

GLASSON MARITIME WEEKEND

21st – 24th March EASTER 2008

Good Friday (evening) – Bank Holiday Monday

**Lancaster District's 20th Annual Celebration of Sea Songs,
Shanties and Matters Maritime, Featuring The World's
Biggest Gathering of Sea Song & Shanty Performers:**



Hughie Jones • Stormalong John
Sid Kipper • Dick Miles • Andy Kenna
Armstrong's Patent • Bernie Davis
Derek Gifford • Geoff Higginbottom
Steve Dawes & Helen Pitt • Bitter End
Keith Kendrick • Paul Sirman
Dave Webber & Anni Fentiman
Four 'n' Aft • Trim Rig & A Doxy
LocTup Together • Richard Grainger
Three Sheets to the Wind
Johnny Collins • Jim Mageean
Endeavour Shantymen

All supported by a wide array of maritime-themed entertainments and activities, including:

The Strangelings' Amazing Ancient Mariners
Professor Chandler's Punch & Judy
Inner State Theatre Co's Nautical Dramas
Tours of the Historic 'Brocklebank' Tug
Kipperland – A Celebration of The King of the Sea
Coracle Demonstrations & Displays
Ships-in-Bottles and Ropework Demonstrations
Mr Tranter's Pusser's Navy Rum Promotion
Talks by Roy Palmer • Guided Walks around Glasson
Artists' CDs from The Chantey Cabin

and... Beware the Press Gang!



Glasson Dock

For the second year running, the focus of Lancaster District's Maritime Festival will be the historic port of Glasson Dock, 4 1/2 miles downstream of the city, on the Lune estuary, where a branch of the Lancaster Canal also meets the sea. It was here that the tall ship 'Ryeland's' was built in 1887. Towards the end of her days, she became a film star, appearing in Moby Dick, Treasure Island and The Buccaneers. This year, we have greatly improved accommodation for concert performances, with the Village Hall becoming available as the main venue. There will also be entertainments and activities, again, on the open green areas adjacent to the canal marina and sea dock. The village's Dalton Arms pub and the Stork Inn, at nearby Conder Green, have also signed up as shanty and sea song venues. The parish church will, as last year, be the location for talks by eminent folklorist, Roy Palmer. On Sunday, Lancaster Maritime Museum will also host an afternoon of sea songs and shanties. We hope that you will join us for this special celebration of Lancaster District's 20th Annual Easter Maritime Festival.



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Ahoy There Shipmates!

Over the years, many visitors have asked how they can offer financial support, bearing in mind that most of the Festival is free of charge. As a response to this, we introduced the Shipmates Scheme, and are repeating it again in 2008. By signing up, you will help us to extend the Festival line-up and maintain our principle of providing quality events and entertainments, accessible to almost everyone, regardless of financial circumstance.

Membership costs £15 per person but, naturally, we would welcome larger contributions, if you can afford it. In return, you will receive a distinctive skull & crossbones Glasson Maritime Weekend 2008 Shipmates Badge; your name will be entered into the Shipmates' draw, with prizes of artists' CDs and lots of other bounty, all worth having! In addition, look out for special, exclusive Shipmates' offers about the Festival. Finally, all Shipmates, who sign up before the programme goes to print, will also have their names included on the distinctive Shipmates skull & crossbones flag, featured in the Festival programme.

To become a Shipmate, please send your name, address and telephone number, together with a cheque (minimum £15.00), made payable to Lancaster City Council, to: David Wright, Senior Festivals & Events Officer, Lancaster City Council, Old Station Buildings, Marine Road, Morecambe, LA4 4DB. Don't delay – the sooner we receive your contribution, the more artists and entertainers we can add to the Festival programme.



WANTED!

Reliable, responsible and enthusiastic Festival Supporters are required to help run the Festival Information Point and possibly help with car park marshalling. If you are willing and able to devote a two or three hour, daytime shift, over the Saturday to Bank Holiday Monday period, please contact David Wright.
Tel. 01524 582810. Thank you.

Thank You Shipmates, from the Captain!

Access & Accommodation

Glasson Dock and its environs are very special and relatively remote. We are encouraging all Festival visitors to consider an alternative to car travel or, if having to travel by car, to try car sharing. We will, again, be providing a daily classic coach shuttle, between Lancaster Maritime Museum, The Stork and Glasson, to supplement the limited bus service. We also plan to have a late night return coach service, from Glasson to Lancaster. The area is also very accessible on foot and by cycle and, of course, by canal boat or sea-going vessel! Taxi-sharing could also be an attractive, low-cost way of travelling to and from the port, from Lancaster and the surrounding area. Full information on these transport options will be available in the free Festival programme.



Accommodation is often difficult to find in Lancaster District at Easter. However, the City Council's two Information Centres will be pleased to help you find somewhere to stay. Tel. 01524 32878 / 582808.

More Information

If you are not on the Festival mailing list but wish to receive a free copy of the programme, when available (early March), please Tel. 01524 582872 or email vsimpkin@lancaster.gov.uk providing your full name and postal address. Festival information will be regularly updated on www.shanty.co.uk.

Thank You!

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