

# Lichfield Arts

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# L2F LICHFIELD FESTIVAL OF FOLK

Fri 14 - Sun 16 Oct 2016

Lichfield Guildhall

BEST GROUP AT BBC RADIO 2  
FOLK AWARDS 2016:

**THE YOUNG 'UNS**

**JOHN TAMS & BARRY COOPE**

**MOORE, MOSS & RUTTER**

**GREG RUSSELL & CIARAN ALGAR**

**BLAIR DUNLOP & BAND**

**PETE COE • RICHARD DIGENCE**

and many others...

**PLUS** Arts & Heritage Procession,  
Morris dancers, workshops,  
café & much more!



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Welcome to the fourth L2F – Lichfield Festival of Folk. This has rapidly become the premier folk festival in Staffordshire and is something we at Lichfield Arts are very proud of. There is such a lot to do and see, so show your support and come along. Let's make this festival the best of all!

### Foreword by John Tams L2F Patron 2016



Lichfield – City of Enlightenment – Darwin, Dr. Johnson, The Lunar Society, Watt and Wedgewood and I'm invested patron of L2F – what a history, what a city, what an honour! I'm immensely flattered and I will do all I can to justify the Festival's commitment to me and I offer mine to you.

"Who Shares Wins," epitomises the team behind your Festival and we should pay them full tribute. Undertaking all the offstage "invisible" planning, fundraising and production is a mighty task driven by the shared love of folk, roots, song and dance in all its forms, traditional and contemporary and delivered here together now for you – to share.

This is the Enlightenment City with an Enlightening Festival – may it shine on you.

Thine, Dr. John Tams

## L2F LEAD-UP EVENTS...

### EXHIBITION

26 Sept - 16 Oct  
Lichfield Library  
Looking at the many traditions in the Lichfield area.

### CEILIDH

with Reel Hot  
Ceilidh Peppers  
Friday 30 September  
Lichfield Guildhall  
A festival appetiser of fun for all the family.

### FOLK TRAIN

Wednesday 5 October  
Lichfield Trent Valley  
rail station to  
Sutton Coldfield  
rail station  
Check l2f.co.uk for lastest

### QUIZ

Wednesday 12 October  
King George IV pub  
Sharpen those minds up before the Festival!

## ABOUT Lichfield Arts

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Lichfield Arts is an independent charity that has promoted music and Arts events in Lichfield since 1974 and is mainly run by volunteers.

Lichfield Arts promotes around 40 concerts a year including the genres of folk, jazz, blues, roots & rock. It also stages a number of festivals such as The Fuse Festival,

L2F (The Lichfield Festival of Folk), a blues & jazz festival and various beer festivals.

Lichfield Arts encourages and promotes local talent in various ways: Running outreach projects; supporting Wildfire Folk, Blast Off!, Lichfield Lighthouse Company, Lichfield's Got Talent and other events and projects.



## FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Lichfield Guildhall £17

### 7.00pm Festival launch

### 7.15pm The Staffordshire Men

Formed in 1990 and still with two of the original line-up. Their traditional 'Staffordshire' folk songs are from the UK and Australia all with a good dose of humour!

### 7.50pm Red

Ben and Annie have been firm friends for years and have combined to make ethereal, memorable music with a relaxed, calming vibe using instruments and voices.

### 8.25pm The Young 'Uns

The Best Group at the 2016 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards beguile audiences around the world. They seamlessly switch from beautiful ballads to brilliant banter and profoundly poignant songs to infectious

irreverent humour. Their passion for storytelling and social commentary has led to rave reviews, appearances on BBC Radio, countless sell out shows and main stage festival appearances throughout the UK and abroad.



## SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Full Festival £59; All day £30; Afternoon £15; Evening £20

### 9.00am - 5.00pm

### Wildfire Folk Music Café

#### Lichfield Guildhall Guildroom FREE

Enjoy a range of homemade cakes and drinks while listening to a range of artists throughout the day.

### 11.00am Arts and Heritage Procession

#### Lichfield City Centre FREE

Grand 'Arts and Heritage Procession' from the Cathedral Close to the King's Head via Market Square. It will include many local arts and heritage organisations accompanied by musicians and dancers from around the region.



### 11.30am - 3.00pm Dance and mummer group performances

#### Various sites in Lichfield city centre FREE



### Lichfield Guildhall - afternoon

### 12.00 noon Thomson & York

Beautifully crafted songs, which sound traditional but are all original, about love, 'The Circle of Life', local places, myths and legends. An emotional experience.

### 12.25pm Sons of Professor Longhair

Members of this band performed individually in the folk clubs of the West Midlands for many years. They have now combined playing an eclectic mix of folk, with a touch of country - all with their own brand of humour.

### 12:55pm Paul Francis

Paul has been a familiar face around the West Midlands folk and acoustic music club scene for over a decade. A talented singer, guitarist and songwriter, Paul includes innovative arrangements of songs with the occasional self-penned song thrown into the mix.

### 1:25pm Bric-a-Brac

Rising young stars on the folk circuit, Bric-a-Brac play a lively selection of traditional and original material, topped off with funky five string bass!

### 2.05pm Steve Bonham and the Long Road

A real treat. If you like folk music mixed with cajun, bluegrass, jazz and blues you'll love this band. They play songs that make you think, with a beat that makes you want to dance and never fail to entertain.

### 2.55pm Ciaran Algar & Greg Russell (Set 1)



Two time BBC Folk Award winners Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar met in 2011. Soon after joining together, the duo were signed to

Fellside Records and in July 2012 released their debut album, The Queen's Lover. Numerous tours followed as the duo developed and honed their stage craft, becoming one of the most sought after young acts on the English Folk Scene.

"The press coverage and folk club reports have been glowing and rightly so" R2 Magazine  
www.russellalgar.co.uk

### 3.50pm A Conversation: John Tams and The Young 'Uns

A conversation you can join. We dare not say 'old meets new' but the experienced voice of the great John Tams in discussion with the emerging talent that is the Young 'Uns is sure to be an interlude of insight, wisdom and humour.

### 4.45pm Ciaran Algar & Greg Russell (Set 2)

#### Lichfield Guildhall - evening

### 7.00pm Lynn Jenkins & Andy Rush

Thoughtful, melodic ballads and lively, up-tempo songs combining rich harmonies with sensitive guitar. Lynn and Andy have been performing together for over four years at local festivals and folk clubs.

### 7.25pm Olivia Rose Deane

A proficient guitarist, pianist and classically trained singer, Olivia has been performing as a folk singer/songwriter for over two years. Her songs combine dreamlike, majestic lyrics with a soaring, ethereal voice.

### 7.50pm Blair Dunlop

Blair stands out for his ability to craft meaningful songs that connect on a deeply emotional level with everyone who claps ears on them. At only 22 he scooped the prestigious Horizon Award at the 2013 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. He's played everywhere from major festivals to intimate front rooms. www.blairdunlop.com

### 9.15pm Tams & Coope

John Tams', this year's L2F patron, career has spanned four decades in every medium. A member of the Albion Band and Home Service, he is perhaps best known for his work at the National Theatre and as Rifleman Daniel Hagman in the Sharpe television series. He is a five times winner of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Barry Coope has worked with John in a number of ventures, including Stalking Horses, The Questionnaires and the John Tams Band. Expect an outstanding mix of musicianship and engagement with the audience.



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**SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER****Full Festival £59; All day £30; Afternoon £15; Evening £20****9.00am-5.00pm****Wildfire Folk Music Café****Lichfield Guildhall Guildroom FREE**

Homemade cakes and drinks plus live music.

**L2F WORKSHOPS** at Lichfield Guildhall**10.00-12.00am Guildroom Each workshop****£3 or £5 for both - includes all materials****Folk Art Felt** with textile artist Judith Israel.

Beginners and more experienced 'stitchers' all welcome! Make a small decorative felt embroidery brooch or Christmas decoration.

**Beginners Weaving** with Walsall Spinners.

An introduction for adults. You will be given a small loom, yarn and the tools you need and be shown how to weave a small item. No experience necessary.

**Shanty Workshop**

with Lichfield Lighthouse Company

**10.00-11.00am Ashmole Room - FREE**

First a brief history of shanties and how they have become part of contemporary folk. Then join in the choruses and, for the brave, take the lead! Beginners welcome. Music Café performance in the afternoon.

**Irish Music Session**

with Chasetown celtic folk band Gan Teideal

**11.00-12.00noon Ashmole Room - FREE**

If you play violin, flute, recorder, guitar, mandolin, bodhran, accordion or just want to sing, join us! Continued in the afternoon at the Music Café.

**Mummers' Workshop** with Armitage Mummers**10.30-11.30am Stonyng Room - FREE**

These traditional plays, usually performed around mid-winter, were performed in many Staffs villages. This workshop aims to inspire the beginning of a revival. Learn more about them and how to perform one.

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**Lichfield Guildhall - afternoon****12.00 noon Wildfire Folk**

Formed as part of the Lichfield Arts Folk Arts project, starting as a one-off workshop that quickly developed into a band in its own right. They have performed all over the country at events including Chester Folk Festival, Upton Folk Festival and the Acoustic Festival of Great Britain. Expect lively tunes on flutes and fiddles against raucous brass riffs, grounded by funky percussion rhythms. www.wildfirefolk.co.uk

**12.50pm Tony Wall**

Singing folk - that's where Tony's musical beginnings are. Playing his guitar and singing are treasures he enjoys every day. Life has taught him to live for the moment but music will always be a part of it.

**1.20pm Crooked House**

Mick Burrows and Richard Gibbons met at a Wolverhampton acoustic music club around 2011. They can be found performing weekly in the folk and acoustic clubs in the Midlands area. Their first eponymous album was released in 2014.

**1.55pm The Vogwells**

Martin &amp; Emma's music is a collection of stories woven with music heavily inspired by the traditional British folk style. Whether the subject is local legends or thoughts on the day to day, the core of the song is always a story.

**2.30pm Chase Mist**

This polished and exciting five-piece plays an eclectic mix of traditional and original songs and tunes with influences as diverse as The Jackson Five and Queen. Their latest album was released in December 2015. http://chasemist.bandcamp.com/

**3.45pm Richard Digance**

A BAFTA Nominated entertainer and a Gold Award recipient from The British Academy of Composers and Songwriters. He has played a duet with Queen's Brian May, worked with Steve Martin, played an acoustic set with Status Quo and performed at The London Palladium with the late Robin Williams. Richard has 3 million YouTube hits, 27 albums and a Golden Anniversary tour, 50 Years of Songs and Stories, coming up in 2017.

**4.45pm FolkLaw**

Exhilarating music that guarantees to get your feet tapping, your face smiling and your festival feet jumping! Acrobatic fiddling and earthy vocals are interwoven with wonderfully distinctive vocal harmonies. FolkLaw are well known for their crowd-surfing fiddle antics and engaging on-stage banter - an energized stage performance is guaranteed. www.folklaw.co.uk

**Lichfield Guildhall - evening****7.00pm Pete Coe**

A professional musician since 1971 playing at festivals, concerts, clubs, dances &amp; schools throughout the UK and around the world. During the '70s he toured and recorded with Chris Coe, was a member of the legendary New Victory Band &amp; Bandoggs. In the late '80s and early '90s he toured and recorded with Red Shift. Since 1985 he's mainly worked as a soloist. His strong, distinctive voice is enhanced by the ringing strings of his bouzouki, the sweet chords of his mountain dulcimer, the plaintive frailing banjo &amp; the pulsing reeds of his melodeon. He sings, plays &amp; dances, sometimes all at once!

**8.25pm Moore Moss Rutter**

Tom Moore, Archie Churchill-Moss and Jack Rutter hail from three distinct regions of the UK - they combine musical material, style and tradition from Norfolk,

Somerset and Yorkshire respectively. Since 2009, Moore Moss Rutter have been playing as a trio, meticulously reworking English tunes and compositions into sets and songs which have been described as "intelligently crafted musical adventures". Often praised for musical "maturity and sophistication", it is their aim to carefully create soundscapes of mellow and precisely engineered beauty - as well as wild builds of tension and tempestuous climaxes. The trio have performed widely, at venues and events ranging from Glastonbury to folk clubs and living rooms. Moore Moss Rutter were winners of the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award 2011.

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The programme is correct at the time of going to press but may be subject to change at short notice.

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## Getting to Lichfield

**Car:** Lichfield is less than 20 miles from the M42/M6/M40 and a short distance from the A38/A5

**Bus:** Regular services from Burton, Tamworth, Stafford and Cannock to Lichfield bus/rail interchange.

**Rail:** London Midland run an hourly service from London (Euston) to Lichfield Trent Valley and from Crewe to Lichfield Trent Valley.

There is a regular 20 minute service from Birmingham (New Street) to Lichfield City station (journey time 37 minutes).

Transport partner: [www.londonmidland.com](http://www.londonmidland.com)

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## Booking

**Online:** [www.lichfieldarts.org.uk](http://www.lichfieldarts.org.uk)

**Box Office:** 01543 262223

**Cheque:** Payable to Lichfield Arts

**Address:** Lichfield Arts, Donegal House, Bore Street, Lichfield WS13 6LU

**Please note a £1 administration charge applies to all bookings. To help Lichfield Arts even more please ask about Gift Aid.**

**To book accommodation:** [www.visitlichfield.co.uk](http://www.visitlichfield.co.uk) or 01543 256611

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