



GIG BUDDIES

VIRTUAL INSANITY

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NEWSLETTER



WHAT IS IT?

Hi Everyone,

We hope you're keeping well throughout this difficult time.

At Gig Buddies we aim to continue keeping our members connected and having a great time with each other. At the end of March we launched our 'Virtual Insanity' project, connecting our members together via online activities. It's been great to see so many people continue to get involved with our online activities over the past few months. If you haven't joined in yet, don't be shy! Everyone is welcome! If you need help, call your local Gig Buddies Staff Member and we can help you get involved.



By using apps like Facebook, Zoom, and Kahoot!, we've been running lots of socials that keep our members connected to each other, and having fun during times when we can't be together in person.

We run everything from our 'Gig Buddies Scotland Members Group' private Facebook group, and use an app called Zoom to have regular video calls. Using Zoom, we have also been having DJ Nights, open mic nights, and watching films together.

This newsletter will let you know what we've been up to lately, what events we've got coming up, and how you can get involved!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?



Find us on 

To stay up to date on everything we're doing, remember to 'like' our Facebook page by searching 'Gig Buddies Scotland'.

We're posting regular updates and sharing lots of information.



Gig Buddies - Scotland

Non-profit organisation

✓ Liked ▼



Gig Buddies Scotland Members Group

Group · 117 members

✓ Joined

For Gig Buddies Members and Volunteers and friends of the project, we've created a private Facebook group that you can be added to so that you can talk to other Gig Buddies members. In order to be added to the group, you will need click a button asking to join. We will then let you in the group and you can start getting involved.

All Zoom links for socials are posted in this group!

We've also made a private messenger group for members and volunteers. You can be added to this by joining our private facebook group.

zoom

To join in with our video calls and socials, you will need to use Zoom. We've made an easy read guide about how to use Zoom which can be found on our Facebook page. If you can't find this, or need help, contact your local Gig Buddies Staff member, their details are at the end of this newsletter.

GROUP CALLS AND SOCIALS



We're holding loads of socials online that everyone is welcome to be involved with. For a lot of them you will need an app called Zoom. We've sent out a guide on how to use this. If you don't have this, contact your local coordinator and they can send it to you.

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST ALL DAY

STAY UP LATE FESTIVAL IN A DAY

Gig Buddies Branches all over the country will be coming together for a full day of live online entertainment. Further details will be shared in our Private Facebook Group nearer the time.

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST- 3PM ASK US ANYTHING

We will be getting together to have a chat. We will discuss any changes to the government guidance on meeting up, any changes in Gig Buddies, and anything else you want to talk about!

WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST- 8PM GIG NIGHT

Come and watch a gig with us! We'll choose the gig in a Facebook poll on the group page. We'll post this the day before the event.

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST- 8PM FRINGE ON FRIDAY

Tune in for an evening of brand new Fringe content!
More details TBA closer to the date.



12TH-14TH AUGUST

You can find more details about Dream Festival later in this newsletter, or in the Festival Pack that many of you will have received. If you're a Gig Buddies member in Scotland and would like a festival pack. Please contact us.

17TH-21ST AUGUST

The Gig Buddies team will be taking a bit of a break after Dream Festival, so we won't have any scheduled Zoom chats this week. However, there will be plenty of exciting Fringe content available, and we'll be posting some selected performances in our members' Facebook group throughout the week, including:

FRINGE ON FRIDAY
LATE AND LIVE
EMERGING STAND-UP SHOWCASE
PICK AND MIX
AND MORE.....

MONDAY 24TH AUGUST- 3 PM **ASK US ANYTHING**

We will be getting together to have a chat. We will discuss any changes to the government guidance on meeting up, any changes in Gig Buddies, and anything else you want to talk about!

TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST
4 PM

GILDED BALLOON
SOFA SET LIST

We'll be watching some brand new fringe performances from some of the best comedians in the country performing in their own homes! We will decide which performance to watch closer to the time.

WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST
7 PM

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Join us for a night of performances by YOU. Come along and sing, or just come for the banter. Let us know if you would like to perform and we can book you a slot- or you can decide on the night

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST - 7 PM

FILM FRIDAY

We'll be choosing a music themed film to watch together. We will choose the film through a poll on our facebook page. Let the team know if you have any suggestions.



What is the Dream Festival?

The Dream Festival is a 3 day online music festival featuring some of the biggest names in music. It's the festival line up that never was!

Join us on Zoom for 3 days of concerts, DJ sessions, cocktails and all sorts of fun!

The Dream Festival will be open from 1pm until 11pm from Wednesday 12th August until Friday 14th August.



How do I join in?

Receiving your Dream Festival Pack is just the first step! Gig Buddies Scotland members can contact their local coordinator to receive a pack.

The Dream Festival will be run through a video call app called Zoom. As long as you have Zoom installed on your laptop, phone or tablet, you'll be able to join in. **You don't need an account with Zoom to take part.**

Two Tents to Enjoy

Main Stage

This is where all the music will be happening! Ever wanted to see The Beatles, The Killers, and Elton John on the same line up, the Dream Festival Main Stage is where this happens!



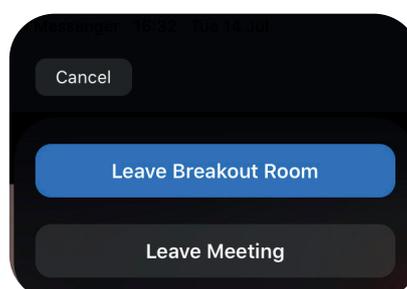
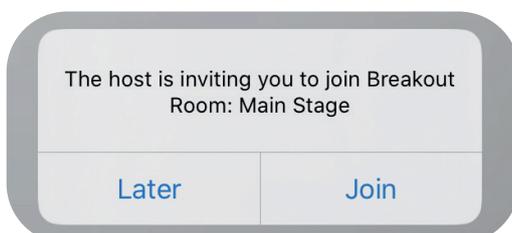
Campsite



The campsite is where you can go to chat to other festival goers, relax, take part in a craft session, quizzes, and more!

Using Zoom Breakout Rooms

When you join the Dream Festival Zoom Call, you'll be in the 'Campsite Room'. The Main Stage will be in what Zoom call a 'breakout room'. We will give you access to this. You'll get a message asking if you'd like to join it. You can leave it at anytime and come back to the Campsite. You can then go back when you want.





Dream Festival

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST - HIGHLIGHTS

DAILY LUNCH CHAT

1PM

THE BEATLES



Robbie Williams

3PM

CRAFT SESSION:

MAKING FESTIVAL BANNERS

4PM

LADY GAGA

P!NK

5PM

DJ Fireball

6PM

SCOTTISH MUSIC HOUR

7PM

the MILLERS

8PM

Cocktail Hour

HEADLINE ACT 9-11PM

ELTON JOHN





Dream Festival

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST - HIGHLIGHTS

7PM Ed Sheeran

3PM **FILM**
WATCH PARTY 

5PM **DJ AL**
MUSIC QUIZ

6PM **SCOTTISH MUSIC HOUR**

7PM  **F7 FIGHTERS**

8PM *Cocktail Hour*

HEADLINE ACT 9-11PM

**BRUNO
MARS**





Dream Festival

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST - HIGHLIGHTS



MADNESS

1PM

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3PM

Tim Minchin

4PM CHAT AND MUSIC MIX

5PM

DJ COLIN

6PM



7PM

THE PROCLAIMERS

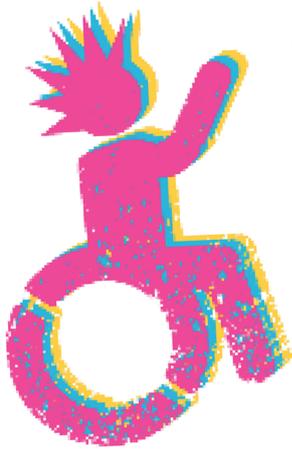
8PM Cocktail Hour

HEADLINE ACT 9-11PM



QUEEN





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SECOND!

THE GIG BUDDIES

BAKE OFF

On Saturday 27th June we held our second
Gig Buddies Bake off!
15 Gig Buddies bakers came together over zoom,
to show of their baking skills,
with some fantastic results
Read on to feast your eyes on our bakes and find out
who our Star Bakers are!

THE JUDGES!



RICHARD



MARTIN

THE BAKERS!

Euan



Amy



Beth



Calum



Alison



Cammy



Bilal



Kirsty



Colin



NEIL



Niamh



Debbie



Scott



Sam



Molly



THE BAKES!

EVAN



BILAL



BETH



SCOTT



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ALISON



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THE JUDGES COMMENTS

Alison's Giant Jaffa Cake

We think it looks exactly like a jaffa cake. It's not always looks that count. It looks messy delicious.

Beth's Star cake

Very talented and creative, a great idea to make another cake out of the extras.

Scott's Rice Crispy cakes

These look really tasty. A well executed classic.

Colin's Oreo Cake

Richard – Oohhh I do like oreos. Wish I could taste it.

Amy's Peanut butter and Jelly Slices

Sounds like a tasty combination.

Cammy's Gala Birthday cake

We love the presentation and all the details in the flags!

Euans's Sonic Cake

That's adventurous and creative! A great theme, executed brilliantly. We also love that it's an oreo cake.

Bilal's Chocolate fudge cupcakes

Very uniform, love the colours.

Kirsty's Chocolate sponge

another one with a messy delicious look

Calum's cupcakes and sponge slices

Fried eggs are a unique touch

Neil's Savoury Loaf

Great to see something different in this line up!

Niamh's Coffee Cake

Richard - I'm a big fan of coffee cake.

STAR BAKERS!

EVAN!

IT'S A SHOWSTOPPER! STAR BAKER



A STAR CAKE BY A... STAR BAKER



BETH!



**WE'LL BE SENDING YOU BOTH A GIG BUDDIES
BAKE OFF APRON AS A PRIZE! CONGRATULATIONS!**



VIRUS ADVICE

We want our members to connect and have fun in this difficult time, but it's still really important that everyone stays safe. We're going to be including links to the latest health advice in each of our weekly newsletters.

EASY READ FROM MENCAP

For a great easy read guide on everything you need to know, head over to:
www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/coronavirus

NHS ADVICE

For all up to date health advice and 'stay at home' guidelines, please go to:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

SCOTTISH GUIDANCE

Stay up to date on Scotland's guidance and the country's route map throughout the crisis.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis/>

**STAY IN TOUCH
WITH US**



GET IN TOUCH WITH US

We'll be sending out another newsletter next month, but you can still get in touch with your local coordinator the usual way and we'll be more than happy to answer your questions. Remember to follow us on Facebook and check your emails for all up to date information.



Gig Buddies Scotland

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter, please contact your local Gig Buddies staff member.

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