

UNEXPECTED  
GARDENS

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# SUMMER PROGRAMME

## FESTIVAL IN THE FIELD

Teaninich Industrial Estate (opposite the recycling centre)

16th July | 6th August | 13th August | 20th August | 27th August | 10th September

Six Saturday events for people of any age to enjoy! Come along between 12pm and 4.30pm and enjoy free food, live music and a wide range of workshops. Free and no need to book tickets!

### MUSICIANS INCLUDE:

Calum McIlroy | Cionar | Chloë Steele | Corrina Hewat | Dave Milligan | Duncan Chisholm | Fras | Fraya Thomsen  
Gizzenbriggs | Hamish Napier | Innes Watson | Jennifer Port | Liam Ross | Mairearad Green | North Atlantic Project  
Orin & Quin Simpson | Peter Noble | Rachel Hair | Ross Ainslie | Ruairidh Gollan | Siannie Moodie | TradBeats  
**Plus** Fèis the Music, Fèis Rois Cèilidh Trail and The Lullaby Project

Be sure not to miss these other exciting opportunities:

Grow in The Field..... Every Thursday, 9am - 3pm  
Youth in The Field ..... Every Friday, 1pm - 3pm  
Question and Session ..... Thursdays 28th July and 25th August, 12pm - 2pm  
Voices in Bloom ..... Sunday 11th September, 11am - 4pm

All information is available at [www.feisrois.org](http://www.feisrois.org)

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# ABOUT THE UNEXPECTED GARDEN

The Unexpected Garden in The Field in Teaninich Industrial Estate in Alness is part of Dandelion - a six-month creative celebration of growing, music and community – rooted in Scotland but with an international outlook, and with sustainability at its heart.

Dandelion follows the arc of the growing season, from April to September 2022 – culminating with hundreds of Harvest events across Scotland. The Harvest event in Alness will be on Saturday 10th September.

Dandelion is driven by the concept of ‘Sow, Grow, Share’ – not just food but ideas, music, knowledge and community. The project takes a unique approach to community growing, bringing together artists, makers, scientists, performers and technologists to present events and programmes across Scotland – from remote islands to towns and the centre of cities, as well as online for everyone everywhere to enjoy.

Dandelion is commissioned by EventScotland and funded via the Scottish Government. It is Scotland’s contribution to UNBOXED: Creativity in the UK.

The Alness Unexpected Garden has been created through a partnership between Fèis Rois and The Place.

The main theme of the Unexpected Garden is seeds. Alongside healthy soils and waters, seeds are some of the main building blocks of any place’s food system and food culture, but today this understanding of their importance and the knowledge of how to care and tend to seeds has been largely forgotten.

The project has involved growing a variety of vegetables, which are suited to, or have historic ties to, the region, with a primary goal to harvest their seeds. The project aims to inspire, educate and empower the community around growing food and seed production, and play a small part in bringing the community together. Seeds are small things but from them big things can grow!

We extend a warm invitation to everyone in the Alness community, and those from further afield, to come and join us in the garden for an exciting summer of events and activities.

[www.dandelion.scot](http://www.dandelion.scot)  
[www.feisrois.org](http://www.feisrois.org)  
[www.theplaceyouthclub.com](http://www.theplaceyouthclub.com)





## Festival in The Field

# SATURDAY 16TH JULY

A fun afternoon out for all the family with free food from the garden and a packed programme of workshops and live music performance between 12pm and 4.30pm. Feel free to bring a picnic and stay for the whole afternoon!

## WORKSHOPS

Unless stated, there is no need to pre-book workshops, just turn up and enjoy!

### Musical Maps

12pm - 1pm (and repeated 3pm - 4pm)

Aimed at all ages and abilities, including those who have never played music before, join our Unexpected Garden Musician in Residence, Liam Ross, for this fun workshop to create a soundscape using ukulele, percussion, guitar and any instruments you might want to bring along if you already play.

### Woodland Adventures

12pm – 2pm (and repeated 2.30pm – 4.30pm)

Open to young people in P4-7, you might learn some easy knots to construct your own natural shelter with scavenged materials; put up (and chill out in!) a hammock; have a snack under your own tarpaulin shelter; make rope ladders or tyre swings; create musical instruments from sticks and branches; use clay to make “tree faces” - guardians of the woods with special powers; bring out your inner detective to spot clues to solve nature’s murder mysteries... and more! Everything is great fun with Woodland Adventures! Wear suitable clothes for being outdoors - remember sun cream and a hat for warm days and waterproofs and wellies if it is wet.

The focus today will be on making tarpaulin shelters and rope ladders with Kerry.

Places are limited for this workshop. Book a space in advance by emailing [Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org](mailto:Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org) or you can chance your luck on the day!

### Seed Stories

1pm – 2pm

Have you heard of the Dingwall Scotty tomato? Have you tasted courgettes from Syria before? Find out more about the seeds we are growing in the Unexpected Garden.



## PERFORMANCES

### Orin and Quin Simpson

12.00pm – 12.45pm

From Evanton, and brought up surrounded by music, brothers Orin and Quin Simpson will provide some lively traditional music on flute, accordion, guitar and bouzouki.

### Cionar

1.00pm – 1.45pm

Cionar, Christina Stewart (voice) and Grace Stewart-Skinner (clàrsach) are a mother-daughter duo from Ross-Shire who perform melodies and songs mostly, though not exclusively, in Gaelic. Christina grew up singing Gaelic songs and has passed her great knowledge and appreciation of them, their melodies and their stories onto Grace.

### Liam Ross

2.00pm – 2.20pm

From Invergordon, Liam is one of the foremost fingerstyle guitarists in the Scottish Highlands. A highly versatile musician, Liam has recently gained an MA in Music and the Environment from the University of the Highlands and Islands. His unique approach to guitar and live performance ensures he never fails to captivate and engage a wide range of audiences. He seamlessly blends his humour, emotion and commanding stage presence through his songs and classic covers, which showcase his lightning fast, fingerpicking style.

### Mairearad Green

2.30pm – 3.15pm

Having grown up in the West Coast Coigach peninsula of the Scottish Highlands – an area steeped in culture and local traditions – Mairearad is a musician and landscape painter based in the village of Ullapool. Her impressionistic painting style is very much an emotional response to the land that she grew up in. Renowned for her deft and lyrical accordion style, as well as her dextrous piping, Mairearad is also in great demand as a performer, and we are delighted to have her playing a solo set today!

### Fras

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wild West Highland days and storming tune-fuelled nights have formed Fras. Their debut album, Dile, is a bracing shower of melodies, a downpour of thundering rhythm with the occasional promise of sunshine. Fras are Angus Binnie - pipes and whistles, Colin Masterton - flutes, Kirsten MacLeod - accordion and Murdo Cameron - guitar.





Festival in The Field

# SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST

A fun afternoon out for all the family with free food from the garden and a packed programme of workshops and live music performance between 12pm and 4.30pm. Feel free to bring a picnic and stay for the whole afternoon!

## WORKSHOPS

Unless stated, there is no need to pre-book workshops, just turn up and enjoy!

### Fretboards in The Field

12pm – 1pm (and repeated 3pm – 4pm)

This workshop is open to young people and adults who are already playing guitar. Our Unexpected Garden Musician in Residence, Liam Ross, will guide all abilities of player, from improver to advanced, through this workshop exploring fingerpicking techniques and general ways to improve one's playing. There will be a chance to explore the styles of some of the great players like Bert Jansch, John Martyn, Mark Knopfler, and others.

### TradBeats

12pm – 1.30pm

Do you know your beets from your beats? You soon will after this exhilarating workshop in the garden! TradBeats is a thrilling encounter of 'puirt-à-beul' (Gaelic mouth music) with percussive footwork and beatboxing! Gaelic singers Deirdre Graham, Eilidh Munro and Catherine Tinney join Scottish step dancer, Sophie Stephenson, and beatbox extraordinaire, Bigg Taj. Together they create a feisty fusion of traditional Gaelic song and contemporary hip-hop grooves. Join them in this workshop to try some steps, body percussion, beat boxing, puirt-à-beul and more! Open to all. Children and adults welcome.

### Woodland Adventures

12pm – 2pm (and repeated 2.30pm – 4.30pm)

Open to young people in P4-7, you might learn some easy knots to construct your own natural shelter with scavenged materials; put up (and chill out in!) a hammock; have a snack under your own tarpaulin shelter; make rope ladders or tyre swings; create musical instruments from sticks and branches; use clay to make "tree faces" - guardians of the woods with special powers; bring out your inner detective to spot clues to solve nature's murder mysteries... and more! Everything is great fun with Woodland Adventures! Wear suitable clothes for being outdoors - remember sun cream and a hat for warm days and waterproofs and wellies if it is wet.

Join Julie and Kerry for some Murder Mysteries and Tracking today.

Places are limited for this workshop. Book a space in advance by emailing [Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org](mailto:Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org) or you can chance your luck on the day!

### Wee Stories

1pm – 2pm (and repeated 2pm – 3pm)

2022 is Scotland's Year of Stories and for over 20 years Lizzie MacDougall has travelled around the Highlands and Islands gathering, telling and sharing Highland stories. Her love for storytelling goes back to her childhood and she aims to inspire children to enjoy our traditional Highland tales and help keep them alive. Children aged 5 to 8 are welcome to join these one-hour sessions with Lizzie.

## PERFORMANCES



### Fèis Rois Ceilidh Trail

12.00pm – 2.00pm

The Ceilidh Trail is a professional development opportunity for outstanding young traditional musicians, providing them with the chance to participate in a summer tour, with support from a team of professional musicians and specialist tutors. The musicians spend a week rehearsing and participating in workshops, including performance skills, sound engineering and dance calling, whilst also preparing for life on the road, before spending the summer playing music at venues throughout Scotland.

The group performing today include Highland musicians Eoin Cumming (Gairloch), Freya Taylor (Black Isle), Anna Scott (Skye) and Sheena Peteranna (Uist) alongside young musicians representing Fèis Rois partner organisations. Cassie de St Croix is from Wales and Charly Curry-Brown was nominated to take part in The Ceilidh Trail by Cambridge Folk Festival.

### Liam Ross

2.00pm – 2.45pm

From Invergordon, Liam is currently Musician in Residence in the Unexpected Garden in Alness. He has been leading workshops and composing new music in response to the growing. Liam is a superb fingerstyle guitarist and a highly versatile musician. He recently gained an MA in Music and the Environment from the University of the Highlands and Islands.

### TradBeats

3.00pm – 4.00pm

TradBeats is a thrilling encounter of 'puirt-à-beul' (Gaelic mouth music) with percussive footwork and beatboxing! Gaelic singers **Deirdre Graham**, **Eilidh Munro** and **Catherine Tinney** join Scottish step dancer, **Sophie Stephenson**, and beatbox extraordinaire, **Bigg Taj**. Together they create a feisty fusion of traditional Gaelic song and contemporary hip-hop grooves.



Festival in The Field

# SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST

A fun afternoon out for all the family with free food from the garden and a packed programme of workshops and live music performance between 12pm and 4.30pm. Feel free to bring a picnic and stay for the whole afternoon!

## WORKSHOPS

Unless stated, there is no need to pre-book workshops, just turn up and enjoy!

### Musical Storyboards

12pm – 1pm (and repeated 3pm – 4pm)

Led by musician, Liam Ross and storyteller, Lizzie MacDougall, this workshop is open to anyone who would like to take part – young or old. There is a deep well of local stories in the Highlands and using Lizzie's Highland Story Quilts – beautiful quilts made from fabric scraps that celebrate stories, folklore and the magic of storytelling in bringing people together – you will create a soundscape, or soundtrack, for a local story. The music created will be played live to Lizzie telling the story. No previous music experience required!

### Floral Printmaking

12pm – 4.30pm

Throughout the afternoon, join Emerging Creative Producer, Haley Shepherd to create a print to take home. You will explore the garden to choose the flowers you would like to use for your individual print. Open to all ages.

### Woodland Adventures

12pm – 2pm (and repeated 2.30pm – 4.30pm)

Open to young people in P4-7, you might learn some easy knots to construct your own natural shelter with scavenged materials; put up (and chill out in!) a hammock; have a snack under your own tarpaulin shelter; make rope ladders or tyre swings; create musical instruments from sticks and branches; use clay to make “tree faces” - guardians of the woods with special powers; bring out your inner detective to spot clues to solve nature's murder mysteries... and more! Everything is great fun with Woodland Adventures! Wear suitable clothes for being outdoors - remember sun cream and a hat for warm days and waterproofs and wellies if it is wet.

Join Julie and Gregor for some minibeast hunting and craftwork today.

Places are limited for this workshop. Book a space in advance by emailing [Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org](mailto:Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org) or you can chance your luck on the day!

## PERFORMANCES

### Local Musicians

12pm - 12.45pm

Local musicians from Alness and the surrounding area will kick off today's live music in the Unexpected Garden.

### Rachel Hair

1.00pm – 2.00pm

“A superb Highland Harper” (BBC Radio 2) Rachel Hair is “One of the UK's finest contemporary Celtic harpists and tunesmiths” (Songlines). Originally from Ullapool, she learnt to play the clàrsach through the work of Fèis Rois, has released 6 critically acclaimed albums and regularly tours throughout the world both as a soloist and with her guitar duo partner Ron Jappy.

### Liam Ross

2.15pm – 2.35pm

From Invergordon, Liam is currently Musician in Residence in the Unexpected Garden in Alness. He has been leading workshops and composing new music in response to the growing. Liam is a superb fingerstyle guitarist and a highly versatile musician. He recently gained an MA in Music and the Environment from the University of the Highlands and Islands.

### Fèis Rois Ceilidh Trail

2.50pm – 3.30pm and 3.45pm – 4.30pm

The Ceilidh Trail is a professional development opportunity for outstanding young traditional musicians, providing them with the chance to participate in a summer tour, with support from a team of professional musicians and specialist tutors. Having performed in venues across Scotland and at major festivals including Belladrum, Sidmouth Folk Week and Cambridge Folk Festival over the past four weeks, this year's cohort are finishing their 2022 tour in the Unexpected Garden this afternoon.

There are 12 musicians taking part in the 2022 Fèis Rois Cèilidh Trail. They will perform in two groups:

Highland musicians Eoin Cumming (Gairloch), Freya Taylor (Black Isle), Anna Scott (Skye) and Sheena Peteranna (Uist) are joined by young musicians representing Fèis Rois partner organisations, Cassie de St Croix from Wales and Charly Curry-Brown who was nominated to take part in The Ceilidh Trail by Cambridge Folk Festival.

The second group includes Jamie Clarke (Invergordon), Matthias Hamilton (Inverness), Kate MacLeod (Inverness), Calum MacKinnon (Skye), Elissa Hunter-Dorans (Inverness), Iain Hyslop (Avoch).



Festival in The Field

# SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST

A fun afternoon out for all the family with free food from the garden and a packed programme of workshops and live music performance between 12pm and 4.30pm. Feel free to bring a picnic and stay for the whole afternoon!

## WORKSHOPS

### Come and Try Clàrsach

12pm – 1pm

The clàrsach (harp) is Scotland's oldest national instrument, having been played throughout the land from very earliest times. Long before the arrival of the bagpipe, it was the mainstay of Gaelic courtly music. Come and have a go at playing this beautiful instrument. All ages welcome. Tutor, Fraya Thomsen will show you how the levers work, what the different colours of strings represent, and how to play a simple melody.

### Woodland Adventures

12pm – 2pm (and repeated 2.30pm – 4.30pm)

Open to young people in P4-7, you might learn some easy knots to construct your own natural shelter with scavenged materials; put up (and chill out in!) a hammock; have a snack under your own tarpaulin shelter; make rope ladders or tyre swings; create musical instruments from sticks and branches; use clay to make "tree faces" - guardians of the woods with special powers; bring out your inner detective to spot clues to solve nature's murder mysteries... and more! Everything is great fun with Woodland Adventures! Wear suitable clothes for being outdoors - remember sun cream and a hat for warm days and waterproofs and wellies if it is wet.

Gregor will teach you how to make slingshots today!

Places are limited for this workshop. Book a space in advance by emailing [Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org](mailto:Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org) or you can chance your luck on the day!



## PERFORMANCES

### The Lullaby Project

12.00pm – 12.20pm

The Lullaby Project pairs musicians with new mothers to write their own personal lullabies for their wee ones. Fèis Rois partners with Carnegie Hall in New York to deliver this project in the Highlands. Hear today from some of the mums and musicians who have already taken part in the project as they share their lullabies. If you have a wee one aged from birth to 3, why not consider coming along to our free weekly sessions in Alness, Tain and Inverness to explore music and play, and to create your very own lullaby?

### Liam Ross with guest, Chloë Steele

12.30pm – 1.15pm

Unexpected Garden Musician in Residence, Liam Ross is joined by Gaelic singer and piper, Chloë Steele from South Uist. Liam and Chloë met when studying at the University of the Highlands and Islands. Since graduating, they have collaborated on several occasions, including performing in Romania together.

### The Lullaby Project

1.30pm – 2.00pm

Another performance from some of the mothers and musicians who have created new songs through this beautiful initiative.

### Fraya Thomsen

2.15pm – 3.00pm

Fraya Thomsen is a composer whose foundations began with the traditional music of Scotland. From an early age she was attracted by the raw emotional quality embodied by the Scottish musicians around her. She aims to draw on this in her approach to composition. With an MA in Composing for Film and TV from the National Film and Television School, a BA (Hons) in Scottish Music from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and a PGDE in Primary Teaching under her belt, Fraya's diverse interests are reflected in her body of work. Fraya is currently teaching in Scoraig and will perform a solo clàrsach set today.

### Calum McIlroy and Ruairidh Gollan

3.15pm – 4.15pm

Calum McIlroy is a multi-instrumentalist and singer from Aberdeenshire. He began playing the guitar at a young age and by the time he left school he had discovered a passion for folk music, and a new-found interest in the mandolin. Ruairidh Gollan, an outstanding fiddle player and accordionist from Edderton, joins Calum.



Festival in The Field

**SATURDAY**  
**27TH AUGUST**

A fun afternoon out for all the family with free food from the garden and a packed programme of workshops and live music performance between 12pm and 4.30pm. Feel free to bring a picnic and stay for the whole afternoon!

## WORKSHOPS

### Gathering the Seeds

12pm – 4.30pm

Throughout the afternoon, join lead grower in our Unexpected Garden, Finlay Keiller to gather the seeds we have grown this season. This is a chance to learn more about seeds and to get involved with processing various seed crops. Open to all. Young children need to be accompanied by an adult.

### Woodland Adventures

12pm – 2pm (and repeated 2.30pm – 4.30pm)

Fire in the Forest!

Join Woodland Adventures to cook pizza pockets over a fire bowl and create fairy fires, construct your own natural shelter with scavenged materials or put up a hammock to chill out in! Open to young people in P4-7, everything is great fun with Woodland Adventures! Wear suitable clothes for being outdoors - remember sun cream and a hat for warm days and waterproofs and wellies if it is wet.

Today, make fairy fires and enjoy campfire cooking with Julie, Kerry and Gregor!

### Tunes and Spoons

1pm – 2pm

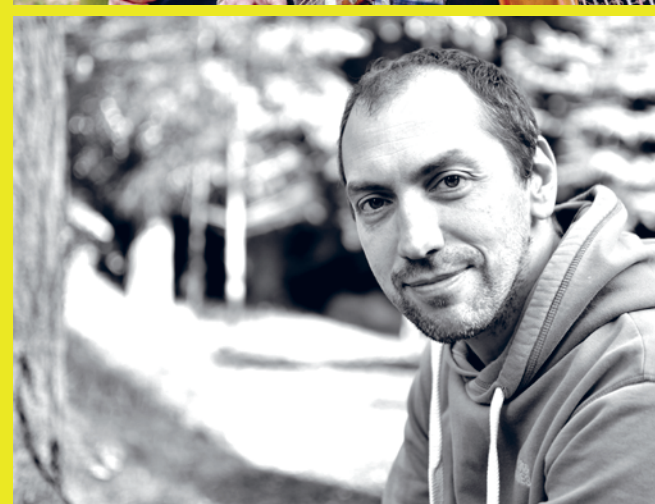
If you play an instrument, bring it along and, if you don't, take a couple of spoons from home and join Bob and Alison Massie for this fun workshop where Alison will teach you how to play the spoons to accompany a music session! Your spoon will come in handy for enjoying a free bowl of soup made with veggies from the garden afterwards! Open to all.

### Musical Maps

3pm – 4pm

Aimed at all ages and abilities, including those who have never played music before, join our Unexpected Garden Musician in Residence, Liam Ross, for this fun workshop to create a soundscape using ukulele, percussion, guitar and any instruments you might want to bring along if you already play.

## PERFORMANCES



### Jennifer Port

12.00pm – 12.45pm

Jennifer Port is an award winning harpist and singer from Golspie. A graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Jennifer is much in demand as a performer and tutor. She has performed internationally and regularly returns to play in the USA.

### Liam Ross with guest, Peter Noble

1.00pm – 1.45pm

Joining Unexpected Garden Musician in Residence, Liam Ross is Peter Noble, a singer/songwriter based in the Cromarty Firth area. For the past few of years Peter has been investigating the connections and layers of story within the Cromarty Firth. In the early part of 2021 Peter made audio recordings of walks within the Cromarty Firth, which he then used as the basis for the album 'Walking North'. In the autumn of 2021 Peter visited eight trees within his landscape to capture specific trees and then write songs that work in harmony with them. Recently, Peter has been working with an underwater microphone and recording rivers and various bodies of water along the edge of the Cromarty Firth for his soon to be released album 'Following the Water's Flow'. Peter's live performances of this work will attempt to provide some immersive aspects to draw the audience into the performance and the locations.

### North Atlantic Project

2.00pm – 2.45pm

The North Atlantic Trio combines Irish, Scottish, Old-Time Appalachian and Bluegrass music with their own original compositions in unique cross-genre bricolage. Formed in 2009 around a fireplace north of Glasgow, and with band members now living locally in Evanton, this unusual marriage of harp, dobro and bass has been warmly received by audiences at festivals throughout Europe and venues across Scotland.

### Duncan Chisholm

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Duncan Chisholm needs little introduction. One of Scotland's most recognised and accomplished fiddle players and composers, Duncan's music contains the rarest of chemistries, a glorious combination of invention, tenderness and passion. Born and brought up near Inverness, Duncan has spent most of his life developing his unique musical voice. Fiddle playing at its best, Duncan's feather-light handling of dynamics and ornamentation, allied with his pure-distilled tone, lend his characteristic spine-tingling magic to his music. He will be joined today by Hamish Napier (piano), Innes Watson (guitar) and Ross Ainslie (pipes and whistles).



Festival in The Field

# SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

After 6-months of hard work in the garden, we celebrate our harvest today!

Join us for a fun afternoon out for all the family with free food from the garden and a packed programme of workshops and live music performance between 12pm and 4.30pm. Young people from Alness have been working on an exciting project called The Town Is The Menu and are excited to serve their menu to you today!

## WORKSHOPS

### Hairst Knots and Kirn Maidens

12pm – 4.30pm

Hairst Knots were made from straw in the harvest fields and were worn on folks' lapels or given for good luck. You have the chance to try straw plaiting for yourself and make your very own Hairst Knot with Elaine Lindsay from Something Corny.

Elaine Lindsay has lived in Aberdeenshire all her life. She began making corn dollies around 1983; it started as a hobby but soon became a large part of her life. In 1989 she joined the Guild of Straw Craftsmen and achieved her Craftsman Award with the Guild in 1999. She is also a member of the National Association of Wheat Weavers based in United States of America.

Workshop open to all.

### Woodland Adventures

12pm – 2pm (and repeated 2.30pm – 4.30pm)

Kerry and Larissa invite you to join them in the woodland area of our Unexpected Garden to create a rope walk and to make hammocks. Remember to bring suitable clothing for all weathers!

### Tunes and Spoons

1pm – 2pm

If you play an instrument, bring it along and, if you don't, take a couple of spoons from home and join Bob and Alison Massie for this fun workshop where Alison will teach you how to play the spoons to accompany a music session! Your spoon will come in handy for enjoying a free bowl of soup made with veggies from the garden afterwards! Open to all.

### Tales and Tunes for a Golden Moon

2pm – 3.30pm

Highland Storyteller, Lizzie McDougall and musician, Siannie Moodie will share stories, songs and tunes with more than a hint of magic! The session will include a fun story adventure and craft activity to make a simple harvest moon lantern to take home. Suitable for a family audience.

## PERFORMANCES

### Siannie Moodie

12.00pm – 12.30pm

Siannie Moodie, from Conon Bridge, plays the clàrsach or Scottish harp, a wonderfully versatile and soothing instrument which suits Siannie's inclusive music tastes. She delights in sharing her passion for Gaelic, folk, historical and traditional music from Scotland and other Celtic nations, as well as sing-a-longs and classical music too. Her performances inspire listeners to relax and settle in for a fun and harmonious concert with melodies to soothe the soul and harp playing to wonder at.

### Gizzenbriggs

12.45pm – 1.30pm

Gizzenbriggs are an award winning traditional music group from Tain Royal Academy. To date they have made six CDs and were delighted to be awarded "Community Project of the Year" at the 2013 Scots Trad Awards. The group have travelled to and performed in Montana (USA), Amsterdam, and been on various mini tours of Scotland and performed at both the Dunkeld and Edinburgh Fiddle Festivals. Most recently, they performed at the Royal Highland Show in June 2022.

### Liam Ross

1.45pm – 2.15pm

From Invergordon, Liam is one of the foremost fingerstyle guitarists in the Scottish Highlands. A highly versatile musician, Liam is the Unexpected Garden Musician in Residence. For the past 6 months, Liam has been composing new music inspired by the seeds and the growing that has been taking place in the garden. We are delighted that Liam will premiere this new work in the garden today.

### Mairearad Green

2.30pm – 3.15pm

Having grown up in the West Coast Coigach peninsula of the Scottish Highlands – an area steeped in culture and local traditions – Mairearad is a musician and landscape painter based in the village of Ullapool. Her impressionistic painting style is very much an emotional response to the land that she grew up in. Renowned for her deft and lyrical accordion style, as well as her dextrous piping, Mairearad is also in great demand as a performer.

### Corrina Hewat and Dave Milligan

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Corrina Hewat is a singer, harpist and composer, and widely recognised as one of Scotland's most unique and innovative musicians. Born in Edinburgh and raised in the Scottish Highlands (just across the water from the Unexpected Garden on the Black Isle!), her huge range of musical influences has contributed greatly to her very individual take on traditional music. Corrina has achieved recognition and critical acclaim for her work with bands Bachué (with pianist David Milligan), Shine (with Mary Macmaster & Alyth McCormack) before going on to form Scots supergroup the Unusual Suspects, also with David Milligan. Corrina will also be teaching a Harmony Singing workshop in the Unexpected Garden on Sunday 11th September.

Dave Milligan is a highly versatile musician and a leading figure in the diverse Scottish music scene. His musical imagination flows freely between multiple genres, and is in great demand all over the world as a performer, composer, arranger, musical director and educator.



## GROW IN THE FIELD

Thursdays (until 8th September 2022) 9am – 3pm

Join us anytime between 9am and 3pm every Thursday. Come for the whole day or just drop in. *Grow in The Field* is a chance to get involved in seasonal gardening tasks. On occasion, we will pick produce to make and share a meal together in our community kitchen. Open to adults.

## YOUTH IN THE FIELD

Fridays (until 9th September 2022) 1pm – 3pm

Every Friday between 1pm and 3pm, young people of secondary school age are invited to this drop in session to explore the veggies in the garden, learn how to grow them and create your own menu, including making pizza with toppings from the garden!

## QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Thursday 28th July | Thursday 25th August 12pm – 2pm

A chance to ask any questions about gardening or growing, join in a music jam session and have a free lunch of soup and salads made with produce from the garden. Open to all – musicians and anyone interested in gardening!

The music session will be led by Fèis the Music, a group of adult learners who came together through the Fèis Rois lifelong learning project.

## VOICES IN BLOOM

Sunday 11th September 11am – 4pm

Join Corrina Hewat for this harmony singing workshop where Corrina will lead you through songs related to the environment and nature. Open to all keen singers aged 11+. Adults are most welcome. Lunch included. Please register in advance for a free place.

To register for a free place in the Voices in Bloom workshop, or to find out more about any of these opportunities in the Unexpected Garden, please email [Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org](mailto:Haley.Shepherd@feisrois.org)

# VISITING THE UNEXPECTED GARDEN

## Address

The Field, River Close North, Teaninch Industrial Estate, Alness, IV16 0PB, opposite Northern Recycling

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## Public Transport

Alness Train Station is a 23 minute walk from The Field,

If you are travelling by bus, the nearest bus stop is Alness Library, which is an eight minute walk from The Field.

Alan's Taxis 01349 880000

Pete's Hire – 01349 884444

C & E Taxis (wheelchair accessible) – 01349 862412

## Parking

Drive past the Unexpected Garden and take the next left turn, there is a large parking area on your left.

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There is also parking along River Drive. Accessible parking for two cars is available onsite; please contact Haley ahead of time to reserve a space.

Pick up and drop off point; the main gate, River Close North.

## Facilities onsite

Toilets including a disabled accessible cubical

Drinking water

Baby changing

Water bowls for assistance dogs

For any further information regarding access, please contact Haley Shepherd, [haley.shepherd@feisrois.org](mailto:haley.shepherd@feisrois.org).

Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome at our events.





# Dandelion

The Unexpected Garden in The Field in Alness is only one small part of the expansive programme being delivered right across Scotland by Dandelion.

In the Highlands, don't miss the following:

## Unexpected Gardens

Visit the Unexpected Gardens being delivered by Lyth Arts Centre in Caithness and Findhorn Bay Arts in Forres. Find out more about them here:

<https://dandelion.scot/programme/unexpected-gardens/>

## Free For All

Dandelion's Free for Alls are travelling Scotland this summer, bringing free plants to anyone who fancies having a grow. Join Dandelion for mini-festivals of growing – with performances, advice on how to get started and free plants for all. You can just turn up on the day with no need to book, and both admission and plants will be - yes! – absolutely free. Swing by **Inverness's Bught Park between 1pm and 4pm on Saturday 23rd July** where thousands of plant plugs will be looking for new home.

## Cubes on Tour

Dandelion's Cubes of Perpetual Light aren't just miniature growing laboratories, they are also the inspiration for new music from leading Scottish and international musicians and composers. You can hear 11 new pieces of music by artists including Arooj Aftab & Maeve Gilchrist, Craig Armstrong, Amiina & Kathleen MacInnes, Jason Singh and Maya Youssef amongst others, in quadraphonic sound at venues across Scotland this summer. These new music commissions are all inspired by themes of sustainability and growth. These special installations, which will visit **Inverness Botanic Gardens from 15 – 29 August**, feature formations of Dandelion cubes with programmable, immersive lighting integrated with quadraphonic speaker systems designed to best showcase the new music playing 'from' the cubes. This is the only opportunity to hear these unique compositions in their entirety. Read more at: <https://dandelion.scot/whats-on/cube-installations/>

## Bikes on Tour

Four of Dandelion's custom growing cubes are away on a working summer holiday in August – travelling across Scotland on four specially adapted cargo bikes, growing as they go! The touring cubes will be stopping off visiting schools, town centres and green spaces all over Scotland, including **Alness on 24 August**. More at: <https://dandelion.scot/whats-on/cubes-bike-tour/>

## Dandelion Festival

Dandelion will stage a 3 day FREE festival in The Northern Meeting Park from **Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September**. Read more about the expansive and exciting programme at: [dandelion.scot/whats-on/dandelion-festival-inverness/](https://dandelion.scot/whats-on/dandelion-festival-inverness/)

## School Programme and Learning at Home

Dandelion has engaged 468 schools across Scotland in a 6-month transition project for P7 and S1 pupils. All of the schools in the Alness Academy cluster are taking part, as well as many other schools across the Highlands - and in 13 other Local Authority areas across Scotland. There are LOADS of fun FREE resources available for teachers, learners and families to enjoy at: <https://dandelion.scot/schools>

[www.dandelion.scot](https://dandelion.scot)

# Fèis rois



Fèis Rois provides opportunities for people of all ages to engage with traditional music and Gaelic culture in contemporary contexts. Working in partnership with High Life Highland and Fèisean nan Gàidheal, and funded by The Scottish Government's Youth Music Initiative, Fèis Rois delivers music making workshops in every primary school in Ross-Shire, so local children might recognise us from school!

There are lots of opportunities for children and young people to get involved with Fèis Rois outside of school too, and plenty of opportunities for adults to join in the creative fun too!

## The Lullaby Project

The Lullaby Project pairs musicians with new mothers to write their own personal lullabies for their wee ones. Fèis Rois partners with Carnegie Hall in New York to deliver this project in the Highlands. It is a friendly space for mums to meet other mums over a hot cuppa to explore music and play, and to create your very own lullaby. The project will be running in Alness, Tain and Inverness in 2022. For more information on how to join in, email [tj.bawden@feisrois.org](mailto:tj.bawden@feisrois.org)

## Weekly Classes and Fèis Club

Fèis Rois offers free instrument hire and has a range of weekly classes taking place in Ross-Shire for young people and adults. Have you always fancied learning to play the fiddle or the guitar? Do you have an accordion in the attic that you could dust down and learn to play? Find out more at [www.feisrois.org](https://www.feisrois.org)

## Residential Courses

Every Easter, young people from P4 to S1 can come to Ullapool for a week to take part in an exciting programme of workshops in music, drama, dance, art and more. In the October holidays, young people of secondary age can spend a week away from home learning skills in music making, sound engineering and more. The dates for this year's Fèis Rois nan Deugairean event for young people in S1 to S6 are Monday 17th to Friday 21st October. For more information, email [Christian.gamauf@feisrois.org](mailto:Christian.gamauf@feisrois.org)

## Cèilidh Trail

Between 18th July and 13th August 2022, 12 outstanding young musicians are touring to venues across Ross-Shire, the Highlands, the rest of Scotland and beyond! Be sure to catch them at a venue near you. The full event listings can be found at: <https://feisrois.org/?projects=ceilidh-trail>





Please note that all of the free activities outlined in this brochure are additional to the core work of The Place Youth Club. For other opportunities for young people to engage in The Field, please see: [www.theplaceyouthclub.com](http://www.theplaceyouthclub.com)