

**the 15th
linlithgow**

folk festival



Friendly folk in Linlithgow

11 - 15 September 2013

wednesday 11 sept

Celebration Stramash!

FREE



Celebrate the start of the 15th Festival in style with a great night of song, music and dance with the stalwarts of Linlithgow Folk Festival Association and friends. Come along for a tune and a song, hear the best of our local talent, have a laugh and a bit of a hoolie to get you in the mood for the Festival weekend.

From 8pm, Linlithgow Bowling Club, EH49 7BH.
Licensed bar

thursday 12 sept

Scotland's Story in Poetry and Song

FREE

with Quill (West Lothian Poetry Group)
and West Lothian Songwriters' Group

A joint venture, these West Lothian groups have enjoyed collaborating over the past 18 months. The evening focuses on Scotland's people, and the drama and humour of their stories; but will inevitably head off occasionally in other entertaining directions!

Start 7.30pm (entry from 7.15 pm)

Black Bitch Tavern (upstairs lounge) EH49 7AZ

<http://webspaces.webring.com/people/vm/magjam/songwriters.html>

Uncle Red at the Four Marys

FREE

A great night is assured with this popular rockabilly band.

From 9pm

Four Marys,

High Street, EH49 7ED



www.unclered.co.uk/index.html

www.linlithgowfolk.com

Bluegrass double-bill concert with the Okefenokee Bluegrass Band and the Mairi Orr Band

Pioneers for Bluegrass in Scotland, the Okefenokee Bluegrass Band became very successful on the music scene, to the delight of audiences of all ages. The band retired due to other commitments, but this year they are back together again for a series of gigs to celebrate their long friendship and it is fitting that the first of these reunion gigs is in Linlithgow as it all started here, with their first professional gig.



Also, Scottish singer/songwriter Mairi Orr has been a regular in the Edinburgh and Lothians bluegrass and folk scene since 2004. Her melodic style and acoustic set-up draw from American roots music and Scottish traditional music, offering original songs and other interpretations which nod towards current

Americana and contemporary Scottish Folk. <http://mairiorr.com>

8pm (Doors Open 7.30pm)

Queen Margaret Hall, Blackness Road, EH49 7JA

Admission: £10 on the door. Licensed bar



Musical Cruises

with Linlithgow Union Canal Society

Cruise the Union Canal in a narrowboat with live music from Cockleroy. Bring your own food for a canal-side barbecue afterwards, prepared by our good friends from LUCS.

7pm and 8pm. Canal Centre, Manse Road EH 49 6AJ

All tickets £6 in advance from Burgh Halls Linlithgow.

Tel: 01506 282720 or at the Canal Centre on the night.

Advance booking advised to avoid disappointment!

The Weekend Session Scene

FREE



From 8pm

Come along play, sing or just listen and enjoy! Start on Friday by visiting one of the following venues:

Black Bitch Tavern, EH49 7AZ

Upstairs mixed session, mixed session downstairs, hosted by Rudeigin

Linlithgow Bowling Club, EH49 7BH

Mixed session hosted by Jane Donnelly and Friends

Westport Hotel, EH49 7AZ

Mixed session hosted by LFFA and Friends

OTHER SESSIONS IN PUBS DISPLAYING THE FESTIVAL LOGO

Full list of session venues will be available at the Hub (Masonic Hall) thro' the weekend

Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall

11am to 4.30pm

Information, shop and refreshments. Drop in any time!

FREE

Come and Sing - Songs for the Seasons



Informal singing hosted by West Lothian's Sangschule and the Liltin' Lassies from Dunblane. All welcome to join in or just listen. Bring your favourite songs to fit the "Songs for the Seasons" theme.

11am - 12.30pm

FREE



Pub Sessions

Afternoon and evening sessions in pubs displaying the festival logo. All welcome to join in or just listen.

FREE

The Sesh!



A new venture for young people who want to find out about playing with others. Bring your own instrument, or if you don't have one, we can provide a range of fun instruments to get you started.

Age 12 - 16 years.

1pm - 3pm

Burgh Halls, The Cross, EH49 7AH

FREE

Songs and Music at the Canal



Our friends at LUCS are again happy to allow us to make music at the canal basin. Well worth the trip uphill!

Lovely tea and scones for sale in the tearoom!

2 - 4.30pm

Canal Centre, Manse Road, EH49 6AJ

www.lucs.org.uk

FREE



Music at The Cross on The Nora Devine Stage

All kinds of everything - never a dull moment around the Cross. We are delighted once more to welcome acts from near and far on our outdoor stage, celebrating the memory of the founder of Linlithgow Folk Club.

11.30am - 5pm

The Cross

FREE

Workshops

Please pay stewards at the workshop venue!

All workshops held in Cross House 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.

Mixed Instrument with the Outside Track



Bring your own instrument and seize this great opportunity to take part in an informal morning learning how to play session tunes with some of these fantastic musicians from our headline concert. This is a chance to play your instrument with others in a session – type atmosphere, and will get you in the mood for joining in one of the many sessions

over the weekend! Improvers welcome.

11am - 1pm

Guitar with Cillian O'Dalaigh



Cillian's guitar workshops revolve around giving guitar players the skills and intuition to accompany almost any piece of music they are faced with. With particular focus on the strumming patterns and rhythms that help enunciate the pulses of the different tune types, to lots of tips, tricks and general chord progressions and structures that can be adapted throughout the all the

keys, Cillian aims to give even the most basic of guitar players the skills and confidence to accompany anything they desire!!!

2 - 4pm

Introduction to Irish Song: The Vocal Tradition



Dublin singer Aoife Scott gives an introductory workshop on the tradition of Irish song and singing. Songs of Emigration, Laments, Love and Lost Love, and Sean-Nós ("old-style") will be demonstrated. Students will have the opportunity to sing some examples of the Irish tradition, and will be encouraged to sing in Gaelic (to be learned phonetically), as well as English. Songs

will be unaccompanied, as in the Irish tradition. This is a workshop that will be fun as well as informative.

2 - 4pm



Craft fair

An unmissable opportunity to sample a wide range of quality local crafts. One-stop shopping!

10.30am to 4pm, Free

FREE

saturday 14 sept

Headline Concert with **The Outside Track**



A stunning synthesis of virtuoso and vitality, The Outside Track's marriage of Canadian, Scottish and Irish music, dance and song has been rapturously received around the world. Hailing from Scotland, Ireland, Cape Breton and Vancouver, its five members are united by a love of traditional music and a commitment to creating new music on its foundation.

Their blend of boundless energy, and unmistakable joie de vivre has won them a large following and they have headlined festivals all over the globe. We are hugely delighted to welcome

this young and extremely energetic band to Linlithgow. Join us for a night not to be missed! www.theoutsidetrack.com/band.htm

Support by **Jim Byrne**



An experienced and entertaining live performer, Jim has played at many folk, blues and guitar festivals and in addition to his own shows has supported artists such as Benny Gallagher (of Gallagher and Lyle), Blues performers Hans Theessink, Whizz Jones and Celtic Rock Band, the Electrics. As a songwriter he has written with the Jazz singer Carol Kidd and pop singer Marti Pellow and

collaborated with award winning film composer Malcolm Lindsay. Jim's performances on our outdoor stage have always been very well received and we are delighted to bring him indoors tonight!

www.songsbyjimbyrne.com

**7.30pm. Linlithgow Academy Theatre, Braehead Road, EH49 6EH
£15 adults (£10 under 21s and students). All seats unreserved.**

Licensed bar

BOX OFFICE: Burgh Halls Linlithgow. Tel: 01506 282720

Twinning

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 and 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



www.linlithgowfolk.com

festival diary at a glance

Day	Time	Venue	Event	Where to pay
Weds	8pm - 11pm	Bowling Club	Celebration Stramash	Free
Thurs Thurs	7.30 - 11pm 9pm till late	Black Bitch Four Marys	Scotland's Story Music with Uncle Red	Free Free
Fri	7pm and 8pm	CC	Musical Canal cruises	01506 282720 or at CC on night
Fri	8 - 10.30pm	QMH	Bluegrass concert	01506 282720 or on door
Fri	8pm till late	BB upstairs	Instrumental session	Free
Fri	8pm till late	BB lounge	Mixed session	Free
Fri	8pm till late	Bowling Club	Mixed session	Free
Fri	8pm till late	Westport	Mixed session	Free
Sat	10am - 5pm	Masonic	Info/ refreshments	
Sat	10.30am - 4pm	CH	Craft Fair	Free
Sat	11am - 1pm	CH	Mixed Instrument	On door
Sat	11am - 12.30pm	Masonic	Come and Sing	Free
Sat	11am till late	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sat	11.30am - 5pm	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sat	1 - 3pm	Burgh Halls	Young people's session	Free
Sat	2 - 4pm	CH	Irish Song	On door
Sat	2 - 4pm	CH	Guitar	On door
Sat	2 - 4pm	CC	Various music	Free
Sat	2.30 - 3.30pm	Lowport	Mr Boom	01506 282720 or on door
Sat	7.30 - 10.30pm	LA	Headline Concert	01506 282720
Sun	11am - 4.30pm	Masonic	Music/refreshments	
Sun	11am - 12.30pm	Masonic	Bluegrass/Gospel	Free
Sun	1 - 4.30pm	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sun	12pm - late	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sun	2 - 4pm	CC	Newtongrange session	Free
Sun	2.30 - 4.30pm	The Vennel	Open Air Family Ceilidh	Free

KEY

BB = Black Bitch Tavern
CH = Cross House
CC = Canal Centre

HUB = Masonic Hall
LA = Linlithgow Academy
QMH = Queen Margaret Hall

Workshop places should be purchased from the steward at the venue from 20 minutes before start time.

FREE? 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.



saturday 14 sept

Family and Children's events

Photographs will be taken at these events and may be used for publicity purposes. If you do not wish your child to be photographed please let us know. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all events.



Mr Boom

A wean magnet!

Returning to Planet Linlithgow from the moon, the incredible Mr Boom will enthral children and adults alike with his amusing and entertaining style of singing and storytelling. Not to be missed!

2.30 -3.30pm

Lowport Centre, Blackness Road, EH49 7HZ

Admission £5.00 per child, accompanying adult free. Family ticket £10



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1 - 3pm

Burgh Halls, The Cross, EH49 7AH

FREE

sunday 15 sept

Open Air Ceilidh with Cockleroy



A great fun event for all the family and passers-by too! Bring comfy shoes. Refreshments available. If weather is inclement this event will be held in the Masonic Hall.

2.30 – 4.30 pm

The Vennel, Town Centre

FREE

Doors Open Day

Doors Open Days
get into buildings!

14 and 15 September are West Lothian's Doors Open Days, organised by Linlithgow Civic Trust. Across the town the participating buildings vary as to period, purpose and architectural style, and the programme includes Burgh Beautiful's gardening 'Base' at Clarendon.

sunday 15 sept

Bluegrass Gospel Session



Hosted by Dan Markey and friends
- with audience participation.

A great way to waken up to Festival Sunday,
come along and raise the roof!

11am – 12.30pm

Masonic Hall EH49 7AH

FREE



Music at the Cross on the Nora Devine stage

More free music from some of the best
performers around the area to entertain you.

1 - 5pm

FREE

Songs and music at the Canal



Hosted by Newtongrange Folk Club

This is the best way to spend a Sunday
afternoon by the banks of the Union Canal.
Lovely tea and scones on sale!

2 - 4pm,

Canal Centre, Manse Rd. EH49 6AJ

www.lct.org.uk

FREE



Pub Sessions

Afternoon sessions in pubs displaying
the festival logo. Come along, join in or just
listen.

FREE



Outdoor Ceilidh with Cockleroy

2.30pm - 4.30pm,

The Vennel

(Masonic Hall if wet)

See Family and Children's events page - P8

FREE

Oot and Aboot

Musicians will be performing at various
venues throughout the town, including
Linlithgow Palace. Look out for the
Gargoyles of Gargunock, and many other
interesting and entertaining performers!



information

Box Office at Linlithgow Burgh Halls

All tickets (apart from workshops) available from Linlithgow Burgh Halls, 01506 282720.

Under-21/student tickets sold on the door subject to proof of age at the Box Office: 01506 282720.

Credit and debit cards accepted.



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 Tourist Information Centre on 01506 775320



Linlithgow - a Great Visit!

www.linlithgow.com

LFFA would like to thank

All local businesses and pubs supporting LFFA

All artists and musicians who support and play at the Festival

Black Bitch Tavern

Colin and Joan Tyler, catering

Falkirk Folk Club

Four Marys

Linlithgow Academy

Linlithgow Business Association

Linlithgow Bowling Club

Linlithgow Burgh Halls

Linlithgow Journal and Gazette

Linlithgow Reed Band

Linlithgow Union Canal Society

Martine Stead, festival photographer

Newtongrange Folk Club

Norman Cummings Textiles

Sangschule

Traditional Music and Song Association of Scotland

Ward-Steedsy Associates Limited

West Lothian Council

West Lothian Songwriters

West Port Hotel

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West Lothian
Council

linlithgowfolkfestivalassociation

Linlithgow Folk Festival Association does far more than its name might suggest. Apart from our annual Festival, we arrange concerts, ceilidhs, pub sessions, and opportunities to learn about folk music through workshops. We have also established the very popular annual Matt McGinn tribute night which takes place next year on Saturday 8 March 2014.

session dates 2013/2014

Black Bitch Tavern, Linlithgow

Sessions are normally held from **2pm on the third Sunday of each month** in the lounge. In June the session is held prior to the Marches as part of the pre-Marches celebrations, so may occasionally vary: check our website for confirmation of dates: www.linlithgowfolk.com

We also have an evening session (normally start at 8pm) on the **first Thursday of the month**: Check website for venue.

Festival 2014 will be held from 11 -14 September

Contact us and/or become a Friend of the Festival

If you wish to receive information about LFFA please sign up as a Friend of the Festival online at:
www.linlithgowfolk.com

As a Friend, you will receive email alerts of our coming events: it costs nothing!

But...

a donation in support of the Folk Festival would be gratefully received.

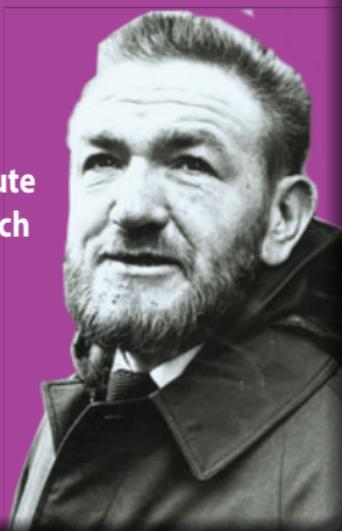
Please make cheques payable to Linlithgow Folk Festival Association.



Make your 2014 date with Matt McGinn!

Our world renowned Matt McGinn tribute night will take place on Saturday 8 March 2014 in Linlithgow Academy Theatre.

This is always a sell-out, so to avoid disappointment keep your eye on our web site www.linlithgowfolk.com for information on ticket release.



How to get here

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.

