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FUN FILLED DAYS WITH
THE FRIENDLY FOLK
OF LINLITHGOW



7TH-11TH SEPTEMBER 2016

LINLITHGOW FOLK FESTIVAL 18 YEARS

FESTIVAL DIARY AT A GLANCE



CELEBRATION STRAMASH!

Celebrate the start of the 18th Festival in style with a great night of song, music and dance from 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 at Linlithgow Bowling Club, Philip Avenue EH49 7BH
FREE – donations welcome. Refreshments available from the bar.

McFROGGIES

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

Twining 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 twinnerers speak some English. The Association is run by a small committee elected annually.
www.linlithgowtwinning.co.uk



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THU 8 SEPT

GEORGE MACHRAY AND FRIENDS – IN CONCERT

The East Lothian singer/songwriter is well-known on the Scottish folk scene and a regular visitor to sessions in Linlithgow. Tonight he appears in concert in the town for the first time. Hear him perform some of his more thoughtful songs, (e.g. 'Quays o Cockenny', 'Lazy moon over Embra Toun'), as well as his comic creations ('Hawkeye the noo', 'Grubby thoughts', 'Swinging in Dunbar'). Start 7.30pm Black Bitch Tavern (Upstairs Lounge) EH49 7AZ. FREE – donations welcome. The concert will be followed by an informal session.



PUB SESSION IN THE LINLITHGOW TAP

Our regular Thursday night session venue. All welcome to sing, play or listen; a great mix of songs and instrumentals. From 8pm. FREE
111-113 High Street EH49 7EJ



THE TONKERERS – Live in Linlithgow!

Fresh from their annual trip to Germany, 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.
9pm Star & Garter Hotel, 1 High Street EH49 7AB, FREE.

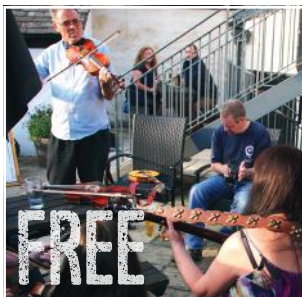


FRI 9 SEPT

SESSION AT THE STAR

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

Star & Garter Hotel, 1 High Street EH49 7AB 2pm-5pm FREE.



MUSICAL CRUISE 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.

6.30pm, Canal Centre, Manse Road EH49 6AJ

All tickets £8 in advance from 'Far From the Madding Crowd' 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE, or turn up and pay on the night.



BLUES NIGHT WITH BLUE DUBH

Back by popular demand after last year's debut appearance in Linlithgow. Blue Dubh 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.



Supported by our very own Tom Adams, who sings and plays acoustic material from the masters of the golden age of 20th century blues. Listen to the many styles, including hypnotic delta, soulful country, intricate ragtime and driving Chicago blues.

8pm. Linlithgow Bowling Club. £6 on the door. Tickets online at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com - check Facebook for updates.



BLUEGRASS CONCERT WITH THE DADDY NAGGINS



The Daddy Naggins are a Glasgow-based bluegrass band that play rip roaring bluegrass and folk classics, as well as modern pop and rock songs. Formed in 2010

by Darren Young and Garry McFadden, on guitar and banjo respectively, the band also feature Hazel Finlay on bass fiddle and Laura-Beth Salter on mandolin, with occasional guest appearances from some of Glasgow's finest traditional and bluegrass musicians.

The Daddy Naggins play music in an upbeat and enthusiastic manner and always try to get the audience's feet tapping! They have played all over the UK and can usually be seen on a weekly basis around Scotland's central belt. Please check them out and tell your friends the bluegrass train is coming to town!

8pm Queen Margaret Hall, Blackness Road, EH49 7JA. Admission £10 on the door or online at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com. Also available from Norman Cummings Textiles, 75 The Vennel, EH49 7ET Tel: 01506 842013

THE SESSION SCENE

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

Check Facebook for updates.



SAT 10 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. We start the day with **WEANS' WORLD** – entertainment for and by children, featuring the Linlithgow Children's Community Choir and special guests. A varied and exciting programme of music throughout the day. **10.30am-5pm.**



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 at the Vennel tomorrow! Also including some traditional French dances taught by twinning friends from Guyancourt.

Masonic Hall. 11.30am-1.30pm
Adults £5 on the door, children FREE.



COME AND SING – SONGS OF LAND AND SEA

An informal and fun singing session, with Linlithgow's Sangschule and the Liltin Lassies from Dunblane. All welcome. **Masonic Hall 2pm-3.30pm FREE** - donations welcome.



YOUR QUICK GUIDE

Day	Time	Venue	Event	Where to pay
Wed	8pm	Bowling Club	Celebration Stramash!	Free
Thu	7.30pm	Black Bitch	George Machray	Free
Thu	8pm	Linlithgow Tap	Mixed session	Free
Thu	9pm	Star & Garter	Tonkerers	Free
Fri	2pm-5pm	Star & Garter	Mixed session	Free
Fri	6.30pm-7.45pm	Canal Centre	Musical Cruise from the Madding Crowd'	£8 from 'Far or at Centre
Fri	8pm	Bowling Club	Blues Night	£6 on door or Online
Fri	8pm	Queen Margaret Hall	Bluegrass Concert	£10 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	11.30am-1.30pm	Masonic	Ceilidh Workshop	£5 on door Children Free
Sat	2pm-3.30pm	Masonic	Come and Sing Sessions	Free
Sat	All Day	Pubs	Workshops	Free
Sat	11am-3.15pm	Cross House	Concert with The Outside Track	£15 From 'Far
Sat	7.30pm	Academy	from the Madding Crowd' or Online	
Sun	11am-12.30pm	Masonic	Bluegrass Gospel	Free
Sun	1pm-5pm	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sun	12.30pm til late	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 Bluegrass Concert, Blues Night and The Outside Track 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.



SAT 10 SEPT

PUB SESSIONS

Afternoon sessions in pubs displaying the festival logo.



CRAFT FAIR

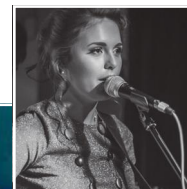
In the Kirk Hall, just behind Cross House, this is a festival favourite and well worth a visit. A wide range of quality local crafts for sale.

10.30am-4pm, FREE.



SAT 10 SEPT

HEADLINE CONCERT WITH THE OUTSIDE TRACK



An event not to be missed! – the hotly anticipated return to Linlithgow of the multi award-winning celtic music band THE OUTSIDE TRACK!

The band's marriage of celtic music, song and dance has been rapturously received around the world. Hailing from Scotland, Ireland and Cape Breton in Canada, its five members are united by a love of traditional music and a commitment to creating new music with this as a foundation.

They blend fiddle, accordion, harp, guitar, whistle, step-dance and vocals with breathtaking vitality. Their blend of boundless energy and unmistakable joie de vivre has won them a large following around the globe.

Live Ireland radio station called them, *'among the top bands in the world – stunning on every cut.'* They were a huge hit at our 2013 Festival and we are delighted to have them back again.

SUPPORT BY KATEE KROSS
www.KateeKross.com

19 year old Katee Kross from Bishopbriggs has been making music since she was 11 and first appeared at Linlithgow Folk Festival on the outdoor Nora Devine Stage at the Cross. She has already worked with some of the biggest names on the Scottish scene, such as Barbara Dickson, Karine Polwart and Dougie MacLean. She has appeared at Celtic Connections and other major festivals, as well as making her TV debut on Scottish Television's Riverside Show. Katee is a prolific and very talented songwriter and her debut CD, 'Beautiful Dreamer' – launched in early April – is already onto its first reprint. The CD features many of Katee's own compositions, which she is currently performing on a busy gig schedule throughout Scotland

"Every now and then someone special comes along".

7.30pm (Doors open 7pm) Linlithgow Academy Theatre, Braehead Road, Linlithgow, EH49 7EN. Tickets £15. All seats unreserved. Licensed bar. Tickets available from 'Far from the Madding Crowd', 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE. Online booking available via www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com



WORKSHOPS WITH THE OUTSIDE TRACK

Our headliners – THE OUTSIDE TRACK – are presenting three workshops. Just turn up and take part. FREE – donations welcome.

CAPE BRETON FIDDLE WITH MAIRI RANKIN 11AM-12.15PM

TRADITIONAL SONG WITH TERESA HOLGAN 12.30PM-1.45PM

GROUPWORK /MIXED INSTRUMENTS WITH AILIE ROBERTSON AND FIONA BLACK 2PM-3.15PM

Cross House, 5 The Cross, EH49 7AL

SUN 11 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 in our new Sunday afternoon venue. Hosted by Newtongrange Folk Club. 2pm–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. In the event of rain, the ceilidh will take place in the Masonic Hall.

Please check Facebook and other social media for updates. 2.30pm–4.30pm, the Vennel, Town Centre. EH49 7EX.



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LINLITHGOW FOLK FESTIVAL

18 YEARS

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 session in local pubs. We have also established the annual Matt McGinn Tribute Night, which takes place next year on Saturday March 4th.

Monthly Session Dates 2016/2017

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

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 Marches Day. In 2017, this will be Sunday 11 June.

Check the list of dates on our website: www.linlithgowfolk.com



**Linlithgow Tap, 111-113
High Street, Linlithgow, EH49 7EJ**

First Thursday of the month from 8pm.

FESTIVAL 2017 WILL BE HELD FROM 6–10 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

10 and 11 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.

MAKE YOUR 2017 DATE WITH MATT MCGINN!

Saturday 4 March 2017 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 from "Far From the Madding Crowd" 20 High Street EH49 7AE. Tel. 01506 845509. Also available online at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com. Tickets for the Bluegrass Concert and Blues night will be available from Norman Cummings Textiles, 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
- > Far from the Madding Crowd
- > Historic Environment 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
- > Norman Cummings Textiles
- > Sangschule > Linlithgow Tap
- > Star & Garter Hotel
- > Visit West Lothian
- > Ward-Steedsy Associates Limited

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.

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.

