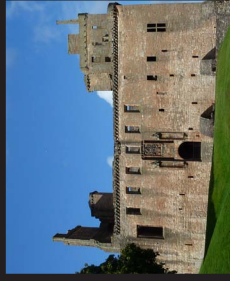


**the 14th  
linlithgow**

# **folk festival**



**Friendly folk in Linlithgow**

**5 - 9 September 2012**

wednesday 5 sept

## THE AULD ALLIANCE SESSION

### Vive le Jumelage! - or Long Live the Twinning!

FREE



A big Festival welcome to friends from Guyancourt, France, as well as members of the Linlithgow Twinning Association, to a truly international opening session. Linlithgow Folk Festival Association members have been participating in the biennial Twinning visits to Guyancourt for several years, as well as hosting visitors to Linlithgow in between. In 2010, some of us attended Lorient Festival in Brittany, and now our French friends The McFroggies (their idea!) are here for OUR Festival. The event is open to all, not just Twinners!

See also: [www.linlithgowtwinning.co.uk/](http://www.linlithgowtwinning.co.uk/)  
From 8pm. Linlithgow Bowling Club, Linlithgow  
Free. Licensed bar

thursday 6 sept

## Words, Music and Song

### with Quill and West Lothian Songwriters Group

FREE



A joint initiative between local writers' group, Quill, and West Lothian Songwriters, who have recently been working collaboratively, while focussing on West Lothian's history and other relevant local issues. Assuredly both interesting and entertaining.

See: <http://webspace.webring.com/people/vm/magjam/songwriters.html>  
Start 7.30 (entry from 7.15)  
Black Bitch Tavern - upstairs lounge. Donations welcomed

## Pub session in The West Port Hotel

FREE



Our regular "First Thursday" session just happens to be tonight! All welcome to sing, play or listen: a great mix of songs and instrumentals, and possibly more from the irrepresible "McFroggies"!

From 8pm. Free

## Uncle Red at The Four Marys

This popular rockabilly band to entertain you, as well as Saturday afternoon on the Nora Devine stage.

From 9pm. Free

FREE

**friday 7 sept**



## **Bluegrass concert with the Whitetop Mountain Band**

This six-piece band from Virginia last appeared at Linlithgow during the Bluegrass Day in 2008, when they were a huge hit with the audience. They have gone on to even greater success since, and have a new CD out, "Island in the Sky", and

3 previous albums to their credit, as well as various solos and duo recordings.

<http://whitetopmountainband.tripod.com/>

**Tickets: £8 in advance from Linlithgow Burgh Halls, The Cross  
Tel: 01506 282720. Or on the door. Licensed bar**



## **Family Ceilidh with Steven Carcary Scottish Dance Band in aid of Linlithgow Reed Band**

The long-established Linlithgow Reed Band has been a consistent part of Linlithgow Folk Festival for several years, with regular appearances on the Nora Devine outdoor

stage, as well as being an integral participant in The Marches and other historic local events.

Steven Carcary has been broadcasting since 1992, first as the Strathmore Sound, and for the last 10 years in his current band. He also teaches accordion and has a recording studio.

**7.30 – 11pm (doors open 7.15pm), Linlithgow Academy**

**Cash bar and light refreshments**

**Tickets £6 (under-12s free) from**

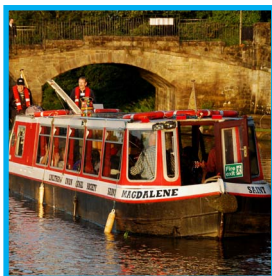
[www.linlithgowreedband.org.uk](http://www.linlithgowreedband.org.uk)

**or Tel: 01506 827204**

Linlithgow Reed Band is a Registered Scottish Charity NoSCO37031

## **Musical Cruises**

**with Linlithgow Union Canal Society**



Always hugely popular, a cruise with live music from **Cockleroy** on The Union Canal.  
**7pm & 8pm, Canal Centre, Manse Road.  
All Tickets: £6.**

**Advance local sales at The Burgh Halls,  
The Cross, Linlithgow**

**Tel: 01506 282720**

**Or buy at the Canal Centre on the night**

**(but advance booking strongly advised)**

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

friday 7 sept

## The Session Scene



All sessions from 8pm  
Black Bitch Tavern

Instrumental session in upstairs room.  
Mixed session downstairs lounge with Rudeigin.

**Linlithgow Bowling club** – with Falkirk Folk Club, and Jane Donnelly & Friends.

**West Port Hotel** – Open session.

FREE  
MUSIC

## REST OF THE WEEKEND

### Informal Bluegrass Session

The Black Bitch upstairs on Saturday night from 8pm

**Other Sessions** Daytime and evenings in pubs displaying the Festival Logo. Full list of session venues will be available at the Hub @ Masonic Hall thro' the weekend. All sessions free entry.

saturday 8 sept

## Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall

Sat 8 Sept, 10am to 5pm

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

## Come and Sing - "HAPPY AND SAD"

With Sangschule and The Liltin' Lassies!

11am - 12.30pm

In a year packed with commemorations and celebrations (Titanic centenary, Diamond Jubilee, Olympics, etc) sing anything happy or sad (OK, not TOO many sad ones!) All welcome to join in or just listen.

FREE



## Festival Showcase

1.15 – 4.45pm

Karen Dietz, who is later to take the Song workshop is our first guest this afternoon. Once again, you can be certain of a fantastic array of talent, with a wide variety of styles.

FREE

## Songs and Music at the Canal



2 – 4.30pm approx

Our friends at LUCS are again happy to allow us to make music at the Canal basin: well worth the trip uphill! [www.lucs.org.uk](http://www.lucs.org.uk)

FREE

## Music at The CROSS on The Nora Devine Stage

11.30am - 5pm

Another eclectic mix of "all kinds of everything" – never a dull moment! Again we celebrate the memory of Nora Devine, who, for many years, ran the Linlithgow Folk Club, and would surely have enjoyed all this great entertainment.

FREE



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

## **Workshops**

### **Please pay stewards at the workshop venue!**

Workshops held in locations shown. Not bookable in advance, just pay on the day from 20 minutes before workshop start time. All workshops (except children's) cost £6. Suitable for age 16+, unless otherwise stated. Under-16s must be accompanied by a parent or other known responsible adult.

### **Children's Workshop with Ewan McVicar**

See also Family and Children's activities page 8

Suitable for primary school age.

**10.30am to 12pm. Cross House**



### **Slide Guitar with Kevin Patrick**

Kevin will be no stranger to regular attenders of Linlithgow Folk events, having entranced us with that amazing swooping slide sound on resonator guitar. He's also "no bad" on mandolin, and plays with the band, SKIRLIE, who recently delighted audiences at our Spring concert. Bring guitar (upright or lap), tuner if you have one, and slide or steel (metal or glass).

**10.30am - 12 noon.**

**Queen Margaret Hall, Blackness Road**



### **Whistle Improvers with Catherine Howley**

Catherine took a very successful beginners' workshop last year: you will surely want to follow it up by learning some more tunes and techniques. Not for complete beginners, bring a D whistle.

**12.30 - 2pm. Queen Margaret Hall, Blackness Road**



### **Song with Karen Dietz**

Karen is originally from Massachusetts, but resident in Scotland for some time now. She has extensive experience, both sides of the Atlantic, as a performer, teacher and musical director, and has worked with many community choirs including Edinburgh's Loud and Proud, and Wildfire women's choir. She also works

with local groups in her home town of Dunbar.

<http://www.myspace.com/karendietz>

**2 - 4pm. Cross House, The Adam Room**



### **Craft Fair**

A wide range of quality local crafts. Solve all your Christmas shopping problems - one-stop shopping!

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

**saturday 8 sept**

## Headline Concert with **Ralph McTell**



Ralph has been on the road for more than 40 years and is probably best known for his 1974 release "Streets of London". A prolific and gifted songwriter and undoubtedly one of the biggest stars ever to appear at Linlithgow Folk Festival, Ralph was last here in 2005 and mesmerised us with his wonderfully varied repertoire of songs and guitar styles. His latest album, "Somewhere Down the Road" is another superb selection. We are very excited and hugely delighted to be able to welcome him again.

[www.ralphmctell.co.uk/](http://www.ralphmctell.co.uk/)



### Support by **Barluath**

This highly talented young band from The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (formerly RSAMD, Glasgow) played an impressive set on the Nora Devine (outdoor) stage at Linlithgow Folk Festival last year. They went on to win a Danny Kyle Award at January 2012 Celtic Connections, and have since toured in the USA. We just had to have them back. [www.barluath.com](http://www.barluath.com)

**8pm (Doors open at 7.15pm). Linlithgow Academy Theatre**

**Tickets: £18. All seats unreserved. Licensed bar**

**BOX OFFICE: The Burgh Halls, Linlithgow - in person or telephone 01506 282720. Credit and debit cards, no online booking**



## **FESTIVAL SPECIAL EXTRA!**

Look out for those colourful and historical characters, The Gargoyles of Gargunnoch, who will be around the Festival, and appearing at various venues over the weekend. They specialise in medieval and Renaissance song and dress the part!

[www.spanglefish.com/TheGargoyles/](http://www.spanglefish.com/TheGargoyles/)

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



# festival diary at a glance

Day	Time	Venue	Event	Where to pay
<b>Weds</b>	<b>20.00 - 23.00</b>	<b>LBC</b>	<b>Auld Alliance session</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>19.30 - 21.30</b>	<b>BB upstairs</b>	<b>Words, Music and Song</b>	<b>Donation</b>
Thurs	20.00 - 23.00	West Port	Mixed session	Free
Thurs	21.00 - 23.00	4 Marys	Live Band session	Free
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>Canal</b>	<b>Musical Canal cruise</b>	<b>BH/at canal</b>
Fri	19.30 - 23.00	LA	Ceilidh	See p3 or on door
Fri	20.00	Canal	Musical Canal cruise	BH/at canal
Fri	20.00	QMH	Whitetop Mountain Band	BH or on door
Fri	20.00 till late	BB upstairs	Instrumental session	Free
Fri	20.00 till late	BB lounge	Mixed session - Rudeigin	Free
Fri	20.00 till late	LBC	Session with Jane & Co and Falkirk FC	Free
Fri	20.00 till late	West Port	Open session	Free
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10.00 - 17.00</b>	<b>Masonic</b>	<b>Music/refreshments</b>	
Sat	10.30 - 16.00	CH	Craft Fair	Free
Sat	10.30 - 12.15	QMH	Workshop - whistle	On door
Sat	10.30 - 12.00	CH	Children's Workshop	On door
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	12.30 - 14.00	QMH	Workshop	On door
Sat	13.15 - 16.45	Masonic	Festival Showcase	Free
Sat	14.00 - 16.00	CH	Song workshop	On door
Sat	14.00 - 16.30	Canal	Various music	Free
Sat	15.00 - 16.15	QMH	Scotch Broth	BH/on door
Sat	20.00 - 23.00	LA	Ralph McTell Concert	Burgh Halls
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11.00 - 16.30</b>	<b>Masonic</b>	<b>Music/refreshments</b>	
Sun	10.00 - 14.00	The Peel	Pedal for Scotland/Music	Free
Sun	11.00 - 12.30	Masonic	Bluegrass/Gospel	Free
Sun	13.00 - 16.30	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sun	13.00 - 17.00	Various	Doors Open Day	Free - sep leaflet
Sun	12.00 - late	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sun	14.30 - 16.30	Masonic	(Family Ceilidh if wet)	Free
Sun	14.00 - 16.00	Canal	Newtongrange session	Free
Sun	14.30 - 16.30	The Vennel	Open Air Family Ceilidh	Free

**KEY** BB = Black Bitch Tavern  
BH = Burgh Halls  
CH = Cross House

LA = Linlithgow Academy  
LBC = Linlithgow Bowling Club  
QMH = Queen Margaret Hall

Adult and Children's workshop places may be purchased from the steward at the venue from 20 minutes before start time.  
Advance booking is advised for Scotch Broth - see p 8

## 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.

**saturday 8 sept**

## 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's Morning Workshop with Ewan Mcvicar Ma Grannie Caught A Flea!



Have fun learning and singing cheeky Scots kids' songs together. Suitable for Primary School age children. More songs at Ewan's fantastic website:

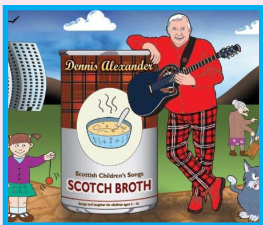
[www.scotssangsfurschools.webs.com](http://www.scotssangsfurschools.webs.com)

**Cross House, 10.30am – 12 noon**

**Tickets - £3 per child, adults free**

**Available at Cross House on the day: please arrive 20 minutes before start to purchase  
Adult must accompany child.**

### Children's and Family Concert with Scotch Broth



Scotch Broth comes to Linlithgow Festival for the first time, bringing an entertaining mixture of Scottish family songs. Come and join one of the best singalongs in Scotland! Scotch Broth is funny and engaging and gets everyone joining in. Dennis Alexander presents this happy journey through all the favourites. A great show that can be enjoyed by the whole family!

[www.dennisalexander.co.uk](http://www.dennisalexander.co.uk)

**3pm. Queen Margaret Hall, Blackness Road.**

**Admission £4 per child. Bring one adult free!**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Box Office: Linlithgow Burgh Halls, The Cross: Tel: 01506 282720**

**Or at Queen Margaret Hall on day (from 20 minutes before start)**

**sunday 9 sept**

### Open Air Ceilidh with Cockleroy

**FREE**



Another great fun event for all the family! Dancing on concrete slabs so bring comfy shoes!

Refreshments available.

**The Vennel, Town Centre**

**(If weather is inclement, this event will transfer to The Masonic Hall)**

**2.30 - 4.30pm. Free**

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



**sunday 9 sept**

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

Information, shop and refreshments. Drop in any time! Coffee/tea bar.

**11am – 4.30pm. Free music all day**

**DONATIONS WELCOMED**

**FREE**



## **Pedal for Scotland**

From early Sunday morning until late in the afternoon, many thousands of cyclists pedal their way through Linlithgow again, en route from Glasgow to Edinburgh on the annual "freshnlo" event. Food, drink and,

most importantly, some fine music awaits them on The Peel below Linlithgow Palace at the Low Port Centre end. Again **KILTER** will get tired legs dancing and ready for more pedalling.

[www.pedalforScotland.org](http://www.pedalforScotland.org)

[www.kilter.co.uk](http://www.kilter.co.uk)

**FREE MUSIC**

## **Bluegrass Gospel Session**

**Hosted by Dan Markey and friends - and audience participation.**

One of the most eagerly anticipated and customary features of our Festival, invariably packed to capacity, and singing to raise the roof!

**11am – 12.30pm. Donations welcomed  
Festival Hub @ the Masonic Hall**

**FREE**



## **Music at the Cross on the Nora Devine stage**

Bringing you some exciting and unusual new acts each year as well as some weel-kent faces. **1 - 5pm**

**FREE**

## **Songs and music at the Canal**

**Hosted by Newtongrange Folk Club**

Despite the sad loss of a couple of "Nitten" regulars since last year, there will undoubtedly be another memorable top-notch session taking place this year.

**2 - 4pm, Canal Centre, Manse Rd.**

**Free, but buy tea and scones!**

**FREE**



## **Doors Open Day Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September**

Linlithgow Civic Trust is organising the local Doors Open Days when a number of historic buildings, some of which are not usually accessible, will be open to the public. There will also be people in period costume and wandering minstrels to entertain you. Pick up the Civic Trust leaflet at The Hub @ Masonic Hall: details of musicians also at the Hub.

[www.lct.org.uk/](http://www.lct.org.uk/)

**FREE**

## **Outdoor Ceilidh**

**2.30pm - 4.30pm, The Vennel. (Masonic Hall if wet)**

**See Family and Children's events page - P8**

**FREE**

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

# information

## Box Office Arrangements

Tickets for ALL of the following available from Linlithgow Burgh Halls, The Cross, Linlithgow, Tel: 01506 282720

**Bluegrass Concert** Friday 7 September 8pm

**Canal Cruises** Friday 7 September 7 and 8pm

**Children's and Family Concert (Scotch Broth)** Saturday 8 September 3pm

**Ralph McTell Concert** Saturday 8 September at 8pm

Please opt for tickets to be posted or collect in person from the Burgh Halls before the event.

Cash, Cheques, credit cards and Switch accepted. (Do NOT send cash by post!)

Telephone box office at **01506 282720** closes at 12 noon on Fri 7 Sept.

Any remaining or returns will be on sale from the Festival Hub @ Masonic Hall.

Other enquiries to **01506 670229**

Otherwise pay at venue – on sale from 20 minutes before start time (excluding Academy Concert)

**Workshops:** please pay at the venue: places on sale from 20 minutes before start time



## 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](http://www.linlithgow.com)



**Linlithgow - a Great Visit!**

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

**Or contact Tourist Information Centre 01506 282720**

## LFFA would like to thank

- All local businesses supporting LFFA
- All 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
- Four Marys
- John Aitken
- Jonathan Moore, webmaster
- Karen Dietz photograph by Gail Carmichael
- Kerry Houston, Graphic Designer
- Liltin' Lasses
- Linlithgow Academy
- Linlithgow Bowling Club
- Linlithgow Burgh Halls
- Linlithgow Journal and Gazette
- Linlithgow Reed Band
- Linlithgow Union Canal Society



- Martine Stead and Tobias Bauer, festival photographers
- Newtongrange Folk Club
- Norman Cummings Textiles
- Ralph McTell photographs by Dave Peabody
- Sangschule
- Traditional Music and Song Association of Scotland
- West Lothian Songwriters
- West Lothian Council
- West Port Hotel



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, and opportunities to learn about folk music through workshops. In March each year, we present a very popular Matt McGinn tribute night. In 2011, we received the West Lothian Voluntary Sector Gateway Award for Community Arts Volunteers, and our Festival was also among the four finalist nominees for "Event of the Year" in the MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards.

## session dates 2012/2013

### Black Bitch Tavern, Linlithgow

Sessions from 2pm on the **third Sunday** of each month in the lounge.

### West Port Hotel, Linlithgow

Sessions from 8pm on the first **Thursday of each month**

Exact dates for both sessions are on our website at:

<http://linlithgowfolk.com/>

## Festival 2013 will be held from 11 -15 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](http://www.linlithgowfolk.com) or telephone 01506 844392

Name .....

Address .....

..... 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://linlithgowfolk.com/>

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.

### PREVIOUS FESTIVALS AND MATT MCGINN NIGHTS

View Martine Stead's wonderful gallery pics, and Tattie B's video clips here: <http://linlithgowfolkfestivalphotos.shutterfly.com>

# 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. On Sunday, owing to the Pedal for Scotland event, many on-street parking places will be coned off and not available: there will be traffic congestion, so try to leave vehicles at either end of the town.

