

Dates for your Diary

Ardkinglas

Concert

Fri 18th August

New Session

Registration

Wed 30th Aug and

'Come and Try' event

Classes start

Monday 4th and

Wednesday 6th

Sept, 2017

Alistair McCulloch

Workshop and

Ceilidh

Strachur Hall

Sat 30th September

Hector Ensemble

Weekend Glasgow

11th/12th Nov

Scots Fiddle

Festival Edinburgh

17th-19th Nov

Nigel Gatherer

Mixer/Maxter

Workshop

Strachur Hall

25th November 2017

Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop

Newsletter
Summer 2017

@ Strachur

LFW A.G.M.

Our A.G.M. took place on Wednesday 21st June 2017 in Strachur Memorial Hall.

The new committee was duly elected and is as follows:

Chair: Alison Duncan

Treasurer: Teresa Hunt-Earle

Secretary: Evie Campbell

Committee Members: Martin Donovan, Maggie Adams, Maureen Brankin.

Those members who stood down were thanked for their contribution over the year. Special thanks were given to John Kelly for his work as Secretary.

Classes resume

Hope you have had a good summer.

Tutors this year will be Kathryn

Baillie on Mondays and Mairi Voinot on Wednesdays.

Registration for the forthcoming year will take place on Wednesday 30th August at 7.30pm in Strachur New Hall.

It was agreed at the AGM to increase class fees. As from September 2017 monthly cost is increased from £19.50 to £22 per month. Please update your standing order from 1st September and ask about concessions.

Those who can't manage that night please email Evie for an application form or download one from the website.

www.fiddleworkshop.co.uk

Bring your fiddles for a tune afterwards. Classes resume on Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th September 2017. Looking forward to seeing you.

Monday Strachurmore Pavilion

Improvers 6.30 - 7.30pm

Improver/ Int. 7.30 - 8.30pm

Wednesday Strachur New Hall

Junior Classes 4.15 - 5.45pm

Adult Beginner 6.00 - 7.00pm

Mixed Ability 7.00 - 9.00pm

Hope you've all got a diary for, as you can see, there are a number of great events coming up in the next month or so, and we are hosting two of them! So you don't need to travel far for some great musical occasions.

Our first one is Alistair McCulloch and Sean Gray Mixed instrument workshop and ceilidh. Alistair hails from Ayr and is one of the country's best known fiddle performers, teachers and composers, with many appearances on television and radio. Past winner of many fiddle championships, and fiddle instructor at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. We are delighted to have him host our workshop.

Sean Gray is guitarist in the Paul McKenna Band. He also plays flute and whistle, and sings.

Get your name down for this exciting day.

They are also hosting the Ceilidh which takes place in Strachur Memorial Hall on 30th September at 7.30pm. BYOB! (£8 Concession £6)

Application forms available on the website.

www.fiddleworkshop.co.uk

Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop
@ Strachur

**Alistair McCulloch &
Sean Gray**

Mixed Instrument Workshop
Saturday 30th September

11am – 4pm

Strachur Memorial Hall



£25 - booking recommended

Places to eat in and around Strachur

Creggans Inn, Strachur	01369 860279
Out of the Blue Bistro, The Bay Strachur	01369 860221
Inver Cottage, Strathlachlan	01369 860537
Whistlefield Inn, Lock Eck	01369 860440
The George Hotel, Inveraray	01499 302111

More info 01369 860499 admin@fiddleworkshop.co.uk

The Tune Book

Just to let you know that our Tune Book is making progress. We are now checking the second draft from the printers. It's going to be a great addition to your library. If you would like to pre-book a copy let Evie know. Price yet to be decided but it will be money well spent!

Upcoming Event

Great news! Nigel Gatherer is bringing his **Mixer/Maxter** workshop to Strachur. This workshop will be in Strachur Memorial Hall on Saturday 25th November. Details of how to book will soon be on Nigel's website

<http://www.nigelgatherer.com>

This is bound to be a sell-out so best book as soon as possible.

'Come and Try'

A FREE 'Come and Try' Session for adults will take place in Strachur Memorial Hall on Wednesday 30th August 6.30pm. Fiddles provided. Tell the world.

Another event for your diary

'The Voyage of the Hector' workshop will take place in Glasgow this year. More information on the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/334226120356507>



THE VOYAGE OF THE HECTOR
Ensemble Weekend
 Sat 11th/ Sun 12th November 2017 - The Annexe, Partick, Glasgow

A weekend of interactive ensemble music making based around the musical suite "Voyage of the Hector". Experience the excitement and thrill of playing as a large ensemble. Professionally led by top musicians in the traditional music scene.

Accessible parts for all traditional instruments. Simple and more advanced parts to suit all players from intermediate level upwards. Ability to sight-read desirable.

Cost for the weekend is £70 which includes all tuition, tea/coffee/biscuits and soup & sandwich lunch. Workshops run 10am to 6pm

For more info or to book please email John Somerville: johnsomerville5@gmail.com

Tunebook and CD of all arrangements available from feisrois.bandcamp.com

Regular Events

McClures

Thursdays in McClures Pub, Ferry Brae, Dunoon.

8 - 10'ish, in the back room. Mixed instruments including fiddles, guitars, mandolins, accordions and small pipes. All ability ranges are catered for.

Check with Martin Donovan, owner, before going.

Tel. no. 01369 704888

Glasgow Fiddle Workshop (GFW)

Very Slow Session held twice a month in the Cafe Siempre (162 Dumbarton Rd, Glasgow, G11 6XE). It is run by Finlay Allison, tutor of GFW. It's usually the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month but best to check their website before heading off.

www.glasgowfiddle.org.uk

Tunes and music also available on the GFW website.

ARDKINGLAS EVENTS

Friday 18th Aug



Enjoy an evening concert with Siobhan Miller, Euan and Aaron Jones at beautiful Ardkinglas House.

For information on all events check info@ardkinglas.com

Tel 01499-600261

Advance booking essential.

Information & News

Websites

Here are a few websites that may be of interest:

www.fiddleworkshop.co.uk

www.visitcowal.co.uk

www.ardkinglas.com

www.strachursmiddy.org.uk

www.tracscotland.org

www.glasgowfiddle.org.uk

www.cantalibre.de

www.thesession.org

www.mudcatcafe.org

www.handsupfortrad.scot

Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop

Facebook pages;

Closed group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/225069111284178/>

Public group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/982772851824826/>

Also check out Kathy's Facebook site 'Hey Fiddle Diddle'.

Learning and classroom etiquette

Hope you will all enjoy the new season of classes, and perhaps even use our NEW Tune Book!

Here's a reminder about playing by ear.

Learning by ear means learning by listening then producing the tune. Looking is also important. When listening to the tutor playing a tune or phrase, students need to hear what is being played. It is easy to get caught up in one's attempt to play a tune without heeding what others are doing. This frustrates the aim of playing by ear as a group. Please listen to others, and keep an eye on what they and the tutor are doing. Then enjoy.

LFW Committee

Fiddle Maintenance

John Kelly offers a fiddle maintenance service at reasonable rates, with free advice. John can be contacted by email: jkargyll@gmail.com
He also builds mandolins and repairs guitars.

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Are there any sessions, folk pubs, forthcoming events, or photos that might be of interest? Or have you been to any summer workshops? A few words about them would be appreciated. Send to Evie by email.

Copy date for next Newsletter Friday 17th November 2017