

**THE MUCKLE SING**  
**Saturday 18 February 2012**  
**10am to 5.30pm**

**Queen Margaret Hall, Blackness Road, Linlithgow, EH49 7JA**

A day of workshops for community singing groups and individual singers, led by Janet Russell, as well as an (optional) opportunity for informal group performances.

The Muckle Sing has been an integral part of previous biennial West Lothian Singers' Gatherings, and in 2008 (an intervening year) became a "stand-alone" event, allowing Community singing groups and choirs, as well as individuals, to join together in the great pleasure of singing and harmony.

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

This event is hosted by the TMSA (Traditional Music and Song Association of Scotland) Edinburgh and Lothians Branch.

### **Workshops**

The morning workshop will include traditional and contemporary songs, while the afternoon one will feature a new venture which Janet has already successfully taken to other workshops and choirs, i.e. "Singing for Dancing" where you will learn lively tunes to sing while others dance. (Bring soft-soled suitable shoes if you wish to dance). There will also be some Scottish step-dancing from our very own Fiona Campbell.

### **Janet Russell**

Janet Russell is a Scottish songwriter, who emerged on to the folk scene in the 1980s, and has variously worked with Christine Kydd and as part of "Sisters Unlimited".

She has lived in England for some years, where her singing workshops are much sought after, and she also appears as part of "Jig-Jaw" which includes the afore-mentioned singing for dancing.

She is appearing live at Edinburgh Folk Club, at the Pleasance Cabaret Bar, on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 so do go along and hear her!

And read more about her here:

<http://www.brian-peters.co.uk/russell.html>



## Performance Platform

An opportunity for community singing groups from far and near who wish to perform songs from their own repertoire for the entertainment of other participants. (There is absolutely no mandatory requirement to do this, however; only if your group so wishes!)

Groups wishing to perform should prepare up to 3 songs. Preferably let us know in advance if your group wishes to perform.

The final half hour will be given over to Janet performing an acoustic set of songs for us, so don't leave early!

## Programme

10am	Registration/coffee
10.30 -12.30	Workshop 1
12.30 -13.30	Lunch
13.30 -15.30	Workshop 2
15.30 -15.50	Break
15.50 -16.50	Performance Platform for groups
16.50 -17.20	Janet Russell
17.20	Thanks/Finale

## Refreshments

Tea, coffee, juice and tap water included in the workshop price. We are not supplying any food on this occasion, so you may either bring what you prefer in your own packed lunches, or there is a well-known supermarket just over the road, as well as a bakery that sells filled rolls etc.

## How to book

Numbers are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Cost: £12 or £10 concession (to include hot and cold drinks as above.)

## Concessions

**Groups NOT affiliated to the TMSA will be NOT entitled to the concessionary rate for their group, but can apply as individuals, stating any other concession entitlement, and naming their group.**

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 booking with [trishs46@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trishs46@yahoo.co.uk) or 0131 449 5278.

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

## Postal booking:

Please complete form on following page and send, with your cheque, to:

Trish Santer (The Muckle Sing)

9 Ravelrig Park

Balerno

Edinburgh,

EH14 7DL

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

Telephone enquiries: 0131 449 5278

Email: [trishs46@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trishs46@yahoo.co.uk)

Cheques payable to: Edinburgh & Lothians TMSA

## Booking Form

*In the hope of simplifying the booking procedure, we are just using one type of booking form, but it would be simpler for us if you want to enclose multiple bookings (and one cheque!) if you would add the extra information required, below the line.*

Name

Address

Postcode

Tel No

Email

Concession      yes       no

Category (please tick):

Individual TMSA member       Member of TMSA-affiliated group       student   
unemployed       senior citizen       disabled/carer  (please bring proof of eligibility)

Are you (a) member(s) of a singing group?      Yes       No

If yes, please name your group

Does your group wish to perform in the Performance Platform?

I enclose payment of.....

Please include SAE for postage of ticket(s)

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**Only use this section if booking for others as well as yourself:**

**Group booking**

Name of group

Number applying (please list names on reverse of form)

How many concessions?

Type of concessions?

Name of contact person

Email

Group affiliated to TMSA?    Yes                       No

(if in doubt contact [trishs46@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trishs46@yahoo.co.uk) or 0131 449 5278 before sending booking. Also contact us if you would like to pay using a debit or credit card)

## 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 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:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?q=Queen+Margaret+Hall,+Blackness+Road,+Linlithgow&hl=en&sll=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](http://www.eltmsa.org.uk)

[www.angelfire.com/planet/scottishsonggroups](http://www.angelfire.com/planet/scottishsonggroups)

### *Photos from the Muckle Sing 2010 with Ali Burns as tutor:*



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