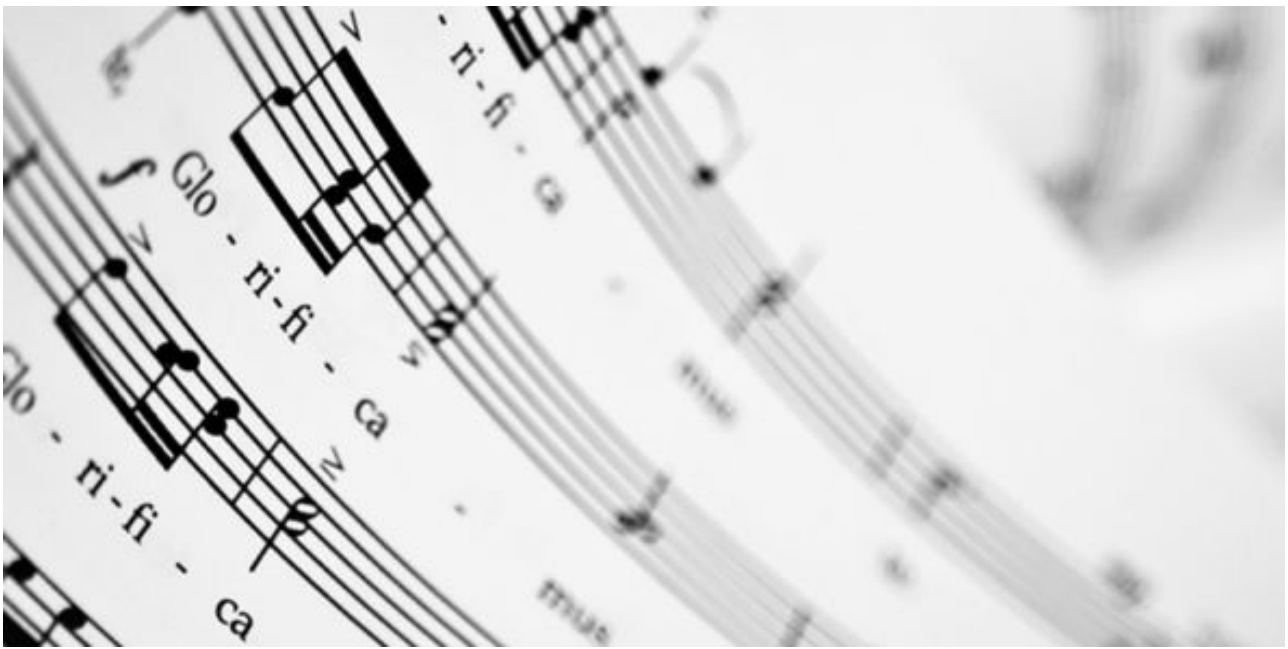


Friends of Wighton – latest update



From Sheena Wellington :

Wednesday 7th July

1.15pm – 1.45pm

Lunchtime Recital with Rosa Michaelson, fiddle

For the Friends of Wighton July Lunchtime Recital, we are delighted to welcome well known musician and researcher Rosa Michaelson.

Rosa will give us an illustrated talk about James S. Kerr, who published the popular fiddle collections of Merry Melodies. In the past 12 months she has been doing research on musical life in Scotland in the second half of the 19th century, focusing on Kerr and dance music. She presented this at the online North-Atlantic Fiddle Convention at the end of June.

Rosa Michaelson was taught the violin at primary school in Edinburgh in the 1960s using the Eta Cohen method, with its repertoire of folk tunes. In secondary school, her violin teacher gave her a copy of Kerr's Merry Melodies to study, and she played for ceilidhs and in several orchestras.

Rosa joined the Edinburgh Shetland Fiddlers in the 1970s and was a founder member of the first all-female Scottish traditional music group, Sprangeen. She has been in several ceilidh/dance bands, including the Loose Moose Ceilidh Band.

She regularly contributes to sessions in Edinburgh and Fife. Rosa is an

Honorary SL at the University of Dundee; she works part time in the School of Computer Science, St Andrews University.

Sheena Wellington is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81102543294?pwd=empT0094bDlvd1h0SWloVmV0dUMyZz09>

Meeting ID: 811 0254 3294

Passcode: 400695

'A special and poignant day' – Health Minister welcomes George Cross announcement

Northern Ireland Health Minister Robin Swann has warmly welcomed the awarding of the George Cross by Her Majesty the Queen to the National Health Services of the United Kingdom.

Health Minister Opens £10m Mental Health Support Fund

Health Minister Robin Swann has formally opened a £10 million fund designed to assist charitable organisations offering support services to people with mental ill health.

Hargey announces £500 recognition payment for thousands of workers

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey has announced that as many as 4,500 workers who assisted some of the most vulnerable people in society throughout the pandemic are to receive a special recognition payment of up to £500.

[Mallon announces £19 million 'Dark Arches' rail refurbishment project to begin](#)

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon has announced that a £19 million major refurbishment of rail infrastructure for the Whiteabbey area will begin this week.