

the 16th
linlithgow

folk festival



Friendly folk in Linlithgow

10 - 14 September 2014

wednesday 10 sept

Both Sides The Tweed

FREE



Friends before and after: with one week to go to the historic referendum, let's celebrate the everlasting friendships between us, with songs, stories and humour from Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales.

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

thursday 11 sept

Anniversaries in Poetry and Song with Quill (West Lothian Poetry Group) and West Lothian Songwriters' Group

FREE



A joint venture, these West Lothian groups have enjoyed collaborating over the past 3 years. The evening focuses on the anniversaries of 2014, and judging by previous years' performances will prove to be a sell-out night of tears and mirth.

Start 7.30pm (entry from 7.15pm)

Black Bitch Tavern (upstairs lounge) EH49 7AZ

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

The Morgan Lee Band at the Star and Garter

FREE



Come along and hear this great band in a new festival venue!!

From 9pm

Star and Garter Hotel, High Street, EH49 7AB

www.morganleeband.co.uk

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.



www.linlithgowfolk.com

friday 12 sept

Headline Concert with **Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham**



Back by popular demand!

Aly Bain is Scotland's supreme traditional style fiddler. His playing is unique - driving, committed and pure - with vibrant, unmistakable tone that has earned him a following of ardent fans throughout the world. Teamed with Phil Cunningham - one of the most exciting and innovative accordion players of the times. Phil has taken this instrument from strength to strength, setting the standards by which many young players fix their sights today.



Carissa Bovill

A multi-instrumentalist and an honours graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Music, Carissa is a highly talented singer and performer, who can entrance audiences with her impassioned compositions as well as her interpretation of traditional works.

8pm (Doors open 7.30pm)

Linlithgow Academy Theatre, Braehead Road, EH49 6EH

£ 18 all seats unreserved. Licensed bar

BOX OFFICE: Burgh Halls Linlithgow tel: 01506 282720

The Weekend Session Scene

Star and Garter Hotel, EH49 7AB

FREE



Welcome afternoon session hosted by LFFA and Friends.

2-5pm

Come along play, sing or just listen and enjoy!

Make the most of your weekend by visiting one of the following venues:

From 8pm

Black Bitch Tavern, EH49 7AZ: Upstairs mixed session,

mixed session downstairs.

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.

www.linlithgowfolk.com

Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall

11am to 4.30pm. Masonic Hall, the Cross, EH49 7AH
Information, shop and refreshments. Drop in any time!

FREE

Come and Sing - Songs of Work and Play



An informal and fun singing session with Linlithgow's Sangschule and the Liltin Lasses and Lads from Dunblane. All welcome to join in or listen.

11.30am - 1pm
Festival Hub, Masonic Hall

DONATION



Pub Sessions

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

FREE

The Sesh @ LYPP!



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.

12 noon - 4pm
Linlithgow Young People's Project,
The Vennel, EH49 7EX

FREE

Songs and Music at the Canal



Music performances at the picturesque canal basin. And with 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

We are delighted once more to welcome some great talent from near and far on our outdoor stage. We start the day with 'Happy Time', an hour of entertainment for children, with Pauline Vallance.

10.30am - 5pm
The Cross

FREE

saturday 13 sept

Workshops

Please pay stewards at the workshop venue!

All workshops held in Cross House EH49 7AL. Cost: £6

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).

Mixed Instrument with Nigel Gatherer



Nigel Gatherer's popular mixed instrument workshop is open to all. You should have been learning your instrument for at least a year, and if you play small pipes you should bring another more versatile instrument as well. The group will have fun and will surprise themselves by taking simple material and creating an interesting, exciting piece of music. Music-reading ability is not a requirement, but a sense of humour most definitely is!

11am - 1pm

Song with Jennifer Sterling



A graduate from The University of York in 2012, Jennifer teaches and performs a wide variety of music from Classical and Jazz to Folk, and prides herself as an energetic leader with fresh ideas and a passion for making music accessible to all. This session will work on harmonies, expression and ensemble singing, and although it will focus on folk song, you can expect a couple of other genres to crop up too. A vibrant workshop suitable for all!

2.15 - 4.15pm



Craft fair

A festival favourite – well worth a visit - and a wide range of quality local crafts for sale.

10.30am to 4pm, Free

FREE



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.

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

All tickets £6 in advance from Burch Halls Linlithgow

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

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Festival Bluegrass Bonanza



Dapper McDans

With the 'Dapper McDans', the American roots have found their way back across the Atlantic to Scotland. They can be found in the pubs, festivals and sheds of the Central Belt of Scotland, playing a laid-back acoustic mixture of bluegrass, old time and traditional Celtic music.



North Atlantic Duo

Cheyenne Brown (harp) and Dave Currie (dobro/guitar/vocals) are 2/3s of the North Atlantic Trio. They combine Scottish, Irish, old-time Appalachian and bluegrass music with their own original compositions in a unique music mix. The trio recently released their debut album, "Some Part of Something", which has been critically acclaimed as a "particularly tasty transatlantic crossover" (Songlines), and "a flawless coming together of cross-genre, mixed influence, multicultural music... sublimely melodic and intensely gorgeous" (Folkwords).

7.30pm - 10.30pm

Queen Margaret Hall, Blackness Road, EH49 7JA

Admission: £10 on the door

Licensed 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 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	Both Sides The Tweed	Free
Thurs Thurs	9pm till late 7.30pm - 11pm	Star & Garter Black Bitch	Morgan Lee Band 2014 in Poetry and Song	Free Free
Fri Fri Fri Fri Fri Fri	8pm - 11pm 2pm - 5pm 8pm till late 8pm till late 8pm till late 8pm till late	Academy Star & Garter BB upstairs BB lounge Bowling Club Westport	Headline Concert Mixed session Instrumental session Mixed session Mixed session Mixed session	01506 282720 Free Free Free Free Free
Sat Sat Sat Sat Sat Sat Sat Sat Sat Sat Sat	10am - 5pm 10.30am - 4pm 10.30am - 5pm 11am - 1pm 11.30am - 1pm 11am - late 12pm - 4pm 2.15pm - 4.15pm 2pm - 4pm 6pm & 7pm	Masonic Cross House The Cross Cross House Masonic Pubs Burgh Halls Cross House Canal Centre Canal Centre	Info/ refreshments Craft Fair Nora Devine stage Mixed Instrument Come and Sing Sessions Young people's session Song Workshop Various music Musical Canal cruises	Free Free Free On door Donation Free Free On door Free 01506 282720 or at CC on night 01506 282720
Sun Sun Sun Sun Sun Sun	11am - 4.30pm 11am - 12.30pm 1pm - 4.30pm 12pm - late 2pm - 4.30pm 2.30pm - 4.30pm	Masonic Masonic The Cross Pubs Bowling Club The Vennel	info/ refreshments Bluegrass Gospel Nora Devine stage Sessions Newtongrange open session Open Air Family Ceilidh	Free Free Free Free Free Free

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

Oot and About

Musicians will be performing at various venues throughout the town. Look out for the many interesting and entertaining performers and venues, including Linlithgow Palace. Normal admission charges apply, free to Historic Scotland members. www.historic-scotland.gov.uk



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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.



Happy Time with Pauline Vallance

FREE

This year we are bringing our children's entertainment outside! Bring all the family and come along to the Cross for 'Happy Time'!

10.30 – 11.15am

Nora Devine Outdoor stage



The Sesh @ LYPP!

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12 noon - 4pm

**Linlithgow Young People's Project
The Vennel, EH49 7EX**

sunday 14 sept

Open Air Ceilidh with Cockleroy

FREE



One of our most popular events for families and passers-by!
Refreshments available.

If the weather is bad this event will be held in the Masonic Hall.

2.30 – 4.30 pm

The Vennel, Town Centre

sunday 14 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.
If wet, this will be held in the Burgh Halls.

1 - 5pm

FREE



Songs and music at the Bowling Club

Come along to join in or listen at this lively
session in our new Sunday venue hosted by
Newtongrange Folk Club.

2 - 4.30pm, Bowling Club

FREE



Pub Sessions

Afternoon sessions in pubs displaying the
festival logo.

Come along, join in or just listen.

FREE



Open Air Ceilidh with Cockleroy

2.30pm - 4.30pm,

**The Vennel, Town Centre
(Masonic Hall if wet)**

See Family and Children's events page - P8

FREE

Doors Open Day

13 and 14 September 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.



Doors Open Days
get into buildings!

information

Box Office

Tickets for canal cruises and concerts 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
- Historic Scotland
- Liltin' Lassies and Lads
- Linlithgow Academy
- Linlithgow Business Association
- Linlithgow Bowling Club
- Linlithgow Burgh Halls
- Linlithgow Journal and Gazette
- Linlithgow Reed Band
- Linlithgow Union Canal Society
- Linlithgow Young People's Project



- Martine Stead, Cat Egerton, Debbie Day (photography)
- Newtongrange Folk Club
- Quill
- Sangschule
- Star and Garter Hotel
- Traditional Music and Song Association of Scotland
- Visit West Lothian
- Ward-Steedsy Associates Limited
- West Lothian Council
- West Lothian Songwriters
- West Port Hotel

visit **west lothian**



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.. We have also established the very popular annual Matt McGinn tribute night which takes place next year on Saturday 14 March 2015.

session dates 2014/2015

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

West Port Hotel Function Room, Linlithgow

We also have an evening session (normally start at 8pm) on the **first Thursday of the month**: Entry from car park behind Westport Hotel

Festival 2015 will be held from 9 -13 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/contact.htm

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 2015 date with Matt McGinn!

Our world renowned Matt McGinn tribute night will take place on Saturday 7 March 2015 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.

