



— OXFORD —
FOLK FESTIVAL
10-12 APRIL 2026



Welcome to Oxford Folk Festival 2026!

We're so delighted to be back for another year of music, dancing and joy in the City of Dreaming Spires. In this digital programme designed to be read on your phone, you can find details of everything going on this weekend. We hope you enjoy this celebration of Oxford and the UK's vibrant culture of traditional music and dance!

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Festival Schedule

Events at Oxford Folk Festival 2026 fall into six different types: headliner concerts, ceilidhs and social dance, workshops, morris dancing displays, free gigs by local artists, and pub-based folk music sessions. Find out what's happening right now!

Friday 10 April

Time	Location	Event	Section
12:00	Westgate Library	Anabel	<i>Local Act</i>
12:00	Covered Market	Kim Hobday	<i>Local Act</i>
12:00	Modern Art Oxford	Paul Lodge	<i>Local Act</i>
12:00	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Roary Skaista	<i>Local Act</i>
12:00	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Scarecrow	<i>Local Act</i>
12:45	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Mark Austin	<i>Local Act</i>
12:45	Modern Art Oxford	Mclvor & The Oreffos	<i>Local Act</i>
12:45	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Reunion Lane	<i>Local Act</i>
12:45	Westgate Library	Richard MacAndrew	<i>Local Act</i>
13:00	Covered Market	Jess & Jones	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Westgate Library	Josh Wroxtton	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Kim Hobday	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Mandolirium	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Modern Art Oxford	Mansfield Smith	<i>Local Act</i>
14:00	Common Ground	Jim Driscoll	<i>Local Act</i>
14:00	Covered Market	Oli Steadman	<i>Local Act</i>
14:15	Modern Art Oxford	Colin Pitts	<i>Local Act</i>
14:15	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Gracenotes	<i>Local Act</i>
14:15	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Mclvor & The Oreffos	<i>Local Act</i>
14:15	Westgate Library	Rosie & Rachel	<i>Local Act</i>
14:15	Leiden Square	Scarecrow	<i>Local Act</i>
14:45	Common Ground	Roary Skaista	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	Westgate Library	Braham	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	Covered Market	Colin Greenway	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	Modern Art Oxford	David Clifton	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Jess and Jones	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	Leiden Square	Township Waits	<i>Local Act</i>
15:30	Common Ground	Craig McLearie	<i>Local Act</i>
15:45	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Joker's Daughter	<i>Local Act</i>
15:45	Leiden Square	One Trick Donkey	<i>Local Act</i>
15:45	Modern Art Oxford	Rachel & Rosie	<i>Local Act</i>
15:45	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Water Chorus Band	<i>Local Act</i>
16:00	Old Fire Station	Enda McCabe	<i>Local Act</i>
16:00	Covered Market	Reunion Lane	<i>Local Act</i>
16:15	Common Ground	Amy Gill	<i>Local Act</i>

16:30	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	I.C. and the Drones	Local Act
16:30	Modern Art Oxford	Jim Driscoll	Local Act
16:30	Leiden Square	Mandolirium	Local Act
16:30	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Mansfield Smith	Local Act
17:00	Common Ground	Colin Pitts	Local Act
17:00	Old Fire Station	Saltline Songs	Local Act
17:45	Common Ground	Holy fools	Local Act
18:00	Old Fire Station	Water Chorus Band	Local Act
19:30	New Road Baptist Church	Ellie Gowers + Owl Light Trio <i>Tickets available at oxfordfolkfestival.org.uk</i>	Headliner
19:30	Harcourt Arms	Irish Session (hosted by Jack Evans)	Session
19:30	Royal British Legion (Marston)	Oxford Folk Club Open Night	Session
19:45	Newman Rooms	Ceilidh with Oakstone Trio and Erin Mansfield <i>Tickets available at oxfordfolkfestival.org.uk</i>	Ceilidh
20:00	Isis River Farmhouse	Bastard English Session (hosted by James Bell)	Session
22:00	Royal Blenheim	The Late Session	Session

Saturday 11 April

09:30	Museum of Oxford	Sea Shanty Workshop with Short Drag Roger <i>Tickets available at oxfordfolkfestival.org.uk</i>	Workshop
10:30	St Columba's Church	Family and SEN-friendly Ceilidh SOLD OUT	Ceilidh
10:30	Broad St Balliol	Alton; Hemlock; Kittiwake Border; Oxford Uni & City; Phoenix	Morris
10:30	Broad St White Horse	Black Annis; Hicca Hoodlums; Mayflower; Mr Hemmings; Kaleidoscope	Morris
10:30	Oxford Castle	Brackley; Elemental Border; Miserden; New Esperance; Summertown	Morris
10:30	Radcliffe Camera	Chelmsford Ladies; Hawthorn & Hare; HuMP; New Moon; Lodestone	Morris
10:30	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Cry Havoc; Ellington; Moonlight; Rose Hips	Morris
11:00	Westgate Library	Children and Families Folk Workshop (Years 1–6) <i>Free tickets available at oxfordfolkfestival.org.uk</i>	Workshop
11:00	Blackwells	Shiraz	Local Act
11:15	Broad St Balliol	Belle D'Vain; Bower Street; Hammersmith; Heaps; Sussex Junction	Morris
11:15	Broad St White Horse	Sharp & Blunt; Leominster; Queen's Oak; Yateley; Wilkes Gob	Morris
11:15	Oxford Castle	Armaleggan; Belles of London City; Black Swan; Plymouth; Harlequin	Morris
11:15	Radcliffe Camera	Chiltern 100s; Outside Capering Crew; Taeppas Tump; Witchurch; Wreckers	Morris
11:15	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	St Albans; Thames Valley; KOKI; Mish Mash	Morris
12:00	Covered market	Craig McLearnie	Local Act
12:00	Museum of Oxford	Guitar workshop for Improvers with Jon Bennett <i>Tickets available at oxfordfolkfestival.org.uk</i>	Workshop
12:00	Modern Art Oxford	Rachel Chai	Local Act
12:00	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	Saturday Festival Celebration with Horns of Plenty	Concert
12:00	Blackwells	Short Drag Roger	Local Act
12:00	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Warp, Weft and Weaver	Local Act
12:00	Westgate Library	Youth Folk Group Demonstration and Try-out (Years 6–11) <i>Tickets available at oxfordfolkfestival.org.uk</i>	Workshop
12:00	Broad St Balliol	Ellington; Hawthorn & Hare; New Esperance; New Moon	Morris
12:00	Broad St White Horse	Rose Hips; Lodestone; Elemental Border; Miserden	Morris
12:00	Oxford Castle	Hicca Hoodlums; Cry Havoc; Moonlight; Chelmsford Ladies	Morris
12:00	Radcliffe Camera	Alton; Black Annis; Mayflower; Phoenix	Morris
12:00	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Brackley; Kaleidoscope FCBD; Hemlock; HuMP	Morris

12:00	Jolly Farmers	Queer Open Friendly Folk Session	<i>Seession</i>
12:00	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Jim Driscoll	<i>Local Act</i>
12:00	Modern Art Oxford	Pete Joshua	<i>Local Act</i>
12:35	Westgate – Leiden Square	Oxford Uni & City; Sharp & Blunt; Summertown	<i>Morris</i>
12:45	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Jim Driscoll	<i>Local Act</i>
12:45	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	John & Di Cullen	<i>Local Act</i>
12:45	Westgate Library	Paul Robertson	<i>Local Act</i>
12:45	Modern Art Oxford	Pete Joshua	<i>Local Act</i>
12:45	Broad St Balliol	Leominster; Black Swan; Harlequin; Wilkes Gob	<i>Morris</i>
12:45	Broad St White Horse	Heaps; Belles of London City; Chiltern Hundreds; Outside Capering Crew	<i>Morris</i>
12:45	Oxford Castle	Hammersmith; Belle D’Vain; Wreckers; Queen’s Oak	<i>Morris</i>
12:45	Radcliffe Camera	Bower Street; Armaleggan; Yateley; Kittiwake Border	<i>Morris</i>
13:00	The Covered Market	Linda Watkins	<i>Local Act</i>
13:00	Blackwells	Quest for Folk	<i>Local Act</i>
13:15	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	Shiraz	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Anabel	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Modern Art Oxford	Heather Niness	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Westgate Library	Ian Hall	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Mandy Woods	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Broad St Balliol	Thames Valley; Lodestone; Moonlight	<i>Morris</i>
13:30	Broad St White Horse	Stefania Ukrainian Dancers; St Albans; Plymouth; Whitchurch	<i>Morris</i>
13:30	Oxford Castle	Taeppas Tump; KOKI; Hawthorn & Hare; New Moon	<i>Morris</i>
13:30	Radcliffe Camera	Mish Mash; Sussex Junction; Rose Hips; Brackley	<i>Morris</i>
13:45	Museum of Oxford	Oxford Climate Choir – learn choral singing with beautiful songs <i>Free tickets available at oxfordfolkfestival.org.uk</i>	<i>Workshop</i>
14:00	The Covered Market	Aisling	<i>Local Act</i>
14:00	The Jolly Farmers	Auntie Shanty (Sea shanties with a feminist twist)	<i>Session</i>
14:15	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Craig McLearie	<i>Local Act</i>
14:15	Modern Art Oxford	Mark Ashworth	<i>Local Act</i>
14:15	Westgate Library	Pete Joshua	<i>Local Act</i>
14:15	Broad St Balliol	Summertown; Elemental Border; Mayflower; Wreckers	<i>Morris</i>
14:15	Broad St White Horse	Oxford Uni & City; New Esperance; Cry Havoc; Chelmsford Ladies	<i>Morris</i>
14:15	Oxford Castle	Sharp & Blunt; Bower Street; Alton; Wilkes Gob	<i>Morris</i>
14:15	Radcliffe Camera	Mr Hemmings; Hicca Hoodlums; Ellington; Belles of London City	<i>Morris</i>
14:15	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Leominster; Miserden; Black Annis; Phoenix	<i>Morris</i>
14:30	St Columba’s Church	Contra dance with Trip Hazard and caller Charlotte Rich–Griffin <i>Tickets available at oxfordfolkfestival.org.uk</i>	<i>Ceilidh</i>
14:30	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	Short Drag Roger	<i>Local Act</i>
14:30	Half Moon	Singing Session with Ian Giles	<i>Session</i>
14:30	The Slow and Steady	English Session hosted by Mitchell Keely	<i>Session</i>
14:30	The Star	American Jam (Old Time, Bluegrass, Country etc.)	<i>Session</i>
14:30	Wig and Pen (function room)	Euro and Balfolk Session, hosted by Ravi Sawney	<i>Session</i>
15:00	James St Tavern	Irish Session hosted by Jack Evans and Matt Lenahan	<i>Session</i>
15:00	The Covered Market	Fair Steel Albion	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	Westgate Library	Heather Niness	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	Modern Art Oxford	Henderson: Hooper	<i>Local Act</i>

15:00	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Mona & the Rev Doctor	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	Broad St Balliol	Outside Capering Crew; Armaleggan; HuMP; Taeppas Tump	<i>Morris</i>
15:00	Broad St White Horse	Black Swan; Belle D’Vain; Kittiwake Border; KOKI	<i>Morris</i>
15:00	Oxford Castle	Chiltern Hundreds; Sussex Junction; St Albans; Kaleidoscope FCBD	<i>Morris</i>
15:15	Radcliffe Camera	Hammersmith; Harlequin; Thames Valley; Hemlock	<i>Morris</i>
15:15	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Stefania Ukrainian Dancers; Queen’s Oak; Yateley; Heaps	<i>Morris</i>
15:45	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	Barricane	<i>Local Act</i>
15:45	Museum of Oxford	SEN Folk Music Workshop led by Roary Skaista	<i>Workshop</i>
15:45	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Messy Mosa and the Fretless	<i>Local Act</i>
15:45	Modern Art Oxford	Shiraz	<i>Local Act</i>
15:45	Westgate Library	Veronica Marshall Hammond	<i>Local Act</i>
15:45	Broad St Balliol	Mish Mash; Cry Havoc; Hicca Hoodlums; Chelmsford Ladies; Rose Hips	<i>Morris</i>
15:45	Broad St White Horse	Alton; Ellington; New Moon; Hawthorn & Hare	<i>Morris</i>
15:45	Oxford Castle	Leominster; Oxford Uni & City; Lodestone; Mayflower	<i>Morris</i>
16:00	Radcliffe Camera	Sharp & Blunt; New Esperance; Summertown; Black Swan; Miserden	<i>Morris</i>
16:00	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Plymouth; Outside Capering Crew; Whitchurch	<i>Morris</i>
16:00	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	Celtic Heartbeat	<i>Local Act</i>
16:15	Old Fire Station	John & Di Cullen	<i>Local Act</i>
16:30	The Covered Market	Sepia Tones Collective	<i>Local Act</i>
16:30	Westgate Library	May Tumi	<i>Local Act</i>
16:30	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Greg Mayston Trio	<i>Local Act</i>
16:30	Modern Art Oxford	Mark Austin	<i>Local Act</i>
16:30	Broad St Balliol	St Albans; Queen’s Oak; KOKI; Brackley; Lodestone	<i>Morris</i>
16:30	Broad St White Horse	Harlequin; Hammersmith; Taeppas Tump; Armaleggan; Wreckers	<i>Morris</i>
16:30	Oxford Castle	Stefania Ukrainian Dancers; Mr Hemmings; Phoenix; Black Annis; HuMP	<i>Morris</i>
16:30	Radcliffe Camera	Heaps; Wilkes Gob; Elemental Border; Belle D’Vain; Plymouth	<i>Morris</i>
17:00	The Covered Market	Daughter of the Water	<i>Local Act</i>
17:00	Old Fire Station	Linda Watkins	<i>Local Act</i>
17:15	Broad St Balliol	Yateley; Kaleidoscope FCBD; Chiltern Hundreds; Belles of London City	<i>Morris</i>
17:15	Broad St White Horse	Thames Valley; Sussex Junction; Bower Street; Moonlight	<i>Morris</i>
17:15	Oxford Castle	Whitchurch; Mish Mash; Kittiwake Border; Hemlock	<i>Morris</i>
18:00	Old Fire Station	Hoverhawk	<i>Local Act</i>
18:00	The Covered Market	Quest for Folk	<i>Local Act</i>
19:00	The Oxford Blue	English Session hosted by Yasha Janoo	<i>Session</i>
19:30	New Road Baptist Church	John Kirkpatrick & Cohen Braithwaite–Kilcoyne and Erin Mansfield	<i>Headliner</i>
19:30	The Covered Market	Ock Street Band	<i>Local Act</i>
19:30	The Isis River Farmhouse	Irish Session, hosted by Noreen Cullen and Adrian Burns	<i>Session</i>
19:45	Newman Rooms	Ceilidh with Polkaworks and caller Fee Lock	<i>Ceilidh</i>
22:00	Royal Blenheim	The Late Session	<i>Session</i>

Sunday 12 April

11:00	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	Aisling	<i>Local Act</i>
11:00	Blackwells	Perebi	<i>Local Act</i>

11:00	Broad St Balliol	Bampton Traditional; Rockhopper; Stroud; Taylor's	<i>Morris</i>
11:00	Broad St White Horse	Borderline; Enigma; Headington Quarry; Windsor	<i>Morris</i>
11:00	Oxford Castle	Clausentum; Eynsham; Victory; Harlequin	<i>Morris</i>
11:00	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	ATMD; KOKI; Owlswick; Downes on Tour	<i>Morris</i>
11:30	Weston Library	Faringdon Choir with Local Vocals	<i>Local Act</i>
11:45	Westgate Centre Buskstop	David Clifton	<i>Local Act</i>
11:45	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	The Kirals	<i>Local Act</i>
11:45	Broad St Balliol	Mythago; Wreckers; Stefania Ukrainian Dancers	<i>Morris</i>
11:45	Broad St White Horse	Whitethorn; Garston Gallopers; Mish Mash; OBJ	<i>Morris</i>
11:45	Oxford Castle	Basingclog; Lodestone; Sussex Junction; Wilkes Gob	<i>Morris</i>
11:45	Westgate – Roof Terrace	Kirtlington; Malmesbury; Aldbrickham; Towersey Horseshoes	<i>Morris</i>
12:00	Modern Art Oxford	Mandy Woods and Jenny Bliss	<i>Local Act</i>
12:00	Blackwells	Oxford Folk Voices	<i>Local Act</i>
12:00	The Covered Market	Skeptics	<i>Local Act</i>
12:00	Jolly Farmers	Queer Open Friendly Folk Session	<i>Serssion</i>
12:00	Royal Blenheim	Sea Shanty Session hosted by Short Drag Roger	<i>Session</i>
12:30	Weston Library	Jericho Singers	<i>Local Act</i>
12:30	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	Rivermouse	<i>Local Act</i>
12:30	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Same Auld Story	<i>Local Act</i>
12:30	Broad St Balliol	Borderline; Owlswick; Clausentum; Victory	<i>Morris</i>
12:30	Broad St White Horse	Harlequin; KOKI; Eynsham; Bampton Traditional	<i>Morris</i>
12:30	Oxford Castle	Rockhopper; Enigma; Windsor; Stroud	<i>Morris</i>
12:30	Westgate – Roof Terrace	ATMD; Headington Quarry; Taylor's; Downes on Tour	<i>Morris</i>
12:30	Radcliffe Camera	Stefania Ukrainian Dancers	<i>Dance Display</i>
12:45	Modern Art Oxford	Indigo	<i>Local Act</i>
12:45	Blackwells	Brimstone	<i>Local Act</i>
13:00	The Covered Market	tbc	<i>Local Act</i>
13:00	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	David Clifton	<i>Local Act</i>
13:15	Weston Library	Man Choir	<i>Local Act</i>
13:15	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Meadowsuite	<i>Local Act</i>
13:15	Broad St Balliol	OBJ; Garston Gallopers; Sussex Junction	<i>Morris</i>
13:15	Broad St White Horse	Stefania Ukrainian Dancers; Basingclog; Wilkes Gob; Aldbrickham	<i>Morris</i>
13:15	Oxford Castle	Mythago; Whitethorn; Wreckers; Towersey Horseshoes	<i>Morris</i>
13:15	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Kirtlington; Lodestone; Mish Mash; Malmesbury	<i>Morris</i>
13:15	Modern Art Oxford	Dave Oakley	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	tbc	<i>Local Act</i>
13:30	The Covered Market	Jaybirds	<i>Local Act</i>
14:00	Weston Library	Katie Grace Harris with Andy Nice	<i>Local Act</i>
14:00	Common Ground	Paul Lodge	<i>Local Act</i>
14:00	Broad St Balliol	ATMD; Windsor; Headington Quarry	<i>Morris</i>
14:00	Broad St White Horse	Taylor's; Borderline; Owlswick; Victory	<i>Morris</i>
14:00	Oxford Castle	KOKI; Enigma; Clausentum; Bampton Traditional	<i>Morris</i>
14:00	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Rockhopper; Harlequin; Stroud; Eynsham	<i>Morris</i>
14:00	Wig and Pen	Festival English Session Relay 1 hosted by Charlotte Pascoe	<i>Session</i>

14:00	Jolly Farmers	Singaround hosted by Roary Skaista	<i>Session</i>
14:00	Oxford Retreat (upstairs)	Pre-Bal Euro Session hosted by Ed Pritchard	<i>Session</i>
14:15	Modern Art Oxford	Three Pressed Men	<i>Local Act</i>
14:30	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Bampton Folk Club	<i>Local Act</i>
14:30	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	The Kirals	<i>Local Act</i>
14:30	Lamb & Flag	Irish Session hosted by Jon Ruddock	<i>Session</i>
14:30	Royal Blenheim	Morris Session with Abingdon Traditional Morris	<i>Session</i>
14:30	Common Ground	Rachel Brown	<i>Local Act</i>
14:45	Weston Library	Skeptics	<i>Local Act</i>
14:45	Broad St Balliol	Downes on Tour; Kirtlington; Aldbrickham; Mythago	<i>Morris</i>
14:45	Broad St White Horse	OBJ; Lodestone; Malmesbury; Towersey Horseshoes	<i>Morris</i>
14:45	Oxford Castle	Mish Mash; Garston Gallopers; Whitethorn	<i>Morris</i>
14:45	Radcliffe Camera	Sussex Junction; Wilkes Gob; Wreckers; Basingclog	<i>Morris</i>
15:00	Modern Art Oxford	Anabel	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	The Covered Market	Mandy Woods and Jenny Bliss	<i>Local Act</i>
15:00	Wig and Pen	Festival English Session Relay 2	<i>Session</i>
15:15	St Columba’s Church	Balfolk Workshop with Balfolk Oxford SOLD OUT	<i>Workshop</i>
15:15	Westgate Centre – Roof Terrace	Berlingo Flick	<i>Local Act</i>
15:15	Westgate Centre – Buskstop	Spellwood	<i>Local Act</i>
15:30	Common Ground	Ben Avison	<i>Local Act</i>
15:30	Broad St Balliol	Eynsham; KOKI; Malmesbury; Harlequin; Towersey Horseshoes	<i>Morris</i>
15:30	Broad St White Horse	Downes on Tour; Rockhopper; Clausentum; Stroud; Bampton Traditional	<i>Morris</i>
15:30	Oxford Castle	Windsor; Owlswick; Headington Quarry; Taylor’s; Victory	<i>Morris</i>
15:45	Westgate Centre – Leiden Square	Jaybirds	<i>Local Act</i>
16:00	Old Fire Station	Brimstone	<i>Local Act</i>
16:00	The Covered Market	Oxford Fiddle Group	<i>Local Act</i>
16:00	The Slow and Steady	Slow Session hosted by Suke Wolton	<i>Session</i>
16:00	Wig and Pen	Festival English Session Relay 3	<i>Session</i>
16:15	Common Ground	Three Pressed Men	<i>Local Act</i>
16:15	Broad St Balliol	Whitethorn; Garston Gallopers; Basingclog; Lodestone; Mish Mash	<i>Morris</i>
16:15	Broad St White Horse	Sussex Junction; Wilkes Gob; Wreckers; Enigma; Mythago	<i>Morris</i>
16:15	Oxford Castle	ATMD; OBJ; Aldbrickham; Kirtlington; Borderline	<i>Morris</i>
16:30	St Columba’s Church	Balfolk Dance and launch of Balbum with Bailey & Keely SOLD OUT	<i>Ceilidh</i>
16:30	Royal Blenheim	Irish Session	<i>Session</i>
17:00	Old Fire Station	Dave Oakley	<i>Local Act</i>
17:00	Wig and Pen	Festival English Session Relay 4	<i>Session</i>
18:00	Old Fire Station	Barricane	<i>Local Act</i>
18:00	Wig and Pen	Festival English Session Relay 5	<i>Session</i>
19:00	Wig and Pen	Festival English Session Relay 6	<i>Session</i>
20:00	Half Moon	Irish and Scottish Session hosted by Charlotte Reed and Matt Lenahan	<i>Session</i>

Headliners

Friday



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Ceilidhs, Contra and Bal



Social Dance at Oxford Folk Festival

Fri 10 April

7:45-10:30pm ceilidh @ The Newman Rooms

The Oakstone Trio & caller Erin Mansfield with Wilkes' Gob

Sat 11 April

10:30am - 12:00pm SEN & family dance @ St Columba's Church

Family Ceilidh Oxford SOLD OUT

2:30-5:00pm contra @ St Columba's Church

Trip Hazard & caller Charlotte Rich-Griffin

7:45-10:30pm ceilidh @ The Newman Rooms

PolkaWorks & caller Fee Lock with The Outside Capering Crew

Sun 12 April

3:15-4:15pm balfolk workshop @ St Columba's Church

Balfolk Oxford SOLD OUT

4:30-6:30pm balfolk dance with @ St Columba's Church

Bailey & Keely SOLD OUT

All dances in two city centre venues within 5 mins walk of each other and 10 mins from public transport links

The Newman Rooms, OX1 1RD

St Columba's Church, OX1 4EH

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Free Local Act Stages

Friday 10 April

Westgate Centre - Buskstop 12:00 - 17:15

Time	Artist
12:00	Roary Skaista
12:45	Mark Austin
13:30	Kim Hobday
14:15	Mclvor and the Oreffos
15:00	Jess and Jones
15:45	Joker's Daughter
16:30	Mansfield Smith

Westgate Centre - Roof Terrace 12:00 - 17:15

Time	Artist
12:00	Scarecrow
12:45	Reunion Lane
13:30	Mandolirium
14:15	Gracenotes
15:00	<i>Break</i>
15:45	Water Chorus Band
16:30	I.C. and the Drones

Covered Market (The Market Tap) 12:00 - 17:00

Time	Artist
12:00	Kim Hobday
13:00	Jess and Jones
14:00	Oli Steadman
15:00	Colin Greenway
16:00	Reunion Lane

Modern Art Oxford 12:00 - 17:15

Time	Artist
12:00	Paul Lodge
12:45	Mclvor and the Oreffos
13:30	Mansfield Smith
14:15	Colin Pitts
15:00	David Clifton
15:45	Rachel and Rosie
16:30	Jim Driscoll

Westgate Library 12:00 - 17:00

Time	Artist
12:00	Anabel Sheppard
12:45	Richard MacAndrew
13:30	Joshua Hall
14:15	Rosie and Rachel
15:00	Braham Hall

**Common Ground
14:00 - 18:30**

Time	Artist
14:00	Jim Driscoll
14:45	Roary Skaista
15:30	Craig McLearnie
16:15	Amy Gill
17:00	Colin Pitts
17:45	Holy Fools

**Westgate Centre - Leiden Square
14:15 - 17:15**

Time	Artist
14:15	Scarecrow
15:00	Township Waits
15:45	One Trick Donkey
16:30	Mandolirium

**Old Fire Station (Café)
16:00 - 19:00**

Time	Artist
16:00	Enda McCabe
17:00	Saltline Songs
18:00	Water Chorus Band

Saturday 11 April

**Westgate Centre - Buskstop
12:00 - 16:30**

Time	Artist
12:00	Warp, Weft and Weaver
12:45	Jim Driscoll
13:30	Anabel
14:15	Craig McLearnie
15:00	Mona and the Rev Doctor
15:45	Messy Mona and the Fretless

**Norrington Room
11:00 - 14:00**

Time	Artist
11:00	Shiraz
12:00	Short Drag Roger
13:00	Quest for Folk

Covered Market (The Market Tap)
12:00 - 21:30

Time	Artist
12:00	Craig McLearnie
13:00	Linda Watkins
14:00	Aisling <i>From Oxford's twin city, Leiden</i>
15:00	Fair Steel Albion
16:00	Sepia Tones Collective
17:00	Daughter of the Water
18:00	Quest for Folk
19:00	<i>Break</i>
19:30 - 21:30	Ock Street Band

Westgate Centre - Leiden Square
12:35 - 17:15

Time	Artist
12:35	Festival Celebration with Horns of Plenty
13:15	Shiraz
14:30	Short Drag Roger
15:15	Barricane
16:00	Celtic Heartbeat

Old Fire Station (Café)
16:00 - 19:00

Time	Artist
16:00	John and Di Cullen
17:00	Linda Watkins
18:00	Hoverhawk

Modern Art Oxford
12:00 - 17:15

Time	Artist
12:00	Rachel Chai
12:45	Pete Joshua
13:30	Heather Niness
14:15	Mark Ashworth
15:00	Henderson: Hooper
15:45	Shiraz
16:30	Mark Austin

Westgate Centre - Roof Terrace
12:45 - 17:30

Time	Artist
10:30 - 12:45	Morris Dance Displays
12:45	John and Di Cullen
13:30	Mandy Woods
14:15 - 16:30	Morris Dance Displays
16:30	Greg Mayston Trio

Westgate Library
12:45 - 17:00

Time	Artist
12:45	Paul Robertson
13:30	Ian Hall
14:15	Pete Joshua
15:00	Heather Niness
15:45	Veronica Marshall Hammond
16:30	May Tumi

Sunday 12 April

Blackwells, the Norrington Room 11:00 - 14:00

Time	Artist
11:00	Perebi
12:00	Oxford Folk Voices
13:00	Brimstone

Weston Library 11:30 - 15:30

Time	Artist
11:30	Faringdon Community Choir
12:30	Jericho Singers
13:15	Man Choir
14:00	Katie Grace Harris and Andy Nice

Westgate Centre - Buskstop 12:00 - 16:30

Time	Artist
11:45	David Clifton
12:45	Berlingo Flick
13:30	<i>Break</i>
14:15	Bampton Folk Club
15:15	Spellwood

Covered Market (The Market Tap) 12:00 - 16:45

Time	Artist
12:00	The Sceptics
13:00	<i>Break</i>
14:00	Jaybirds
15:00	Mandy Woods
16:00	Oxford Fiddle Group

Modern Art Oxford 12:00 - 16:00

Time	Artist
12:00	Mandy Woods and Jenny Bliss
12:45	Indigo
13:30	Dave Oakley
14:15	Three Pressed Men
15:00	Anabel

Westgate Centre - Leiden Square 12:35 - 17:15

Time	Artist
11:00	Aisling <i>From Oxford's twin city, Leiden</i>
11.45	The Kirals
12.30	Rivermouse
13:15	Leiden Square
14:00	Indigo
14:45	Jaybirds

Westgate Centre - Roof Terrace
12:45 - 17:30

Time	Artist
11:00-12:30	Morris Dance Displays
12:30	Same Auld Story
13:15	Meadow Suite
14:30	The Kirals
15:15	Berlingo Flick

Common Ground
14:00 - 17:00

Time	Artist
14:00	Paul Lodge
14:45	Rachel Brown
15:30	Ben Avison
16:15	Three Pressed Men

Old Fire Station (Café)
16:00 - 19:00

Time	Artist
16:00	Brimstone
17:00	Dave Oakley
18:00	Barricane

Morris and Dance Displays

Saturday

	Broad St Balliol	Broad St White Horse	Oxford Castle	Radcliffe Camera	Westgate - Roof Terrace
10.30	Alton Hemlock Kittiwake Border Oxford Uni & City Phoenix	Black Annis Hicca Hoodlums Mayflower Mr Hemmings Kaleidoscope FCBD	Brackley Elemental Border Miserden New Esperance Summertown	Chelmsford Ladies Hawthorn & Hare HuMP New Moon Lodestone	Cry Havoc Ellington Moonlight Rose Hips
11.15	Belle D'Vain Bower Street Hammersmith Heaps Sussex Junction	Sharp & Blunt Leominster Queen's Oak Yateley Wilkes Gob	Armaleggan Belles of London City Black Swan Plymouth Harlequin	Chiltern Hundreds Outside Capering Crew Taeppas Tump Whitchurch Wreckers	St Albans Thames Valley KOKI Mish Mash
12.00	Ellington Hawthorn & Hare New Esperance New Moon	Rose Hips Lodestone Elemental Border Miserden	Hicca Hoodlums Cry Havoc Moonlight Chelmsford Ladies	Alton Black Annis Mayflower Phoenix	Brackley Kaleidoscope FCBD Hemlock HuMP
12.45	Leominster Black Swan Harlequin Wilkes Gob	Heaps Belles of London City Chiltern Hundreds Outside Capering Crew	Hammersmith Belle D'Vain Wreckers Queen's Oak	Bower Street Armaleggan Yateley Kittiwake Border	Westgate - Leiden Square, 12.35 - 13.15
13.30	Thames Valley Lodestone Moonlight	Stefania Ukrainian Dancers St Albans Plymouth Whitchurch	Taeppas Tump KOKI Hawthorn & Hare New Moon	Mish Mash Sussex Junction Rose Hips Brackley	Oxford Uni & City Sharp & Blunt Summertown Mr Hemmings
14.15	Summertown Elemental Border Mayflower Wreckers	Oxford Uni & City New Esperance Cry Havoc Chelmsford Ladies	Sharp & Blunt Bower Street Alton Wilkes Gob	Mr Hemmings Hicca Hoodlums Ellington Belles of London City	Leominster Miserden Black Annis Phoenix
15.00	Outside Capering Crew Armaleggan HuMP Taeppas Tump	Black Swan Belle D'Vain Kittiwake Border KOKI	Chiltern Hundreds Sussex Junction St Albans Kaleidoscope FCBD	Hammersmith Harlequin Thames Valley Hemlock	Stefania Ukrainian Dancers Queen's Oak Yateley Heaps
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16.30	St Albans Queen's Oak KOKI Brackley Lodestone	Harlequin Hammersmith Taeppas Tump Armaleggan Wreckers	Stefania Ukrainian Dancers Mr Hemmings Phoenix Black Annis HuMP	Heaps Wilkes Gob Elemental Border Belle D'Vain Plymouth	
17.15	Yateley Kaleidoscope FCBD Chiltern Hundreds Belles of London City	Thames Valley Sussex Junction Bower Street Moonlight	Whitchurch Mish Mash Kittiwake Border Hemlock		

Sunday

	Broad St Balliol	Broad St White Horse	Oxford Castle	Radcliffe Camera	Westgate - Roof Terrace
11.00	Bampton Traditional Rockhopper Stroud Taylor's	Borderline Enigma Headington Quarry Windsor	Clausementum Eynsham Victory Harlequin		ATMD KOKI Owlswick Downes on Tour
11.45	Mythago Wreckers Stefania Ukrainian Dancers	Whitethorn Garston Gallopers Mish Mash OBJ	Basingclog Lodestone Sussex Junction Wilkes Gob	12.00 Stefania Ukrainian Dancers	Kirtlington Malmesbury Aldbrickham Towersey Horseshoes
12.30	Borderline Owlswick Clausementum Victory	Harlequin KOKI Eynsham Bampton Traditional	Rockhopper Enigma Windsor Stroud	ATMD Headington Quarry Taylor's Downes on Tour	
13.15	OBJ Garston Gallopers Sussex Junction	Stefania Ukrainian Dancers Basingclog Wilkes Gob Aldbrickham	Mythago Whitethorn Wreckers Towersey Horseshoes	Kirtlington Lodestone Mish Mash Malmesbury	
14.00	ATMD Windsor Headington Quarry	Taylor's Borderline Owlswick Victory	KOKI Enigma Clausementum Bampton Traditional	Rockhopper Harlequin Stroud Eynsham	
14.45	Downes on Tour Kirtlington Aldbrickham Mythago	OBJ Lodestone Malmesbury Towersey Horseshoes	Mish Mash Garston Gallopers Whitethorn	Sussex Junction Wilkes Gob Wreckers Basingclog	
15.30	Eynsham KOKI Malmesbury Harlequin Towersey Horseshoes	Downes on Tour Rockhopper Clausementum Stroud Bampton Traditional	Windsor Owlswick Headington Quarry Taylor's Victory		
16.15	Whitethorn Garston Gallopers Basingclog Lodestone Mish Mash	Sussex Junction Wilkes Gob Wreckers Enigma Mythago	ATMD OBJ Aldbrickham Kirtlington Borderline		

Session Trail

We've got a packed and varied programme of over 60 hours of sessions to enjoy this weekend, so come along and join in or have a listen! All our sessions are free and open to all. Below you can find out the location, timing and tradition of each session. The trail begins at 7.30pm Friday and midday Saturday and Sunday, and ends at 1.30am on all three days of the Festival.

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Friday 10th April																																	
										Bastard English Session James Bell The Isis River Farmhouse																							
										Irish and Scottish Session Jack Evans The Harcourt Arms																							
														The Late Session The Royal Blenheim																			
										Open Night Oxford Folk Club Royal British Legion, Marston																							
Saturday 11th April																																	
				English Session Mitchell Keely The Slow and Steady								English Session Yasha Janoo The Oxford Blue																					
				Irish Jack Evans and Matt Lenahan James St Tavern								Irish Noreen Cullen and Adrian Burns The Isis River Farmhouse																					
QOFF - Queer, Open, Friendly Folk Session The Jolly Farmers		Auntie Shanty (shanties with a feminist twist - click here to learn more) Auntie Shanty The Jolly Farmers										The Late Session The Royal Blenheim																					
				Singing Session Ian Giles The Half Moon																													
				American Jam (Old Time, Bluegrass, Country) Oxford American Jam The Star																													
				Euro Bal Session Ravi Sawney The Wig and Pen (Upstairs Function Room)																													
Sunday 12th April																																	
		Charlotte Pascoe		tbc		tbc		tbc		tbc		Joshua Newman																					
										The OFF English Session Relay The Wig and Pen																							
Sea Shanty session Short Drag Roger The Royal Blenheim		Morris Session Abingdon Trad. Morris The Royal Blenheim																															
		Irish Jon Ruddock Lamb and Flag						Irish host tbc Royal Blenheim						Irish and Scottish Charlotte Reed and Matt Lenahan The Half Moon																			
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		Euro Bal Session Ed Pritchard Oxford Retreat																															

Workshops

Saturday 11 April

Get involved yourself at one of our workshops!

Tickets are available from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/oxfordfolkfestival/>.

Short Drag Roger

Museum of Oxford, Oxford Town Hall

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM • £8

Come and sing your hearts out in this exciting interactive workshop on shanties and seasons!

[Tickets](#)

Children and Families' Folk Workshop

Westgate Library

11 AM – 11:45 AM • Free

This free workshop is led by Oxfordshire County Music Service employees and folk musicians Jon Fletcher and Katie Grace Harris. You'll get to explore traditional instruments and singing together. This session is for primary age pupils. All children must be accompanied by their responsible adult.

[Tickets](#)

Intermediate Guitar: Beyond the Basic Chords with Jon Bennett (Moonrakers)

Museum of Oxford, Oxford Town Hall

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM • £8

Come along to this expert exploration of helpful techniques.

[Tickets](#)

The Oxford Climate Choir Workshop

Museum of Oxford, Oxford Town Hall

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM • Free

Learn beautiful songs about nature and our care for the planet.

[Tickets](#)

Oxford Folk Festival SEN Folk Music Session

Museum of Oxford, Oxford Town Hall

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM • £4, carers free

Roary Skaista leads this welcoming and inclusive folk session for those with SEN.

[Tickets](#)

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