

Linlithgow Folk Festival – 8th -12th September 2010

Great 12th Festival!
12 years on and still going strong!
Friendly Folk in Linlithgow
www.linlithgowfolk.com

Wednesday 8th September – GRAND FESTIVAL OPENING CONCERT **OR “THE L FACTOR – LITHCA’S GOT TALENT”**

Bringing to you all your local favourites: the splendid team of performers that are Linlithgow Folk Festival Association and friends: you’ve seen them in action at the Matt McGinn nights and in the sessions, so now see them in concert!
8.00.pm (Doors Open 7.30.pm) Masonic Hall, Linlithgow
Admission £3 – no further concessions: pay on the door
Licensed bar

Thursday 9th September

Pub session with Pure Malt at 9pm

A regular fixture and ever popular part of Linlithgow Festival.
Pure Malt are almost in with the bricks!

The Four Marys. Free.

www.pure-malt.com

Friday 10th September

BLUEGRASS CONCERT WITH LONGWAY – Masonic Hall – 8pm

Departing from the previous years’ format of having both concerts on the same night: now you don’t have to choose, but can go to BOTH!

Longway are a Scottish Bluegrass band who certainly have come a long way since they first formed in 2003, having played at many Bluegrass festivals and folk clubs since.

They specialize in playing and singing in the fast-paced style developed by Bill Monroe and his Bluegrass Boys in the 1940's. Just check out their sound and illustrious CVs on their website: www.longway.php.blueyonder.co.uk

8.00.pm (Doors Open 7.30.pm) Masonic Hall, Linlithgow

Tickets £5: in advance from Blast Off Books, Linlithgow High Street, Tel: 01506 844645.
N.B. Cash or cheque sales ONLY (no cards) or pay on the door on the night.

Licensed bar

Friday 10th September – The Session Scene

Sessions in the Black Bitch Tavern

Singaround upstairs hosted by Sangschule

Mixed session downstairs lounge

OTHER SESSIONS IN PUBS DISPLAYING THE LFFA LOGO

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

All sessions from 8pm and free entry.

Friday 10th September

MUSICAL CRUISES WITH LINLITHGOW UNION CANAL SOCIETY

It would not be Linlithgow Folk Festival without this event!

Cruise the Union Canal in a narrowboat with live music from **Cockleroy**.

Bring your own food for a canal-side barbecue afterwards.

Advance booking essential to avoid disappointment!

7.00.pm & 8.00.pm

Canal Centre, Manse Road.

£5 and £4 concessions, family ticket £14

Box Office: 01506 777666

**Or in person at Howden Park Centre, Livingston, or at the Canal Centre on the night
(Advance booking strongly advised)**

Saturday 11th September

FESTIVAL HUB @ the Masonic Hall

Sat 11th Sept, 10am to 5.00.pm

Box office, information, shop and refreshments, coffees/teas.

Drop in any time! **Free music** at the Hub throughout the day.

Come and Sing – “Must have a chorus”

11am - 12.30pm

Informal singing hosted by Sangschule, with other singing groups and individuals!

All welcome to join in or just listen. Bring your favourite chorus songs.

Festival Showcase

1.15 – 4.45 pm

A guaranteed good afternoon of free entertainment from friends old and new.

2.30.pm Our special guest today is Ian Davison, acclaimed Glasgow singer-songwriter, who last appeared at Linlithgow Folk Festival in 2007. he has written a host of songs, many of which have been covered by other artists such as Archie Fisher, and brought him accolades from Peggy Seeger. Ian is accompanied today by a very talented young lady, Carissa Bovill.

www.iandavisonsongs.co.uk

Detailed listing of other performers at the Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall.

Sessions - Sat 11th Sept

Afternoon and evening sessions in pubs displaying the festival logo. All welcome

Songs and Music at the Canal

Continuing our happy liaison with the Linlithgow Union Canal Society – more **free music** at the beautiful setting of the Canal Basin.

Listings displayed at the Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall and Canal tearoom.

Music at the Cross on the Nora Devine Stage

For the third year, we shall again have the outdoor stage in place for both Saturday and Sunday. The stage name salutes the memory of Nora Devine, who did so much for the former Linlithgow Folk Club for many years, and set up the first Linlithgow Folk Festival.

Regular favourites on both indoor and outdoor stages include The Linties, Tryst, Jim Byrne, Skirlie, and each year there are new discoveries!

Saturday 11th September (cont'd)

WORKSHOPS

Please purchase tickets at the Hub @ the Masonic Hall, BEFORE going to workshop venue!

Workshops held in locations shown.

All workshops cost £5, £4 concession. Suitable for age 16+, unless otherwise stated.

Or places can be reserved in advance by email (pay at the Hub on the day):

mail@linlithgowfolk.com

DADGAD GUITAR - with Ken Hastings

Ken is a very proficient guitarist and songwriter, and will take you out of standard guitar tuning into the mysteries of DADGAD tuning, which lends itself so well to folk music, and is widely used by many players. Not suitable for complete beginners.

10.30 a.m. to 12.15. p.m. Cross House

CHILDREN'S MORNING MATT- inee – with Ewan McVicar

(See also Children's events page - 8)

10.30. – 12.00.noon Cross House

SONG with AMY LORD

Amy, from Dunblane, is no stranger to Linlithgow Festival, having attended in previous years with the Lilitin' Lassies, the community singing group that she tutors. The great results she achieves with the Lassies were to be heard last year on the Nora Devine stage, and also on the Danny Kyle Stage at Celtic Connections in January 2010. Amy is a graduate of RSAMD and her singing of Scots Song won her one of the final places in the BBC Radio Scotland Traditional Musician Awards 2008.

2.00. – 4.00.pm Cross House

FIDDLE with JONNY HARDIE

Jonny is the longest serving member in the current line-up of Old Blind Dogs, who are performing in our headline concert tonight. He is a very fine fiddle player: do not miss this opportunity to learn from him. Tunes will be taught by ear: it is useful to bring a portable recording device.

Workshop level suited to intermediate players and beyond.

2.00. – 3.30. pm Cross House

PERCUSSION with FRASER STONE

Fraser is the drummer/percussionist in Old Blind Dogs, and gives the band the great rhythm for which it is known and recognised. He specialises in hand-drumming such as djembe, darabuka, etc. Come and get in the groove, or learn some new funky rhythms! Please bring your own drum(s)

3.30. – 5.00.pm Cross House

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Headline Concert with Old Blind Dogs

The band has been in existence since the early 1990s, and has been through a number of line-ups. They have twice won the Folk Band of the Year category in the Scottish Trad Music Awards, and their latest CD "Four on the Floor" won the "best Celtic CD" award.

The current line-up includes Jonny Hardie on fiddle, mandolin, guitar and vocals, Aaron Jones on bouzouki, guitar, electric bass and vocals, Fraser Stone on percussion and drums, and Ali Hutton on pipes, whistles and guitar.

See: www.oldblinddogs.co.uk and www.myspace.com/oldblinddogs

Lucy Pringle and Chris Wright

Lucy Pringle and Chris Wright began singing together at the start of 2008, brought together by a common love of traditional and contemporary Scottish songs. Lucy and Chris' songs have already earned them a prestigious Danny Kyle Award at Celtic Connections 2009, and they played support to the McCalmans at Celtic Connections 2010. Chris also works for the landmark Kist o Riches (Tobar an Dualchais) project, cataloguing the Scots song archive at the School of Scottish Studies in Edinburgh.

See: www.pringlewright.com

Sat 11th Sept, 8.00.pm (Doors open at 7.15.pm)

Linlithgow Academy Theatre. £14 (£12 concessions), unreserved seating.

Licensed bar.

BOX OFFICE: 01506 777666

THE BLUEGRASS AREA

Informal Bluegrass sessions (FREE)

As well as the Bluegrass concert at the Masonic Hall on Friday night, there will be Bluegrass sessions in pubs displaying the LFFA logo: detailed listings of session locations over the weekend will be available at the Hub at the Masonic Hall.

Saturday 11th September - CRAFT FAIR

A wide range of quality local crafts.

10.30am to 4pm.

Cross House, FREE

Festival Diary at a glance

Day	Time	Venue	Event	Where to pay
Weds	20.00.-23.00.	Masonic	Lithca's Got Talent	On the door
Thurs	21.00. till late	Four Marys	Session with Pure Malt	Free
Fri	19.00.	Canal	Musical Canal cruise	01506 777666
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Fri	20.00.	Masonic	Longway - Bluegrass	BOB or on door
Fri	20.00.till late	BB upstairs	Singers' session	Free
Fri	20.00.till late	BB lounge	Mixed session	Free
Fri	20.00.till late	Various pubs	See listings at the Masonic Hall	Free
Sat	10.00. – 17.00.	Masonic	Music/refreshments	
Sat	10.30. – 16.00.	CH	Craft Fair	Free
Sat	10.30.-12.15.	CH	DADGAD workshop	Masonic
Sat	10.30. – 12.00.	CH	Children's workshop	Masonic
Sat	11.00. – 12.30.	Masonic	Come and Sing	Free
Sat	11.00. - late	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sat	11.30. – 16.30.	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sat	14.00. – 16.00.	CH	Song workshop	Masonic
Sat	14.00. – 15.30.	CH	Fiddle workshop	Masonic
Sat	13.15. – 16.45.	Masonic	Festival Showcase	Free
Sat	14.00. – 16.00.	Canal	Various music	Free
Sat	14.30. – 15.30.	Lowport	Mr Boom	BOB/Masonic
Sat	15.30. – 17.00.	CH	Drumming workshop	Masonic
Sat	20.00. – 23.00.	LA	Headline Concert	01506 777666
Sun	11.00. – 16.30.	Masonic	Music/refreshments	
Sun	10.00. – 14.00.	Lowport	Pedal for Scotland/Music	Free
Sun	11.00. – 12.30.	Masonic	Bluegrass/Gospel	Free
Sun	11.30. – 16.30.	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sun	12.00.- late	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sun	13.15. – 16.25.	Masonic	Open Stage	Free
Sun	16.25. – 16.30.	Masonic	Festival Song/Finale	Free
Sun	14.00. – 16.00.	Canal	Newtongrange session	Free
Sun	14.00. – 16.00.	The Vennel	Open Air Family Ceilidh	Free

Key:

BB = Black Bitch Tavern

BOB = Blast Off Books

CH = Cross House

LA = Linlithgow Academy

Please **pre-purchase** workshop and Mr Boom tickets to avoid disappointment.

LAST YEAR'S FESTIVAL AND MATT MCGINN NIGHT 2010

View Martine Stead's superb pics here:

<http://linlithgowfolkfestivalphotos.shutterfly.com>

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.

Saturday 11th September

CHILDREN'S MORNING MATT- inee - EWAN McVICAR

Another great collection and songs to sing for fun with Ewan McVicar. Some songs that the late Matt McGinn wrote for children will be included.

Suitable for Primary School age children.

Cross House, 10.30. – 12 noon

Tickets - £2 PER CHILD, Adults £1

Available at the Masonic Hall on the day.

Adult must accompany child.

MR BOOM

After orbiting the earth a few times more, Mr Boom again lands at the Lowport for his meteoric show!

Saturday at 2.15 - 3.15 pm

LOWPORT CENTRE

Admission £3.00 per child. Bring one adult free!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets in advance from Blast Off Books, Linlithgow High Street.

Tel: 01506 844645. N.B. CASH AND CHEQUE SALES ONLY (NO CARDS)

or at the Masonic Hall on the day.

Sunday 12TH September

Open Air Ceilidh with Cockleroy

Now into its fourth year. And on a nicely re-paved surface, but still wear your tackety boots for dancing on concrete!

The Vennel, Town Centre

(If weather is inclement, this event will probably have to be cancelled)

2.00. - 4.00.pm. Free

Sunday 12th September

FESTIVAL HUB @ the Masonic Hall

Information, shop and refreshments. Drop in any time!

Coffee/tea bar.

11.00. am – 4.30.pm Free music all day

PEDAL FOR SCOTLAND

Not strictly a LFFA event, but certainly a regular feature of Festival Sunday, as upwards of 7000 cyclists pedal through Linlithgow on their way between Glasgow and Edinburgh for this mammoth event in aid of Maggie's cancer charities: as they stop for refreshment at the Lowport there will be more **FREE** music to hear between 10am and 2pm from popular bands. More details on our website, and theirs: www.pedalforscotland.org

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL SESSION

Hosted by the usual great band of Sunday singers - with audience participation.

This just gets better each year, with attendances at record level.

Come along and be uplifted! Bring a song or just listen.

11.00. am – 12.30. pm

Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall. FREE

OPEN STAGE

Anything goes on our Open Stage, and whether you are a regular performer, or going public for the first time! All ages welcome.

Hosted by West Lothian Songwriters' Group

Ask at the Hub from 1pm to book a slot (10 minutes)

Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall, 1.15 – 4.30. pm

Grand finale at 4.25. with THE LFFA FESTIVAL SONG

FREE Admission (Donations welcome)

Music at the Cross on the Nora Devine stage

More FREE music to entertain you.

11.30. approx – 4.30.pm

Songs and Music at the Canal

Hosted by Newtongrange Folk Club, voted "one of the best sessions" last year.

2.00. pm – 4.00. pm.

Canal Centre, Manse Road. FREE, but buy your tea and scones!

SESSIONS

FREE

Afternoon sessions in pubs displaying the festival logo.

Outdoor Ceilidh

FREE

The Vennel - 2.00. - 4.00. pm.

See Family and Children's events page.

INFORMATION

Box Office

Pic: Linlithgow Rose

Tickets for canal cruises and Saturday concert ONLY at **the Box Office: 01506 777666**, based at Howden Park Centre, Livingston. Please opt for tickets to be posted (50p charge) or collect in person before events where possible.

Cheques, credit cards and Switch accepted.

Telephone box office closes at 12 noon on Fri 10th Sept.

Tickets for Mr Boom on sale at Blast Off Books, Linlithgow High Street. CASH OR CHEQUE PAYMENT **ONLY**.

Any remaining **concert tickets** will be on sale from the Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall on Saturday.

All other events, please buy tickets at The Hub or pay on the door.

Concession prices are available for schoolchildren, students, disabled people and their helpers, unwaged and senior citizens.

Family ticket comprises of up to 5 people - maximum of 2 adults.

Venues Access

Please ring 0131 449 5278 or 07762 101002 for information on disabled access to specific venues.

Local Information

Check out Linlithgow's town website for information on accommodation, transport, maps and restaurants.

www.linlithgow.com +Logo as before

Or contact Tourist Information Centre 01506 775320

LFFA would like to thank

Linlithgow Union Canal Society

Visit West Lothian

West Lothian Council Arts and Cultural Services

West Lothian Town Centre Management

The Black Bitch Tavern

Four Marys

Platform 3

All other pubs supporting Linlithgow Folk Festival Association

Linlithgow Journal and Gazette

Sangschule

West Lothian Songwriters

All local businesses supporting Linlithgow Folk Festival Association

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Linlithgow Folk Festival Association

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 in March

Sessions dates 2010/2011

Black Bitch Tavern, Linlithgow

Sessions are normally held from 2 p.m. 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 is the second rather than third Sunday

Session dates 2010

Sunday 19 September

Sunday 17 October

Sunday 21 November

Sunday 19 December

Session dates 2011

Sunday 16 January

Sunday 20 February

Sunday 20 March

Sunday 17 April

Sunday 15 May

Sunday 12 June

Sunday 17 July

Sunday 21 August

Sunday 18 September

Sunday 16 October

Sunday 20 November

Sunday 18 December

Platform 3, Linlithgow

There is also a monthly session here on the **first Thursday** of each month at 8.30.pm.

Session dates 2010

Session dates 2011

Thursday Oct 7	Thursday Jan 6	Thursday July 7
Thursday November 4	Thursday February 3	Thursday August 4
Thursday December 2	Thursday March 3	Thursday September 1
	Thursday April 7	Thursday October 6
	Thursday May 5	Thursday November 3
	Thursday June 2	Thursday December 1

OTHER 2011 DATES:

MATT McGINN NIGHT SAT 5 MARCH, FESTIVAL 7-11 SEPTEMBER

Contact us and/or become a Friend of the Festival

If you wish to receive information about LFFA please complete your details below or please see our website: www.linlithgowfolk.com or email mail@linlithgowfolk.com or telephone 01506 844392

Name.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Email.....

Phone number.....

Feel free to let us know what your particular interest is in or if you have any comments to make about the Festival or our other activities.

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Return to:

Linlithgow Folk Festival Association, c/o 10 Avon Place, Strawberry Bank, Linlithgow, EH49 6BL

Or sign up as a **Friend of the Festival** online at: <http://www.linlithgowfolk.com/contact.htm>

As a **Friend**, you will receive email alerts of our coming events: it cost nothing! But.....

A donation in support of the Folk Festival would be gratefully received. Please make cheques payable to Linlithgow Folk Festival Association.

Directions to the Festival

Trains

Linlithgow is well serviced by ScotRail trains, with direct routes from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dunblane, Falkirk and Stirling.

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 (i.e. Eastbound), leave motorway at junction 4 (no exit at Junction 3 on this carriageway).

Via the M9 from the East (i.e. Westbound), leave motorway at Junction 3.

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.