

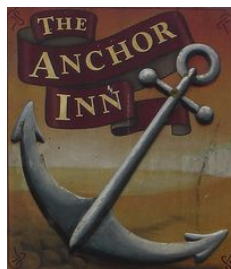
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WELCOME TO FOLK WEEK!

Welcome to Sidmouth Folk Week 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 29th July to Friday 5th August!

The ever-popular lunchtime and late afternoon Cèilidhs return this year. Originally the word Ceilidh (kay-lee) descended from the Gaelic word for 'gathering' or 'party'... However, these days when people think of a Cèilidh, they think of a fun filled time of wild dancing, good music and great company!

We also offer a wide range of unmissable live music with folk and roots at the core in the late afternoons and evenings. Our outdoor bar offers endless real ales, ciders, cocktails, Pimm's 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 July 29th

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

3-4pm; Siobhan McCrudden

Siobhan crafts songs of intensity & sweetness, recounting personal stories reflecting vivid fascination with dark folk tales & superstitions. Her vocals reflect early memories of folk musicians, family gatherings & a strong desire to connect with these emotive beginnings.

4.30-6.30pm; Late Afternoon Cèilidh with Red Shed. Caller Rosie Baines.

7-8.30pm; Sarah Yeo

Native Devonian girl Sarah Yeo plays her brand of "country folk" and has been making an impression on the live music scene for at least two decades. "Beautiful Voice" (BBC Introducing) "Plenty to Tickle the ear, four stars****" (Maverick Magazine)

9-10.45pm; 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, that sort of thing. All hopefully with a smile on their faces (most of the time).



Saturday July 30th

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Cèilidh with Out of Hand. Caller Lisa Heywood.

3-4pm; Greg Hancock

Greg Hancock is a singer-songwriter and guitarist with a widespread reputation as one of the most original and skilful artists on the modern acoustic music scene in the UK today. He has been compared to artists as varied as Al Stewart, John Martyn and Joni Mitchell.

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Cèilidh with The Pigeon Swing. Caller Jane Bird.

7-8.30pm; Guilty Pleasure

Guilty Pleasure are a function band who perform all your guilty pleasures in style and covers of hits from all decades. A class act with a range of songs delivered with perfection.

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 July 31st

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Cèilidh with Diatonics. Caller Erin Mansfield.

3-4pm; Wren Music Folk Choir

Wren Music is a charity with 40 years' experience delivering community music. They use folk and traditional music to empower hundreds of people from all backgrounds to take part in music using voice or instruments, with a particular focus on the music of Devon.

4.30-6.30pm; Late Afternoon Cèilidh with Jigfoot. Caller Jake Wood.

7-8.30pm; Tricky Situation

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

9-10.45pm; 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' (R2 Rock n Reel), State of Undress promise you a musical roller-coaster of a gig...oh, and they do have a bit of thing going on with some shaky eggs!



State of Undress

Monday August 1st

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Cèilidh with Steamchicken. Caller Fee Lock.

3-4pm; Gozer Goodspeed

Gozer Goodspeed is an independent artist in every sense of the phrase, intent on carving out his own niche in the music world. He plays a potent cocktail of blues-folk-rock music - which also seamlessly blends in elements of melodic indie, funk, and psychedelia.

4.30-6.30pm; Late Afternoon Cèilidh with Bosun Higgs. Caller Jane Bird.

7-8.30pm; Fountaineers

The Fountaineers are a co-operative of people who play traditional Irish Music, mainly in Devon, Somerset and Dorset.

9-10.45pm; Coco & The Butterfields

Ever wondered what happens when a group of street performers decide to embark upon a full throttle musical journey? No? Well, neither had anyone else until CoCo and the Butterfields showed up! From quite possibly the humblest of origins to performing at some of the nation's most prestigious venues, from Manchester's O2 to festivals such as Glastonbury, Isle Of Wight and Bestival, all of this seems a long way from the street corners and shop doorways that moulded the group's past.



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Tuesday August 2nd

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Cèilidh with Random. Caller Barry Goodman.

3-4pm; The Cleverly Brothers

The Cleverly Brothers comedy duo and band are Tim Webb & Merv Grist. They have appeared at festivals, folk clubs and parties including Village Pump, Sidmouth 11 years in a row, 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; Late Afternoon Cèilidh with Frog on a Bike. Caller Fee Lock.

7-8.30pm; Red Rock Blues

Red Rock Blues are an 8-piece band from in and around the Red Rock Jurassic Coast. A combination of guitars, keyboard, drums, sax, harmonica and vocals.

9-10.45pm; 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!



Wednesday August 3rd

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

3-4pm; The Adders

The Adders are an East Devon-based four-piece band comprising Rog on vocals and acoustic guitar, Chris on lead guitar, Mike on bass and electric double bass and Martha on cajon and djembe. When encouraged by the warmth of the sun they emerge from the vipers' nest to play their uniquely original mix of alt-rock, country, folk and more. Songs range from raucously rocky to mellow and haunting, all composed by unfeasibly imaginative frontman Rog Hunt.

4.30-6.30pm; Afternoon Cèilidh with The Barber Band. Caller Nick Walden

7-8.30pm; State of Undress

This rocky, rootsy, fiddle some band from Dorset, playing some original songs and some traditional songs.

9-10.45pm; The Dilly Boys

The Dilly Boys are an energetic folk band, bringing to life original and traditional songs, using banjo, accordion, violin, guitar and carefully constructed harmonies.



Thursday August 4th

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime Cèilidh with Frog on a Bike. Caller Barry Goodman.

3-4pm; Adam Sweet

Independent guitarist and singer-songwriter Adam Sweet marked his evolution into a fully-fledged blues-rock artist with the release of his second studio album 'Sink or Swim' in 2020. With brooding ballads and rollicking, rootsy rock he delivers honest tales of loss, longing and hope as he continues to carve out his own territory between classic rock, blues and Americana.

4.30-6.30pm; Late Afternoon Cèilidh with Bosun Higgs. Caller Fee Lock.

7-8.30pm; Cave Mouth

Based on the wilds of Exmoor, Cave Mouth produce a fabulously gritty original sound, blending blues, funk and hip-hop with African-influenced tuneage and mind-altering lyrics. Or, 'Swamp Funk' as the band like to call it.

9-10.45pm; Rage Band

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



Friday August 5th

12-2.30pm; Lunchtime C eilidh with Mrs. Midnight's. Caller Gordon Potts.

3-4pm; Vine and Dandy

Vine & Dandy are an acoustic duo bringing together great covers and their own original material. They have grown to become an accomplished act capable of delivering high-energy performances. The technically brilliant Will on guitar and bass drum is perfectly balanced with the showman antics and punchy singing of Dandy. They will not only entertain, but Will's clever lyrics and catchy tunes will be in your head for days!

4.30-6.30pm; Big Band Ceilidh, Nick & Mary Barber. Caller Barry Goodman

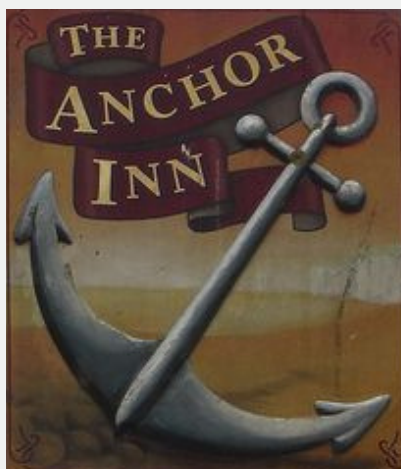
7.30-9.30pm; The Ruby May Spencer Band

Ruby May Spencer has long established herself within the West Country as a solo singer/songwriter. Amy Winehouse, Etta James, and Alabama Shakes are some of her many influences. The BBC introducing in Devon artist now introduces her fittingly named - The Ruby May Spencer Band. An eclectic mix of songs with strong Reggae, ska and neo soul roots aim to give a flavour of what to expect within this newly formed young, fresh and vibrant blend of skilled musicians. The funky vibe will energise and uplift to get you on your dancing feet!



Ruby May Spencer





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Mark Halliwell, RIP