

SIDMOUTH FOLK FESTIVAL THE ANCHOR INN



THE GARDEN STAGE
PROGRAMME
2ND-9TH AUGUST 2024

Welcome to The 70th Sidmouth Folk Week!

Welcome to the 70th Sidmouth Folk Week at the Anchor Inn Garden Stage. We are a family-owned pub in the heart of the town and a proud Platinum Sponsor of the Festival. There is a packed 8-day programme of live music and dance at our Garden Stage from Friday 2nd to Friday 9th August!

The ever-popular lunchtime and late afternoon Cèilidhs return this year. We also offer a wide range of unmissable live music with folk and roots at the core in the late afternoons and evenings. Dance the night and day away every day of the Festival with a packed programme of ceilidhs.

This year we are pleased to have a wide and eclectic selection of music. We have Alex Hart, fresh off tour with Seth Lakeman, and the amazing 3 Daft Monkeys. Electric Spank are returning with their popular funk, soul & disco and the Phogues will bring you authentic covers of all The Pogues' top hits, amongst many more.

Our outdoor bar offers endless real ales, ciders, cocktails, Pimms and exceptional, value-for-money, locally-sourced food. Don't miss the Anchor experience, your festival isn't complete without a visit to the Garden Stage!



Friday August 2nd

12.00-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with Mrs. Midnight's

Mrs. Midnight's play traditional British dance tunes for steppy dancing and alert ears. With a unique sound, including oboe, sax, and tuba and with the fearsome combination of Adrian Wynn and Bob Powell's relentlessly driving guitar and melodeon, they've been reliably opening the Festival and galvanising the ceilidh programme for a good few years!

3pm-4pm; Rosso

Upcoming UK Americana-Country duo Rosso were formed in 2019 by Emily Eglinton & Fiona Laycock. They met at university, where they honed their unique sound and jumped straight into the gigging circuit.

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Ceilidh with Kettlehawk

Soaring melodies, swirling sax riffs and steaming guitar chords — this is ceilidh music to make your dancing feet fly! With a wealth of experience, Matt, Josh, and Ray provide ceilidh dance music that lifts the spirits and energises tired dancing feet.

7pm-8.30pm; Guilty Pleasure

Guilty Pleasure are a South West based duo, supplying pop and dance music from a wide range of eras. Harvey Causley and Tom Stroud have a very unique style, which is guaranteed to get you dancing your shoes off. Come and join the party!

9pm-11pm; Rage Band

South Devon-based covers band Rage have been rocking for over 25 years! With sizzling female lead vocals, this 5-piece band include a wide mix of songs from all the decades, with classics to keep you entertained.

Rosso



Saturday August 3rd

12.30-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with Brown Boots Boogie Band

The formidable melodeon and fiddle duo of Will Allen and Martin Clarke, combine with Will Chamberlain on piano and Paul Quarry on drums. We dare you to keep your feet still!

3-4pm; Fountaineers

Local veterans of mostly Celtic music, the Fountaineers have reformed and hope to deliver soulful songs as well as foot stomping tunes in their favourite venue.

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Ceilidh with PolkaWorks

One of England's premier ceilidh dance bands. Wearing cocktail dresses and with shoes to die for, they undoubtedly bring a touch of class and elegance to the ceilidh scene, but don't be fooled by their demure looks. There's nothing polite about their music.

7-8.30pm; Spin2 with Alison Jones

An exciting combination of instrumental virtuosity & soulful melodies from this well-travelled band of musicians. Spin 2 perform self-penned songs & tunes with influences of world, folk & popular music to create a unique alternative roots sound. As a special treat, they are featuring the vocal talents of special guest Alison Jones this year.

9-10.45pm; Electric Spank

This 7-piece funk, soul and disco band have supported the likes of Martha Reeves & the Vandellas, Basement Jaxx, Craig Charles, Lack of Afro, Electric Swing Circus and many more. Electric Spank have a strong commitment to all forms of groove-based music, with an emphasis on classic session groups like the Muscle Shoals rhythm section.



Electric Spank

Sunday August 4th

12.30-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with Jigfoot

Traditional dance tunes with energy, inventiveness and, above all, swing. This is music that defies you to stay still!

3-4pm; LaLa Choir

La La is a legendary, Devon-based, 300-strong community-style choir priding themselves on energy, enthusiasm, togetherness and a real sense of community. They offer weekly rehearsals, guide tracks to rehearse to when out and about and performances at incredible locations all over the South West.

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Ceilidh with 3Sticks

Highly regarded ceilidh favourites, consisting of fiddle, guitar and percussion and playing a wide range of music from the British Isles and Europe.

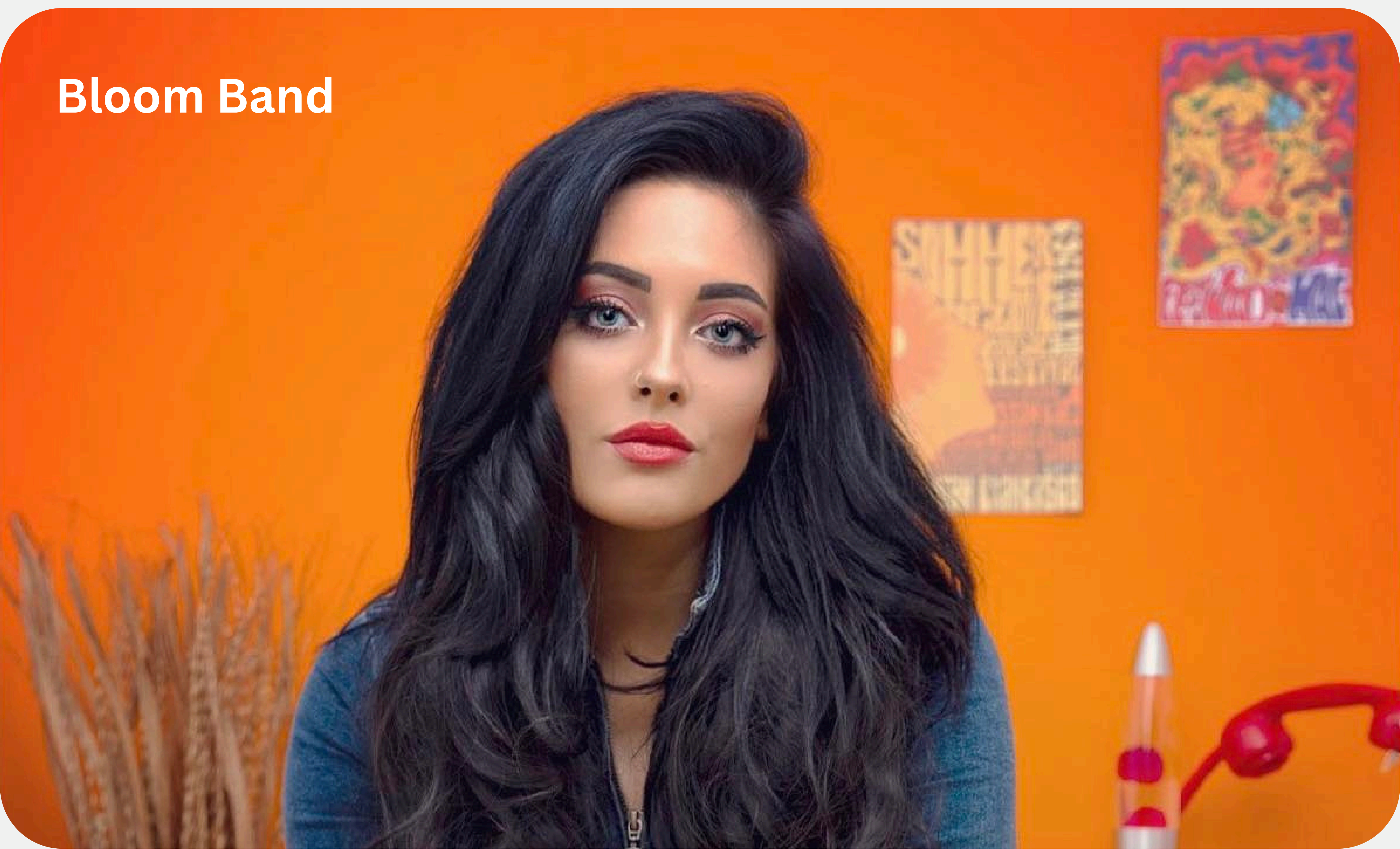
7-8.30pm; State of Undress

State of Undress are a difficult band to pigeon hole. Their songs move from the poignant and provocative to the downright shamelessly foot-tapping. With music that's 'a blend of roots, rock, country, Celtic flavourings and a full-bodied melodic musical assault', State of Undress promise you a musical roller-coaster of a gig.

9-11pm; Bloom Band

Bloom are from Newton Abbot, covering a wide range of genres from soul to blues to funk. Expect the likes of Amy Winehouse, Estelle, Fleetwood Mac and Santana, a little something for everyone. Featuring the vocal talents of Sammie Avis, they will delight crowds with her soulful vocals again this year.

Bloom Band



Monday August 5th

12.30-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with The Cock & Bull Band

Driving ceilidh rhythms effortlessly blending traditional instruments with synthesiser, loops and percussion samples.

3-4pm; The Adders

When encouraged by the warmth of the sun, the Adders emerge from the vipers' nest to play their uniquely original mix of alt-rock, country & folk. Songs range from raucously rocky to mellow and haunting, composed by unfeasibly imaginative frontman Rog Hunt.

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Ceilidh with Monster Ceilidh Band

Like the cool sibling of traditional folk, Monster Ceilidh Band's style is clearly club influenced, yet light enough to still be enjoyable for those who are not natural followers of dance music.

7-8.30pm; Alex Hart

Devon born singer-songwriter Alex Hart is proving to be an important addition to the UK's current crop of classy country and roots artists. Alex also collaborates and is performing with the critically-acclaimed, Devon-born folk singer Seth Lakeman on a sold out UK tour with Alex's voice and playing featuring on his brand-new album.

9-10.45pm; 3 Daft Monkeys

With Celtic and eastern influences, the 3 Daft Monkeys' dynamic style of world folk music reflects the global village in which we now live. Their infectious dancing rhythms lead you through a musical journey of the senses and emotions, and will leave you breathless, enthralled and exhilarated.

Alex Hart



3 Daft Monkeys

Tuesday August 6th

12.30-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with EFDSS Ceilidh Band

Led by English fiddler Ross Grant, is the Society's ensemble group playing for dancing. We challenge you to keep your feet still for this performance!!!

3-4pm; The Cleverley Brothers

The Cleverley Brothers comedy duo and band are Tim Webb & Merv Grist. They have appeared at festivals, folk clubs and parties including Village Pump, Sidmouth Folk Week, Chippenham, Priddy, Somerton and many others. Expect crazy comedy songs that will have you in stitches and audience participation by the shed load too!

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Ceilidh with The Tonic

Driving, crisp and lifting tunes on piano, percussion, fiddle and melodeon. The Tonic came together in 2012 through a shared love of English traditional songs and dance music.

7-8.30pm; Bow Creek

Bow Creek is a U.K. based stompin' folk band with members hailing from Holland, Ireland and Devon. Their rousing set comprises unique arrangements of folk, Irish, Americana and songs of the sea - all peppered with traditional and European tunes.

9-11pm; The Phogues

Whether you need an uplifting and energetic band for the weekend, a refined celebratory set for St. Paddy's Day or a merry rendition of Fairytale for Christmas, they will take your breath away with their authentic covers of all The Pogues' top hits. This group of committed members are easily the Westcountry's premier Pogues tribute act.

The Phogues



Wednesday August 7th

Sidmouth Hospice at Home Fundraising Day

There will be a range of activities, with plenty of collection points at which to donate. All music at the Anchor is free during folk week, we would love it if you could make a healthy donation to this cause.

12.30-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with Panjandrum

Eclectic melodies from all over Britain, Europe and Scandinavia as well as some self-penned gems, all kicked into shape for ceilidh dancing.

3-4pm; Emily Monks' Shining Stars

This act is based around musical theatre and features local children from the Sidmouth area performing songs from West End shows.

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Ceilidh with 3Sticks

Highly-regarded ceilidh favourites, consisting of fiddle, guitar and percussion and playing a wide range of music from the British Isles and Europe.

7-8.30pm; Rush Hour

Blues with the soul and groove to make you move. Four seasoned performers will take you on a journey from raw emotion to rockin' good times, with an eclectic mix of hidden gems.

9-11pm; The Jamestown Brothers

This nine-piece collective mix a variety of country and Celtic influences. Staying true to the storytelling roots of folk, the Jamestown Brothers present an exciting and anthemic array of melodic sounds, ensuring the folk punk genre continues to remain in safe hands. With a unique line-up of instruments, they create a huge live sound with high energy.



The Jamestown Brothers

Thursday August 8th

12.30-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with Crowdy-Kit

Crowdy-Kit is Matt Norman's new foot-tapping, barn storming ceilidh band, bringing together fiddle, flute and piano to make a lively sound guaranteed to get people on the dance floor.

3pm-4pm; Just Liv & Bob

Just Liv and Bob formed as a duo five years ago. Bob has a wealth of experience, resulting from decades of playing with Folk, Jazz, Country and function bands. Vocalist Livvy Hylton-Smith continues to blossom, bringing a timeless glamour and rich, soulful vocals with an extraordinary natural talent as a singer.

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Ceilidh with The Barber Band

Traditional English music for dancing in their own unique style. The combination of traditional fiddle and melodeon duet with oboe and bass saxophone produces a lively, foot-tapping and energetic sound.

7-8.30pm; Sweet Black Angels

Sweet Black Angels are a 5-piece Indie/Rock/folk band from East Devon. They began their musical path in 1995 and have supported The Levellers, The Pogues, The Specials and Noel Gallagher.

9-11pm; Ocean City Groove

Ocean City Groove are a ten-piece funk, disco, soul and party band that have cut their teeth at weddings, parties, corporate events, festivals and more.



Just Liv & Bob

Friday August 9th

12.00-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with Mrs. Midnight's

Traditional British dance tunes for steppy dancing and alert ears. With a unique sound, including oboe, sax, and tuba, with some mighty riffs, and with the fearsome combination of relentlessly driving guitar and melodeon, join them for an Anchor Ceilidh finale!

3-4pm; Tricky Situation

Tricky Situation are a four-piece smooth blues and soul band from Exeter. They formed in early 2019 out of a jam session at a pub in South Devon. Expect moving, soulful vocals from Verity Greenaway, masterful, soaring guitar riffs from Phil Bowler, funky bass lines from Nigel Bushell and bluesy rhythms from David Torras.

4.30 -6.30pm; Big Band Ceilidh led by Nick and Mary Barber

The Sidmouth Big Band is a giant annual all-comers ceilidh band. A week of workshops lead to a public ceilidh, perfect for dancing in the Anchor Gardens.

8-9.45pm; Concrete Prairie

United by Folk, Country & Americana, Concrete Prairie are a 5-piece band delivering a soundtrack for the glamour and grit of modern living, tackling hardship, loss & mental health. Having headlined local festivals with support from BBC Introducing, the quintet released their debut album, recorded at Real World studios with John Reynolds (Sinead O'Connor, Damien Dempsey, Indigo Girls) to huge acclaim.





We Are Proud to Support Sidmouth Hospice at Home!



Wednesday 7th August is our charity fundraising day and this year we will be supporting Sidmouth Hospice at Home. They are the hospice Charity supporting the Sidmouth and Sid Valley community. If a person is diagnosed as having a life limiting illness that requires palliative care, it's their dedicated team of Specialist Palliative Care Nurses and wider support services that will provide Patient care 24/7, 365 days of the year, along with support for family members before and beyond bereavement.

Their model of care is considered both exemplary and pioneering and is unique in Devon and beyond. The Charity rely entirely on the kindness of community donation to fund their nursing team and services as they currently receive no governmental financial support with their service costs, which run in excess of £730,000 each year.

**In loving memory of the late
Mark Halliwell, RIP**

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