

SIDMOUTH FOLK FESTIVAL THE ANCHOR INN GARDENS



**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
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WELCOME TO FOLK WEEK!

Welcome to Sidmouth Folk Week 2023 at the Anchor Inn Gardens! We are a family-owned pub in the heart of the town and a proud Platinum Sponsor of Sidmouth Folk Festival. There is a packed 8-day programme of live music and dance at our Garden Stage from Friday 4th to Friday 11th August!

The ever-popular lunchtime and late afternoon C ilidhs 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.

This year features contestants and the winner of a local Battle of Bands, so we're also delighted to be offering local young people a platform to start their performance journey.

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 Anchor Inn Gardens!



Friday August 4th

12 Noon-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with Mrs. Midnight's. Caller Fee Lock.

Mrs. Midnight's play traditional British dance tunes for steppy dancing and alert ears, with a unique sound, including oboe, sax, and tuba, with some mighty riffs. With the fearsome combination of Adrian Wynn and Bob Powell's relentlessly driving guitar and melodeon, they've been reliably opening the dancing and galvanising the dancers at Sidmouth's Anchor Gardens for a while now. And can't be stopped, it seems!

3pm-4pm; Newtown Roots Band.

A community-driven folk band playing a variety of traditional tunes from around the world, all on acoustic instruments.

4.30-6.30pm; Late Afternoon Ceilidh with New Bees. Barry Goodman.

New Bees are a four-piece band playing a mix of traditional and contemporary sounds, led by twin fiddles (Jackie Allen and Gemma Shirley) plus Heather Horsley on keyboards, and Guy Fletcher on guitar.

7pm; 8.30pm; Revelation Roots.

Revelation Roots are an energetic 10-piece reggae and ska band from Devon and have been rocking dancefloors together for over a decade. As a regular festival band across the UK, headlining many shows, they have also shared the bill with legends such as Zion Train, Aswad, The Specials, The Beat and Toots & the Maytals. Their popularity and reputation continue to grow with every performance!

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.



Saturday August 5th

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime C eilidh with Peeping Tom. Caller Gordon Potts.

Fast, raunchy, and rocky tunes making for tight, exciting dance music.

3-4pm; Spin2.

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.

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon C eilidh Out of Hand. Caller Fee Lock.

Out of Hand are a young, vibrant, energetic 5-piece Ceilidh Band fast becoming a staple of the UK festival and ceilidh series scene.

7-8.30pm; The Kahunas.

South West coast band The Kahunas, perform their own original material with violin, guitar, bass, vocals and stomping dance beats, playing regularly at festivals, pubs, parties and gigs. They have supported bands such as 3 Daft Monkeys, Tankus The Henge and The Laylines. The Kahunas love to travel in their converted van making the most of living on the road, seeing new places and entertaining music lovers everywhere.

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.



Sunday August 6th

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Cèilidh with New Bees. Caller Jane Bird.

New Bees are a four-piece band playing a mix of traditional and contemporary sounds, led by twin fiddles (Jackie Allen and Gemma Shirley) plus Heather Horsley on keyboards, and Guy Fletcher on guitar.

3-4pm; Alex Dobson.

A talented South West folk/rock acoustic singer songwriter utilising a loop station and multiple effect pedals to layer guitar, bass, drums and vocal harmonies, Alex creates a sonically entertaining soundscape.

4.30-6.30pm; Late Afternoon Cèilidh with Crowdy-Kit. Sarah Clough.

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.

7-8.30pm; Winner of Battle of the Bands

The Anchor is delighted to be hosting the Winner of the Local Battle of the Bands this year. With the pub being the heart of the local community, they are happy to be giving the next generation of young musicians a head start.

9-11pm; FOS Brothers.

The force behind the FOS Brothers has always been Dave and Sam McCrory. Born in Belfast during the height of the troubles, their influences derive from hard schooling on the streets and strict Northern Irish evangelical church attendance, sometimes 6 days a week. It is hard to button-hole their appeal sometimes as they move seamlessly from tear-jerking Irish ballads to full on, rocked-out Floydian space-rock.



FOS Brothers

Monday August 7th

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Ceilidh with Stumpy Oak. Caller Sarah Petts.

Stumpy Oak: natives of East Anglia present a frenetic, rhythmic performance of tunes from across the British Isles, featuring an unusually large sound from fiddle, accordion, flute, guitar with sub-octaves and stomp box. The band is joined by caller Sarah Petts.

3-4pm; 6 Cabanes.

6 Cabanes are a trio featuring multiple instruments including guitars, banjo, ukulele and electric viola. They play a range of styles from Americana to electric folk, country and a few originals.

4.30-6.30pm; Late Afternoon C eilidh with Panjandrum. Nancy Potts.

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

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.

9-10.45pm; 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, audience rockin' stage performances.

The Jamestown Brothers



Tuesday August 8th

RD&E Children's Emergency Department Fundraising Day.

There will be a range of activities, with plenty of collection points to donate, a raffle and a big dance event in the afternoon.

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Cèilidh with Flowers & Frolics. Barry Goodman.

Flowers & Frolics: the original line up of this seminal English ceilidh band, who have been packing the dance floors for decades.

3-4pm; FitSteps with Donna.

Dance yourself fit to FitSteps with Donna. This is the dance workout based on all the routines you see on Strictly! Come and jive, salsa, American smooth, disco and tango.

4.30-6.30pm; Late Afternoon Cèilidh with Narthen. Jo Freya & Fi Fraser.

Narthen sing and play traditional to modern with vocal harmonies and a large variety of instruments from Soprano sax, clarinet, whistles, fiddles, viola, hammer dulcimer, tenor guitar, diatonic accordion and hurdy gurdy. Expect the unexpected!

7-8.30pm; Tricky Situation.

Tricky Situation are a four-piece smooth blues band from Exeter with soulful vocals from Verity Greenaway.

9-11pm; McSmiths.

The McSmiths play original music written by Steve McSmith and arranged by the band. They deliver a mixture of folk and blues, happy and sad, up and down. A regular folk week favourite band who really get the crowd going.

The McSmiths



Wednesday August 9th

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Cèilidh with EFDSS Ceilidh Band. Erin Mansfield
EFDSS Ceilidh Band, led by English fiddler Ross Grant, is the Society's ensemble group playing for dancing.

3-4pm; Adam Hicks, Battle of the Bands Contestant.

Adam is a talented singer songwriter with a real passion to succeed. With his beatin' small guitar and his catchy, singalong melodies, he has performed all over the UK supporting various different artists such as Carol Decker from the famous 80s band "T'Pau".

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Cèilidh with The Barber Band. Caller Sue Coe.

The Barber Band, from Yorkshire and Derbyshire, play 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; Oakhart.

Oakhart are an independent acoustic folk-rock band from Berkshire/Devon/Cornwall who play acoustic rock and folk, both covers and original material. They rarely play a gig without someone telling them that they played one of their favourite songs.

9-11pm; Seatrees.

Seatrees are a popular and experienced pop-rock covers band adding some zesty twists along the way, throwing in the occasional original to dabble your taste buds. Covering all your favourites and guaranteed to set the scene for a memorable musical experience!



Adam Hicks

Thursday August 10th

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Cèilidh with Jigfoot. Caller Gordon Potts.

Jigfoot play music for dancing. They approach traditional dance tunes with energy, inventiveness and, above all, swing.

3-4pm; Sammie Avis.

Sammie is a musician 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.

4.30-6.30pm; Late Afternoon Cèilidh with Stumpy Oak. Sarah Petts.

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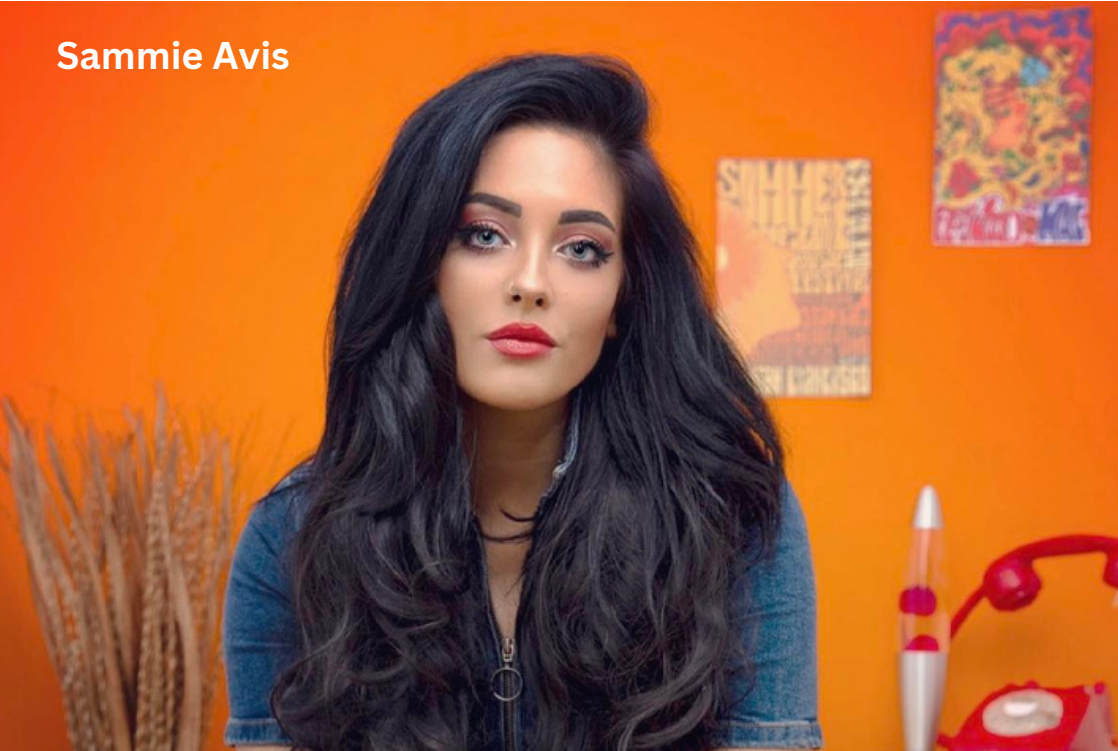
7-8.30pm; Red Rock Remix.

Red Rock Remix are a seven-piece band playing pubs, events, parties and festivals around the South West of the UK. Based in and around Sidmouth, they play music from the last few decades up to the present day.

9-11pm; Ocean City Groove.

Ocean City Groove are a ten piece funk, disco, soul and party band available for weddings, parties, corporate events, festivals and more.

Sammie Avis



Friday August 11th

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Céilidh with Mrs. Midnight's. Caller Fee Lock.

3-4pm; LaLa Choir.

La La is a legendary, Devon-based, 300-strong community 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; Big Band Ceilidh led by Nick & Mary Barber. Barry Goodman.

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

7-Until Late; 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!

LaLa Choir







The Anchor Are Proud to Support the RD&E Charity!

During Folk Week 2023, the Anchor are supporting the RD&E's future plans. The RD&E Charity are creating a special space for young hospital patients needing urgent medical care. They have launched a £250,000 appeal to help fund a world class children's Emergency Department (ED) area at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital (RD&E).

They want to create a calm and welcoming space, so children and young people will no longer have to sit alongside adults in an often-cramped waiting room at what can be a scary and upsetting time for families.

Tuesday August 8th - Fundraising Day

Tuesday August 8th is the main fundraising day and there will be several collection points for visitors to donate, a raffle and a big dance in the afternoon. The bands who are performing all feature members who work at RD& E and have kindly agreed to donate their fee to the fundraising campaign.

In loving memory of the late
Mark Halliwell, RIP

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