

Eastbourne Lammas Festival

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Welcome to the Eastbourne Lammas Festival 2009

The word 'Lammas' 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.

Also known as Lughnassah, a name derived from the old Celtic sun-God, Lugh, it is one of the four ancient pagan festivals adapted by the early Catholic Church now reappropriated 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 Lammas 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 Lammas Festival Committee
August 2009



Saturday 1st August

All Day, on site from 11:00am: Stalls, crafts, storytelling, facepainting, Punch & Judy, tarot pole lathe demonstration, raku pottery and climbing wall.

All Day from 12:00am: Pentacle Drummers, Morris Dancing with Hunters Moon Morris, Bacchus, Gong Scourers, Loose Women & Ooja Kapivvy on Eastbourne Seafront and the festival grounds.

11.00am Carol: Cabaret classics from this experienced singer with the big voice

12.00am Ragati String Band: The String Band was formed with one thing in mind .. to get the crowd's toes tapping to 'FootStomping' songs & tunes!

12.00am: Seafront carnival Parade - Giants Herne & Andred, Morris dancers and drummers assemble at the Pier to arrive on site by 1:00pm.

1.00pm Kim Thompsett: Original songs inspired by nature and tales of myth and legend.

2.00pm Lackadaisy: Exuberant, Light-hearted, Original and Classic Gypsy-Swing, Klezmer and World Music.

3.00pm Touchstone: Showcasing their exciting new line up, Touchstone have been at the forefront of acoustic/electric folk music in Sussex for the last 20 years.

4.00pm Magicfolk: A compelling mix of quality female vocals, keyboards, flute, acoustic and electric guitars

5:30pm: Ritual celebration of Lammas. 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.

The Festival closes by 6:00pm.

Sunday 2nd August

All Day, on site from 12:00am: Stalls, crafts, storytelling, facepainting, Punch & Judy, tarot, pole lathe demonstration, raku pottery and climbing wall.

All Day from 12:00am: Morris Dancing with Hunters Moon Morris on the festival grounds.

12.00am Blueshift Jazz Band: Cool Jazz and Be-Bop on a summer's day.

1.00pm Black Strap Molasses: Lammas Festival favourites performing modern singer-songwriter folk.

1:30pm Introduction to Border Morris with Hunters Moon: Come and take part in the exciting Border Dances.

2.00pm Mr Weston & The Ironing: Three curmudgeons from South West Hertfordshire sitting down.

3.00pm Porvari: Local duo returns in full electric mode with guest musicians.

4.00pm: Open air celidh with Rattlebone.

All welcome to join in the dancing at what has become a Lammas Festival tradition.

The festival closes by 5:00pm

Please note the Eastbourne Lammas Festival Committee reserves the right to change performances and times without notice, in the event of unforeseeable circumstances or inclement

Please enjoy the festival and respect the Earth 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 don't forget to visit their 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.

Crafts & stalls

***kids fun * parade ***

food * real ale bar