mature-looking students representing a variety of high schools and one local primary school.

Blazers, school ties, school caps and panamas adorned the recycled pupils.



Head Girl Maggie primly sported a smart black uniform, senior long socks worn to the knee, and beret. She had regulation



school pigtails (her own). In contrast Bronwen, flouting all the school rules of “uniform must be worn with pride and dignity”, would not pass the school gate uniform check. Her socks were floppy and sagging, her beret was perched rather than worn, expressing what the Headmistress called cheek instead of pride, while her

mismatched ribbons (indignantly claimed by Bronwen as being in House Colours) were attached to a profusion of curly red hair. *See all the details in the Front Cover Photo.*

The meeting went without a hitch. After the AGM we all enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea (some students were eagerly awaiting this tasty event). Lawn dancing followed and this was made more enjoyable with Roxy our canine lawn dancer following the steps with alacrity and joie de vivre. Roxy rocked and rolled literally, as she portrayed her interpretation of the Spanish style music. She was cool, as she wasn't in school uniform. This was a most memorable AGM.

—Kathie Ellis

Auckland International Cultural Festival

This year, of course, after the Christchurch mosque attacks, the annual AICF became a very conscious celebration of our city's many cultures and ethnicities – a celebration of each other, aptly captured in the back-cover photo. The organizers had canvassed the feelings of intending participants



before deciding if they should cancel. Many, including me, must have urged them not to cancel – the timing was only too perfect for a shared expression of togetherness, and for many a Muslim woman it gave perhaps a new-found confidence to declare herself openly. I noticed more hijabs and head-scarves than I have in other years.

A few years ago there was a fashion show given by an Auckland association of Muslim girls, where we guests were introduced to exquisite elegance made possible by the draping of a head-scarf and associated garments. It showed up as another example of women's cleverness in evolving ethno-cultural head-wear that complements beautifully their particular facial style. That's not to deny high seriousness or wise practicality to the wearing of a hijab, but it is beautiful cultural expression and can relax others of us into fellow-feeling and admiration for the wearers.

I hope the elegance of this young woman I photographed at the AICF shows up.

– Rae Storey

For When You Are Visiting Other Cities

International folk dance (IFD) and specialist groups throughout the country are listed on the Folk Dance NZ website: www.folkdance.nz

Hamilton:

- DanceFolkus (Fiona Murdoch), International. Thurs.7.30, St Stephen's, 2 Mahoe St. Themed blocks culminating in parties. 07-856-8324, dancefolkus@slingshot.co.nz
Google DanceFolkus. Facebook: Dance Folkus. Detailed schedule can be emailed.
- Israeli : Woodturners' Hall, Storey Ave., Te Rapa, Mondays 7.30pm.
Contact: Raymond Matson, 07-855-7829

Tauranga: Athena, Greek. Gaby Johnston, 07 5433-229, gabemail2@gmail.com

Hawkes Bay:

- With Glenys Kelly: Thurs. 10am-12noon. Clive Community Hall.
06-8787-272, thenzkellys@hotmail.com
- With Raechel Bennett: In recess for the present.
Raechel 06 8778367 <s.raechel.bennett@gmail.com>.

Whangarei:

International Folk Dancing: In recess.

Contact: Elizabeth 09 4360819 or 0211197695 <staats60@gmail.com>

Paihia: Group is in recess. Contact is June Jacobson <junejacobson@xtra.co.nz>

Israeli Groups: In 13 New Zealand centres. See www.macholpacific.org.nz

Contribution deadline for August issue of Roundabout: Wednesday 10th July.

TEXT: Please email if possible (NOT in an Attachment).

Otherwise on white A4 paper, in 14 pt Times New Roman, with side margins at least 1.9cm, and 2.2 cm at top and bottom.

Any other MS needs to be in earlier to give time for transcribing.

PHOTOS: Digital please – at FULL RESOLUTION.

Email them or the link for them; or send them on flashdrive or by WeTransfer.

Hard copy photos only if it's unavoidable.

PHOTO CREDITS: *Dave Quinlan snapped Maggie the explorer. Kathie Ellis was behind the camera, not in the AGM group. Bronwen took Rani, Maggie and Ataur at book launch. All other photos were taken by Rae Storey.*

Dancing Every Week:

		TIME	CONTACT
MONDAY	International Folkdance	9.30-12 noon	Rae Storey, 524-9504
and FRIDAY	NB In Rae's loft, 24a Dell Ave, Remuera		raestorey36@gmail.com
MONDAY	Korean dancing for all	10.30-12 noon	Leah Park
	Manutewhau Community Hub		027-962-8128
	74 B Oreil Ave, West Harbour		pokcarrya@naver.com
TUESDAY	Israeli: beginners	7-8:30, venue as Wed.	marta.cullen@gmail.com
Time and	South American folkdance		Ana Maria de Vos, 638-6771
venue TBA	Instruction and practice		Txt 021-156-8020
	with Folklor Chileno Latino		anamaria.devossanchez@gmail.com
WEDNESDAY	Israeli Dancing, Maayan Group	7-9pm	Jenni Gottschalk, 480-4330
	Beth Shalom, 180 Manukau Rd, Epsom		jennygo@complus.co.nz
THURSDAY	City of Auckland Morris Dancers	7:30pm	Andy Smith
	St Lukes Hall, 704 New North Rd, St Lukes		361-2133
	All welcome, dancers & musicians		Details on aucklandmorris.org.nz
FRIDAY	IFD incl. Chinese & Taiwanese	1.30-4pm	Julia Wei 537-4059
	St John Ambulance Hall,		jna_nz@yahoo.com
	590 Pakuranga Rd, Highland Park		

Dancing Every Month:

Irish Set Dancing

1st&3rd **THURS.** Rocky Nook Bowling Club 8 - 10pm Fred Carr, 963-8145
Fowlds Park, Mt Albert fred.carr@kinect.co.nz

English Traditional Dancing

Second **FRIDAY** St John the Baptist Hall 7.30-10pm Beth Harris, 445-9386
47 Church St, Northcote bethharris51@hotmail.com; and Karen

Early Dance

Fourth **FRIDAY** St John the Baptist Hall 7.30-10pm Karen Vernon
47 Church St, Northcote karen@plantagenet.co.nz; and Beth

Hillsborough Ceilidh

Last **FRIDAY** St Davids in the Field 7.30pm Anne-Marie Forsyth
202 Hillsboro Rd, Mt Roskill learnScotsfiddle@gmail.com

Contra Dancing

Second **SAT.** St Lukes Church Hall 7-10.30pm Lenny Bloksberg
Cnr St Lukes/New Nth Rd lenny@bloksberg-it.co.nz 266-2002

SAT. a.m. *International*: Monthly +. Gwen Mann, 575-1985, gwenmann@xtra.co.nz