

How to get there

Car drivers: from the East, leave M9 (westbound) at J3, turn left at top of slip-road, and follow road into Linlithgow. Queen Margaret Hall (QMH) is on your **right** just before the (left) turn into Tesco's car park. Plenty of car parking at Queen Margaret Hall (Tesco's limited to 2 hrs so don't park there!)

From the West, leave M9 (Eastbound) at Junction 4, and follow signs into and through Linlithgow. At mini-roundabout at far end of High Street, (by Tesco's) turn left on to Blackness Rd: QMH is about 200yds up on the **left**, just past (right) turn into Tesco's car park: use the QMH car park.

Map ref for QMH: (Star and Garter also shows on this map)

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?q=Queen+Margaret+Hall,+Blackness+Road,+Linlithgow&hl=en&sl=55.886149,-3.349615&sspn=0.010903,0.027423&vpsrc=0&hq=Queen+Margaret+Hall,&hnear=Blackness+Rd,+Linlithgow,+United+Kingdom&t=m&z=15>

Buses: frequent service to and from Edinburgh on 38 or X38. Get off near Tesco's.

Trains: frequent service between Edinburgh Waverley/Haymarket and Glasgow Queen St.

For more information visit: www.eltmsa.org.uk

Photos from the Muckle Sing 2015 with Siobhan and Brian Miller as tutors:



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SINGERS' GATHERING 2016

Saturday 20 February 2016 10am to 5.00pm

Queen Margaret Hall, Blackness Road, Linlithgow, EH49 7JA
and The Star and Garter Hotel, Linlithgow. EH49 7AB

Evening concert at The Star & Garter - Function Room - 7.30pm

A very special day for community singing groups and individual singers, including a choice of afternoon and morning workshops, performance platform and an evening concert.

All welcome - from the beginner to the experienced performer and no need to be able to read music.

You may attend for the day events or concert only, but we encourage you to reap the benefit of our "All-in-One" ticket and stay for both!

Featuring: **MOIRA CRAIG AND CAROLYN ROBSON**
KAREN DIETZ
JIMMY HUTCHISON

Craig and Robson

It is a delight to welcome back Moira Craig and Carolyn Robson, who were previously our Muckle Sing tutors during Singers' Gathering 2009 in Bathgate, as part of the trio Craig, Morgan and Robson. Many who attended then are still singing the splendid arrangements that they taught, and we look forward to some more glorious harmony. They don't often venture North of the Border (although Moira is Scottish and Carolyn Northumbrian) so do grasp this great opportunity!



Moira and Carolyn will take a morning workshop as well as the afternoon Muckle sing, and perform in the evening concert.

Karen Dietz

Originally from Massachusetts, Karen Dietz is a highly experienced musician, performer, teacher and musical director. She is passionate about musical performance and education. She has been resident in East Lothian for several years where she is at the hub of many musical activities, directing several choirs, teaching guitar and performing both solo and with various local and nationally known musicians, and has made a number of recordings.



<https://projects.handsupfortrad.scot/scotlandsings/link-pages/karen-dietz/>

Karen will take a morning workshop as well as performing in the evening concert.

Jimmy Hutchison

Jimmy came from South Uist - his mother a Gaelic speaker, his father from Glasgow. He also spent some time in Ireland, increasing his already varied repertoire of traditional songs: many of his Scots songs were gleaned from the "source singers" he met on his travels, such as Jeannie Robertson, Jimmie McBeath, the Stewarts of Blair and old Davie Stewart.



See also: <http://www.thetraditionbearers.co.uk/jimmyhutchison/>

Jimmy will host an afternoon talk/workshop and sing in the evening concert.

Young Traditional Singer of Merit

We hope, as usual, to be able to give a short concert slot to one of Scotland's rising stars: TBC. Sponsored By Aberdeen TMSA Branch

Performance Platform

An opportunity for community singing groups who wish to perform songs from their own repertoire for the entertainment of other participants. (No compulsion, and all very friendly!) Groups wishing to perform should prepare up to 3 songs. Preferably let Susan Streater know in advance if your group wishes to perform.

Venues

Queen Margaret Hall (QMH) (Catholic Church Hall) in Blackness Road is where to come to register. There is plenty of car parking within the grounds, and there will be free tea, coffee, juice and biscuits in the hall. ("Free" but donations welcomed!). Craig and Robson's workshops will be held there - morning and afternoon. It will also be the venue for **lunch (bring your own!)**, tea break, and the Performance Platform.

The Star and Garter Hotel (S & G) - located on the mini-roundabout at the start of Linlithgow High Street, is the venue for the other 2 workshops and the evening concert, in the upstairs function room. There is a lift from the ground floor. Parking here is very limited (around the back past Platform 3) but could be used for dropping off. It is only a short walk from Queen Margaret Hall, but we shall do our best to cater for any with mobility problems who wish to be taken across.

Programme

10am
10.30 -12.30

12.30 -13.45
14.00 -15.45

16.00 -16.20
16.20 -17.00
17.00 -17.30

17.45 - 19.00
19.10

19.30 - 21.45

Registration/coffee at QMH

Workshop 1 at QMH (Craig and Robson)

Workshop 2 at S & G (Karen Dietz)

Lunch and informal singing session

Workshop 3 (Muckle Sing) at QMH

Workshop 4 (Jimmy Hutchison) at S & G

Tea Break - all at QMH

Performance Platform for groups

Clearing up at QMH - for those staying for the evening, meals will be available at S & G - see separate order form!

Meals at S & G (pre-booked orders only from enclosed menu)

Doors open for concert (Upstairs Function Room S & G - buy drinks downstairs and take up)

Concert (one interval)

Refreshments

Tea, coffee, juice, tap water and biscuits at QMH included in the day ticket price. **N.B. LUNCH IS NOT SUPPLIED!** Please either bring your own or patronise the local supermarket, bakery or local cafes - just over the road. Feel free to bring your food back to QMH, and sing once you've eaten!

Evening meals: see separate booking form - we have negotiated a very good offer from The Star and Garter Hotel (S & G), and hope that those staying for the evening concert will wish to avail themselves of this. Please send in your choices with your ticket order. If you have friends just coming for the concert, they may also pre-book the meal. Anyone who has not booked by **15th February** will have to take their chances at S & G or elsewhere.

How to book - don't be late - we might sell out!

Prices: the best deal is our "All-in-One ticket" which covers all the day events and the evening concert with a discount applied.

All-in One:	Full price	£27	Concessions	£21
Day ticket only:	Full price	£22	Concessions	£17
Concert only:	Full price	£11	Concessions	£9

Concessions

Individual Concession price is available to TMSA members, students, senior citizens, unemployed, disabled people and their helper. *Please state category of entitlement(s) when booking.*

Groups who are affiliated to the TMSA will be entitled to the concessionary rate for ALL participants in that group. If you are not sure if your group is affiliated or not, please check before sending in your booking with Susan Streater: contact details below.

Postal booking (tickets and meal orders)

Please complete **separate booking forms** and send, with your cheque, made out to: **EDINBURGH & LOTHIAN TMSA** (*Please not just TMSA!*)

Susan Streater, 72 Deanburn Park, Linlithgow, EH49 6HA

PLEASE enclose stamped addressed envelope for tickets to be sent to you

Telephone enquiries: 01506 843592 Email: susan.streater@hotmail.co.uk

Online booking - please remember also to email us your workshop and meal bookings
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/singers-gathering-2016-tickets-20282510535>