



September
Fri 25th, Sat 26th ,
Sun 27th
2026

Programme

Welcome to the Second Common Folk Festival in Leicester.

**We have a number of events
for you shared between
the Quaker Meeting House
and the Regent Club in
Leicester**

**We are sure you will have a
great time.**

Accessibility

**The Quaker Meeting House has a
Hearing Loop, Wheelchair access
and a Wheelchair accessible toilet.**

**The Regent Club has steps to the
front entrance. Wheelchair access
is available at the rear of the
building via De Montfort Street.
It is best to contact the club, prior
to your arrival
-telephone 0116 223 8006 -
to ensure someone can assist your
entrance.**

**Inside the club there is a
Wheelchair accessible toilet and all
the performances are on the ground
floor.**



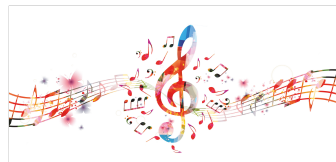
**Our Festival takes
place
on the first weekend in
AUTUMN**



**We welcome children
at the venues however
they need to be with a
responsible adult.**



**Pets are welcome too -
they must be under
your control at all times.**



Common Folk Festival

Is taking place at these locations

Victoria Park Leicester LE1 7RU

Black Annis Morris and Leicester Morris will dance at Quaker (Friends) Meeting House then proceed to the top of Peace Walk and then one other Park location

The Regent Club
102 Regent Road
Leicester LE1 7DA
will host all the
performances

The Friends Meeting House
16 Queens Road
Leicester LE2 1WP
will host all the Workshops



THE REGENT CLUB IS THE VENUE FOR OUR OPENING EVENING
SINGAROUND HOSTED BY SHEILA MOSLEY WITH HELP OR
HINDRANCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE UNRULY CREW

FRIDAY 25th September

07.30pm till 11.00pm

The BIG Singaround & Shanty Session



**WE WANT YOUR
FEEDBACK**

In 2025 we had suggestions on how we could improve and have tried to implement them this year but we want to be better so please let us know what you enjoyed or not and what else you would like by email to [**admin@commonfolk.uk**](mailto:admin@commonfolk.uk)

If you want more FOLK check out Leicester Folk Diary
A diary of folk song music, dance and storytelling
events in Leicestershire and surrounding area at
[**www.lfd.org**](http://www.lfd.org)



We are pleased to say that
Common Folk Leicester
is now a Registered Charity
No:1219084

FOLLOW THE MORRIS

**THIS YEAR WE
ARE SO PLEASED
TO HAVE
TWO OF
LEICESTERSHIRE'S
FINEST
MORRIS DANCE
GROUPS**

Leicester Morris



Black Annis Morris



**SATURDAY 26TH
September**

**Start 11.00am
with a dance at
The Quaker
Meeting
House
then a procession
in Victoria Park
to another dance
at the top
of Peace Walk
and a final dance
near
De Montfort Hall**



Common Folk Performers at The Regent Club on Saturday 26th September



Karyn A is a Leicester singer songwriter with a delicate style Her voice sounded rich and warm and full and her trademark guitar 'Blue' reflects that. Karyn sings about the way the world should be. Kind and compassionate and fair.

The Nutter Family are total joy to hear A 3 piece family folk band Featuring Sam (big brother) on violin, Olivia(Little sister) on Ukulele and percussion, Steve(Dad) on guitar



Singer-songwriter Paddy McCullough writes songs about love, life, the Universe and everything. They can be bluesy, country, folk, pop-y, rocky, jazzy. Whatever style he chooses, Paddy is always happy sharing music with anyone within earshot.

Reynard Collective are a group that formed in 2021. All songwriters and multi-instrumentalists and what started off as a self help group soon turned into a performing band.



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Carole Palmer's style emphasizes acoustic folk arrangements, blending storytelling with melodic instrumentation with a focus on both traditional and contemporary folk repertoire,.



Steve Cartwright is a singer/songwriter, a poet and an artist and has been around for centuries. He writes great songs and you'll find they span a variety of styles and cover a very wide range of topics. His poems (like his songs) are designed to inform and challenge and to make you laugh and cry. Performing for us with Jim Tetlow as Steve & The Last Days



On Sunday 27th September

Peter Vadiveloo is a musician based in Naarm (Melbourne) Australia. His thought provoking songs and engaging style are an absolute treat. We are pleased to be able to bring him to Common Folk,



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Wild Madder were a smash hit at our Festival in 2025 and they are back, with a change of name from Earthwoven, but still the same fabulous harmonies built around some great songs.



Red Leicester is Leicester's socialist choir singing songs expressing social and political protest, and songs of worldwide celebration, struggle and change.



Greenshoots are a community folk-dance band based in Leicester,.

Most of their music is traditional, and at many events their dance caller explains how to do the dances, for those who wish to participate.



Programme Timings at The Regent Club

Saturday 26th September

Doors Open 11.00 am

12.00 Karyn A

**13.00 Paddy
McCullough**

14.00 Carole Palmer

**15.00 The Nutter
Family**

**16.00 The Reynard
Collective**

**17.00 Steve
Cartwright
& The Last Days**

Sunday 27th September

Doors Open 11.00 am

12.00 Red Leicester

**13.00 Peter
Vadiveloo**

14.00 Wild Madder

**15.30 till 17.30
Greenshoots
Ceilidh Band**

**Family Friendly
Ceilidh
Join the Fun**



Your Saturday 26th September Evening Concert Performers at The Regent Club



THE RYE SISTERS

Ishani and Sue are a duo from Lincolnshire who write and perform folk-country songs in close harmony to guitar and fiddle.



BELLA GAFFNEY

is a British singer-songwriter, guitar and banjo player who has established herself as a prominent figure in the folk music scene



ROGER WILSON

a member of The House Band (1993–98) Roger Wilson is a Leicester folk singer, fiddler, violist, guitarist, and songwriter with many accolades in his career.

Your host for the evening is Malcolm Goodall

19.30 till 22.30

Tickets Required

Quaker Meeting House

Workshops

Saturday 26th September

Doors open 11.00 am



Small Meeting Room

**Writing & Poetry
with Out of the Box**

**Dance and learn
with Leicester
Greek Dance**

**Storytelling with
members of Leicester
Storytelling Guild**

**Harmony Singing
with
The Rye Sisters**

Large Meeting Room

**Learn to play and
enjoy the Mountain
Dulcimer**

**Join the Drum Circle
with Rowan Bryn**

**Singing Together
led by Karyn A**

**Morris Dance taster
with
Leicester Morris**

Finish 16.30

**You can get more details on our
Workshops in our separate brochure**

Workshops & Times

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DONATIONS AND WOULD BE
VERY PLEASED IF YOU CAN
SUPPORT US

ANY DONATIONS WILL BE
SHARED EQUALLY BETWEEN

**AN AMAZING
LEICESTER CHARITY
ONE ROOF
LEICESTER**

**We accommodate and
support people who are
homeless to recover, reset,
and rebuild their lives**



AND

**COMMON FOLK
LEICESTER**

**SO THAT WE CAN DO THIS
ALL OVER AGAIN IN 2027**