

# Eastbourne Lammass Festival

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Welcome to the 10 Anniversary  
Eastbourne Lammass Festival 2010

The word 'Lammass' comes from the old English for 'Loaf Mass', a celebration of the Earth's bounty which was traditionally held at the time of the cutting of the first corn crop.

Lammass is also known as Lughnassah, a name derived from the old Celtic sun-God, Lugh, it is one of the four ancient pagan festivals now celebrated by the modern Pagan movement.

**We hope you enjoy this year's festival.**

As well as offering a showcase for local talent - music Morris dancing and drumming the event:

- \* **Raises money for the R.N.L.I.**
- \* Welcomes the local community and visitors to the town
- \* Provides an arena for traditional carnival Giants
- \* Is paid for purely by the year-round fundraising efforts of the Lammass Festival Committee and the donations by the readers of Merry Meet magazine, an independent journal of folklore and paganism.

Our thanks go to all the performers and to the volunteers who give their time and expertise freely, helping to make the festival a fun, peaceful and great weekend.

**Eastbourne Lammass Festival Committee**  
August 2010



## Saturday 31st July

**All Day, on site from 11:00am:** Stalls, crafts, storytelling, facepainting, Punch & Judy, tarot, pole lathe demonstration,

**All Day from 12:00am:** Pentacle Drummers, Morris Dancing with Hunters Moon Morris, Gong Scourers & Loose Women on Eastbourne Seafront and at the festival site.

**11.00am Carol:** A Lammass tradition, the lady with the big voice, singing Cabaret and easy listening classics.

**12.00am Seafront carnival Parade:** Giants Herne & Andred, Morris dancers and drummers assemble at the Pier to arrive on site by 12:45pm.

**12.00am Matt Cooper:** First appearance at Lammass for this talented contemporary acoustic guitarist.

**1.00pm The Slight Aches:** Heart breakers & slight aches: soulful country music gems.

**2.00pm Ragati String Band:** toe tapping footstomping tunes. The combination of guitar, mandolin, banjo & fiddle with a dose of T-chest base - just the mix we love!

**3.00pm 5th Quarter:** Local singer/songwriter Clive Whitburn & multi-instrumentalist Jerry bird play original & traditional songs with lots of improvisations

**4.00pm Touchstone:** Sussex Folk Rock at its best! After their storming set last year, we're delighted to have them back for Lammass 2010.

**5:30pm: Ritual celebration of Lammass.**

The ceremony starts with a dance 'John Barleycorn' performed by Hunters Moon Morris, symbolising the cutting of the corn and showing the cycle of life, death and rebirth.

Everyone is welcome to join our celebration of thanks.

## Sunday 1st August

**All Day from 11:00am:** Eastbourne seafront and on site - Morris Dancing with Hunters Moon Morris, Bacchus & Boughton Monchelsea & drumming with Pentacle Drummers.

**On site from 12:00am:** Stalls, crafts, storytelling, facepainting, Punch & Judy, tarot, pole lathe demonstration.

**12.00am Blueshift Jazz Band:** Jazz on a summer's day - Eastbourne's masters of Cool Jazz and Be-Bop return for the lunchtime shift.

**1.00pm Black Strap Molasses:** Eastbourne-based Lammass Festival stalwarts performing modern singer-songwriter folk.

**2.00pm Terry Lees:** One of the finest guitarists in the country and long time supporter of the Lammass Festival.

**2:00pm Introduction to Border Morris with Hunters Moon:** Come and take part in the exciting Border Dances.

**3.00pm Cartouche:** playing the music of 'Blackmore's Night and plundering a few others too.

**4.00pm: Open-Air Celidh with Rattlebone:** A regular feature of the Festival, this is a chance to get involved and join in the action. Led by top local celidh band Rattlebone, no better way to end the weekend!

*Please note: Eastbourne Lammass Festival Committee reserves the right to change performances and times without notice, in the event of unforeseeable circumstances or inclement weather.*

*Please enjoy the festival and respect the environment by taking your rubbish home with you.*

The Festival supports the incredible work of the R.N.L.I. Please give generously to our licensed collectors and visit the Lifeboat Museum below the Wish Tower Slopes.

Thank you for visiting our festival and supporting the talented artists who generously provide their performances at no cost, allowing us to once more bring you this weekend for FREE.

**\*Lammass Ritual\***

**\*kids fun\*parade\*food\***

**\*Crafts & stalls\*real ale bar\***