

**the 10th**  
**linlithgow**  
**folkfestival**



**10 years on and still going strong!**

**11-14 September 2008**

# thursday

## Festival Lecture



### **The Bo'ness Rebels – Ewan McVicar**

From 1948 to 1967 the Bo'ness Rebels Literary Society celebrated in ceilidh and print the development of Scottish political songwriting, leading to the publication of three songbooks, crucial to the Folk Revival. Ewan McVicar tells about the Lifting of the Stane, bombing EIRR pillarboxes, the Holy Loch Eskimo protesters, and the patriot songs created through this.

**Thurs 11 Sept, 7.30pm**  
**Black Bitch Tavern, upstairs lounge**  
**Admission £3**



### **Sticky Willie**

This trio will get the music off to a great start with their wide range of styles, instruments and special brand of humour.

**Thurs 11 Sept, 9pm**  
**The Four Marys**  
**Free**

## **Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall**

**Saturday & Sunday daytime**

**free music**  
**box office**  
**refreshments**  
**information**  
**good company**

**Drop in any time!**

[www.linlithgowfolk.com](http://www.linlithgowfolk.com)

**box office 01506 433634**

# friday

## Family Ceilidh

In association with **Linlithgow Primary School**

Dance your socks off with lively band Cockleroy, as well as “in house” entertainment.



**Linlithgow Primary School,  
Preston Road**

**Fri 12 Sept, 7 - 10pm**

**Tickets: £5 (£4 concessions),  
Family ticket £14**

**(Family ticket = max 5 people,  
max 2 adults)**

**Available from Box Office or on  
the door or from School Office**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult**



## Sessions

**Black Bitch Tavern**

**Upstairs:** Singaround hosted by  
Sangschule

**Lounge:** Mixed session

**Public bar:** Instrumental session

**Auld Hole in the Wall**

Bluegrass session hosted by the Dapper  
McDanns

**All sessions Fri 12 Sept, from 8pm**

**Free**

## Musical Cruises

with **Linlithgow Union Canal Society**



Enjoy a canal narrowboat  
cruise with live music from  
**Skirlie**. Bring your own food  
and drink for a canal-side  
barbecue afterwards!

**Fri 12 Sept**

**7pm and 8pm**

**Canal Centre, Manse Road**

**£5 and £4 concessions,**

**Family ticket £14**

**box office 01506 433634**

# saturday

## **Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall**

**Sat 13 Sept, 10am-5pm**

Box office, information, shop and refreshments. Drop in any time! Free music at the Hub throughout the day. Coffee/tea bar.



### **Come and Sing Songs of Work and Play**

**11am - 12.30pm**

Informal singing together hosted by Sangschule, with other singing groups and you! All welcome to join in or just listen.



### **Festival Showcase**

**1.15 – 4pm**

Hear the Best of the Fest as performers from near and far provide a wide range of exceptional music and song. A mixture of pre-booked and ad hoc slots. Detailed listing at the Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall.

**Includes Bluegrass band "Goldrush" at 3.15pm**

### **Stramash**

**4.15 - 4.30pm**

Hear what the workshop participants have learned today.

## **Sessions**

**Sat 13 Sept**

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

## **Songs and Music at the Canal**



Another chance to make music, or just listen, at the beautiful setting of the Canal Basin. Details from the Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall.

### **Craft Fair**

A wide range of quality local crafts.

**10.30am to 4pm. Cross House, Free**

**box office 01506 433634**

# saturday

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## Workshops

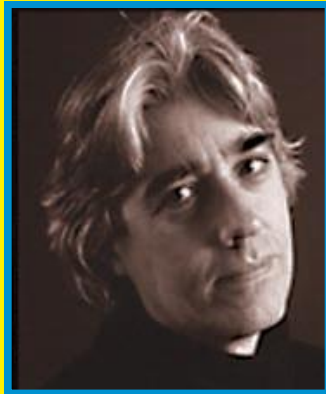
Sat 13 Sept, 10.30am-5pm

Check in at the Hub @ the Masonic Hall

Workshops held in the Cross House

All workshops cost £4, £3 concession. Suitable for age 16+

Tickets for sale at Box Office in advance or at The Hub



### Songwriting

with David Francis

David has vast experience of promoting and working with the Traditional Arts in Scotland, including songwriting, arranging, guitar accompaniment, tutoring, directing festivals and the big band of young traditional musicians "Ceol Mor". He is also one half of "The Cast" (see concert).

10.30am - 12.15pm, Cross House



### Spoons

with Andrea Peters

Come and learn this percussive art from an expert. Bring two soup or dessert spoons.

12.30 - 1.30pm, Cross House



### Song

with Mairi Campbell

Mairi is herself a beautiful singer and instrumentalist, voted Scots Singer of the Year in the Hands up for Trad Awards 2007. She has led many community singing groups and choirs, including Edinburgh-based "Sangstream", and is the other half of "The Cast". No experience of singing necessary.

2 - 4pm, Adam Room, Cross House

## Musicians Working Together

with Eddie Walker and Fraser Speirs

Eddie (guitar) and Fraser (moothie) will explore how musicians work together on arrangements, using textures, tones, playing techniques and styles. They will also take you through some of the history of blues, ragtime, swing and Americana. (See also tonight's concert). Interactive/participatory, so bring your instruments.

2 - 4pm, Cross House

box office 01506 433634

# saturday

## Festival Concert

Sat 13 Sept, 8pm. Linlithgow Academy Theatre  
£10 and £8 concession. Licensed bar. Doors open 7.30pm.

### Eddie Walker and Fraser Speirs



Eddie (guitar) and Fraser (moothie) have both been an integral part of Linlithgow festival in the past. They have recently been touring as a highly successful and dynamic duo. They will take you through blues, ragtime, hillbilly, swing jazz and traditional styles in a highly entertaining manner. Also see video clips on Youtube.

[www.eddiwalker.net](http://www.eddiwalker.net)



### The Cast

The Cast are David Francis and Mairi Campbell, between them producing a beautiful blend of voices, guitar and fiddle. Their recent CD "Greengold" has met with great acclaim. Their singing of "Auld Lang Syne" to the older tune also features in the soundtrack of the film "Sex in the City".

Check out [www.the-cast.org.uk](http://www.the-cast.org.uk)

## Bluegrass Day



### Banjo Workshop with John Sheldon

Improve your banjo playing with one of the masters of the craft. Participative workshop so please bring along your instruments.

Sat 13 Sept, 11 – 12.30pm, Low Port Centre, first floor.  
£4, £3 concessions

### Informal Bluegrass session

At pubs displaying Festival logo - check details at the FESTIVAL HUB @ the Masonic Hall.

### Bluegrass Concert The Whitetop Mountain Band

promoted by the Scottish Bluegrass Association



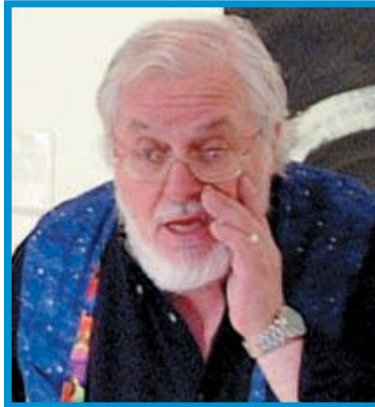
The Association are delighted to present this 6-piece band from Whitetop, Virginia, USA for your entertainment.

Sat 13 Sept, 8 - 11pm  
Queen Margaret Hall  
£6 and £5 concession

box office 01506 433634

# Children's Events

## Ewan McVicar



Action songs, game songs, lots of fun!  
Suitable for Primary School age children.

In association with Sangschule

**Sat 13 Sept, 10.30 - 12 noon**

**Room 1, Cross House**

**£2 per child, £1 per adult.**

**Refreshments included.**

**Tickets from Blast-Off Books,**

**Linlithgow High Street (01506 844645)**

**Or at the Hub or on the door.**



## Mr Boom!

Mr Boom from the Moon lands in the Low  
Port Centre

**Sat 13 Sept, 2 - 3pm**

**Low Port Centre**

**£3 per child. Bring one adult free!**

**Tickets from Box Office, Hub or on the  
door.**

## Storytelling with Liz Wilson

Music, Rhythm and Stories with inspirational storyteller Liz Wilson



**Sun 14 Sept,**

**2 – 2.45pm, age 3 and up**

**3pm - 3.45pm, age 5 and up**

**Tickets from Blast-Off Books,**

**Linlithgow High Street (01506 844645)**

**£3 per child. Bring one adult free!**

**Tel 01506 844645 (Blast-Off Books) to book  
a place.**

*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 must be accompanied by an adult at all of the  
above events.*

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# sunday

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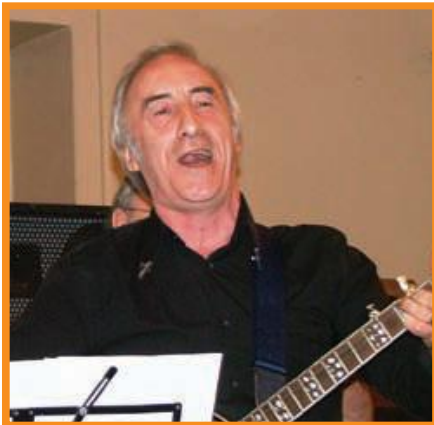
## **Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall**

Information, shop and refreshments. Drop in any time!

Coffee/tea bar.

Sun 14 Sept, 11am - 4.30pm

Free music all day



### **Bluegrass Gospel Session**

Hosted by 'Wing and a Prayer' with audience participation.

A gentle start to Sunday morning.

Come along and sing your heart out!

Bring a song or just listen.

**Sun 14 Sept, 11am-12.30pm**

**Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall**

**Free**



### **Songs 'R' Us Songwriters' Platform**

Hosted by CALATRIA

(West Lothian Songwriters' Group)

**Sun 14 Sept, 1.15 - 2pm**

**Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall**

**Free**

### **Open Stage**

Come and do your party piece! Sing, play, dance, recite, act!

Variety is the spice of life, and we certainly get it at this event.

All ages welcome. Hosted by West Lothian Songwriters' Group.

Ask at the Hub to book a slot (10 minutes). Coffee Bar



**Sun 14 Sept,**

**2.15 - 4pm**

**Festival Hub @  
the Masonic Hall**

**Free**

**box office 01506 433634**

# sunday

## Open Air Ceilidh with Cockleroy



Free outdoor ceilidh for all ages.  
After its successful debut as a new  
event last year, we're doing it again!

**Sun 14 Sept, 2 - 4pm**

**The Vennel, Town Centre**

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

**Free**



## Songs and Music at the Canal

Hosted by Newtongrange Folk Club  
- invited back after their great  
reception last year!

**Sun 14 Sept, 2-4pm**

**Canal Centre, Manse Road**

**Free**



## Sessions

Afternoon sessions in pubs  
displaying the festival logo.

# information

## Box Office

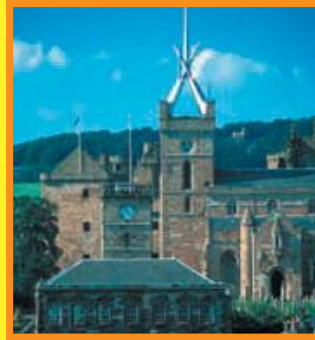
Tickets for all events and accommodation from the Box Office: 01506 433634.

Cheques, credit cards and Switch accepted.

Telephone box office closes at 12 noon on Fri 12 Sept. Any remaining tickets will be on sale from the Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall on Saturday and at the venues.

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

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



## Venues Access

Please ring 01324 635036 (evenings) for information on disabled access to specific venues.

## Local Information

Check out Linlithgow's new website for information on accommodation, transport, maps and restaurants: [www.linlithgow.com](http://www.linlithgow.com)



Or contact Tourist Information Centre: 01506 844600

## LFFA would like to thank:

- Linlithgow Union Canal Society
- West Lothian Council Arts and Cultural Services
- West Lothian Town Centre Management
- The Black Bitch Tavern
- The Auld Hole in the Wall
- Four Marys
- Linlithgow Journal and Gazette
- Sangschule
- Scottish Bluegrass Association
- West Lothian Songwriters
- Traditional Music and Song Association
- WRVS
- All pubs and local businesses supporting Linlithgow Folk Festival Association
- Blast-Off Books
- Inspirational Storytelling
- Linlithgow Academy
- Linlithgow Primary School
- Kerry Houston, Graphic Design



**box office 01506 433634**

# linlithgowfolkfestival

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.

## Session dates 2008/2009 - 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 will be 2nd Sunday in 2009.

### 2008

Sunday 21 September  
Sunday 18 October  
Sunday 16 November  
Sunday 21 December

### 2009

Sunday 18 January  
Sunday 15 February  
Sunday 15 March  
Sunday 19 April  
Sunday 17 May  
Sunday 14 June  
Sunday 19 July  
Sunday 16 August  
Sunday 20 September  
Sunday 18 October  
Sunday 15 November  
Sunday 20 December

## Session dates 2008/2009 - Auld Hole in the Wall, Linlithgow

There is also a monthly session here on the first Thursday of each month, except that January's will be moved to the 8th!

### 2008

Thurs 2 October  
Thurs 6 November  
Thurs 4 December

### 2009

Thurs 8 January  
Thurs 5 February  
Thurs 5 March  
Thurs 2 April  
Thurs 7 May  
Thurs 4 June  
Thurs 2 July  
Thurs 6 August  
Thurs 3 September  
Thurs 1 October  
Thurs 5 November  
Thurs 3 December

## Festival 2009 will be held 10-13 September

If you wish to receive information about LFFA please complete your details below or see our website [www.linlithgowfolk.com](http://www.linlithgowfolk.com) or telephone 01506 844392

Name .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

email address .....

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

# 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 from Edinburgh, Falkirk and Stirling. Less frequent services from most other parts of West Lothian.

**Driving:** Most drivers will approach Linlithgow via the M9. If coming from the West, you must leave at Junction 4 (Lathallan), as the next junction has restricted access.

**Parking:** There is well signposted parking at various points along the High St, and in the long stay car park behind Tesco's store.

