

LINLITHGOW FOLK FESTIVAL 2018

20 YEARS



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WED 5 SEPT CELEBRATION STRAMASH!

Celebrate the start of the milestone 20th festival in style with a great night of song, music and dance from the stalwarts of Linlithgow Folk Festival 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 at Linlithgow Bowling Club, Philip Avenue EH49 7BH. FREE – donations welcome. Refreshments available from the bar.



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THU 6 SEPT

'SONGS AND REELS AT THE ROSE' WITH THE HANNAH RARITY BAND



Back by popular request, this year's event at the Rose Social Club will feature BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2018 - West Lothian's very own Hannah Rarity - and her fabulous band.

Recently featured in The Scotsman as 'one to watch in 2018', Hannah's spellbinding voice and warm, genuine stage manner have seen her become one of Scotland's foremost young singers.

Since graduating from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in 2016, she has toured internationally with the renowned Irish-American traditional group 'Cherish the Ladies', appeared as a soloist on BBC Scotland's Hogmanay Live 2016, sold out her 2017 Edinburgh Fringe debut and featured in projects for the RSN0, Scottish Chamber Orchestra and BBC Northern Ireland TV.

Hannah's debut EP 'Beginnings' marked an exciting chapter in her already remarkable career. Her thoughtful interpretations of traditional material, and sensitive, self-penned songs are skilfully backed by her band. Together they create intricate and fiery arrangements, which are as exciting as they are moving.

For "Songs and Reels at the Rose", Hannah will be joined by the brilliant young musicians Sally Simpson (fiddle/viola), Innes White (guitar), John Lowrie (piano) and Conan McDonagh (whistle).

8pm - 10.15pm. Doors open at 7.15pm. Linlithgow Rose Social Club, Braehead Road EH49 6HF. £10 on the door. Tickets also available at Far From The Madding Crowd, 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE. Tickets can be booked online at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com. Check Facebook for details.

Supported by the Black Bitch Community Magazine



SESSION AT THE BLACK BITCH

Come along and play, sing or just listen.

8pm onwards. FREE.
14 West Port EH49 7AZ



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FRI 7 SEPT

SESSION AT THE BLACK BITCH

Come along and play, sing or just listen and enjoy. Space available both indoors and outdoors.

2pm-5pm, Black Bitch Tavern
14 West Port EH49 7AZ



MUSICAL CRUISE WITH LINLITHGOW UNION CANAL SOCIETY (LUCS)

Always hugely popular, cruise on the Union Canal, with live music from our very own Cockleroy. Cruise from 7pm until 8.15pm. Tickets £8 in advance from

Far From the Madding Crowd, 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE or online at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com



“COME ALL YE” SESSION AT THE BOWLING CLUB

with John Graham (ex-Clydesiders) and Jim Jack (ex-Carterhall)

Stalwarts of the Scottish Folk scene since the 1960s, John and Jim have been playing together for the last ten years. Their act evokes much of the spirit of the Folk revival, with ample opportunities to join in choruses and a fair smattering of humour.

The duo have just released their first joint album, 'Sae Will We Yet' and tonight they will be performing songs from it, as well as other favourites. This will be followed by a general session, where everyone is welcome to join in.

From 8pm at Linlithgow Bowling Club, Philip Avenue EH49 7BH.

FREE – donations welcome. Refreshments available from the bar.

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BLUEGRASS CONCERT WITH THE WHITETOP MOUNTAIN BAND (USA)



As part of their 2018 UK tour, this family-based band from Whitetop, Virginia is making a very welcome third visit to Linlithgow.

Whitetop is an area rich in the old time music tradition and the band has deep roots in mountain music. The members have done much to preserve the Whitetop region's style of old time fiddling and banjo picking and are legendary musicians and teachers of the style.

Their shows are very versatile and entertaining, including everything from fiddle/banjo instrumentals to powerful solos and harmony vocals on blues, classic country, honky tonk, traditional bluegrass numbers, old timey ballads and four-part mountain gospel songs. The Whitetop Mountain Band is well known for high energy and charisma on stage and their shows also include flat foot dancing.

The 2018 UK Tour line-up will feature "Whitetop Mountain Girls" – Emily Spencer (banjo and vocals), Martha Spencer (fiddle, vocals and dance), Kelley Breiding (guitar and vocals), and Debbie Bramer (bass, vocals and dance).

8pm-10.30pm. Doors open 7.15pm, Linlithgow Rose Social Club, Braehead Road EH49 6HF. £10 on the door. Tickets are also available at Far From The Madding Crowd, 20 High Street EH49 7AE. Tickets can be booked online at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com

EVENING SESSIONS

Sessions from 8pm at the Black Bitch, 14 West Port EH49 7AZ and other venues displaying the Festival logo.

Please check Facebook for updates.



SAT 8 SEPT

FESTIVAL HUB @ THE MASONIC HALL

10.30am–5pm 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. A varied and exciting programme of music throughout the day. **11am–5pm.**



YOUTH FESTIVAL SHOWCASE

In Scotland's Year of Young People, we will give emerging talent the opportunity to perform in a relaxed and informal setting. Those taking part will include the Falkirk Schools' Trad Band, plus individual singers and musicians from across Scotland. **12 noon – 4pm at St Michael's Kirk Hall behind Cross House, 5 The Cross EH49 7AL. FREE – donations welcome.**



COME AND SING

An informal and fun singing session, with Linlithgow's Sangschule and the Liltin' Lassies from Dunblane. All welcome. **Masonic Hall 11am – 12.30pm. FREE – donations welcome.**



YOUR QUICK GUIDE

Day	Time	Venue	Event	Where to pay
Wed	8pm-11pm	Bowling Club	Celebration Stramash!	Free
Thu	8pm-10.15pm	Rose Club	Songs & Reels	£10 <i>Tickets from Far From The Madding Crowd, online or on the door.</i>
Thu	8pm	Black Bitch	Mixed Session	Free
Fri	2pm-5pm	Black Bitch	Mixed Session	Free
Fri	7pm-8.15pm	Canal Centre	Musical Cruise	£8 <i>Tickets from Far From the Madding Crowd and online.</i>
Fri	8pm-10.30pm	Rose Club	Whitetop Mountain Band	£10 <i>Tickets from Far From The Madding Crowd, online or on the door.</i>
Fri	8pm	Bowling Club	'Come All Ye' Session	Free
Fri	8pm	Black Bitch	Mixed Session	Free
Sat	10.30am-5pm	Masonic	Info/refreshments	Free
Sat	11am-5pm	The Cross	Nora Devine Stage	Free
Sat	10.30am-12.30pm	Cross House	Come and Fiddle	Free
Sat	11am-12.30pm	Masonic	Come and Sing	Free
Sat	11am-12.30pm	Cross House	Come and Whistle	Free
Sat	12 noon-4pm	Cross House	Youth Showcase	Free
Sat	2pm-3.30pm	Masonic	Come and try Ukulele	Free
Sat	All Day	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sat	7.30pm-10.30pm	Academy	Concert with Ralph McTell	£25 <i>Tickets from Far From the Madding Crowd and online.</i>
Sun	11am-12.30pm	Masonic	Bluegrass Gospel	Free
Sun	1pm-5pm	The Cross	Nora Devine Stage	Free
Sun	Afternoon/Evening	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sun	2pm-4pm	Bowling Club	Songs & Music	Free
Sun	2.30pm-4.30pm	The Vennel	Open Air Family Ceilidh	Free

Online ticketing for Songs and Reels at the Rose, Bluegrass with the Whitetop Mountain Band, Canal Cruise and concert with Ralph McTell at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com



Please 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.**



SAT 8 SEPT

SESSIONS

Sessions in pubs displaying the Festival logo. Check Facebook for updates.



WORKSHOPS IN CROSS HOUSE

Just turn up and take part. FREE – donations welcome.

COME AND WHISTLE – complete beginner to intermediate.

Local piper Ollie Rigg comes from a musical background rich in Scottish and Irish Folk tunes. His approach to teaching is tailored for both the complete beginner and intermediate whistle player alike. 11am –12.30pm.

COME AND FIDDLE – a two hour workshop aimed at beginners to intermediate adult players (No complete beginners).

With Lorna Swan. Music will be taught by ear with sheet music given out at the end. Lorna is a very experienced teacher, who has been a tutor at Falkirk Fiddle Workshop since its early days. She teaches at the Falkirk Traditional Music Project and has performed at ceilidhs and concerts all over the world. 10.30am –12.30pm

COME AND TRY UKULELE led by Nigel Patrick

from Nigel Patrick Music. Nigel runs ukulele groups in Perth and Milnathort. He performs as a Jazz Guitarist and plays regularly in his blues band The Dirt Road Collective. Also Susan Bowden from Acoustic Music Workshop, one of the leaders of several Uke groups including Linlithgow, Glenrothes and Aberfeldy.

Masonic Hall. 2pm–3.30pm
Admission FREE – donations welcome.



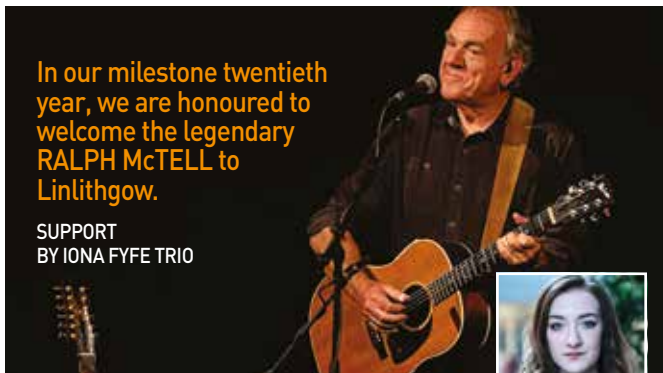
SAT 8 SEPT

HEADLINE CONCERT WITH

RALPH McTELL

In our milestone twentieth year, we are honoured to welcome the legendary **RALPH McTELL** to Linlithgow.

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Best known for his international hit “Streets of London”, Ralph McTell has been a stalwart of the British acoustic music scene for the last five decades. He has enjoyed a 50 year, 350 song career, which has taken him from street busking across Europe to solo shows at the Royal Albert Hall and the Sydney Opera House.

Known for his virtuoso guitar style, he is primarily a prolific and gifted songwriter. With a style that invites you into a unique world, he weaves a narrative that is both significant and poignant.

Ralph made his debut in 1968 with the album “Eight Frames a Second” and in 1974, the release of “Streets of London” earned him an Ivor Novello Award. In 2002, he was presented with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Tonight, Ralph will be playing songs from his full catalogue.



Aberdeenshire folksinger, **Iona Fyfe**, has become one of Scotland’s finest young ballad singers, rooted deeply in the singing traditions of the North East. A finalist in the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2017, Iona embraces the repertoire of her native North East throughout the UK and Europe. Following her outstanding performance at our “Songs and Reels at the Rose” event last year, we are delighted to welcome her back to Linlithgow and our headline concert. **Iona will be accompanied by musicians Jack Badcock and Ross Miller, Linlithgow’s very own world champion Town Piper.**

7.30pm-10.30pm. (Doors open 6.30pm, entry into hall 7pm). Linlithgow Academy Theatre, Braehead Road, Linlithgow EH49 7EN. Tickets £25. All seats unreserved. Licensed bar. Tickets available from Far From The Madding Crowd, 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE. Online booking available via linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com

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SUN 9 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.

1pm–5pm The Cross.



SONGS AND MUSIC AT THE BOWLING CLUB

Come along to join in or listen at this lively session. Hosted by Newtongrange Folk Club.

2pm–4pm. Linlithgow Bowling Club, Philip Avenue EH49 7BH.



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. In the event of rain, please check Facebook and other social media for updates 2.30pm–4.30pm, the Vennel, Town Centre EH49 7EX.



PUB SESSIONS



Afternoon sessions in pubs displaying the Festival logo. Please check Facebook for updates.



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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 and regular music sessions in local pubs. We have also established the annual Matt McGinn Tribute Night, which takes place at the beginning of March.

Monthly Session Dates 2018/2019

Black Bitch Tavern, 14 West Port, Linlithgow, EH49 7AZ

Sessions are normally held in the Lounge from 8pm on the first Thursday and from 2pm on the third Sunday of the month.

In June, the session takes place on the Sunday before Marches Day. In 2019, this will be Sunday 16 June. Check the list of dates on our website: www.linlithgowfolk.com



FESTIVAL 2019 WILL BE HELD FROM 11-15 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

PEDAL FOR SCOTLAND

Please visit www.pedalforscotland.org for the latest information on Pedal for Scotland and how this event may affect your travel to and from Linlithgow on Sunday 9 Sept 2018.



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MAKE YOUR 2019 DATE WITH MATT MCGINN!

At the beginning of March in Linlithgow Academy Theatre. This is always a sell-out, so to avoid disappointment, keep your eye on our website www.linlithgowfolk.com for the finalised date and information on ticket release.



INFORMATION

Box Office: Tickets for all ticketed events are available from Far from the Madding Crowd, 20 High Street EH49 7AE. Tel. 01506 845509. Also available online at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com

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
- > Cafe Bar 1807
- > Cat Egerton, Martine Stead (photography)
- > CGH Creative Ltd
- > Colin and Joan Tyler, catering

- > Falkirk Folk Club
- > Falkirk Traditional Music Project
- > Far From the Madding Crowd
- > Historic Environment Scotland
- > Inverlorn Community High School
- > Liltin' Lassies
- > Linlithgow Academy
- > Linlithgow Bowling Club
- > Linlithgow Business Association
- > Linlithgow Journal and Gazette
- > Linlithgow Linties
- > Linlithgow Rose Social Club
- > Linlithgow Sound & Lighting Services (John Barker)
- > Linlithgow Town Centre BID
- > Linlithgow Union Canal Society
- > Linlithgow Young People's Project
- > Newtongrange Folk Club
- > Nigel Patrick & Susan Bowden

- > Sangschule
- > Star & Garter Hotel
- > Steedsy.com Audio
- > Tolbooth Traditional Music Project, Stirling
- > Visit West Lothian
- > West Port Hotel



Trains: Linlithgow is well served 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 38A). 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. The transport information listed above may be subject to change on Sunday 9 September. Please refer to www.pedalforScotland.org for the latest

information affecting Linlithgow
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.