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WELCOME

from the Festival Director



We are overjoyed to be back again, presenting a Sidmouth Folk Festival 'with a difference', distilling much of the best of this great Festival into a Celebration of its return.

So many festival goers are looking forward to 2021, after waiting patiently, supporting our crowdfunder and responding to our survey, helping shape the event. Thank you so much for all your support, which has kept this well-loved festival going through enormously difficult times.

The 3000 survey responses have helped us towards an outdoor event, taking full advantage of the beautiful Sidmouth town locations. Naturally, we have considered everyone's safety very carefully and ensuring Covid compliance.

In summary, we have created a unique Celebration of the full Festival, which though limited, brings you some of the best UK folk artists with both ticketed evening concerts plus morning and afternoon 'donation supported' shows.

We have two venues: Blackmore Gardens, which this year hosts our programmed shows, and the Ham, which is still a main meeting, eating and drinking spot but with a less formal programme and Festival artists dropping in.

There are aspects of a full festival that we have had to omit when planning in April/May as these activities weren't feasible, including a full dance programme, indoor workshops, big indoor concerts and standing events, etc.

Our Online Festival runs alongside the main event, providing a busy workshop programme and sets from some great artists. Everything is new this year; we have had to design it from scratch, encountered some apparently intractable problems for which we found solutions. That's another way of saying, we ask for your patience – as you know we set high standards.

Many other Festivals have fallen by the wayside because of the inherent complications, changing Roadmap and uncertainty. Whatever guidelines are in place we will not lose sight of our commitment to the safety and comfort of all.

To put on the 2021 festival, the support from our Festival family, County, District and particularly Town Councils, local hospitality businesses now restarting who have had a tough time, English Folk Dance and Song Society, Arts Council England's Culture Recovery Fund, EDDC discretionary fund and lastly but very significantly, festival supporters, via the Crowdfunder, has been essential.

We want to extend a warm welcome to those who are making the 'pilgrimage' as usual and those who are giving it a try, perhaps for just a day.

Enjoy our "Celebration" festival, a unique event in a beautiful setting.

John Braithwaite, Festival Director

HEAD OVER TO OUR WEBSITE FOR NEWS OF THIS YEAR'S ONLINE FESTIVAL
NEXT YEAR'S DIARY DATES: SIDMOUTH FOLK FESTIVAL 29 JULY – 5 AUG 2022

THE HAM

The Ham will remain a central meeting, eating and drinking destination with our main caterers returning including Rusty Pig with Tom's Pies and Goodness Gracious vegetarian specials. Super coffee stars Exe Roasters are back and so are delicious Salcombe Dairy ices. You can get a full range of offerings for your main meals, snacks, coffees, etc.

The Anchors Away Bar is raring to go with fine ales, ciders and a wide range of other drinks.

Expect some entertaining distractions while you relax! Look out for brilliant music sessions and fun-filled street theatre and walkabouts adding loads of festive sparkle throughout the week.



Daily Events include

West Gallery Music Association

2–3pm Saturday 31st July – Friday 6th August

Shooting Roots – 10.00–11.30am

Sunday 1st – Thursday 5th August

12–17 years

See page 13 for details

Highlights include

Saturday 31st July

Sidmouth Town Band 12.00–12.45

Music from Jigfoot – Amy Amelia Arts presents a magical bee-themed show Bumblina

Sunday 1st August

Dance Display with visiting teams. 11.30

Joy Magnet present Beach Patrol – Music from Random

Monday 2nd August

Thingumajig Theatre's Flying Dodos – Music from Midnight's Children

Shooting Roots' Betsy's Bash at The Ham

6–7pm 12–25 years

Tuesday 3rd August

Megabeast present Treemendous – Music from Mrs Midnight's

Wednesday 4th August

Granny Turismo – Sidmouth Mummers – Music from Random and Next Slide Please

Thursday 5th August

Granny Turismo – Music from Bosun Higgs – Sid Vale Community Productions

Friday 6th August

Noisy Oyster present Meanderthals – Music from Jigfoot

Drop in music through the week

Featuring James Delarre, Saul Rose, Will Pound, Ben Paley, David Delarre, Paul Scourfield and many more.

See boards at The Ham and social media updates for daily timings.



Beach Patrol



SATURDAY 31ST JULY

Daytime Open Air Events in **Blackmore Gardens** 9.30 – 5.30pm. Donations Welcome.
Bring camping chairs or spread out a rug and enjoy the day's entertainment.

GOOD MORNING BLACKMORE GARDENS! (FAMILY EVENTS 9.30–12.30PM) SUGGESTED DONATION £2 PER CHILD AND PER ADULT

- 9.30–10.15 Family Yoga with Sarah Moss
10.15–12.30 Watch out for Dr Pandemonious Fish
10.30–11.15 A Jumble of Jigs Family Music
Workshop with Ray Langton

- **Activities around the corners of the Gardens**
10.00–12.00 Forest Cool Crafts with Mark Clarke
10.45–11.45 String Games with Jane Pfaff
11.00–12.00 Songs to Sing Together with
Karen Morris

12.30 Look out for Bumblina – Queen of the Bees

Afternoon Shows 1.00–5.30pm – MC. Simon Diegan – SUGGESTED DONATION: £5 PER ADULT

- 1.00 **Peter & Barbara Snape** share their great love of traditional British folk music especially that of the north of England where they live.
1.45 **Alice Jones** is a singer, multi-instrumentalist and dancer from Ripponden in West Yorkshire, deeply rooted in the English folk tradition.
2.30 **The Shackleton Trio** play self-penned material and imaginative re-workings of traditional folk standards, influenced by British, American and Scandinavian folk traditions.
3.30 **Random** are a well-established electric ceilidh band with guts. Feel free to dance!
4.30 **Jim Causley & Mariners Away** – velvet-voiced Devon-based singer with some support from Dartmoor shanty crew.

At 5.30, please vacate the Arena lawn. Take everything with you and head for the Bar and Food stalls.
At 6.45, please leave the Gardens briefly for us to set up the 7.30 show with gates opening at 7.00pm.

Evening Show in Blackmore Gardens – 7.30–9.30pm – MC. Barry Goodman – £19

Buy Concert tickets online up to midnight the night before, or at the Blackmore Gardens Box Office

7.30 Show of Hands – a leading force in British folk, this duo show features Festival Patrons **Steve Knightley** and **Phil Beer**, one of the UK's best singer songwriters and finest multi-instrumentalists respectively.
The Bar and some food stalls will be open after the show.



Jim Causley



Show Of Hands



SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST

Daytime Open Air Events in **Blackmore Gardens** 9.30 – 5.30pm. Donations Welcome.
Bring camping chairs or spread out a rug and enjoy the day's entertainment.

GOOD MORNING BLACKMORE GARDENS! (FAMILY EVENTS 9.30–12.30PM) SUGGESTED DONATION £2 PER CHILD AND PER ADULT

- 9.30–10.15 **Family Yoga** with Sarah Moss
- 10.15–12.30 **Watch out for Dr Pandemonious Fish**
- 10.30–11.15 **Appealing Polkas Family Music Workshop** with Ray Langton & Bryony Griffith
- 11.30–12.30 **David Gibb's Family Jukebox**

- Activities around the corners of the Gardens**
- 10.00–12.00 **Forest Cool Crafts** with Mark Clarke
- 11.00–12.00 **Songs to Sing Together** with Karen Morris

12.30 Look out for Beach Patrol!

Afternoon Shows 1.00–5.30pm – MC. Simon Diegan – SUGGESTED DONATION: £5 PER ADULT

- 1.00 **Exmouth Shanty Men** – one of the UK's best loved shanty groups with a reputation founded on the quality and authenticity of their performances.
- 2.00 **Ben Paley** is a Sussex-based fiddle player with a particular flair in old-time and Swedish traditions.
- 2.55 **Mrs Midnight's** – from Exeter playing traditional English dance tunes with acoustic instruments with a crucial stomp factor.
- 3.50 **Paul Downes & Annie Winter** features accomplished acoustic guitarist, banjo player and singer, bringing a new dimension to traditional songs, with popular folk club singer.
- 4.45 **Narthen** are known for the powerful four-part harmony singing of Barry Coope, Jo Freya, Jim Causley and Fi Fraser, with piano, accordion, fiddle, soprano sax and whistles.

At 5.30, please vacate the Arena lawn. Take everything with you and head for the Bar and Food stalls.

At 6.45, please leave the Gardens briefly for us to set up the 7.30 show with gates opening at 7.00pm.

Evening Shows in Blackmore Gardens – 7.30–9.30pm – MC. Derek Schofield – £19

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7.30 Jack Rutter is an outstanding young folk singer, guitarist and multi-instrumentalist from West Yorkshire. Followed by interval at 8.00pm.

8.20 Eliza Carthy Trio embody the dynamism and vitality of the English folk revival. Eliza plays here in a celebratory trio featuring brilliant guitarist **David Delarre** and melodeon player **Saul Rose**.

The Bar and some food stalls will be open after the show.



Beach Patrol



Narthen



Eliza Carthy

MONDAY 2ND AUGUST

Daytime Open Air Events in **Blackmore Gardens** 9.30 – 5.30pm. Donations Welcome.
Bring camping chairs or spread out a rug and enjoy the day's entertainment.

GOOD MORNING BLACKMORE GARDENS! (FAMILY EVENTS 9.30–12.30PM) **SUGGESTED DONATION £2 PER CHILD AND PER ADULT**

9.30–10.15 **Family Yoga with Sarah Moss**

10.15–12.30 **Thingumajig Theatre**– *Look Out There's a Dodo About*

10.30–11.15 **Solo Jigs for all the Family with Gilly and Jon Brenner**

11.45–12.00 **Shining Stars**– *Musical Theatre Performance*

Activities around the corners of the Gardens

10.00–12.00 **Forest Cool Crafts with Mark Clarke**

10.30–12.30 **Tree Folk with Sidmouth Arboretum**

10.30–12.30 **Make a Badge, Collect a Crafty Pack or Knit Squares for Malawi with Pamela & Ian France.**

10.45–11.45 **String Games with Jane Pfaff**

Afternoon Shows 1.00–5.30pm – MC. Jo Freya – SUGGESTED DONATION: £5 PER ADULT

1.00 **Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll** *is a musical partnership with roots in the traditional music of South West England but a global outlook.*

1.50 **Reunion Lane** *bring Sidmouth their English and American folk songs, spirituals and reworked popular songs.*

2.40 **Jigfoot** *play music for dancing, with energy, inventiveness and swing with a repertoire mainly from southern English sources.*

3.35 **Saul Rose** *is a Sidmouth favourite, melodeon maestro and singer who has played with many leading English folk bands.*

4.20 **EFdSS Presents Jack Hogsden** – *a guitarist, melodeon player and singer, known for his interpretation of the songs sung by the working people of the Southern English counties.*

5.00 **EFdSS Presents Molly Evans** – *a distinctive young singer with a largely traditional repertoire, known for her powerful voice and original song settings.*

At 5.30, please vacate the Arena lawn. Take everything with you and head for the Bar and Food stalls.

At 6.45, please leave the Gardens briefly for us to set up the 7.30 show with gates opening at 7.00pm.

Evening Shows in Blackmore Gardens – 7.30–9.30pm – MC. David Delarre – £14

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7.30 Miranda Sykes & Hannah Martin – *two of British folk's finest voices, Miranda (Show of Hands) and Hannah (Edgelarks, Gigspanner Big Band) join forces to present a set of songs that take them back to their shared roots. Followed by interval at 8.10pm.*

8.30 Jez Lowe *is a much-loved folk singer and songwriter from North East England: much travelled, much covered, and one of the most in-demand performers in the country.*

The Bar and some food stalls will be open after the show.

Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll



Miranda Sykes & Hannah Martin



Jez Lowe



TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST

Daytime Open Air Events in **Blackmore Gardens** 9.30 – 5.30pm. Donations Welcome.
Bring camping chairs or spread out a rug and enjoy the day's entertainment.

GOOD MORNING BLACKMORE GARDENS! (FAMILY EVENTS 9.30–12.30PM) SUGGESTED DONATION £2 PER CHILD AND PER ADULT

- 9.30–10.15 Family Yoga with Sarah Moss
10.30–11.15 Family Gum Boot Dance Workshop
with Jenny Read
11.30–12.30 Ben The Juggler's One-Man Family
Circus Comedy Cabaret

- Activities around the corners of the Gardens
10.00–12.00 Forest Cool Crafts with Mark Clarke
10.30–12.30 Tree Folk with Sidmouth Arboretum
10.30–12.30 Make a Badge, Collect a Crafty Pack
or Knit Squares for Malawi with Pamela & Ian France

12.30 Look out for Treemendous!

Afternoon Shows 1.00–5.30pm – MC. Barry Goodman – SUGGESTED DONATION: £5 PER ADULT

- 1.00 Alice Jones & Bryony Griffith are both powerful solo performers from West Yorkshire, coming together as a duo to explore folk song and tune collections of their native county.
1.50 Jack Rutter performs unearthed gems from the folk canon with masterful playing and arrangements on guitar, bouzouki and more.
2.40 Next Slide Please – Martin Brinsford, Keith Ryan, Paul Burgess and Gareth Kiddier play music from Sliabh Luachra, the old dance halls of Irish America, and beyond.
3.30 Jim Causley is a “voice in a million”, and a long-time favourite of Sidmouth audiences.
4.20 EFDSS Presents Katy Rose Bennett who creates earthy, intimate folk music, telling stories of love, despair, connection, and community.
5.00 EFDSS Presents George Sansome – a vibrant trad folk singer and guitarist originally from Worcester, with a captivating and exciting delivery.

At 5.30, please vacate the Arena lawn. Take everything with you and head for the Bar and Food stalls.
At 6.45, please leave the Gardens briefly for us to set up the 7.30 show with gates opening at 7.00pm.

Evening Shows in Blackmore Gardens – 7.30–9.30pm – MC. Derek Schofield – £14

Buy Concert tickets online up to midnight the night before, or at the Blackmore Gardens Box Office

7.30 Granny's Attic are a talented trio who play the tradition with verve, energy and their own inimitable style. Followed by interval at 8.10pm.

8.30 Jackie Oates & John Spiers are a multi award-winning contemporary folk duo who meld together their love of English traditional folk tunes and songs with their voices and acoustic instruments, with an uplifting, joyful and poignant sound.

The Bar and some food stalls will be open after the show.



Jack Rutter



Katy Rose Bennett



Jackie Oates &
John Spiers

WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST

Daytime Open Air Events in **Blackmore Gardens** 9.30 – 5.30pm. Donations Welcome.
Bring camping chairs or spread out a rug and enjoy the day's entertainment.

GOOD MORNING BLACKMORE GARDENS! (FAMILY EVENTS 9.30–12.30PM) SUGGESTED DONATION £2 PER CHILD AND PER ADULT

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| <p>9.45–10.30 Focus on Fiddles Family Music Workshop with Bryony Griffith and Ray Langton</p> <p>10.15–12.30 Thingumajig Theatre – Look Out There's a Dodo About</p> <p>10.45–11.30 Family Body Percussion Workshop with Jenny Read</p> | <p>Activities around the corners of the Gardens</p> <p>10.00–12.00 Forest Cool Crafts with Mark Clarke</p> <p>10.30–12.30 Tree Folk with Sidmouth Arboretum</p> <p>10.30–12.30 Make a Badge, Collect a Crafty Pack or Knit Squares for Malawi with Pamela & Ian France</p> <p>10.45–11.45 String Games with Jane Pfaff</p> <p>11.00–12.00 Songs to Sing Together with Karen Morris</p> |
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12.30 Look out for Granny Turismo

Afternoon Shows 1.00–5.30pm – MC. Simon Diegan – SUGGESTED DONATION: £5 PER ADULT

- 1.00 **Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage** – acoustic duo who create a classically timeless sound.
- 1.55 **Cohen Braithwaite–Kilcoyne** – a dynamic singer and exciting box player whose style and approach is rooted in the traditions of the British Isles.
- 2.55 **Banter** are Simon Care on melodeon, Nina Zella on keyboards/vocals and Tim Walker on percussion/brass, whose roots are firmly in the traditional English genre.
- 3.50 **EFDSS Presents Penny Kempson** – a versatile and talented young folk fiddler and singer from the North East.
- 4.20 **EFDSS Presents Tom Kitching** – fiddle player and author of the book 'Seasons of Change', whose style is English at heart, whilst encompassing elements of many other traditions.
- 5.00 **EFDSS Presents Zoe Wren** – a talented young singer–songwriter making waves, with virtuoso guitar accompaniment from David Delarre.

At 5.30, please vacate the Arena lawn. Take everything with you and head for the Bar and Food stalls.

At 6.45, please leave the Gardens briefly for us to set up the 7.30 show with gates opening at 7.00pm.

Evening Shows in Blackmore Gardens – 7.30–9.30pm – MC. Barry Goodman – £19

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7.30 Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage – sing intimate duets with mountain dulcimer, dobro and guitar. Followed by interval at 8.00pm.

8.20 Seth Lakeman – Devon–born, Mercury–Prize–nominated English folk singer, songwriter and multi–instrumentalist brings a powerful duo show to Sidmouth, singing his rooted songs, accompanied on fiddle, tenor guitar, banjo and viola.

The Bar and some food stalls will be open after the show.



Thingumajig Theatre



Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage



Seth Lakeman

THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST

Daytime Open Air Events in **Blackmore Gardens** 9.30 – 5.30pm. Donations Welcome.
Bring camping chairs or spread out a rug and enjoy the day's entertainment.

GOOD MORNING BLACKMORE GARDENS! (FAMILY EVENTS 9.30–12.30PM) SUGGESTED DONATION £2 PER CHILD AND PER ADULT

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| <p>9.45–10.30 Musical Rounds Family Music Workshop with Ray Langton and Bryony Griffith</p> <p>10.15–12.30 Here and There with Noisy Oyster Theatre</p> <p>10.45–11.30 Solo Jigs for all the Family with Gilly and Jon Brenner</p> | <p>Activities around the corners of the Gardens</p> <p>10.00 –12.00 Forest Cool Crafts with Mark Clarke</p> <p>10.30 –12.30 Tree Folk with Sidmouth Arboretum</p> <p>10.30 –12.30 Make a Badge, Collect a Crafty Pack or Knit Squares for Malawi with Pamela & Ian France</p> <p>11.00 –12.00 Songs to Sing Together with Karen Morris</p> |
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Afternoon Shows 1.00–5.30pm – MC. Jo Freya – SUGGESTED DONATION: £5 PER ADULT

- 1.00 Will Pound** is one of the finest harmonica and melodeon players of his generation, pushing boundaries and thrilling audiences with his performances.
- 1.55 Miranda Sykes** – acclaimed singer and bassist with *Show of Hands*, returns to her solo roots: one woman, one bass, and one guitar.
- 2.55 Three P.M** is an acoustic line-up led by Paul Martin (*Cock & Bull*) with an instrumental repertoire drawn from French and English sources and new tunes.
- 3.35 Granny Turismo** Meet the world's first – and only! – Shopping Trolley Dance Display Team. Part walk about, part spectacle... fully brilliant!
- 4.05 EFDSS Presents The Wilderness Yet** combines the talents of folk singer Rosie Hodgson, traditional fiddler Rowan Piggott, and guitarist–flautist Philippe Barnes.
- 4.50 EFDSS Presents Polly Paulusma** a singer–songwriter whose latest project focuses on traditional songs: *Invisible Music*: folk songs that influenced Angela Carter.
- At 5.30, please vacate the Arena lawn. Take everything with you and head for the Bar and Food stalls.
At 6.45, please leave the Gardens briefly for us to set up the 7.30 show with gates opening at 7.00pm.

Evening Shows in Blackmore Gardens – 7.30–9.30pm – MC. Keith Rusby – £16

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7.30 James Delarre – fiddle player and founding member of *Topette!!* and *Mawkin* has established himself as a stalwart of the English traditional music scene. **Followed by interval at 8.00pm.**

8.20 Talisk are one of Scotland's most popular folk groups and perennial festival favourites: Mohsen Amini, Hayley Keenan and Graeme Armstrong fuse concertina, fiddle and guitar to produce a multi-layered soundscape which has captivated audiences around the world.

The Bar and some food stalls will be open after the show.



Will Pound



Polly Paulusma



Talisk

FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST

Daytime Open Air Events in **Blackmore Gardens** 9.30 – 5.30pm. Donations Welcome.
Bring camping chairs or spread out a rug and enjoy the day's entertainment.

GOOD MORNING BLACKMORE GARDENS! (FAMILY EVENTS 9.30–12.30PM) **SUGGESTED DONATION £2 PER CHILD AND PER ADULT**

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| <p>9.45–10.30 Tunes from the Week Family Music Workshop with Ray Langton and Bryony Griffith</p> <p>10.15–12.30 Here and There – with Noisy Oyster Theatre</p> <p>11.00–12.00 Family Show with Ray Langton, Simon Whitbread & Jon Brenner, Bryony Griffith, Paul Scourfield, Exmouth Shanty Men, MC. Cathy Brown.</p> | <p>Activities around the corners of the Gardens</p> <p>10.00–12.00 Forest Cool Crafts with Mark Clarke</p> <p>10.30–12.30 Tree Folk with Sidmouth Arboretum</p> <p>10.30–12.30 Make a Badge, Collect a Crafty Pack or Knit Squares for Malawi with Pamela & Ian France</p> <p>10.45–11.45 String Games with Jane Pfaff</p> |
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12.30 Look out for the Meanderthals

Afternoon Shows 1.00–5.30pm – MC. Barry Goodman – SUGGESTED DONATION: £5 PER ADULT

- 1.00** Exmouth Shanty Men – Devon's original buoy band.
- 2.00** Peter & Barbara Snape bring us traditional song from their native North West in a compelling and infectious style.
- 2.50** Bosun Higgs present their concert party featuring with fiddle, melodeon, banjo, bass sax, and percussion.
- 3.40** Reunion Lane – acoustic music in harmony from popular three piece.
- 4.20** EFDSS Presents Holly Clarke – a powerful singer from the Lake District who is steeped in the tradition of ballad singing.
- 5.00** EFDSS Presents Rowan Godel – a singer songwriter with folk roots, who draws on themes of nature and landscape.

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At 6.45, please leave the Gardens briefly for us to set up the 7.30 show with gates opening at 7.00pm.

Evening Shows in Blackmore Gardens – 7.30–9.30pm – MC. Jo Freya – £14

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7.30 Tim Edey – is an extraordinarily talented multi-instrumentalist and singer, whose live solo shows are a stunning mix of world music inspired instrumental virtuosity and passion, with a strong Celtic theme.
Followed by interval at 8.10pm.

8.30 Banter are an infectious, genre hopping trio creating a huge sound; they have been described as the world's smallest big band.

The Bar and some food stalls will be open after the show.



Rowan Godel



Tim Edey



Banter

FAMILY EVENTS



Good Morning Blackmore Gardens Family Events

Good Morning Blackmore Gardens offers a mix of things for families to do, to learn and to sit back and enjoy throughout the week. See programme for times of what's on each day. Activities and events are free of charge but donations are welcome.

Throughout the week everyone can try their hand at a mix of activities 'around the quieter corners' of the gardens. Drop in and have a go or take something away to do in your family group but please make sure you **leave no litter!** We are delighted to be introducing **Sidmouth Arboretum** who will be bringing a mix of songs, garden trails and stories with their **Tree Folk** activities (*Mon–Frid*). Also look out for **Forest Cool Crafts** with Mark Clarke (*Sat–Frid*), **String Games** with Jane Pfaff (*Sat, Mon, Wed & Frid*) and **Songs to Sing Together** with Karen Morris (*Sat, Sun, Wed & Thurs*). Seek out Pamela and Ian France for a mix of **crafty fun** including making badges, crafty packs and collecting wool and needles to knit blanket squares for children in Malawi (*Mon–Frid*).



Family Yoga: Bring your own mat and start off the day with gentle stretching and balancing led by Sarah Moss (*Sat–Tues*).

Family Music Workshops: Written notation in C melody, Bb, Eb, Alto clef and bass clef can be accessed on tablets via the link on the Family Events page of the festival website – internet access willing! Bring your own instruments. Workshops are being led by Ray Langton and Bryony Griffith and include:

A Jumble of Jigs Have a go at playing some delightful jigs (*Sat*). **Appealing Polkas** Some simple bouncy polkas (*Sun*). **Focus on Fiddles** A chance to learn some great fiddle tunes (*Wed*). **Musical Rounds** Making some really rich musical harmonies by playing simple, well-known rounds together (*Thurs*). To finish off the week, **Tunes from the week** with time to show what you have learnt during the week!

Family Solo Dance Workshops: A chance to dance on your own or in family bubbles so put on your dancing shoes and find your own space to have a go at the following workshops. **Solo Jigs** with Gilly and Jon Brenner (*Mon & Thurs*) **Gum Boot Dancing** with Jenny Read but don't forget your wellies for some foot stomping fun (*Tues*). **Body Percussion Workshop** with Jenny Read. Create rhythms with just yourself (*Weds*).

Watch out for some **wonderful pop up walkabout entertainment** from **Dr. Pandemonious Fish** (*Sat & Sun*) and **Thingumajig Theatre's** amazing **Dancing Dodos** (*Mon & Weds*). **Noisy Oyster** bring especially for you **The Meanderthals** and a close up view of their famous **Da Silva Circus Marionettes** (*Thurs & Frid*).

Sit back and enjoy some **Special Family Shows** with **David Gibb's Family Jukebox** which is guaranteed to have everyone singing along in no time – this is music that the whole family can enjoy together (*Sun*). Be amazed by **Ben the Juggler's One-Man Family Circus Comedy Cabaret**. An award-winning international clown juggling, unicycling, magic, balloon sculpting, climbing inside giant balloons, puppet acting and wondrous balancing feats (*Tues*).

Finishing the week is another

Bonanza Family Show

featuring Ray Langton, Simon Whitbread and Jon Brenner, Bryony Griffith, Paul Scourfield and the Exmouth Shanty Men (*Frid*).



SHOOTING ROOTS

Sunday 1st August 10.00–11.30 The Ham

Shooting Roots Welcome party: Welcome back! After what we're sure has been a strange year for everyone, come and join us for some folky fun and games to start the festival, while having a laugh and spending quality, in-person time with old friends, or making new ones! We want everyone to feel safe, so all activities will be able to be done keeping appropriate social distancing. **Ages 12–17.**

Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th 10.00–11.30 The Ham

Shooting Roots variety workshop: This year Shooting Roots will be running three mixed workshops where you can come along and get involved in any combination of song, dance, tunes, craft, and theatre (don't worry, you don't have to do them all!) With our usual fun, inclusive atmosphere, this is a great way to start your festival day and spend time with your friends or make new ones! We want everyone to feel safe, so all activities will be able to be done keeping appropriate social distancing. **Ages 12–17.**



Monday 2nd 6–7pm The Ham Shooting Roots Session:

Our popular Betsy's Bash sessions are back in a new location, so join us for a fun-filled, inclusive session full of tunes, songs and dances! We want everyone to feel safe, so all activities will be able to be done keeping appropriate social distancing. **Ages 12–25**

Thursday 5th 10.00–11.30 The Ham

Shooting Roots Send-off: End the festival in style with a chilled session where you can perform something you've learnt this week, or your own material, or play, sing and dance along to classic Shooting Roots tunes. We want everyone to feel safe, so all activities will be able to be done keeping social distancing. **Ages 12–17.**

THE ANCHOR GARDEN

LUNCHTIME CEILIDHS AT THE ANCHOR GARDEN 12.00–2.30PM

We are delighted to announce that the ever popular Anchor Garden lunchtime ceilidhs return this year. Guidelines and roadmaps permitting of course.

Sat 31 Jul – **Mrs Midnight's** – Caller Fee Lock
Sun 1 Aug – **Bosun Higgs** – Caller Fee Lock
Mon 2 Aug – **Random** – Caller Gordon Potts
Tues 3 Aug – **Jigfoot** – Caller Jo Freya
Wed 4 Aug – **Bosun Higgs** – Caller Nick Walden
Thu 5 Aug – **The Barber Band** – Caller Barry Goodman
Fri 6 Aug – **Random** – Caller Nick Walden

So, have a drink, have lunch, join the dancing or just soak up the atmosphere!

Thanks for your support, The Anchor Inn



CRAFT VILLAGE



We're back with more than 30 stalls with many more traders, and this time we're right in the thick of it in Peacock Lawn, next door to Blackmore Gardens!

Items available for sale include artisan jewellery, original artwork, wood and glass carvings, clothing for all ages, cards and gifts, musical instruments and much more!

Open from 10am and selling throughout the day; most traders will stay open until it gets dark so do pop in on your way to the evening concert too!

Festival Souvenirs & Artist CD sales: Blackmore Gardens

Take the opportunity to mark this unique 'Celebration' with one off T-shirts, Butterworth Leather Badges and loads of other souvenirs.

Festival Artist CDs are also on sale at the Souvenir stall just inside the Blackmore Gardens main gate.



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FOOD & DRINK

We are marking our 'Celebration' event in Blackmore Gardens and at the Ham by providing a delicious array of excellent food to suit all tastes. We advise you to try them all during the week. They are as local as we can make it. With specialist, top notch vegetarian and vegan caterers and everyone providing wide menus options, we are aiming to satisfy your eclectic mix of tastes and preferences.

At the Ham, our regular main caterers are back in force with the usual high quality offers – it's a great place to eat at any time of day.

There's **Rusty Pig** of course with a massive menu of mains to snacks and a full range of **Tom's Pies**, plus award winning, ever popular vegetarian specialists **Goodness Gracious Healthy Foods**, aromatic home roasted coffee, specialist teas and cakes from **Exe Coffee Roasters** and celebrating summer at Sidmouth, as only they can, **Salcombe Dairy's Ice cream Parlour** (dairy and new non dairy!)



The Anchor's Away bar will be in full swing with **Crossed Anchors'** beers, **Powderkeg** lagers, and **Sandford Orchards'** fabulous, and varied ciders, wines and spirits – all served with the famous Anchor's Away chuckle.

Blackmore Gardens has upped its game too! There's great variety, making it a fine eating and drinking 'go to' alternative to the Ham.

Café Dish, our vegan specialists have been prised away from the Craft Village—their range is super, just check the menu when you arrive (wow! the cakes!), **Rusty Pig**



are wheeling their spectacularly decorated Fish and Chip wagon into Blackmore, with a mouth watering range of options too. **Lemon Jelli** are proving that they can do it all: beautiful coffees and drinks from the franglais van plus Tom's pies, pasties, sandwiches and a lovely range of sweet and savoury Crepes.

Then there's newcomers, **Thai Style**, all the way from Plymouth; the name says it all. Make them feel welcome by giving them a go. **Salcombe Dairy** are turning up in force in Blackmore with ice creams and new non-dairy flavours.

The Blackmore Volunteer bar, famous for its pithy West Country humour, has been extended to meet demands from this year's programme. They are serving great beers and lagers from **Exeter**, **Red Rock**, **Teignworthy**, **Hanlons**, **Black Tor** and **Powderkeg** local breweries, **Sandford Orchards'** super ciders plus a range of wines and spirits.

Well that's it. The usual great menus from specialist caterers and bars, which have given us a reputation for the best festival food and drinks.



BLACKMORE GARDENS

... is very different this year

Garden & Event Times

The Gardens will open at 1700 on Friday 30 July for you to meet up with friends, socialise, have a drink and get some food.

From Saturday 31 July the Gardens open at 9.15am with Family Events from 9.30am each day and Afternoon Shows 1.00pm–5.30pm. The Evening Concerts start at 7.30pm and run to 9.30pm with the Gardens open until 11.00pm for people to socialise, have a drink or a bite to eat after the show. Everyone is required to vacate the Gardens from 6.45pm–7.00pm to allow us to reset for the evening concerts.

What is Blackmore Gardens?

This year we have an open-air stage with an Arena area in front of it, 6 different catering stalls, a bar and craft stalls.

How will the Arena area work?

Please bring your own portable seating or rug, be prepared to stand or sit on the grass. We have designated areas for seat placement, sitting on a rug/grass and for standing to ensure good sightlines for all. No seats or standing in the rug/grass area or standing in the seating area. To ensure the best experience for everyone no pop-up tents, gazebos, umbrellas or anything that would affect sightlines can be put up in the Arena area.

At the end of the afternoon show you will need to vacate the Arena area, along with all your belongings (including seats), whilst we prepare for the evening concert.

Please follow the instructions and guidance of Festival stewards at all times. We are running a Covid-Safe event following all appropriate procedures relevant to us at the time.

Entrance Fee/Buying Tickets

There are no tickets required for mornings and afternoons as entrance is by suggested donation. Suggested donations are mornings £2 per adult and per child, afternoons £5 per adult.

For the Evening Concerts you will require a ticket, please see P17 for details.



Queues

Queues on some evenings will be inevitable. Please be patient, our volunteer stewards will let you in as soon as they can. You may be asked to form 2 queues; one for ticket holders and the other for those paying at the door.

Can I just go for a drink and something to eat in the gardens?

Yes! You are welcome to visit the Gardens. Non-evening concert ticket holders can also join us after the show at 9.30pm until the Gardens close.

Can I consume my own alcohol?

Only alcohol purchased from our licensed bar can be consumed within Blackmore Gardens during the Festival.

No smoking

Blackmore Gardens will be a no smoking area.

Are dogs allowed?

Dogs will not be allowed into Blackmore Gardens except for recognised assistance dogs.

ALL ABOUT TICKETS



TICKET INFORMATION

For Blackmore Gardens, please note the guidance and conditions given on page 16.

We will be running a Covid-Safe event following all appropriate procedures relevant to us at the time. Please follow the instructions and guidance of Festival stewards at all times.

Advance ticket purchasers will be issued with a receipt which is then exchanged for tickets at the Festival Box Office located at Blackmore Gardens from Wednesday 28 July, please see below for opening times.

We have discounted tickets for young people (6–17) and free tickets for children aged 5 and under. For this year only we are not able to offer any other discounted prices or offers except for Personal Assistants who are free (please see the website for details).

Sorry, we are not able to give refunds on any tickets and any lost tickets cannot be replaced. Please refer to the full buying terms and conditions available at: www.sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk

Ticket Bookings

Bookings can be made online at www.sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk, over the phone or in person, please see below for details. Available tickets can be bought online up until midnight of the day before the applicable ticket date.

Pre-Festival Box Office – until Tuesday 27 July 2021 at 5pm

Sidmouth Tourist Information Centre Box Office, Ham Lane, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 8XR. Tel: 01395 577952, open Monday to Saturday 1000 to 1700, Sunday 1000 to 1600 either by telephone or in person.

Blackmore Gardens Box Office – from Wednesday 28 July 2021 at 12noon.

The Box Office will be sited within Blackmore Gardens. Contact: 01395 577952 from 12noon to 5pm 28 & 29 July, 10am to 7.30pm 30 July to 6 August 2021, or in person. The Box Office will accept telephone bookings for event tickets up to 1930 the day before the event. Telephone bookings will not be accepted on the day of an event. Payments by cash or card, we do not accept cheques.

All ticket receipts must be presented to the Blackmore Gardens Box Office in order to collect your tickets. All tickets must be collected by 1930 on the relevant event day.

Please visit our website for details of how to obtain a Personal Assistant ticket. If you have any questions relating to accessibility please email access@sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk



USEFUL INFORMATION

Environmental

This year we will again have reusable souvenir drinks cups at our bars and no single use plastics at our catering stands. Why not bring your own reusable drinks bottle and use our Water Refill Points. These are located at the Ham, in Blackmore Gardens, the Market Square, in the 'arches' on the seafront (at the western end of the Esplanade) and below the Cricket Ground.

We are pleased to continue with our initiatives to reduce our reliance on single use plastics and to make the festival a more environmentally sustainable event.



Accessibility

Please visit our website for details of how to obtain a Personal Assistant ticket. If you have any questions relating to accessibility please email access@sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk

Requirements for Care of Minors

Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times, children 17 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult to all evening events.

Dogs

Please note that dogs are not permitted in any Festival venue except for recognised assistance dogs.

Car Parks

For this year only there is no Festival Car Park and we advise using the parking facilities at either the Cricket Club or the Rugby Club.

Campsite

For 2021 we were only able to offer camping to a very small number as we have had to use an alternative camping site. THERE ARE NO FURTHER CAMPING SPACES AVAILABLE and if you were fortunate enough to be able to pre-book camping with us you will have been sent the details separately. Dogs are permitted on the Festival campsite if kept on leads.

Local Supporters

In addition to advertisements in the programme and those business already mentioned, we are pleased to acknowledge the support of Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce, Sweetcombe Cottages, Catholic Church, Royal Glen Hotel and Upper Crust Bakery who have all contributed to making this Celebration event become a reality.

Donations!

There aren't tickets for Mornings and Afternoons. Donations will be most welcome: suggested amount; Mornings £2 per child and per adult and Afternoons £5 per adult

Collecting Tins and Buckets – We accept cash – both coins and notes.

Card Readers – if you're out of the habit of carrying cash, then we have card readers.

Scan the QR Code – if you have a mobile payment app such as Google Pay or Apple Pay on your smart phone, then you can donate using the QR code. It's here and will also be displayed around the town.



JustGiving – you can make a donation via the JustGiving site: www.justgiving.com/sidmouth-folkweek

The Sidmouth Folk Festival has been running in the town since 1955. Help ensure the future of this wonderful event beyond 2021.

The collections are arranged by Sidmouth FolkWeek Ltd, a registered charity which is focused on the long-term success of The Sidmouth Folk Festival. Since 2005, it has supported the festival with grants to improve the campsite and has sponsored events. In 2020 and 2021, it is helping to ensure that the festival survives the Covid19 pandemic. It hosted the 2020 fundraising campaigns, thereby collecting Gift Aid from many donations. It also administers the festival's street collections, again with Gift Aid benefits. Sidmouth FolkWeek Ltd has a 'Friends' scheme, more details here: www.sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk/friends-of-sidmouth-folkweek/ This is due to be relaunched in 2022.

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