



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

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Newsletter

September, 2023

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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT - SEPTEMBER, 2023 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Aodh Og & Christy of Four Shillings Short:

From Lughnasadh to Meán Fómhair

Thunderstorms coax creatures from beneath the forest floor.
Bright Salamanders, giant mushrooms and hummingbird moths
glory in the gifts of Middle Harvest- Meán Fómhair.

Days grow ever shorter as the Blue Moon rises.

Soon the colors will glow, the apples will fall
and the cold North Winds will return.

BACK IN THE GREAT NORTHEASTERN WOODS



Changing Colors



Mushroom in the Catskills



Blue Moon in New Hampshire



Hummingbird Moth, E. Aurora, NY



Genesee River, Rochester, NY



Salamander in the Catskills



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Autumn Leaves in Vermont



Swimming in a lake in Vermont



Mural in Springville, NY

AUTUMN 2023 CONCERTS IN VERMONT, MAINE & NEW HAMPSHIRE:

It's been 4 years since Four Shillings Short last toured in the beautiful Northeastern States and September is the perfect time to see the daily changes of color as the days grow shorter and colder and the beauty of the Autumn returns. Last month, our concerts were well attended and great fun. Thank you to everyone who came to our shows in New York & New Hampshire and to everyone who sent their family & friends to hear our music. We especially wish to thank those who hosted us and helped us to find housing. It was wonderful to meet new people and expand our ever growing "Circle of Friends".

SEPTEMBER CONCERTS IN VERMONT:

We're so happy to be back in Vermont and we know that many people have suffered tremendously from all the flooding, but we're hoping that folks will be able to come to our upcoming concerts this month in East Montpelier, Marlboro, Shelburne & Guilford. Below are the details.

Please note that Ticket Sales for our East Montpelier concert are available online. So far only a few tickets have been sold, so please go online NOW and reserve a spot. Of course, you can get tickets at the door and it's a "sliding scale donation"/Pay what you can.



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FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Celtic, Folk & World Music Concert with Four Shillings Short

THE OLD MEETING HOUSE: 1620 Center Road, East Montpelier Center, VT 05602

Tickets: \$15 – 25 Sliding scale donation/pay what you can

Contact: Catherine Harris: catharris55@hotmail.com or (802) 760-0196

Online tickets available at: <https://www.oldmeetinghouse.org/news--events.html>

SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (SOLD OUT)

Celtic, Folk & World Music Concert with Four Shillings Short

BARN CONCERT: 355 Upper Dover Rd., Marlboro, VT 05344

RSVP REQUESTED: contact Edie @ ediemas@gmail.com

\$10 – 15 Sliding Scale Donation

FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Celtic, Folk & World Music Concert with Four Shillings Short

PIERSON LIBRARY: 5376 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

(802) 985-5124 <https://www.piersonlibrary.org>

Free family concert

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, Guilford, Vermont

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

AUTUMNAL EQUINOX CELEBRATION With Four Shillings Short - Celtic and World Music

Equinox Celebration, Potluck & Ceilidh with Four Shillings Short

Bring a chair & something to share in the Potluck & warm clothes in case it's colder at night

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT CONCERT

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Workshops: Bowdrill Fire Making, Empathy Cafe, Planting Fruit and Nut Trees, Herbal Medicine Making, etc

AT THE GUILFORD HOUSE

1180 Hale Rd. Guilford, Vt (802) 254-9403

Bring a chair & Donations for Concert & Workshops



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TRANSMISSION WOES:

Our trusty 2005 Chevy Express van, which has 352,000 miles on the original engine & transmission, started having transmission problems in mid-August and after taking it in to be diagnosed, it became clear that we had to replace the Transmission. So many Angels came to our aid to help get us get back on the road. We found a Meineke Shop in Kingston, NY which diagnosed the problem (leaking front seal on the Transmission) and Joe LeMann and his crew of honest and hard working mechanics did the work of replacing the transmission in record time. And the Barlow Chevy Dealer in Delran, NJ shipped us a GM re-manufactured transmission with a 3 year/100,000 mile warranty to Kingston, NY in time to get the work done. We didn't miss any

Thank you to our friends Mary & Ed for letting us stay for 10 days at their home in the Catskills while the car was being worked on and also to all the generous people who sent us donations to help pay for the Transmission. We are truly GRATEFUL for your help.

IRELAND BUS TOURS 2024: Our 2024 Tours are ready to be announced and we'll be sending a separate email to those of you who have expressed interest in these tours. Here are the basic details:

IRELAND'S HEARTLANDS & WATERWAYS TOUR: MAY 4 – 17, 2024:

This tour explores many of the overlooked places in the midland counties and more remote coastal towns of Ireland along with history, archaeology & music traditions.



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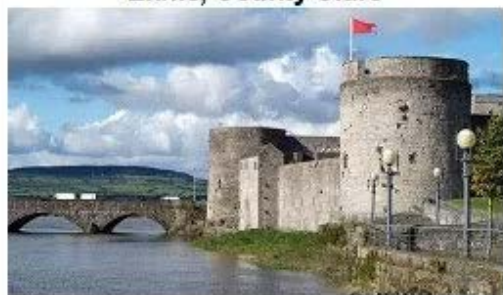
Ennis, County Clare



Ennis Friary



Grange Stone Circle



King John's Castle



King John's Castle



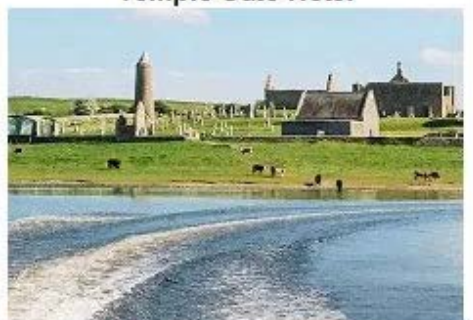
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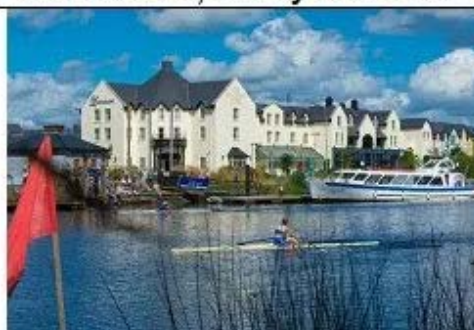
Athlone Town, County Westmeath



River cruise to Clonmacnoise



Belvedere House & Gardens



Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim



Boyle Abbey



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Day 1 & 2: We begin in the famous music town of Ennis, County Clare, known for Traditional Irish music sessions, The Clare Museum and Ennis Friary. We explore the sites of Limerick (King John's Castle and the Hunt Museum) and visit the Grange Stone Circle, aligned with the Summer Solstice.

Day 3 – 5: From there we head north to Athenry, County Galway, one of the best preserved Medieval towns in Ireland, taking in the Athenry Heritage Center and a guided architectural tour of the town. We end the day in Athlone, County Westmeath, where we stay for three nights and take a cruise down the River Shannon to Clonmacnoise, one of Ireland's most famous monastic sites, with its High Crosses, Round Towers and breathtaking views of the River Shannon. We visit the Corlea Trackway, an ancient 2000 year old Bog Road that connected the Hill of Tara with Uisneach (the center of Ireland) and Megalithic Passage Tomb of Rathcroghan during the times of the High Kings of Ireland. While in the area we also visit the Strokestown Famine Museum and Belvedere House and Gardens, on Lake Ennell.

Day 6 – 7: We then move base to the scenic village of, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim, with river walks and Traditional music sessions. We tour Boyle Abbey with its beautiful Gothic and Romanesque arches and spend time at Lough Key Forest Park.

Day 8 & 9: We then leave the midlands and enjoy a presentation of Irish Music, Dance and Storytelling at the Coleman Music Center in County Sligo then travel northwest to County Mayo, taking a tour of the Foxford Woolen Mills, and end the day in the remote Atlantic seaside town of Belmullet, County Mayo. While there, we visit the 6000 year old Neolithic site at the Céide Fields which contains the oldest known stone-walled fields in the World.

Day 10 - 12: We then move base to the seaside town of Mulranny, Co Mayo, visiting the boglands of Ballycroy National Park along the way. We stay for 3 nights at the Mulranny Park Hotel near Achill Island, with its spectacular views of Clew Bay, beach walks, pool and spa. We top off this tour with a guided tour of The Deserted Village on Achill Island.

Day 13 & 14: On our final full day of the tour we visit the Museum of Country Life, learning about Irish life, customs and traditions going back many centuries and the 9th Century Turlough Round Tower before ending up back in Shannon, County Clare. On day 14, we bring you to Shannon Airport where you fly back to the US or on to other destinations.



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WEST COAST & WILD ATLANTIC WAY TOUR: MAY 31 – JUNE 13, 2024:

This tour focuses on the music, beautiful countryside, archaeology and sites of the Western Counties of Clare, Kerry, Sligo, Mayo and Galway.



Fleadh Nua Music Festival



Cliffs of Moher



Craggaunowen Megalithic Park



Soay Sheep



Poul nabrone Dolmen and The Burren



Quin Abbey



Muckross House & Gardens



Dingle Town, County Kerry



Dingle Peninsula



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Benbulbin & Drumcliff Cemetery



Glencar Waterfall



Carrowmore Megalithic Complex



Connemara, County Galway



Turlough Round Tower



Kylemore Abbey

Day 1 – 3: We begin in Ennis, County Clare during the Fleadh Nua Music Festival with day trips to the Cliffs of Moher, Craggaunowen Heritage Park, Quin Abbey, Poul nabrone Dolmen and the Burren and loads of music, storytelling and Ceilidh Dancing during the Festival.

Day 4 – 6: We then move on to County Kerry, visit Killarney National Park and Muckross House and Gardens before making our way to the seaside town of Dingle, known for its vibrant music scene and breathtaking views of the Atlantic. We enjoy day trips taking in the coastline and archaeology of the Dingle Peninsula with visits to the Blasket Island Center, the 6th Century Gallarus Oratory and 12th Century Kilmakadar Church built on an old pagan site with Ogham Stones.

Day 7 – 9: Next we move base to County Sligo, visiting Drumcliff Cemetery where W.B. Yeats is buried, Glencar Waterfall, Parkes Castle, Carrowmore Megalithic Site with its passage tomb, stone circle and dolmens. We take in the breathtaking views of the Atlantic, of Benbulbin and of Queen Maeve's Tomb atop Knocknarea from the remote village of Mullaghmore.



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Day 10 – 12: From Yeats Country we head South to Counties Mayo and Galway staying 3 nights in Clifden, the Capitol of Connemara, visiting Killary Harbor, Ireland's only Fjord, hike at Connemara National Park, visit beautiful gardens at Kylemore Abbey and learn about the life of the Irish during famine times at the Connemara Heritage Center.

Day 13 & 14: On our final full day of the tour we tour Connemara Crystal Factory and the fully restored Claregalway Castle before ending in the town of Shannon, County Clare. On day 14, we bring you to Shannon Airport where you fly back to the US or on to other destinations.

Please email us if you want to be added to the IRELAND TOUR EMAIL LIST.
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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT 2023 CONCERT SCHEDULE:

<https://4shillingsshort.com/shows>

OCTOBER – NEW HAMPSHIRE & MAINE

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 1, 2023

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Celtic & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

RiverMead Retirement Community: 150 RiverMead Rd.

Peterborough, NH 03458-1744

(603) 924-1744 main number <https://www.rivermead.org>

PRIVATE CONCERT

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 15, 2023

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

WERU 89.9fm – NEW POTATOES SHOW

Blue Hill, ME Four Shillings Short will perform live in studio



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TUESDAY: OCTOBER 17, 2023

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm:

Around the World in 30 Instruments Concert

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Celtic Music Concert

LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY: 45 Winthrop Street, Augusta, ME 04330

(207) 626-2415 www.lithgowlibrary.org

Free Family Concert

WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 18, 2023

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Four Shillings Short – Celtic, Folk & World music concert

THE CRUMPET

81 Main St, Bucksport, ME 04416

(207) 570-4838

<https://thecrumpet1.com/>

Donation

THURSDAY: OCTOBER 19, 2023 (CANCELLED)

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

“Around the World in 30 Instruments” Concert with Four Shillings Short

BUCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY: 47 Main St., Bucksport, ME 04416

(207) 469-2650 <https://www.bucklibrary.org>

Free Family Concert

FRIDAY: OCTOBER 20, 2023

Wetherle Memorial Library presents

Four Shillings Short – Celtic, Folk & World music

10:00 am School performance (TENTATIVE)

FRIDAY: OCTOBER 20, 2023

7:00 pm Concert

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine

86 Court Street, Castine, ME 04421

(207) 326 – 4375 www.wetherlelibrary.net

Donation



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SATURDAY: OCTOBER 21, 2023

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

HALCYON GRANGE: 1157 Pleasant Street, Blue Hill, ME 04614

<https://www.halcyongrange.org>

Suggested Donation: \$10 – 20

Proceeds will help benefit the Halcyon Grange

SATURDAY: OCTOBER 28, 2023

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

A SAMHAIN/HALLOWEEN CONCERT: Music, stories & folklore Celebrating the Ancient Celtic Bon-fire Festival of Samhain

SAIL POWER & STEAM MUSEUM: 75 Mechanic Row, Rockland, ME 04841

(207) 701-7627 <https://www.sailpowersteammuseum.org/>

\$15 general admission

NOVEMBER – EAST COAST & MARYLAND

THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Irish Traditional Music Session with Four Shillings Short

Wilton Collaborative Space

2nd Church Congregational Hall - 21 Gregg St., Wilton, NH

For info contact Sandy (603) 654-1245 or programs@wiltoncommunitycenter.org

<https://wiltoncommunitycenter.org/>

FRIDAY: NOVEMBER 3, 2023

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm (doors open @ 7:00pm)

CELTIC & WORLD MUSIC CONCERT with Four Shillings Short

WILTON FOLK CAFÉ

Wilton Collaborative Space

2nd Church Congregational Hall - 21 Gregg St., Wilton, NH

Admission is by donation & reservations are advised

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SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 5, 2023

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

HOLIDAY VILLAGE FAIR FINALE CONCERT

CELTIC WINTER CONCERT with Four Shillings Short

FIRST CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL UCC

63 South Main St., Rochester, NH 03867

For more info: Tara Bickford Bailey

(480)229-5480, text/call/email tarabb5480@gmail.com

Free will donation to benefit the Food Pantry

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 11, 2023

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

CELTIC, FOLK & WORLD MUSIC Concert with Four Shillings Short

BELKNAP MILL: 25 Beacon Street, East, Laconia, NH 03246

(603) 524-8813 www.belknapmill.org

Suggested donation \$10-15 & Veterans & Kids under 12 Free

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 25, 2023

5:00 pm Potluck

6:30 pm Concert

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

HOUSE CONCERT & POTLUCK

Home of Leslie & Russ Margolis

Baltimore, MD

RSVP Requested

Contact lesliem@mdlclaw.org or (410) 370-5730

PRIVATE CONCERT

SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 26, 2023

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

NEW DEAL CAFÉ: 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301/474-5642

www.newdealcafe.com

Donation Reservations HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

(this venue books up quickly)