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LINLITHGOW FOLK FESTIVAL

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THE FRIENDLY FOLK
OF LINLITHGOW



9TH-13TH SEPTEMBER 2015

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KIND TAE STRANGERS

A singing tapestry of Scotland and Flanders, performed by Ewan McVicar and the Linlithgow Community Childrens' Choir (the Wee Linties) with special guest, Christine Kydd.



Meet Anselm Adornes of Bruges, who became Captain of Linlithgow Palace, his little daughter Euphemie with her houses in the Kirkgate and Mary Queen of Scots and her four Marys. Traditional and remade Scots songs tell about trade, diplomacy, murder and warfare from the 12th to the 20th century.

Linlithgow Bowling Club, Philip Avenue EH49 7NH, 7.30 to 9.30pm, with a 15 minute interval. FREE - donations welcome. Refreshments available from the bar.

McFROGGIES

Look out for the McFroggies from Linlithgow's twin town of Guyancourt, near Paris!

Twinning is open to anyone living in Linlithgow and surrounding areas.

Individuals, couples and families are

welcome to participate. All that is required is an interest in France and the French way of life. The ability to speak a little French can be useful but is not essential as most French twinningers speak some English.

The Association is run by a small committee elected annually.

www.linlithgowtwinning.co.uk



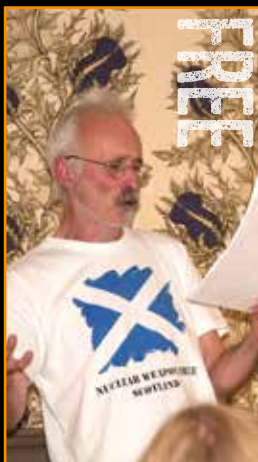
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THU 10 SEPT

AN EVENING OF POETRY AND SONG

With QUILL (West Lothian Poetry Group) and SONGWEAVERS (West Lothian Songwriters' Group). These local groups have enjoyed collaborating in recent years and last year's show was described as "one of the hidden gems" of the Festival. Start 7.30pm (entry from 7.15pm) Black Bitch Tavern (Upstairs Lounge) EH49 7AZ. Admission FREE - donations welcome.



PUB SESSION IN THE FOOTBALL & CRICKETERS' ARMS

Our regular Thursday night session venue. All welcome to sing, play or listen; a great mix of songs and instrumentals. From 8.00pm FREE.



THE TONKERERS! - Live in Linlithgow!

Fresh from their annual trip to Germany and new CD launch, Falkirk's finest kick off a great weekend of music at the Star & Garter. Tonkerers gigs have a habit of turning into a party. Everyone joins in and the band simply happen to be the ones on stage. 9.00pm Star & Garter Hotel, 1 High Street EH49 7AB FREE.



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FRI 11 SEPT

SESSION AT THE STAR

Come along and play, sing, or just listen and enjoy. Space available both indoors and outdoors. Star & Garter Hotel 2-5pm, FREE.



MUSICAL CRUISES WITH LINLITHGOW UNION CANAL SOCIETY (LUCS)

Always hugely popular, a cruise on the Union Canal with live music from Cockleroy. Bring your own food for a canal-side barbecue afterwards, prepared by our good friends from LUCS.

7pm & 8.15pm, Canal Centre, Manse Road, EH49 6AJ. All tickets £7 in advance from Burgh Halls, Linlithgow or at the Canal Centre on the night.



BLUES NIGHT WITH BLUE DUBH



A new event this year, featuring Blue Dubh, who have performed all over Scotland and been regular visitors to top music festivals. Their sound occupies foot-tapping territory, somewhere between the Mississippi delta and Chicago, with great vocals, top class harp playing, tasty guitar work and some soulful Sax. Frontman, Sandy Black, (Blackout, Smokehouse Blues Band, Itchy Feet, etc.) is a well known face on the Scottish Blues scene.

8.00pm Linlithgow Bowling Club. £5 on the door. Tickets online at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com - check Facebook for updates.



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BLUEGRASS CONCERT WITH THE MAIRS FAMILY BAND



Making their debut in Linlithgow, the band features all instruments and all styles from contemporary to traditional, with full



bluegrass vocal harmonies, including a gospel repertoire. Vastly experienced on the live music scene, the line-up includes Dad, Alan, one of the founder members of Old Hickory. The band has recently completed a successful tour in the USA and is a big favourite on the Scottish Bluegrass music circuit. Supported by the Dapper McDans, who are making a welcome return with their laid-back acoustic mixture of bluegrass, old time and traditional celtic music.

7.30-10.30pm. QUEEN MARGARET Hall, Blackness Road, EH49 7JA. Admission £10 on the door or Online at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com

THE SESSION SCENE

All sessions from 8pm at the Black Bitch Tavern and other venues displaying the Festival logo.

Check Facebook for updates.



SAT 12 SEPT

FESTIVAL HUB @ THE MASONIC HALL

10.30am - 5.00pm Masonic Hall, the Cross EH49 7AH
Information, shop and refreshments. **Drop in any time!**

MUSIC AT THE CROSS ON THE NORA DEVINE STAGE. We are delighted once more to welcome some great talent from near and far on our Outdoor Stage. We start the day with **WEANS' WORLD** – entertainment for and by children, featuring the Linlithgow Children's Community Choir and special guests. **10.30am – 5.00pm**



COME AND SING – CHORUS SONGS

An informal and fun singing session, with Linlithgow's Sangschule and the Liltin' Lassies from Dunblane. Words provided. All welcome to join in or just listen. **11am-12.30pm.** St Peter's Church, 153 High Street, EH49 7EJ. Admission **FREE** - donations welcome.



STEP WE CEILIDH, ON WE GO!

Ever wanted to go to a Ceilidh, but didn't know the dances? Experienced teacher, Seonaid Scott, will show you how in this easy-to follow workshop. No experience necessary. Learn the dances today and put them into practice at the Outdoor Ceilidh tomorrow!
Masonic Hall. 11.30am – 1.30pm.
Adults £5 on the door, children **FREE.**



YOUR QUICK GUIDE

Day	Time	Venue	Event	Where to pay
Wed	7.30-9.30pm	Bowling Club	Kind Tae Strangers	Free
Thu	7.30-11pm	Black Bitch	Poems & Songs	Free
Thu	8-11.30pm	Footballers'	Mixed session	Free
Thu	9-12am	Star & Garter	Tonkerers	Free
Fri	2-5pm	Star & Garter	Mixed session	Free
Fri	7 & 8.15pm	Canal Centre	Musical Canal Cruises	£7 01506 282720 or at Centre
Fri	7.30pm	Queen Margaret Hall	Bluegrass Concert	£10 on door or Online
Fri	8pm	Bowling Club	Blues Night	£5 on door or Online
Fri	8pm	Black Bitch, etc	Sessions	Free
Sat	10.30am-5pm	Masonic	Info/ refreshments	Free
Sat	10.30am-4pm	Cross House	Craft Fair	Free
Sat	10.30am-5pm	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sat	11am-12.30pm	St Peter's Ch	Come and Sing	Free
Sat	11am till late	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sat	11.30am-1.30pm	Masonic	Ceilidh Workshop	£5 on door. Children Free
Sat	2-4.30pm	Canal Centre	Songs & Music	Free
Sat	2-4.00pm	Cross House	Songwriting Workshop	£6 on door.
Sat	7.30pm	Academy	Headline Concert	£15 01506 282720 or Online
Sun	11am-4.30pm	Masonic	Info/ refreshments	Free
Sun	11am-12.30pm	Masonic	Bluegrass Gospel	Free
Sun	1pm-5.00pm	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sun	12.30pm till late	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sun	2pm-4.00pm	Bowling Club	Songs & Music	Free
Sun	2.30-4.30pm	The Vennel	Open Air Family Ceilidh	Free

Online ticketing for Bluegrass Concert, Blues Night and Emily Smith concert at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com



Check website and Facebook for updates to programme

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY!

While we love to bring you loads of "free" events, putting on a festival costs ££££££s.

So do please feel 'free' to put something in our colourful donation tins wherever you see them... **every £ counts.**



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PUB SESSIONS

Afternoon sessions in pubs displaying the festival logo.



SONGS AND MUSIC AT THE CANAL

Music performances at the picturesque canal basin, with lovely tea and scones for sale in the tearoom. 2-4.30pm. Canal Centre, Manse Road, EH49 6AJ www.lucs.org.uk

CRAFT FAIR

In the Kirk Hall, just behind Cross House, this is a festival favourite and well worth a visit. A wide range of quality local crafts for sale. 10.30am- 4pm **FREE**



WORKSHOPS... Please pay stewards at the workshop venue – Cross House, the Cross EH49 7AL. Not bookable in advance. Numbers may be limited, so arrive 20 minutes early to pay and be sure of your place. Workshops are suitable for 16+, unless otherwise stated. (Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

SONGWRITING WORKSHOP WITH ANDY SHANKS.

Andy is an award-winning singer/songwriter from St Cyrus on the east coast of Scotland, who has been writing and performing for more than 30 years. Andy's songs spring from the stories and characters he has met over the years and they sing of real people and places; of fishermen and scientists, the traditions we lose and the colour of life as it is today.

Adam Room, Cross House. 2-4pm. Admission £6
Sponsored by Songweavers (The West Lothian Songwriters' Group)

SAT 12 SEPT

HEADLINE CONCERT WITH THE EMILY SMITH BAND



Multi award winning singer Emily Smith is a leading figure of the Scottish folk scene. Winner of 'Scots Singer of the Year 2014' she is recognised not only as a talented songwriter but also as one of the finest interpreters of traditional song in the UK. Her current tour sees Emily showcase songs from her highly acclaimed 2014 album 'Echoes'. Unshakeably Scottish but with farther, wider horizons, Emily's material sees time worn texts weave beautifully alongside contemporary covers, blurring the borders of old and new. 'Echoes' has been hailed as her finest album yet.

"Bursting with joy and talent"

The Telegraph ****

"The freshest sounding folk album in an age" Sunday Express ****

Emily's beautiful voice eases tired ears and lifts souls with its simple beauty. She also plays accordion and piano. Performing with long time musical partner **Jamie McClellan** on guitar, fiddle and backing vocals and with multi-instrumentalist **Matheu Watson**, this is a highly talented trio playing the best of contemporary Scottish folk music.

SUPPORT BY IAN WALKER
(Accompanied by Jimmy Scott
and Moe Walker)

www.ianwalkeronline.com

Ian Walker is a popular and successful singer songwriter and an old favourite in Linlithgow. He has released seventeen albums and has two song books published. Songs like "Hawks and Eagles", "Some

Hae Meat" and "Roses in December" have carried into the folk song mainstream. His songs have been covered by artists worldwide and been sung before Nelson Mandela and Arun Gandhi.

His first solo album "Flying High",



with Fellside Records, Cumbria, won the Music Retailers Association Award in London

in 1988 and his latest solo album "Singing the River" was nominated for the British Country Music Association Awards 2011 in London. He has sung and recorded with the Scottish/Irish band Setanta, with country Gospel singer Jimmy Scott and has recently rekindled his 25 year old singing partnership (on Greentrax Records) with internationally established singer songwriter Ian Bruce.

"One of Scotland's most respected singer/songwriters."

The living tradition magazine

7.30pm (Doors open 7pm) Linlithgow Academy Theatre, Braehead Road EH49 7EN Tickets £15. All seats unreserved. Licensed bar. **BOX OFFICE** - The Burgh Halls, the Cross, Linlithgow - in person or telephone 01506 282720. Credit and debit cards accepted. Online booking available via www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com

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SUN 13 SEPT

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL SESSION

Hosted by Dan Markey and friends – with audience participation. A great way to waken up on Festival Sunday. Come along and raise the roof!

11am-12.30pm Masonic Hall, Market Lane EH49 7AH



MUSIC AT THE CROSS ON THE NORA DEVINE STAGE

More free music to entertain you, from some of the best performers around the area. If wet, this event will be held in the Masonic Hall. 1-5pm The Cross



SONGS AND MUSIC AT THE BOWLING CLUB

Come along to join in or listen at this lively session in our new Sunday afternoon venue. Hosted by Newtongrange Folk Club. 2-4pm Linlithgow Bowling Club



OPEN AIR FAMILY CEILIDH WITH COCKLERROY

One of our most popular events for families and passers-by! Dancing on concrete slabs, so bring comfy shoes. Refreshments available. In the event of rain, this event will take place in the Guide Hall on Dogwell Wynd, right opposite the Vennel. Please check Facebook and other social media for updates. 2.30 – 4.30pm The Vennel, Town Centre.



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Linlithgow Folk Festival Association does far more than its name might suggest. Apart from our annual Festival in September, we arrange concerts, ceilidhs and regular music sessions in local pubs. We have also established the very popular annual Matt McGinn tribute night, which takes place next year on Saturday 5th March 2016.

Monthly Session Dates 2015/2016

Black Bitch Tavern, Linlithgow

Sessions are normally held in the lounge from 2pm on the third Sunday of the month. In June, the session takes place on the Sunday before the Marches, which is Sunday 12 June in 2016. Check the list of dates on our website www.linlithgowfolk.com



Football & Cricketers' Arms

First Thursday of the month from 8pm.

FESTIVAL 2016 WILL BE HELD FROM 7 – 11 SEPTEMBER

Stay in touch – become a Friend of the Festival! Receive regular information about LFFA and email alerts of all our forthcoming events. Contact us online at: www.linlithgowfolk.com/contact.htm

DOORS OPEN DAYS

12 and 13 September 2015 are West Lothian's Doors Open Days, organised by Linlithgow Civic Trust. Across the town several buildings are open, free, to the public and vary as to period, purpose and architectural style.



Linlithgow - a Great Visit!
www.linlithgow.com

MAKE YOUR 2016 DATE WITH MATT MCGINN!

Saturday 5 March 2016 in
Linlithgow Academy Theatre.
This is always a sell-out, so to
avoid disappointment, keep
your eye on our website
www.linlithgowfolk.com for
information on ticket release.



INFORMATION

Box Office: Tickets for canal cruises and headline concert available at Burgh Halls box office. 01506 282720. Credit and debit cards accepted. Also available online at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com. Tickets for the Bluegrass concert and the Blues Night will be available at the door or online.

Venues Access: Please ring 01506 670229 for other enquiries.

Local Information: Check out

Linlithgow's town website for information on accommodation, transport, maps and restaurants. www.linlithgow.com
Or contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01506 282720.

LFFA would like to thank:

- > All supportive local businesses
- > All artists and musicians who support and play at the Festival
- > Black Bitch Community Magazine

- > Black Bitch Tavern
- > Colin and Joan Tyler, catering
- > Falkirk Folk Club
- > Historic Scotland
- > Liltin' Lassies
- > Linlithgow Academy
- > Linlithgow Bowling Club
- > Linlithgow Burgh Halls
- > Linlithgow Business Association
- > Linlithgow Journal and Gazette
- > Linlithgow Reed Band
- > Linlithgow Union Canal Society
- > Linlithgow Young People's Project
- > Martine Stead, Cat Egerton, (photography)
- > Newtongrange Folk Club

Trains: Linlithgow is well serviced by ScotRail, with direct services from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dunblane, Stirling and Falkirk.

Buses: Through bus services are available from Edinburgh, Falkirk and Stirling. (First bus services 38

and X38) Less regular routes from most other parts of West Lothian.

Driving: Via the M9 from the West (eastbound), leave at J4 (no exit at J3 this carriageway). Via the M9 from the East (westbound), leave at J3.

Parking: Pay and Display car park behind Cross House, and other on street time-limited parking. Free long stay car park behind Tesco, but note parking in main Tesco park is time limited.

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