



THE 70TH SIDMOUTH
FOLK FESTIVAL
2ND - 9TH AUGUST 2024



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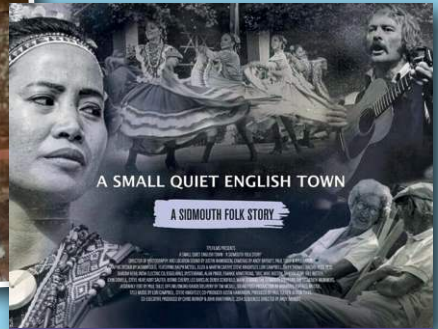
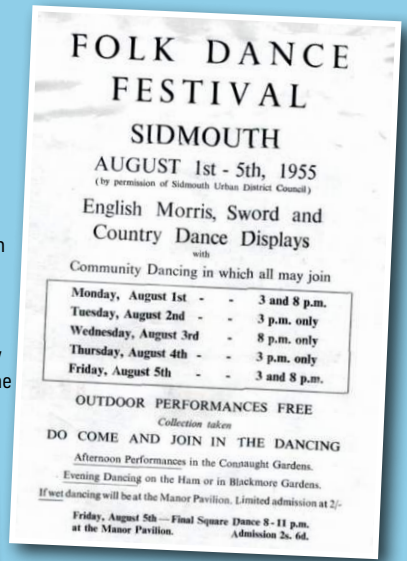
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70 years of Sidmouth Folk Festival

Proudly championing traditional music, dance and song since 1955
'It's the diversity and community spirit that sets Sidmouth apart from other festivals - it has, as it says, an ear to the past and an eye on the future - it is steeped in tradition which is a most important part of Sidmouth - but not in a stuffy way - it keeps in touch with current stuff too.'

Back in July 1955, the English Folk Dance & Song Society (EFDSS), on Eileen Phelan's suggestion, decided that Sidmouth was a perfect addition to their then existing folk dance festival in Stratford, offering the added attractions of the seaside and the Devon countryside, attractions we still love to this day!

The first publicity leaflet announced performances in Connaught Gardens and dances on the Ham and in Blackmore Gardens, it ran from Monday 1st to Friday 5th August, setting an early precedent for the festival week always including the first Monday in August.



Directed by Nibs Matthews and Margaret Grant, it was a great success. Les Barclay, a first festival 'survivor' remembers his legs aching with all the dancing by the middle of the week!

Dancing, across multiple venues, remains at the heart of the Festival, which now includes concerts, workshops, sessions, storytelling and so much more.

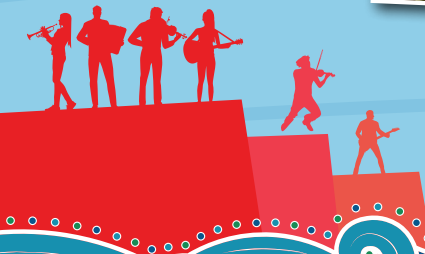


Award-winning documentary **A Small Quiet English Town** **Mon 5 August, Radway Scott Cinema**

A journey through time exploring Sidmouth Folk Festival's rich and fascinating history.

The Producers used previously unseen film and photographs to tell the story of 'Europe's longest running folk festival'. Interviews, performances and memories from festivals gone by helps us understand how Sidmouth Folk Week became the highlight in the English Folk calendar.

Ralph McTell (Streets of London), Steve Knightley (Show of Hands), India Electric Company, Lori Campbell, Edgelarks, Oysterband and many more all feature to tell Sidmouth's story and help us experience a movie event that's truly unique.





Welcome to THE 70TH SIDMOUTH FOLK FESTIVAL 2ND - 9TH AUGUST 2024



Sidmouth Celebrates

Join us in Devon for the first week in August, as people have been doing for 70 years, for a huge celebration of folk music, song and dance.

If last year was '*vibrant, diverse and fizzing with music and fun*', wait and see what we have in store for you in 2024.

Internationally renowned folk luminaries joining in the 70th fun include the wonderful **Kate Rusby**, the impassioned English folk of **Spiers & Boden**; compelling **Karine Polwart**; perennial powerhouse folk-rockers **Oysterband** and master songwriter **Ralph McTell**; high-energy hilltop gigs include Scottish supergroup **Mánran**, and a rare Festival appearance for the **Sea Song Sessions** (featuring a stellar line-up, **Jon Boden**, **Seth Lakeman**, **Ben Nicholls**, **Emily Portman** & **Jack Rutter**).

The **Story of Sidmouth** show at the Ham Marquee is the culmination of a project reflecting the rich history of this seaside regency town in words and music; where stories of Sidmouthians of all ages will be turned into new folk songs with the help of local secondary school children.

And we want to hear from you - **Poetry workshops** leader **Ilse Pedler** is on the lookout for your festival memories to craft into a special poem, and to be displayed on a **Memory Tree** at the festival, and **Artist in Residence**, **Lucy Wright** will be documenting the 2024 celebrations.

As well as Sidmouth's own celebrations, there will be parties within the party as we celebrate 55 years of **Steeleye Span**.

Singer and multi-instrumentalist **Jo Freya** brings lifelong friends together for a special Sidmouth concert marking 50 years in music. **Paul Downes** and **Phil Beer** also celebrate 50 years of musical collaboration, and powerhouse of contemporary Scottish music, **Skipinnish** are sure to bring a party atmosphere to the brilliant Bulverton dance floor to celebrate their 25th. **The Old Swan Band** will be lighting up the Blackmore floor as they celebrate their own 50th.

Encapsulating true Sidmouth tradition, look out for multiple generations of artists, including **Seth** and **Geoff Lakeman** and three generations of the Kerr/Fagan family with **Sandra Kerr**, the **Melrose Quartet** and **Underground Sun** all entertaining us on stage. With tickets for under 11s free and a packed Children's & Youth programme, you can bring the whole family.

And as we keep our eye on the future, **Shooting Roots** have reached a landmark 30 years of immersing our young people in the tradition, inspiring our next generation of folkies. Look out for the **Shooting Roots** celebration at Blackmore, with special alumni guests. Youth Festival song favourites, acapella group, **Stream of Sound**, are celebrating their 25th anniversary with a special concert.

The future is also in safe hands with our **Eye on the Future** concerts and **EFDDS Presents**, in the Cellar Bar. Don't miss your opportunity to see tomorrow's big names making their first appearances here. And for first class performances from today's younger performers, look out for **Halsway Youth Folk**, the **National Youth Folk Ensemble** and **NYFTE**.

The following pages are packed with festival highlights, including concerts, high energy gigs, intimate traditional shows, dances, workshops, storytelling, and there is so much more to come. With events already selling out, make sure you don't miss any of your festival favourites.

Folk is the culture of the people. It's inclusive, collaborative and joyful. It is Sidmouth.

See you at the seaside for a week-long celebration that connects past, present and future.

'Being at Sidmouth makes you feel like world peace is possible.'

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Thursday Night in the Market Square



Great Western Morris

Thursday 1st August
7.30-9.30pm Market Square

You know the festival has started when Thursday night at the Market Square comes around. Don't miss your first chance to see familiar faces, find old friends, tuck into take-out chips and enjoy mirth and merriment with **Great Western Morris, Sidmouth Steppers, Sidmouth Traditional Mummers, Mrs Midnight's** and other early arrivals.



Sidmouth Steppers

Pre-Festival Special Concerts at the Ham

Sidmouth favourites return for our Pre-Festival Concerts at the Ham Marquee!

To make the most of the fabulous Ham Marquee, we've programmed a couple of pre-festival concerts for those of you who arrive early and to give local and regional audiences the chance to enjoy this premier concert venue.

Tickets are available at a discounted price to All-in-one, Week Season and Weekend Season ticket holders and also to local residents - the price shown in brackets below.

Thursday 1st August, 3pm

Fisherman's Friends

Back by public demand and sold out already!

Thursday 1st August, 8pm

George Hinchliffe's Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

This mighty plucking institution have sold out twice at Carnegie Hall in New York, twice at The Royal Albert Hall in London, and also at Sydney Opera House in Australia...and we are delighted to welcome them back to the Sidmouth stage. Best known for performing musically faithful but often tongue-in-cheek covers of popular songs and musical pieces from a wide variety of music genres, their lighthearted deadpan humour and outstanding musicianship make for a hugely entertaining show!

Advance Rate Tickets: £39 (£34)



George Hinchliffe's Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

Friday 2nd August, 3pm

Steeleye Span

Steeleye Span remain one of the most influential names in British roots music. Pioneers of folk-rock, the band changed the face of folk music forever. Fronted by original member and instantly recognisable voice of Maddy Prior, their stellar 2024 line-up offers an evergreen/ever-fresh folk rock sound which Sidmouth audiences adore!

Advance Rate Tickets: £39 (£34)



Steeleye Span

The Ham Concerts

The festival's centrepiece concert venue, at The Ham grounds, next to the sea.

It's the number one spot for concert lovers, hosting three prestigious concerts every day of the festival. The Ham is fully seated, has its own bar, and boasts a wide array of food outlets to suit every taste.

All concerts are included in All-In-One tickets. The evening concerts (Saturday to Thursday) are not covered by Week, Weekend and Day season tickets. A limited number of £10 tickets for those aged 25 and Under are available in advance for each Ham show. Under 11s tickets are free.



Friday 2nd August

8pm McGoldrick McCusker Doyle + Allison de Groot & Tatiana Hargreaves

Three legendary musicians launch the Ham evening concert series. Described as the masters of flute, fiddle and song, they are known for their vast repertoire, blending song, tunes and charming bonhomie. **Allison de Groot** is known for her intricate clawhammer banjo work while **Tatiana Hargreaves** brings powerhouse fiddling to the stage. *This concert is included in All In One, Week & Weekend Season Tickets.* **A £26**

Saturday 3rd August

11.30am Welcome Concert

with Sidmouth Town Band, Halsway Young Folk and festival guests. Open to all.

3.15pm The Melsons (Melrose Quartet & The Wilsons)

This vocal powerhouse supergroup is a coming together of two beloved northern English harmony quartets: **Melrose Quartet**, and **The Wilson Family**. Raise your voice in chorus with one of the finest folk harmony ensembles ever assembled in the UK. **A £25**

8pm Blazin' Fiddles + support

Contemporary fiddle from Scotland's Highlands and Islands with fiddlers Jenna Reid, Bruce MacGregor, Rua Macmillan, and Kristan Harvey, Anna Massie on guitar and fiddle, and Angus Lyon on piano. A fiery and intoxicating blend of music, peppered with insightful tales. **A £35**** (£30 to residents and season ticket holders)



Daphne's Flight

Sunday 4th August

12noon Story of Sidmouth Concert

Local music groups and festival guests star in this special concert, reflecting the rich history of this seaside regency town in words and music. **A £16**



Karine Polwart

3.15pm Karine Polwart + support

Multi-award-winning Scottish songwriter, folk singer and storyteller, **Karine Polwart** sings of hidden histories, scientific curiosity and folklore. Known for her many successful collaborations, Karine's solo show at Sidmouth brings a rare chance to enjoy an intimate and conversational performance from 'a glorious singer, enquiring songwriter and enlightened mind' MOJO. **A £26**

8pm Steve Knightley & Friends

Our Festival patron **Steve Knightley** (Show of Hands) is joined by friends that aim to 'spark joy and connection' for a special Sidmouth concert, including renowned musicians **Johnny Kalsi** (The Dohl Foundation), **Eliza Marshall** (Ranagri) and **Bennet Cerven** (The Troubled Notes) to introduce their exciting new festival band, Dream in Colors to the loyal Ham audience. **A £35**** (£30 to residents and season ticket holders)

Monday 5th August

12noon Daphne's Flight + support

One of the most exciting vocal groups on the acoustic scene, their energy on stage is matched only by their collective talents. Featuring 5 of the finest singer-songwriters of their generation, the music of **Daphne's Flight** is a unique and magical blend, completely captivating audiences with their complex harmony arrangements, unbridled energy and infectious joy of performing, inspiring and uplifting anyone in the room. **A £22**

The Ham Concerts

Monday 5th August Continued

3.15pm **Catrin Finch & Aoife ni Bhriain**

+ support

Dublin native **Aoife Ni Bhriain** is a gifted and versatile violinist who commands both the classical world and her Irish traditional heritage. Alongside her is harpist **Catrin Finch** from the west coast of Wales, last seen at Sidmouth in an unforgettable show with Seckou Keita. Their debut album together, *Double You*, features an exquisite collection of new compositions taking inspiration from various genres. **A £25**



Catrin Finch & Aoife ni Bhriain

8pm **Spiers & Boden** + support

Described by *The Guardian* as 'the finest instrumental duo on the traditional scene', **Spiers and Boden** have been mesmerising audiences since they first appeared as a duo in 2001. After winning a clutch of BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and forming the extraordinarily successful folk big band, *Bellowhead*, the duo reformed in 2021 and went on to reach number 3 in the Official Folk Albums Chart and a MOJO top 10 folk album of the year with their album *Fallow Ground*. **A £35**** (£30 to residents & season ticket holders)

Tuesday 6th August

12noon **Paul Downes & Phil Beer & Friends**

Talented guitarist and singer of songs, **Paul Downes** and multi-instrumentalist, **Phil Beer**, are two hugely experienced and highly respected folk musicians. Join them as they celebrate 50 years of performing together, along with some invited guests. **A £26**

3.15pm **Spooky Men's Chorale** + support

Described as 'a wagonload of Spike Milligans' the **Spooky Men's Chorale** are no strangers to Sidmouth Folk Festival. Expect Georgian table songs, pin drop beautiful ballads, highly inappropriate covers and, as always, expect the unexpected. Front man Stephen Taberner will have you singing in your seats. 'High camp, epic folly – probably the best programming choice of the entire summer festival circuit' *The Irish Times*. Don't miss them. **This event is covered by All-in-One Tickets, Week & Tuesday Season Tickets. Event tickets (£30) available on the door, subject to availability.**

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8pm **Ralph McTell** + support

One of the greatest storytellers, **Ralph McTell** is now celebrating more than 50 years on the road. Known for his virtuoso guitar style, he is primarily a prolific and gifted songwriter. His iconic 'Streets of London', released in 1974, earned him an Ivor Novello Award. In 2002, he was presented with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. **A £38**** (£33 to residents & season ticket holders)

Wednesday 7th August

12noon **Blowzabella** + support

A unique band with an inimitable sound, **Blowzabella** compose their own music, influenced by English & European traditional folk music and song. Band members Andy Cutting (diatonic button accordion); Jo Freya (vocals, saxophone, clarinet); Paul James (vocals, bagpipes, saxophones); David Shepherd (violin); Barn Stradling (bass guitar) and Jon Swayne (bagpipes and saxophone) are much loved and respected. There is no-one quite like them. **A £22**

3.15pm **Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham** + support

Aly and **Phil** have toured together since 1986, charming audiences with their stunning music and on-stage charisma. Witty and humorous banter sit alongside tunes that tug the heartstrings and joyous reels and melodies that will have you tapping your feet. **Aly** and **Phil** have won numerous awards, including BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 'Best Duo Award' and have been nominated for 'live act of the year' in the Scottish Traditional Music Awards. **A £25**



Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham

8pm **Oysterband** + support

After 45 years on the road, **Oysterband** have decided to take the tour bus out for its last ride during 2024. See them while you can. Winners of several BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, including 'Best Band', twice, **Oysterband's** songwriting has given us folk canon favourites such as *The Oxford Girl*, *When I'm Up (I Can't Get Down)* and *Put Out the Lights*. Expect passion and energy from this iconic band. **A £37**** (£32 to residents & season ticket holders)

This Taster Programme offers an overview of the festival.

The Ham Concerts

Thursday 8th August

12noon Jo Freya with Fi Fraser, Andy Cutting, Mary Macmaster, Tim Edey and other surprise guests

Multi-instrumentalist, singer, composer and Artistic Director of the National Youth Folk Ensemble (2023-2026), **Jo Freya** is no stranger to Sidmouth Folk Festival. A singer, saxophonist, clarinet and whistle-blowing pianist, Jo has been described as the chameleon of Folk, playing in many bands and with completely different styles. **£18**



Jo Freya



The Breath

2.45pm Martin Simpson + The Breath

Universally acclaimed as one of the finest ever acoustic and slide guitar players, and a fine banjo-picker to boot, **Martin Simpson** shows bear witness to an artist at the very top of his game. Whether interpreting material from tradition or singing his own potent self-penned songs, Simpson is a remarkable storyteller: captivating and profoundly moving.

The Breath are Manchester based guitar-whizz, Stuart McCallum and singer/ flautist Rioghnach Connolly. Connolly is a folk singer with a larger-than- life personality and a powerful stop-you-in-your-tracks voice to match. Together they perform honest, personal, heartfelt songs as likely to touch on childhood summers as cultural dislocation and grief. An award-winning duo, not to be missed. **£26**

8pm Kate Rusby + support

Named as one of the Top Ten Folk Voices of the Century, a Mercury Prize Winner, and a 6- times BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winner, **Kate Rusby** has universal appeal, and her warm, Yorkshire sense of humour brings joy and merriment to her live performances. No stranger to Sidmouth, Kate is joining us in her 50th birthday year, accompanied by her very talented band. Expect to be delighted by songs old and new. **£38**** (£33 to residents and season ticket holders)



Kate Rusby

Friday 9th August

12noon Festival Workshop Showcase

A chance to see the fruits of some of the week's workshops. Free Entry

3.15pm Chris Wood & Andy Cutting + National Youth Folk Ensemble

Dynamic duo Chris Wood and Andy Cutting are back in Sidmouth where it all started. Forming a partnership 35 years ago, after meeting here, they are now considered to be one of the most influential acts on the British folk music scene. Chris Wood, known as one of folk's most original singer-songwriters, is also a skilled multi-instrumentalist, while Andy's consummate melodeon playing has been described as 'glorious, joyful, moving, subtle, emotionally charged', and 'totally spell-binding' (June Tabor). **£25**



O'Hooley & Tidow

7.30pm O'Hooley & Tidow + Angeline Morrison & the Sorrow Songs Band

Propelled into newfound fame for penning the theme tune to the hit BBC1/HBO drama, 'Gentleman Jack', much loved Yorkshire folk duo **Belinda O'Hooley** and **Heidi Tidow** are exceptional singer-songwriters. Described by The Independent as 'defiant, robust, northern, poetical, political folk music for the times we live in', the duo have recorded their first full studio album in seven years, and we can't wait to hear them perform it.

Folk singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, **Angeline Morrison** is joined by Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne, Hamilton Gross and Clarke Camilleri, bringing us music from their award winning album, 'The Sorrow Songs: Folk Songs of Black British Experience'. **£25**



Angeline Morrison & Sorrow Songs Band

See www.sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk for more details.

Big Nights Out @ The Bulverton

The Bulverton is the place to be for high energy festival action, from dusk to dawn. And dusk again.

See some of the best bands on the scene at this stunning venue. Then dance the late night away to a foot-stomping ceilidh band, cheer on the extraordinary midnight dance spots, and enjoy laidback campfire vibes at the LNEs, before chilling into the early hours at Betsy's, the onsite bar and atmospheric home to Sidmouth's famous late-night sessions. All out of earshot of the family campers.

If you need some extra energy to get you through the night, tuck into something tasty from one of the onsite caterers, and whatever your tittle - cocktails, mocktails, ales, ciders... the friendly bar team are there to keep you lubricated.

And if views are your thing, they don't come better than this. Stunning sunsets (and sunrises if you are still going strong) and late-night lights over Sidmouth town.

Don't be put off by 'the hill'; it's alive with the sound of music and you won't want to leave once you get there. And for those driving, the Festival Car Park is right alongside.

During the daytimes at Bulverton, explore a vibrant array of workshops. From lively morris mornings to engaging afternoon crafts, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The Bulverton Big Night's Out Programme Standing Concerts & Late Night Ceilidhs

Doors and Sessions 7pm, Support acts 8.15pm. Headliners on stage approx. 9.05pm unless otherwise stated
LNE starts 11.15pm. LNE dance displays at midnight. LNE ends 01.15am.

Tickets include Late Night Extra (LNE) events, Betsy's and Campfire sessions.

Friday 2nd August

Skipinnish + Jack Rutter

An iconic name on the Celtic music scene, **Skipinnish** have their roots deeply entrenched in the rich musical traditions of Scotland. A powerhouse band blending voice, bagpipes, accordions, fiddles, on a rhythmical foundation of drums, bass and keyboards, as **Skipinnish** steps into its 25th year, they remain a beacon of Scottish music.

A £26 (£10)

LNE : Tickled Pink, Caller Cate Haynes

Tickled Pink doing it just one more time. A 'one time only' full line up reunion of the 'enfants terrible' of the ceilidh scene. Originally formed in 1989 as the perfect antidote to the stiff-starchy Country-dance bands of the time. They set out to be a band that could play traditional English music that rocked, rather than just being another 'Folk Rock' Band.



Tickled Pink



Skipinnish

Saturday 3rd August

Sea Song Sessions + Frankie Archer

A rare festival appearance, showcasing some of the best of the current crop of British folk artists - Jon Boden, Seth Lakeman, Ben Nicholls, Emily Portman, Jack Rutter - and delivering some of the best music you're likely to hear this year. The Sessions is a collection of British maritime folk songs and sea shanties from each artist's repertoire, including some newly written for these sessions.

A £27 (£10)

LNE: Folk Camps Party Band.

Caller Barry Goodman

Reflecting the Folk Camps ethos of inclusivity and fun, this multi-generational Party Band are great to dance to, and the excitement and joy of music making by all in the band is a joy to witness.

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Big Nights Out @ The Bulverton

Sunday 4th August

We Are The Monsters + Saltfishforty

Tyneside electro-folk pioneers, the freestyle dance version of the **Monster Ceilidh Band**, features accordion star Amy Thatcher, violinist Grace Smith, octave mandolin player Kieran Szifris, drummer Joe Truswell and award-winning electronic experimentalist and bassist David de la Haye.

Powerhouse duo **Saltfishforty** bring fresh and dynamic rhythms direct from Orkney.
A £18 (£10)

LNE: The Cock & Bull Band.

Caller Michael Catovsky

As they enter their firth decade, **The Cock & Bull Band** continue to be one of the most exciting folk-rock bands on the circuit.



Mad Dog Mcrea

Monday 5th August

Mad Dog Mcrea + Oli Matthews Band

Local heroes **Mad Dog** blend a unique mixture of folk rock, pop, gypsy jazz and bluegrass music. From self-penned songs of adventure, drinking, love and life to traditional songs of gypsies, fairies, legless pirates and black flies – Mad Dog capture their audience with their infectious songs.

Oli Matthews and his folk-funk Band deliver gripping melodies, punchy brass sections and funky bass lines, delivered with an energetic vibe.
A £18 (£10)

LNE: Melrose Ceilidh Band. Caller Fee Lock

This is a ceilidh with a difference, as **Melrose** use their strong acapella harmony singing as well as instruments for the dance music, to great effect.

See www.sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk for more details.



Blowzabella

Tuesday 6th August - 70th Dance Special

Blowzabella + Re:Vulva

A unique band that makes a driving drone-based wall of sound, played with a fabulous sense of melody, rhythmic expertise and sheer feeling. Andy Cutting, Jo Freya, Paul James, David Shepherd, Barn Stradling and Jon Swayne compose their own music, influenced by English and European traditional folk music and song.

Re:Vulva are a dynamic four piece infusing irresistible millennial pop vibes with undying folk traditions.
A £29 (£10)

LNE: The Oyster Ceilidh Band with special guests. Callers Nancy & Gordon Potts.

Making the most of their long goodbye, celebrating 45 years on the road, the **Oyster Ceilidh Band** will have that Bulverton floor bouncing. A Sidmouth Special to remember.

Wednesday 7th August

Kinnaris Quintet + support

Renowned for having a style quite like no other – powerful, fresh, euphoric, raw, enigmatic and emotive – **Kinnaris Quintet** are one of the must-see acts on the live music scene. Expect uplifting and driving harmonies, intricate arrangements, and joy in abundance.
A £22 (£10)

LNE: See website for details.



Kinnaris Quintet

Big Nights Out @ The Bulverton (Standing Venue)



Manran

Thursday 8th August

Manran + Filkin's Ensemble

The multi award-winning Scottish supergroup have been at the heart of the Scottish traditional music scene for over a decade, bringing their uplifting and unique live performances to stages across the world. Their self-penned tunes performed on a mixture of traditional and modern instruments, and outstanding songs in Gaelic and English, make for a vibrant live performance.

"Incendiary fire to send a lively crowd into a frenzied seething mass" – Fatea Records

LNE: Bedlam. Caller Gordon Potts

Vibrant and pulsating music, this festival favourite foursome blends traditional British, French and original compositions with driving rhythms and powerful harmonies to create their unique and inspiring sound.

A £22 (£10)

Friday 9th August

Brown Boots Boogie Band (Final LNE)

Brown Boots Boogie Band is the punchy and energetic group led by Will Allen on melodeon and Martin Clarke on fiddle, with piano from Will Chamberlain and Paul Quarry on snare drum. This is music meant for dancing. All the energy of a late-night session with a totally unstoppable groove.

A £16 (£10)



Bulverton LNE

Bulverton events are included in the All-In-One, Bulverton-in-One, and relevant Season tickets. A limited number of £10 tickets for those aged 25 and Under are available in advance for each Bulverton Evening Concert.

Daytimes at the Bulverton

Explore dance traditions from across the Isles with morning workshops from our invited Display Dance teams. In the afternoon, join Mark Clarke and the Creativity team for daily craft workshops from stone carving to iron work, with beautiful views over the Sidmouth Valley. Plus special one-off song workshops (did someone say Spooky Men's Choral...?). See the full programme in July for details.



Bulverton Campfire

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Special Performance!
Monday 5th August, 9pm

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Authentic Tribute!
Tuesday 6th August, 9pm



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This Taster Programme offers an overview of the festival.

Ceilidhs

Dance the night and day away every day of the Festival with a packed programme of ceilidhs and dances. Highlights from the Blackmore Gardens Marquee, at the heart of the town, include:

Friday 2nd August, 7.30pm

Polkaworks Caller **Erin Mansfield**

Polkaworks have festival audiences leaping about the dance floor at every ceilidh. Katie Howson, Jeannie Harris, Fi Fraser, Nina Hansell, Sue Harris and Gareth Kiddier have, influenced the shape and sound of traditional English dance music for over forty years.

Saturday 3rd August, 7.30pm

Cock & Bull Band Caller **Michael Catovsky**

Effortlessly fusing traditional instruments with cutting edge music technology, **The Cock & Bull Band** have begun their fifth decade of providing exciting and adventurous ceilidh experiences.

Sunday 4th August, 7.30pm

The Old Swan Band & Friends

Callers **Fi Fraser & Jo Freya**

The influential 'tour de force' that is **The Old Swan Band** has chosen Sidmouth Folk Festival to celebrate 50 years in the business. Joining the party will be musician friends made over the years and hopefully a few youngsters influenced by the band.

Monday 5th August, 7.30pm

Granny's Attic

Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne, George Sansome, and Lewis Wood have captivated audiences with their thrilling performances and expert renditions of traditional folk music since 2009. High-octane playing with verve, energy and their own inimitable style.

Tuesday 6th August, 7.30pm

Shooting Roots Celebration & New Callers Showcase Ceilidh: James Delarre, Saul Rose & Dave Delarre

Ex-Shooting Roots alumni **James and Dave Delarre**, and old friend **Saul Rose** are known for their excellent musicianship, warmth, energy and exquisite delivery of traditional tunes.

Wednesday 7th August, 7.30pm

Morris Wednesday, hosted by Great Western Morris

Who better to host the 70th Festival Morris Party night than Exeter-based **Great Western Morris** - high quality and energetic Cotswold dancing with an emphasis on keeping morris a colourful, living tradition, full of fun. Look out for the fancy dress theme and ceilidh band coming soon and expect madcap and energetic evening of morris mayhem!

Thursday 8th August, 7.30pm

Sidmouth Seaside Stompers Ceilidh Band

Caller **Nick Walden**

The Children's Festival Workshop Ceilidh Band take the stage for the evening, along with some fabulous entertainment spots. £12 (Family £18)

Friday 9th August, 7pm

Celebration Contra with Hoik

Caller **Charlotte Rich-Griffin**

Edward Wallace (fiddle), Alan Brunier (accordion) and Tom Oakes (guitar) - play dance music with drive and lift, with tunes from the borders of British Isles and American traditions.



Polkaworks

The calling and teaching style for each ceilidh and folk dance will be detailed in the Main Programme, available in July. Callers include Alison Rowley • Barry Goodman • Erin Mansfield • Emma Wooders • Fee Lock • Gordon Potts • Hannah Moore • Ian Nichols • Jane Bird • Nick Walden • Nancy Potts • Martin Clarke • Michael Catovsky

Events are included in All-in-One and Week/Day Season Tickets. If space permits, evening dance tickets will be available on the door for £16 (£12 for Family Ceilidh), cash only.

Bulverton Late Night Extras Ceilidhs

The energetic and fun-filled Late Night Extra Ceilidhs at The Bulverton feature **Tickled Pink, Bedlam, The Oyster Ceilidh Band, Brown Boots Boogie Band, Melrose Ceilidh Band, Folk Camps Party Band** and more - see pages 8 to 10 for more details.

The Anchor Inn Ceilidhs

The Anchor Inn on Old Fore Street, at the heart of the town and the festival, provides a lively, family-friendly atmosphere. The Garden behind the pub offers a welcome home for lunchtime and late afternoon ceilidhs including **Jigfoot, 3 Sticks, Mrs. Midnights, Polkaworks, The Monster Ceilidh Band, Crowdy-Kit, James Delarre, Saul Rose & Dave Delarre, EFDSS Ceilidh Band** and more.



Folk Dance

Folk Dance has been the essence of Sidmouth Folk Festival since the very beginning in 1955, and our 70th edition promises another full week of amazing dancing to enjoy by the seaside!

With over 80 folk dances and workshops spread across 6 town centre venues, get ready for a fun-filled week of summertime dance.

Lynne Render, Adam Hughes and Sam Tetley-Smith will be calling contras with **Vertical Expression, WillPower**, and Edward Wallace's new band **Hoik**. **Frances Richardson, Bob Morgan, Daisy Black and Georgia Delve** will provide a wonderful range of English dances, from Playford and Regency to modern compositions. Alongside them, **Chris & Julie Dewhurst, 3D, Folkus Pocus** and **Double Dichotomy** will deliver spectacular music.

Kerry Fletcher will host a variety of Euro dance events from "Team Euro" with **Oscina, Doug Eunson & Sarah Matthews** playing Balfolk and **Nicky McConkey** playing for Scandi dancing.

For our afternoon workshops, **Bridget Flett** returns with Scottish Dancing, while **Kevin & Carol Monaghan** will lead Irish Set Dancing, and **Helen Richards**, joined by musicians from **Eglamore** and **Fayre Play**, will explore Renaissance music and dance.

Evening dances will feature Playford, Eurobals, Irish Set dance ceili, and a mix of English, American, and mixed evening dances. Plus, a new edition to the programme this year, the Stepping Ceilidh Party, an evening of steppy social dances and floor spots with MC **Jane Bird** and guests.

So much choice, only one week to fit it all in!

The calling and teaching style for each ceilidh and folk dance will be detailed in the Main Programme, available in July.



Oscina

Evening highlights include

Friday 2nd August

7.30pm St Teresa's Church Hall
Welcome Dance – American with **Lynne Render and Vertical Expression**

7.30pm Methodist Church Hall
Welcome Dance – Mixed with **Frances Richardson and Double Dichotomy**

7.30pm All Saints Church
Welcome Bal with **Kerry Fletcher and Oscina**



Saturday 3rd August

7.30pm St Teresa's Church Hall
Contra with **Adam Hughes and Vertical Expression**

7.30pm Methodist Church Hall
Mixed Dance with **Bridget Flett and Double Dichotomy**

7.30pm Stowford Rise
Bal with **Doug Eunson and Sarah Matthews**

Sunday 4th August

7.30pm St Teresa's Church Hall
Contra with **Sam Tetley-Smith and Vertical Expression**

7.30pm Methodist Church Hall
Mixed Dance with **Daisy Black and Folkus Pocus**

7.30pm Stowford Rise
Playford Ball with **Frances Richardson and Chris and Julie Dewhurst**

This Taster Programme offers an overview of the festival.

Folk Dance

Monday 5th August

7.30pm Methodist Church Hall
Regency Ball with Georgia Delve and Double Dichotomy

7.30pm St Teresa's Church Hall
Stepping Ceilidh Party with MC Jane Bird, Toby Bennett and guests, plus Brown Boots & Will Chamberlain

7.30pm Stowford Rise
Contra with Bob Morgan and Hoik



Tuesday 6th August

7.30pm St Teresa's Church Hall
Contra with Bridget Flett & 3D

7.30pm Methodist Church Hall
Contra with Adam Hughes and Folkus Pocus

7.30pm Stowford Rise
Irish Ceili with Carol and Kevin Monaghan and WillPower



Will Power

Wednesday 7th August

7.30pm St Teresa's Church Hall
Contra with Lynne Render and WillPower

7.30pm Methodist Church Hall
Bal & Scandi Evening with Team Euro (Oscina & Nicky McConkey)

7.30pm Conservative Club
Playford Party with Daisy Black and Double Dichotomy



Thursday 8th August

7.30pm St Teresa's Church Hall
Contra with Adam Hughes and Double Dichotomy

7.30pm Methodist Church Hall
Mixed Dance with Bob Morgan and Folkus Pocus

Friday 9th August

7pm Blackmore Gardens Marquee
Celebration Contra with Charlotte Rich-Griffin and Hoik

7pm Methodist Church Hall
Celebration Bal with Kerry Fletcher and Team Euro (Oscina & Nicky McConkey)

All events are included in All-in-One and Week Season Tickets - on sale now.

If space permits, individual event tickets will be available at the door for evening dances at £16, cash only.



At a Glance

| Time | | Adult * ** | 25 & Under (12-25yrs) <small>Limited number</small> | Youth 12-17 (Tickets for under 11s free) | Advance Tickets Available |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Thursday 1st August | | | | | |
| 3pm | The Ham Pre- Festival Special ● Fisherman's Friends | £39** | | £20** | ✓ |
| 8pm | The Ham Pre- Festival Special ● Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain | £39** | | £20** | ✓ |
| Friday 2nd August | | | | | |
| 3pm | The Ham Pre- Festival Special ● Steeleye Span | £39** | | £20** | ✓ |
| 7.30pm | St Teresa's Church Hall ● Welcome Dance - American | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Methodist Church Hall ● Welcome Dance - Mixed | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | All Saints Church Hall ● Welcome Bal | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee ● Ceilidh with Polkaworks | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 8pm | The Ham ● McGoldrick McCusker Doyle + Allison de Groot & Tatiana Hargreaves This first concert is included in Week and Weekend tickets at no extra charge. | £26* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 8.15pm | The Bulverton *** Doors 7.30pm ● Skipinnish Bulverton tickets include Late Night Extra, Betsy's & Campfire sessions | £26* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 11pm | The Bulverton *** Late Night Extra ● Ticked Pink | included in Bulverton Evening tickets | | | |
| Saturday 3rd August | | | | | |
| 11.30am | The Ham Town ● Welcome Concert | Collection | | | ✗ |
| 3pm | Manor Pavilion ● Halsway Young Folk | £10 | | £5 | ✗ |
| 3.15pm | The Ham ● The Melsons (Melrose Quartet & The Wilsons) | £25* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 3.15pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee ● Dance Spectacular | Collection | | | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee ● Ceilidh with The Cock & Bull Band | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Stowford Rise ● Bal | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | St Teresa's Church Hall ● Contra Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Methodist Church Hall ● Mixed Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 8pm | The Ham ● Blazin' Fiddles | £35** | £10 | | ✓ |
| 8pm | Manor Pavilion ● Jim Causley & Miranda Sykes | £19 | | £10 | ✓ |
| 8.15pm | The Bulverton *** Doors and Sessions 7pm ● Sea Song Sessions Bulverton tickets include Late Night Extra, Betsy's & Campfire sessions | £27* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 11pm | The Bulverton *** Late Night Extra ● Folk Camps Party Band | included in Bulverton Evening tickets | | | |
| Sunday 4th August | | | | | |
| 12noon | The Ham ● The Story of Sidmouth | £16* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 3pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee ● John Gasson Jig Competition | Collection | | | ✗ |
| 3.15pm | The Ham ● Karine Polwart | £26* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 3pm | Manor Pavilion ● Chris Hoban's Cartography | £18 | | £9 | ✓ |
| 7.30pm | Methodist Church Hall ● Mixed Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | St Teresa's Church Hall ● Contra Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Stowford Rise ● Playford Ball | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee ● Ceilidh with Old Swan Band & Friends | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 8pm | The Ham ● Steve Knightley + Friends, introducing Dream in Colors | £35** | £10 | | ✓ |
| 8pm | Manor Pavilion ● Peggy Seeger in Conversation | £18 | | £9 | ✓ |
| 8.15pm | The Bulverton *** Doors and Sessions 7pm ● We Are The Monsters Bulverton tickets include Late Night Extra, Betsy's & Campfire sessions | £18* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 11pm | The Bulverton *** Late Night Extra ● Cock & Bull Band | included in Bulverton Evening tickets | | | |
| Monday 5th August | | | | | |
| 12noon | The Ham ● Daphne's Flight | £22* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 3pm | Manor Pavilion ● Celtic Heartbeat | £16 | | £8 | ✓ |
| 3.15pm | The Ham ● Catrin Finch & Aoife Ni Bhriain | £25* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 7.30pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee ● Ceilidh with Granny's Attic | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Methodist Church Hall ● Regency Ball | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Stowford Rise ● Contra Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | St Teresa's Church Hall ● Stepping Ceilidh Party | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 8pm | The Ham ● Spiers & Boden | £35** | £10 | | ✓ |
| 8pm | Manor Pavilion ● Chris While & Julie Matthews | £19 | | £10 | ✓ |
| 8.15pm | The Bulverton *** Doors and Sessions 7pm ● Mad Dog Mcrea Bulverton tickets include Late Night Extra, Betsy's & Campfire sessions | £18* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 11pm | The Bulverton *** Late Night Extra ● Melrose Quintet Ceilidh Band | included in Bulverton Evening tickets | | | |

At a Glance

| Time | | Adult ** | 25 & Under (12-25yrs) <small>Limited number</small> | Youth 12-17 (Tickets for under 11s free) | Advance Tickets Available |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| Tuesday 6th August | | | | | |
| 12noon | The Ham • Paul Downes & Phil Beer | £18* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 3.15pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee • Dance Spectacular | Collection | | | ✗ |
| 3pm | Manor Pavilion • The Folk Detectives | £18 | | £9 | ✓ |
| 3.15pm | The Ham • The Spooky Men's Chorale <small>This event is covered by All in One Tickets, Week & Day Season Tickets. Event tickets available on the door, subject to availability.</small> | £30* | £10* | | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee • Shooting Roots Celebration Ceilidh | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | St Teresa's Church Hall • Contra Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Methodist Church Hall • Contra Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Stowford Rise • Irish Ceili | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 8pm | Manor Pavilion • Pandvani108 | £16 | | £8 | ✓ |
| 8pm | The Ham • Ralph McTell | £38** | £10 | | ✓ |
| 8.15pm | The Bulverton *** Doors and Sessions 7pm • Blowzabella <small>Bulverton tickets include Late Night Extra, Betsy's & Campfire sessions</small> | £29* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 11pm | The Bulverton *** Late Night Extra • The Oyster Ceilidh Band | included in Bulverton Evening tickets | | | |
| Wednesday 7th August | | | | | |
| 12noon | The Ham • Blowzabella | £22* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 2.30pm | Manor Pavilion • Tam Lin Retold | £16 | | £8 | ✓ |
| 3.15pm | The Ham • Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham | £25* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 4.30pm | Manor Pavilion • Sweet Thames | £16 | | £8 | ✓ |
| 7.30pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee • Morris Wednesday | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Methodist Church Hall • Bal & Scandi Evening | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | St Teresa's Church Hall • Contra Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Conversative Club • Playford Party | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 8pm | Manor Pavilion • Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas | £19 | | £10 | ✓ |
| 8pm | The Ham • Oysterband | £37** | £10 | | ✓ |
| 8.15pm | The Bulverton *** Doors and Sessions 7pm • Kinnaris Quintet <small>Bulverton tickets include Late Night Extra, Betsy's & Campfire sessions</small> | £22* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 11pm | The Bulverton *** Late Night Extra • Ceilidh | included in Bulverton Evening tickets | | | |
| Thursday 8th August | | | | | |
| 12noon | The Ham • Jo Freya & Friends | £18* | | | ✓ |
| 3.15pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee • Dance Spectacular | Collection | | | ✗ |
| 2.45pm | The Ham • Martin Simpson + The Breath | £26* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 7.30pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee • Ceilidh with Sidmouth Seaside Stompers | £12 Family £18 | | £6 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | Methodist Church Hall • Mixed Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | St Teresa's Church Hall • Contra Dance | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 8pm | The Ham • Kate Rusby | £38** | £10 | | ✓ |
| 8pm | Manor Pavilion • Murder at the Grange | £19 | | £10 | ✓ |
| 8.15pm | The Bulverton *** Doors and Sessions 7pm • Mànran <small>Bulverton tickets include Late Night Extra, Betsy's & Campfire sessions</small> | £22* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 11pm | The Bulverton *** Late Night Extra • Bedlam | included in Bulverton Evening tickets | | | |
| Friday 9th August | | | | | |
| 12noon | The Ham • Workshop Showcase | Collection | | | ✗ |
| 3pm | Manor Pavilion • The Hearth | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 3.15pm | The Ham • Chris Wood & Andy Cutting + NYFE | £25* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 7pm | Blackmore Gardens Marquee • Celebration Contra | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7pm | Methodist Church Hall • Celebration Bal | £16 | | £8 | ✗ |
| 7.30pm | The Ham • O'Hooley & Tidow + Angeline Morrison & the Sorrow Songs Band <small>This final concert is included in Week and Friday Day tickets at no extra charge</small> | £25* | £10 | | ✓ |
| 11pm | The Bulverton *** Late Night Extra • Brown Boots Boogie Band <small>Doors and Sessions 9pm</small> | £16 | £10 | | ✓ |

*Discounts available for residents. ** discounts available for residents and Season Ticket holders. *** The Bulverton Marquee is a Standing Venue. See the Festival Programme (available in July) for more events & full details. Advance Rate tickets available until Midnight 28th July. From Monday 29th July At The Festival ticket rates apply. All Festival events are included in All-in-One Ticket tickets (excluding the 3 Pre-Festival concerts). Season Tickets include all Festival events except pre-festivals & Sat - Thu Ham evening concerts for the period of the ticket.

In The Tradition

One of the many bonuses of a week-long festival are the many opportunities to see festival guests in more intimate spaces, in small venues around the town, as well as headlining main stages.

The grass-roots heart of the Festival is the In The Tradition series.

A programme of intimate acoustic performances, sessions, singarounds, stories and talks, plus daily Traditional Nights Out, hosted by Dan Quinn & Mike Bettison, Ballad Sessions with Sheila Miller & Moira Craig, and the brilliant Festival Folk Club - Folk Arts Acoustic.



Guests include... Chris Foster, Christine Kydd, Jack Lynch & Len Graham, John Kirkpatrick & Su Harris, Jill Pidd, Mossy Christian & Megan Wisdom, Sara Grey, Seb Stone, Taffy Thomas, Thomas McCarthy, Vic Legg, plus returning regulars include Paul Downes & Annie Winter, Katie Howson, Colin Andrews with Des & Maggie Redwood, Kitty Vernon & Tim Edwards and Bill Crawford.

The Arts Centre (next to the Manor Pavilion) is home to daily talks and lectures, acoustic Meet the Band shows, and evening Trad Nights Out. A full week of Talks and Presentations by Doc Rowe, Sara Grey, Peter & Barbara Snape, Lucy Wright, Martin Graebe, Eddie Upton, Janet Dowling, Michael Heaney and many more, includes:



Jack Lynch & Len Graham

Tipping Point Land & Sea (Luke Daniels and guests)

Folk singer Luke Daniels intertwines science and society through traditional music and storytelling, taking the audience on a journey from Neolithic times to the present, and sharing narratives of farmers and fisherfolk involved in the project.

Mossy Christian & Megan Wisdom - Where is My Boy Tonight?

A brand new show exploring the stories of England's East coast fishing communities through a blend of live music and field recordings, with archive photographs and illustrations.

These events are included in All-in-One & Season tickets, individual tickets might be available on the door if space allows.



Christine Kydd



Intimate Concerts

If you're looking for hidden gems, this is where to find them. Town Centre venues include the Cellar Bar at Kennaway House, Methodist Church, Old Dissenting Meeting House (Unitarian Chapel), Arts Centre, and more.

The Cellar Bar is home for intimate concerts including the Cellarful of Folkadelphia afternoon sessions, opening the door to a new world of possibilities inspired by tradition, and The EFDSS Presents concerts, showcasing the talents of the established and emerging folk stars of the next generation.

Amongst the exciting names are Bird in the Belly, Old Spot, Charm of Finches, Jali Bakary Konteh, Janice Burns & Jon Doran, Michell, Pfeiffer & Kulesh, Holly Clarke, Stick in the Wheel, Samia Malik, Chloe Matharu, Teilhard Frost and Mikey Kenney, plus many more to come.

See the Main Programme in July for a full schedule of all venues.

Manor Pavilion

In the heart of town, the Manor Pavilion is an intimate venue with comfy theatre style raked seating. It even has its own bar. If you've been to events at the Manor before, you will know it is a beautiful theatre full of charm, history and character, much like many of the events that we host there...

Highlights include:

Saturday 3rd August

8pm Jim Causley & Miranda Sykes Present: Ghosts, Werewolves And Countryfolk

- The Songs And Stories Of Sabine Baring-Gould

Celebrating the centenary the pioneering Victorian folk song collector and author. Jim & Miranda bring his fascinating life to the stage, weaving together music, narration, and historical anecdotes for an engaging and uplifting experience. A £19

Sunday 4th August

3pm Cartography

Through narrative and song, Chris Hoban weaves an earthy vision of England and its ever-evolving relationship between landowners, commoners, workers, worshippers and even allotmenters, helped by special guests including Sidmouth Town Band. A £18



Folk Detectives



Peggy Seeger

8pm Peggy Seeger in Conversation

An intimate conversation with a unique artist who has carved a special place in the folk pantheon of both the UK and the USA. A £18

Monday 5th August

3pm An Afternoon with Celtic Heartbeat

'Thame and the River' delves into the history of Thame through songs, stories, and curated images, an engaging afternoon of foot-tapping music and storytelling. A £16

8pm Chris While & Julie Matthews

Celebrating 30 years of unrivaled musical partnership, these most loved singer songwriters are sounding as fresh and vital as ever. A £19

Tuesday 6th August

3pm The Folk Detectives

Matthew Crampton & Paul Hutchinson return in this tongue-in-cheek show overflowing with comedy, music, song, and lively audience participation and a quest to 'uphold the lore - the folklore'; despite a history of technical mishaps and audience revolt at previous attempts. A £18

See www.sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk for more details.



Chris While & Julie Matthews

8pm Pandvani108 - The winner takes it all

Tricksters, deities, strange childhoods, complicated marriages, and cosmic crises collide in the hands of this ever-exuberant ensemble! Music, myth and fairytale for grown-ups. A £16

Wednesday 7th August

2.30pm Tam Lin Retold (Corinne Harragin & Nick Hart)

Live improvised music with unscripted oral storytelling, to take you under the green hill and bring you back out again. A £16

4.30pm Ewan Wardrop: Sweet Thames: The London Folk Club Heritage Project

Set in a 1960s London folk club, written and performed by actor, dancer, multi-instrumentalist and musical comedian Ewan Wardrop, the show brings to life the words of those associated with London's folk scene, offering a unique and captivating experience. A £16

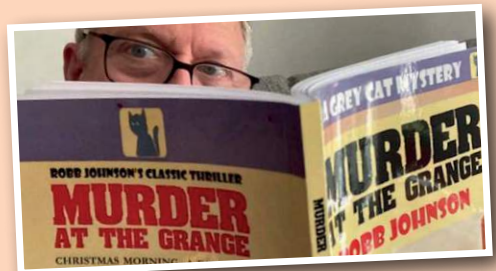
8pm Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas

The musical partnership between Scottish fiddler Alasdair and brilliant Californian cellist Natalie truly sets the standard for fiddle and cello in traditional music. A £19

Thursday 8th August

8pm Murder At The Grange

Robb Johnson and his Irregulars stage a lively comedic Whodunnit, resembling a BBC radio drama, set on Christmas morning with a dead man in a locked room; everyone harbours a motive, but the mystery lies in discovering who holds the key. A £19



Robb Johnson

Storytelling & Spoken Word

Storytelling is an intrinsic part of Sidmouth Folk Festival, over the years all corners of the town have been filled with tales of wonder from around the world.

We're delighted to bring another packed programme of storytellers, events, morning story telling circles with **Ean Richardson**, early evening storyrounds with **Mo Keast** and **Tom Goodale**, late-night ghost stories, workshops and much more to the 70th Festival.



Peter Chand



Barbara Griggs

Spoken Word

Ilse Pedler returns with Poetry sessions in the Royal Glen Hotel, ending in a Friday showcase. Explore how the power of words can be channelled into protest and social change with **Word Kitchen**.



Tam Lin retold

With more events to come, here's a taster...

David Heathfield - beginner and improvers storytelling workshops plus Tales from around the World events.

Jack Lynch & Len Graham - Tall tales, splendid songs and wickedly wise words. Two of Ireland's finest performers conspire to delight you with great songs and heart-warming stories.

Janet Dowling presents The Thirteenth Zodiac and the Lost Boy, an interactive retelling of the Orion Star Myth in the Sky

Matthew Crampton - folk stories and songs from a Sidmouth Folk Festival favourite.

Mike O'Connor & Barbara Griggs - The Prophecy Of Merlin - a fast paced epic adventure story.

Pandvani108 - Ben Haggarty, Emily Hennessey and Steph Brittain with Raoul Neumann, Sheema Mukherjee and Rav Neiyar.

Peter Chand - powerful, evocative and moving stories from the Indian subcontinent.

Taffy Thomas - workshops, yarns, stories of music, joy & life and the famous 'Tale Coat' from The Storyteller. Look out for some very special Sidmouth events with Taffy when the main programme is released.

Tam Lin Retold (Corinne Harragin & Nick Hart) live improvised music with unscripted oral storytelling, inspired by the Ballad of Tam Lin.



Pandvani108

Help Create Our 70th Celebration Poem

Ilse Pedler is crafting a special 70th poem inspired by YOUR memories. Share your festival experiences: from legendary muddy years to memorable encounters and Sidmouth's evolution over the decades.

Send your memories in 200 words or less to ilsepedler@protonmail.com by the end of June.

Your recollections will not only shape the poem but also be featured on our Festival memory tree, growing throughout the Festival week with more memories.



Taffy Thomas

This Taster Programme offers an overview of the festival.

Workshops

One of the fabulous features of The Sidmouth Folk Festival is the chance to dig deep into folk culture and to learn something new. While our artistic programme showcases the breadth of the Folk genres, our workshop programme gives you a depth of experience that it is hard to find elsewhere.



Whether you want to dip into a one-off singing session, spend the week in a scratch band, learn a new instrument, or to be fascinated by our educational lecture series, there is something for you.

Our comprehensive workshops programme features a dazzling array of music, dance and song options, providing wonderful opportunities to indulge your curiosity and develop

skills in a safe and welcoming community of professionals and learners. Many of the series' lead to showcase performances at the end of the week.

Workshops and lectures are included in your All-in-One, Week, Weekend and Day tickets. But if you just want to throw yourself into learning for the week, discounted books of six workshop passes are available.

Full details of the 250+ workshops will be available at sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk in July, including:

Song

Sandra Kerr's unmissable, warm, and supportive Sidmouth Festival Choir. Classical Indian Song with **Samia Malik**, Bulgarian song with **Eugenia Georgieva**, Shape Note with **New Jerusalem**, a focus on Cornish Carols with **Mike Bailey** and Sheffield carols with **Seb Stone**, Song Writing with **Angeline Morrison**, **Jon Boden's** Colourchord system for empowering untrained singers to sight-sing in four part harmony, and **Stream of Sound's** popular singing workshops for adults, plus accompanied and unaccompanied song and more!



Instrumental

Returning favourites include **John Kirkpatrick** with his Festival Concert Band and **Nick & Mary Barber** with the Big Band, **John Dipper's** advanced fiddle workshops, **Saul Rose** with Advanced Melodeon, and **Pat Brennan's** Beginners' Whistle workshops. Squeezebox from Scratch (**Ed Rennie & Helena Painting**) return with Absolute Beginners' Melodeon, Folkulele is back with **Norma Mills**, and popular percussion workshops include **Louisa Davies-Foley** on bones and **Alice Jones** on body percussion. Learn Orkney tunes with **Saltfishforty**, or Flamenco with **Matt Sullivan**, Northumbrian pipes and tunes with **Camus** or explore a melody accompaniment masterclass with **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas**.

For a brilliant entry into the world of session playing, try the 'Well Known Tunes at a Steady Pace' workshops, led by **Jannette Stewart**.



Dance

From Appalachian to Zulu Tradition, dancers are spoilt for choice with a full A-Z of dance workshops from morn til dusk, including Contra and Ceilidh, Scandi and Scottish, Bhangra and Border, Stepping and Swing, Irish, Rapper, Bal, and so much more. New and experienced callers can hone their craft with both workshops and performance opportunities throughout the festival.

Crafts

Creative Making sessions return to Bulverton with **Mark Clarke** and team, offering Stone Carving, Sketching and Drawing, Green Woodworking, Cold Forming Metalwork, Leatherwork, and more.

Storytelling & Spoken Word (see also page 18)

Daily led storyrounds provide an inclusive and supportive environment to take part, alongside beginner and improvers storytelling workshops with **David Heathfield**. **Ilse Pedler** offers daily poetry sessions and **Word Kitchen** explore the links between poetry, song and protest.

Talks (see also page 16)

Explore a wide range of talks from **Doc Rowe**, **Peter & Barbara Snape**, **Lucy Wright**, **Martin Graebe**, **Sara Grey**, **Eddie Upton**, **Janet Dowling**, **Michael Heaney** and more.

See the Main Programme in July for the full Talk series and workshop details..

Youth Festival

Sidmouth's packed Youth Festival (for ages 12-17) offers a chance to make new friends, learn new skills, perform, play and just hang out on the beach.

Run by young people, for young people, Shooting Roots & Stream of Sound workshops are based at the central All Saints Church classrooms, and end with amazing showcase performances from newly formed bands, dance sides, choirs and theatre groups at the Manor and seafront.

As the sun sets, don't miss our famous Betsy's Bash sessions up on the Bulverton hill. Play banging tunes, sing songs with Stream of Sound, and enjoy some silly games, making this a favourite early doors haunt for young festival goers.

Shooting Roots

A long time ago, exactly 30 years ago, **Shooting Roots** was born at Sidmouth Folk Festival! This summer, we're returning stronger than ever, bringing you a full program of youth workshops (for ages 12-17) that you know and love! We can't wait!

Whether you're new to **Shooting Roots** or a returning participant, come join us for our Welcome Session on Saturday to meet the tutors, play games, and discover the week's theme!



To mark our 30th anniversary, we're celebrating with a ceilidh on Tuesday 6th August at Blackmore Garden's Marquee, featuring plenty of **Shooting Roots** surprises and special guests. So, come down to see what we offer for the youth at the festival and join us in celebrating! Keep an eye out for other events happening in the wider festival, showcasing the next generation of folkies.



Stream of Sound

The sumptuous **Stream of Sound**, deservedly well-known for their Sidmouth song workshops for over 15 years, are celebrating their 25th Anniversary with special events including a spectacular concert at the Methodist Church.

Youth Workshops include:

Craft Day: Newbies and old hands alike can get stuck in on the Sunday, learning exciting traditional craft skills and making something to take home.

Theatre: Make new friends, gain confidence and unleash creativity through theatre workshops filled with laughter and collaboration, leading to a showcase on Thursday.

Storytelling: No experience necessary, try your hand at the traditional art of storytelling, with **Shooting Roots'** unique twist, culminating in a Storyround at the end of the week.

Dance: Learn some cool folk dances to perform in our very own spot on the Esplanade on the final Friday!

Funky World Band: Bring along your instruments and create a great big funky band, suitable for all abilities, leading to a showcase on Thursday.

Song: Join **Stream of Sound's** Harmonious Throng and be swept up in the glorious unaccompanied singing of songs.

No experience needed for workshops, and no pressure to join in the end-of-week performances - but it's a lot of fun if you do!



The folk scene in 2024 is bursting with extraordinary young performers, we are pleased to be joined by more of the county's finest young folkies from **NYFE (National Youth Folklore Troupe of England)**, **National Youth Folk Ensemble (NYFE)**, **Halsway Youth Folk**, **Folk Camps Party Band** and even more in the *Eye on the Future* concerts.

With this jam-packed program of events throughout the week, there's never a dull moment for young people at Sidmouth Folk Festival, and we can't wait to share this week with all of you!

See you there!



New Callers Showcase

Your chance to call as part of the **Shooting Roots** celebration ceilidh. An opportunity for any ceilidh callers not previously booked at Sidmouth. Deadline for applications: 24th May 5pm and you'll hear back by the 31st May. Check out the application form on the festival website.

Free Children's Festival

At the heart of the town and the Festival, Peacock Lawn is the place to be for children and families! It's a safe, secure, and welcoming family area where you can enjoy daytime events and activities free of charge. Bring a picnic and stay for the day, or dip in and out of your favourite activities.



Star Marquee



Lydia Dixon's Forest School

A Full Week of Fun

For families with very little ones, the **Rainbow Tent** is a drop in play area and space to chill out if the hustle and bustle of the main festival gets a bit much. And don't forget to pay a visit to the **Sidmouth Postman**, running the Children's Festival postal service throughout the week.

As kids grow older, The **Seagull and Peacock** marquees offers all sorts of workshops to bring out your child's creative side, immersing them in crafting, songwriting, dance, singing or forest school.

All week the **Star Marquee** hosts our **Young Performers Stage**, where families can enjoy performances from some of the UK folk scene's finest up-and-coming musicians; a perfect picnic spot!



Summer School by the seaside

Music:

Seaside Stompers – 8+ Years

The now legendary Seaside Stompers is a series of workshops for children who play any musical instrument. Workshops build up to a special evening performance of the Seaside Stompers Ceilidh Band at the Blackmore Gardens Marquee.

The Minims – 5-7 Years

A daily music workshop tailored for beginners, which also leads up to a main festival performance slot.



Under The Bed Theatre

Song:

SongSwell Choir with Bryony Griffiths – 8+ Years

Learn traditional folk songs, leading up to a choir performance at the Children's Festival Showcase.

Mini Singers with Jackie Oates – 5-7 Years

Learn lots of new songs and make new friends.

Dance:

If movement is your thing, we've got you covered with yoga, morris and Bollywood dance workshops, plus maypole sessions taking place on Peacock Lawn across the week.



Early Evenings

The fun doesn't stop as the sun goes down.

Saturday 3rd August: To start the week, Peacock Lawn will transform into **The Enchanted Garden**, a magical evening of storytelling, craft activities, music and song, with special performances curated by **Jackie Oates**, hosted by the mysterious **Midnight Gardener**.

Sunday 4th August: if theatre's your bag, don't miss **Under The Bed Theatre** with their hilarious musical family show *Where The Last Socks Go*.

Monday 5th August: Get your groove on and join **The Oli Matthews Band** for our fabulous Folk Funk Family Disco.

Tuesday 6th August: Storytelling with **Peter Chand**.

Wednesday 7th August: the legendary **Spooky Men's Choral** will be doing a special family concert, with their world-famous harmonies and trademark humour. Sure to sell out, get there early.

Thursday 8th August: The Children's Festival Workshop Ceilidh Band take the stage for the evening, along with some fabulous entertainment spots.

Friday 9th August: mark the end of the 70th Sidmouth Folk Festival by joining in the **Torchlight Procession** with magical lanterns made during the week with **Thingumajig Theatre**.

Tickets

To get the most out of the Children's Festival by booking a (free) children's season ticket for the week. This gives priority access to all events – space permitting. These are available in advance online or from the Sidmouth Tourist Information Centre, see Page 25.

Ticketed Shows – Children must be accompanied by a ticket holding adult. Season Ticket holders have priority until 10mins beforehand. Individual tickets (space permitting) then available on the door.

More Free Events at Sidmouth Folk Festival

Between concerts, ceilidhs and catching-up with friends, immerse yourself in countless free events. You can soak up the festival atmosphere everywhere, watching dancers on the seafront, processions through town, or spectacular showcases at the Blackmore Dance Marquee and Connaught Gardens. Enjoy singarounds, sessions, storytelling, and shopping at the Craft and Music Village.

Here's a taste of what awaits:

The Anchor: Daily lunchtime and afternoon ceilidhs.

Blackmore Gardens Marquee: Daily afternoon dance shows.

Royal Glen Hotel: Daily Poetry workshops with **Ilse Pedler**, plus Poetry Open Mic.

Connaught Gardens: Choir performances.
Mon, Wed, 1:45pm

Daily Storytelling for Adults:

9:30-11am, Trumps Court - Storytelling Circle hosted by **Ean Richardson**.

5-6:30pm, Upstairs at Costa Coffee - Storyrounds hosted by **Mo Keast** and **Tom Goodale**.

Dance Workshops on the Esplanade:

Mon-Fri, 11-12noon, **Wild Thyme Border Morris** - all levels.

Sun-Fri, 6-7pm, **Herbaceous Border Morris** - bring your own kit.

Sessions & Singarounds

During the festival there are plenty of opportunities for singers and musicians to participate in informal sessions:

The Volunteer Inn: Every Lunchtime, traditional pub sessions hosted by **George Frampton** with special guests.

Upstairs at the Anchor: **The Middle Bar Singers** drink, laugh and sing unaccompanied every lunchtime and evening.

The Royal York & Faulkner: Morning singarounds and evening music and song sessions. Plus The Gloom, Doom and Despondency Competition, Thur, 4.30pm.

The Royal Glen: Daily afternoon themed singarounds.

The Rugby Club: Hosted music and song sessions. All welcome.

Esplanade Sea-front Shelter: West Gallery Songs with **West Gallery Music Association**, 2pm daily.

Musicians are also welcome at The Anchor Inn (main bar), Bedford Hotel (Pynes Bar), The Swan Inn, The Radway Inn (English music sessions) and The Balfour Inn.

Please help support the Festival by giving generously to the Collectors' tins at the free events.

Food & Drink / Craft & Music Village

With something for all tastes, allow yourself to be tempted by tasty cuisine at the Blackmore Gardens, The Ham and the Bulverton.

Blackmore Gardens

Craft & Music Village - In the heart of the town, at Blackmore Gardens, and open daily 10am to 7pm, this year's Craft and Music Village is bigger and better than ever before. With a choice of festival favourites and eclectic new stalls, you are sure to find a memento to take home with you. Don't miss the 'pop-up' stalls that are only visiting for the day - that perfect something might not be there tomorrow.



Ever popular **Café Dish** and **Froth & Grind** return to tempt you with their coffees, cakes & culinary creativity. Other festival fare at Blackmore includes burgers and a new Chinese menu from **Fat Fox**, coffee from **Tin Shack** and tasty dishes from **Harry's Kitchen**, including fish and chips, mussels, seafood and curry.

The popular **Blackmore Bars** team will be serving local ales, lagers and ciders, as well as gluten free, vegan, and tasty low and no alcohol drinks.

With picnic benches aplenty and dance bands playing in the background, this is the perfect place to relax, unwind, ponder and purchase at your leisure.

The Ham

There's no better place to soak in the festival atmosphere and breathe the sea air than relaxing outside the Ham.

This year you can enjoy mouthwatering meals from **Mulberry Catering**, with their varied menu to suit every taste. **Plant Café** will be back with a full range of vegetarian food. Popular treats from **Salcombe Dairy Ice Cream** and **Oh Crepes** will be close at hand, and you can savour the flavour of **Bean Machine Coffee**, serving Espresso Martinis and Elvis doughnuts from their iconic airstream café.

Accessible from inside and outside the Ham marquee, the **Ham Bar** team will have a well-stocked bar of ales, ciders, wines, spirits and more.

Betsy's at the Bulverton

With fantastic views over the Sid Valley there is no better place to enjoy drinks under the stars and sunset sessions looking out over the town to the sea.

You might find yourself running up that hill when you see the tasty options available when you get there.

Betsy's Bar, home to great drinks and great sessions, is run by the same team as the Blackmore Bar. Enjoy cocktails, mocktails, ales and more, plus festival food will be available to keep you going all night long.

Food at the Campsite

Grab a coffee on your way to the bus stop or have a leisurely breakfast at the campsite hub while you ponder your programme.

Sponsors: You can find a delicious range of ales from main sponsors **Exeter Brewery**, and a wide choice of fizzy and traditional ciders from **Sandford Orchards** at all our bars, and locals brewers including **Branscombe**, **Hanlons** and **Powerkeg** at the **Blackmore** and **Betsy's at Bulverton** bars.

Don't forget to bring your own Reusable Cups or buy one of our Festival cups for a sustainable supping experience.

Dance Displays

Throughout the week, the town and seafront come alive with the rich tapestry of colourful and diverse dance traditions. An array of free events including Processions, 'Chance to Meets', dynamic displays in the Market Square and along the seafront, and Dance Spectaculars at the Blackmore Dance Marquee and Connaught Gardens feature top-tier teams from both near and far, including the exhilarating performances of Ten Hill Morris from North America and Zulu Tradition from South Africa.



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

Dance Spectaculars

3.15pm, Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday, Blackmore Gardens Marquee
2.30pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Connaught Gardens

Experience a vibrant celebration of British dance traditions, a kaleidoscope of colour, spectacle, and sound.

Daytime Processions

2.30pm, Saturday & Thursday, from the seafront to Blackmore Gardens

Late Night Dance Displays

Midnight, Friday to Friday, Bulverton Marquee

Think you know morris – think again! Award-winning, boundary pushing displays.

A Chance to Meet

1pm, Sunday to Friday, Blackmore Gardens Marquee

Find out more about individual teams, their style and traditions.

Sidmouth Horse Trials

1.30pm, Sunday 4th August, Port Royal

Hobby horses and beasts of disguise compete for the prestigious Aardman trophy.



Invited teams include... Beltane Border Morris, Eynsham Morris, Feet First Appalachian Dance Team, Gog Magog Molly, Great Western Morris, Hadrian Clog, Kekezza, Liberty Hill Northwest Morris, NYFTE (National Youth Folklore Troupe of England), Sussex Junction Morris, Ten Hill Morris (US), Wakefield Morris Dancers, and Whip the Cat Rapper and Clog.



The 36th John Gasson Jig Competition

3pm, Sunday 4th August, Blackmore Gardens Marquee

Internationally renowned competition showcasing an astoundingly high standard of energetic jigs.

Morris Wednesday

7.30pm, Wednesday 7th August, Blackmore Gardens Marquee.

Hosted by Great Western Morris.

Torchlight Procession

10pm, Friday 9th August, Seafront

Marking the end of the 70th Sidmouth Folk Festival. Dress to impress and bring your sparkle!

Please give generously to the volunteer Festival Collectors at the free events and help support the future of Sidmouth Folk Festival.

Discover More – Workshops & Talks

From Appalachian to Molly, Cotswold, Border, Rapper & Longsword, there are a wide range of dance workshops every morning, catering for a wide range of experience and ability. Within the great programme of talks at the Festival, **Michael Heaney** looks at European sources of morris dancing as we know it, and **Boz Davison** explores 'traditional football'.

Get Involved



Join Our Volunteer Team!

The Sidmouth Folk Festival thrives thanks to the dedication of hundreds of volunteers, from our directors to collectors, car park teams, venue volunteers and much more. We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our Volunteer Team and help support our fabulous festival. Whether you're interested in assisting in venues, participating in processions, helping out on the campsite, collecting donations, or working in artist liaison, box offices, or admin roles, there's a role for you!

In return for your time, perks include:

- Free festival pass
- Free festival camping
- One free Ham Evening Concert ticket (subject to availability)
- Discounts on Pre-Festivals and other Ham Evening Concerts
- Discounts at all festival caterers
- Discounted week youth season tickets
- Discounted festival bus passes

Apply now at sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk and be a part of something special!



Sponsorship - Calling all Local Business Owners and Organisations

The Sidmouth Folk Festival attracts tens of thousands of visitors to the town every year, providing significant benefit to the local economy and a boost to local businesses.

By becoming a festival sponsor, you will contribute to the cultural fabric of our community, and gain valuable exposure for your brand, putting your name first and foremost in the minds of both holidaying customers and locals.

Our Sponsorship Program offers five tiers, ranging from Bronze to Platinum, with various benefits including advertising, promotional opportunities, and social media support.

Visit sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk to learn more and sign up your business today.



Sidmouth Folk Festival Charity

Established in 2005, the Sidmouth Folk Festival charity (Sidmouth FolkWeek Ltd) is dedicated to ensuring the Festival's long-term success. Our trustees are passionate Festival supporters, bringing diverse expertise and a strong connection to the event. In addition to organising collections, the Charity offers both a legacy and Friends scheme to further support our Festival.

Join Friends of The Sidmouth Folk Festival!

For 70 years, the Sidmouth Festival has enriched both the town and the national folk music and dance scene. The Friends of The Sidmouth Folk Festival are dedicated to ensuring its longevity. Join us in preserving this cultural gem.

Read more about the Charity and Friends Scheme at sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk/charity/



Festival T-Shirts

Make the most of your 70th Festival T-shirt by ordering it now so you can wear it with pride from day one of the festival.

Available online in a variety of sizes at sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk

If you want to wait until you are in Sidmouth, they will be available alongside other festival merchandise from our stalls at The Ham and at Blackmore Gardens. Sidmouth is not just for summer! Take a souvenir home with you to keep the feel good vibes going all year.

Tickets Book online at sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk

Book Online

Visit www.sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk to book and to see the full details, terms and conditions. You can also download a postal booking form. Pay in 3 Payment Plans available online.

In person or phone

Call the Box Office on 01395 577952 or visit the Tourist Information Centre (TIC), Ham Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 8XR. Please check their website for opening times and details.

Local Resident Discounts available in person from the TIC.

From 29th July tickets can be bought from the Festival Box Office (near the Ham). Open 12noon- 8pm 29th July, 9am-8pm 30th July-8th August, 9am-6pm 9th August.

Advance Event Tickets

Available for events marked with an A.
Advance Rates apply until midnight 28th July.
At The Festival Rates apply from 29th July.



Children & Youths

Tickets for Children 0-11 are free.

Unless marked otherwise, Youths (12-17) are half the adult price shown, rounded up to the nearest £.

Children under 12 (and Youths under 16 for Bulverton Late Night Extra (LNE) events) must be accompanied by an adult for all performance events.

Ages

Adult (26+), 25 & Under (12-25), Youths (12-17), Children (0-11) All ages are calculated as at 2nd August 2024.

Personal Assistants

Free Personal Assistant tickets available for those requiring assistance (qualifying documentation required – please see website for details). Queries can be directed to access@sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk.

What Ticket Do I Need?

Whether you are visiting for a few hours or the full 8 days, we have a ticket option to suit you, from individual events, workshop passes, day seasons or the most flexible, premium All-in-One Tickets.

To help in choosing the best ticket for you, the table compares which Festival events are included with each ticket type.

| Festival Events | All in One | Week Season | Bulverton in One |
|---|------------|-------------|------------------|
| Ham Marquee Lunchtime Concerts | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Ham Marquee Afternoon Concerts | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Ham Marquee Evening Concerts (Sat 3rd - Thu 8th August) | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Ham Marquee Evening Concerts (Fri 2nd & Fri 9th August) | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Bulverton & Betsy's Events - Concerts, LNEs and Workshops | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Manor Pavilion | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Other Venues | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Workshops in Town | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Ceilidhs in Town | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Talks | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Children's & Youth Events | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Camping | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| Live in Vehicle (additional charge) | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Bus Pass (additional charge) | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |

All prices include VAT at 20% VAT Reg 878 4532 77. No refunds or exchanges. We undertake not to sell, distribute, disclose or otherwise misuse any contact information given to us. We will not post any tickets. A receipt will be emailed which you need to exchange for wristbands/tickets on arrival in Sidmouth. For advance Event tickets you will be sent an e-ticket/s which you will need to use to enter the venue.

Sidmouth FolkWeek Productions Ltd (registered in England No 05610997) can give no guarantee that any events will take place, or any artists will perform at any particular time, or at all. We will, however, make every effort to carry out the programme as advertised.

FAQs

Where is Sidmouth?

Sidmouth, on the East Devon Jurassic Coast, is near junction 30 of the M5 and has easy access via Exeter or Honiton rail stations, with regular bus services into town.

Venues

The festival takes place throughout Sidmouth using a wide variety of seated and standing venues, both permanent buildings and marquees.

Visit sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk/venue-map/ for more details including accessibility.

Arriving at the Festival: Transport & Parking

The Official Festival Car Park is located next to The Bulverton. A short walk downhill will lead you to the Campsite bus stop, approx. 1.5 miles into town.

Additional parking options include car parks at the Cricket and Rugby Clubs, Bedford Lawn (all festival sponsors), as well as at The Ham and Manor Road.



Festival Bus

The Festival buses offer a ticketed timetabled service from the Campsite (near the Bulverton) to the Town Centre.

Bus Season Passes can be bought online, or individual journeys can be paid for in cash on the buses.

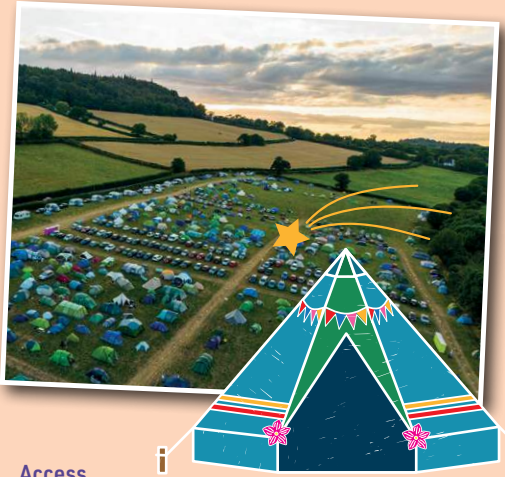
The Festival Campsite

Our campsite is situated 1.5 miles from the seafront on Bulverton Road, B3176, and welcomes tents, motorhomes and caravans.

Facilities include trailer toilets, showers, washing-up sinks, box office, catering, campsite office, general meeting area, designated quieter family camping area and an accessibility area which can be pre-booked - email access@sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk.

Preferential rates for Festival Ticket holders. Those without a ticket can stay at the Campsite at the higher non-ticket (NT) rate.

Children 11 and under camp for free. All under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The Campsite is open from noon Wed 31 July to noon Sat 10 August.



Access

Our aim is to make the Festival accessible and inclusive to everyone, regardless of their needs or abilities.

Venue and event accessibility details are provided on the website and in the Main Programme. Free Personal Assistant tickets available for those requiring assistance (qualifying documentation required - please see website for details).

Wheelchair access is available at most venues and our volunteer stewards are always ready to assist with any special requirements.

If you have any questions relating to accessibility or need information in a different format please email access@sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk.

Dogs

Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome at the Festival Campsite, The Hub, Connaught Gardens, Blackmore Gardens, and the Anchor Garden. Recognised assistance dogs are permitted within festival venues, including Peacock Lawn and the Blackmore Gardens Marquee, but other dogs are not allowed.

Find out more: <https://sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk/faqs/>

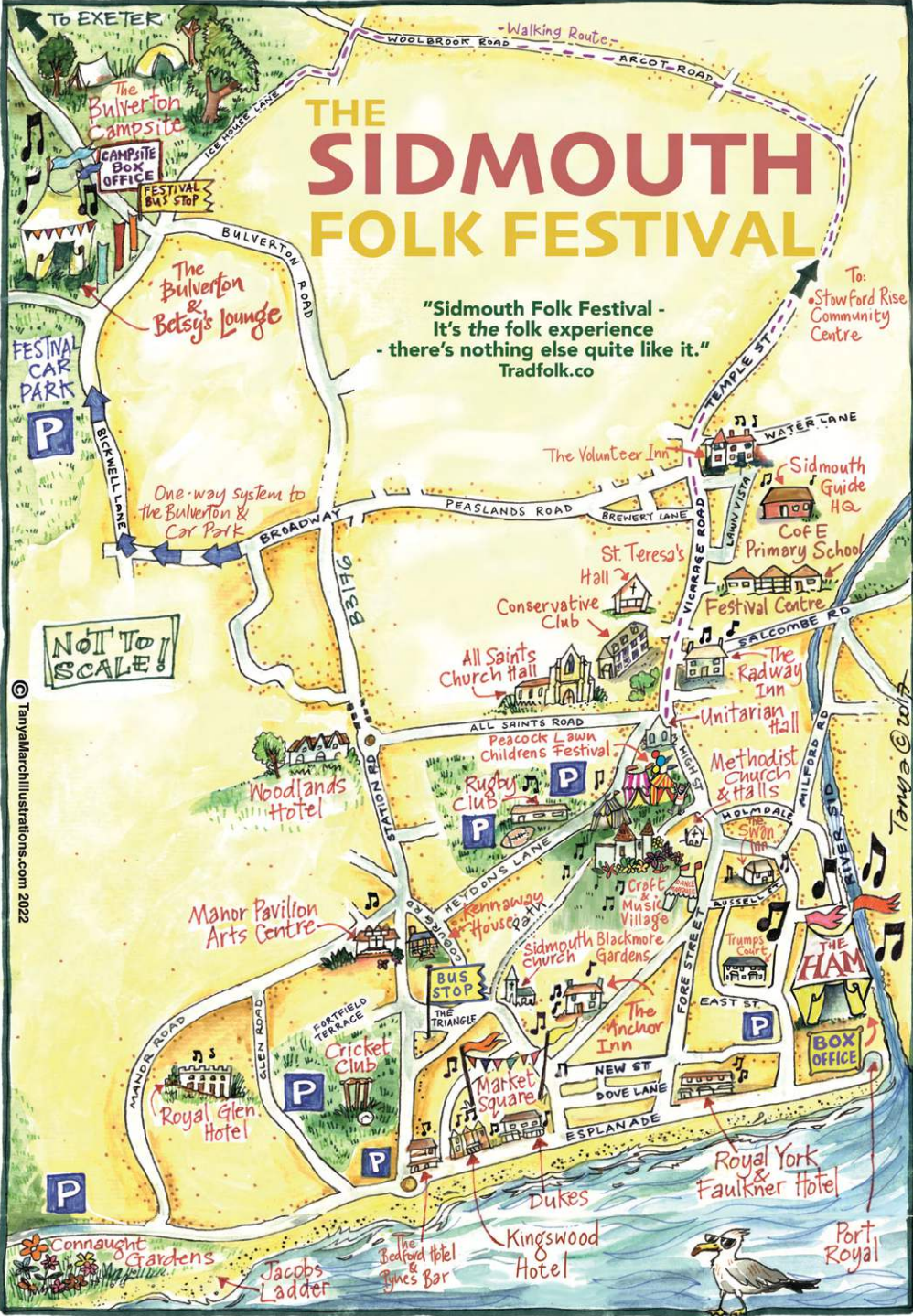


This Taster Programme offers an overview of the festival.

THE SIDMOUTH FOLK FESTIVAL

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A Taster of the Sidmouth Folk Festival Programme

Pre-Festival Shows:

Thursday 1st August: Fisherman's Friends ● George Hinchliffe's Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

Friday 2nd August: Steeleye Span

Who's on When – A Taster of the Sidmouth Folk Festival Programme

Friday 2nd August

McGoldrick McCusker Doyle ● Skipinnish ● Polkaworks ● Ticked Pink ● Allison de Groot & Tatiana Hargreaves
Mishra ft. Deepa Shakthi ● Jack Rutter ● Mrs Midnights ● Vertical Expression ● Double Dichotomy

Saturday 3rd August

Blazin' Fiddles ● The Melsons (Melrose Quartet & The Wilsons)

Sea Song Sessions (Jon Boden, Seth Lakeman, Ben Nicholls, Emily Portman & Jack Rutter) ● Stick in the Wheel ● Halsway Young Folk

Eugenia Georgieva ● Folk Camps Party Band ● The Rheingans Sisters ● Frankie Archer ● Oscina ● Doug Eunson & Sarah Matthews

Jim Causley And Miranda Sykes Present – The Songs And Stories Of Sabine Baring-Gould

Sunday 4th August

Steve Knightley & Friends introducing Dream in Colors ● Karine Polwart ● Melrose Quartet ● Saltfishforty

Peggy Seeger – in Conversation ● Jali Bakary Konteh ● Emily Portman ● Old Swan & Friends ● We Are The Monsters

The Wilderness Yet ● Eugenia Georgieva ● Samia Malik ● Chris Hoban's Cartography ● Folkus Pocus ● Playford Ball

The Story of Sidmouth ● John Gasson Memorial Jig Competition ● Sidmouth Horse Trials

Monday 5th August

Spiers & Boden ● Catrin Finch & Aoife Ni Bhriain ● Mad Dog Mcrea ● Granny's Attic ● Ryan Young ● Saltfishforty ● Teilhard Frost

Stepping Ceilidh Party ● Chris While & Julie Matthews ● The Cock & Bull Band ● Michell, Pfeiffer & Kulesh ● Oli Matthews Band

Celtic Heartbeat ● Melrose Quintet Ceilidh Band ● Wheelhouse Folk Choir

Tuesday 6th August

Ralph McTell ● Spooky Men's Chorale ● Blowzabella ● The Oyster Ceilidh Band ● Geoff Lakeman & Rob Murch ● Paul Downes & Phil Beer

Cahalan Morrison ● Re:Vulva ● Jez Lowe ● Windjammer ● James Delarre, Saul Rose & David Delarre Ceilidh ● Irish Ceili

The Folk Detectives (Matthew Crampton & Paul Hutchinson) ● Pandvani108

Wednesday 7th August

Oysterband ● Kinnaris Quintet ● Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham ● Blowzabella ● Spooky Men's Chorale (family show) ● Tim Edey

Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas ● Togmor ● Jez Lowe ● Playford Party ● Scandi Evening

Ewan Wardrop: Sweet Thames: The London Folk Club Heritage Project ● Rory McLeod ● Morris Party with Great Western Morris

Tam Lin Retold (Corinne Harrigan & Nick Hart) ● The Great Sea Choir

Thursday 8th August

Kate Rusby ● Mánran ● Martin Simpson ● The Breath ● Jo Freya 50th Special ● Tim Edey ● Murder At The Grange – Robb Johnson

Bedlam ● Filkin's Ensemble ● Contra ● Mikey Kenney ● Family Ceilidh with the Seaside Stompers ● Fay Hield

Friday 9th August

O'Hoolley & Tidow ● Angelina Morrison & The Sorrow Songs Band ● Chris Wood & Andy Cutting ● Fay Hield ● Bird in the Belly

Brown Boots Boogie Band ● National Youth Folk Ensemble ● The Hearth ● Mrs Midnights ● Workshw Showcase

Celebration Contra with Hoik ● Oscina & Nicky McConkey

And lots more including:

3 Sticks ● Aaron Horlock & Nick Goode ● Alan Austen ● Alden & Patterson ● Alison Rowley ● Annie Winter ● Barber Band

Barry Goodman ● Ben & Sel ● Bill Crawford ● Bob & Gill Berry ● Bryony Griffith & Alice Jones ● Camus ● Charm Of Finches

Chloe Matharu ● Chris Foster ● Christine Kydd ● Colin Andrews with Des & Maggie Redwood ● Dan Quinn & Mike Bettison

David Heathfield ● Detta Kenzie ● Doc Rowe ● Ean Richardson ● Eddie Upton ● Emma Wooders ● Erin Mansfield ● Fee Lock

Filkin's Drift ● George Frampton ● Gordon Potts ● Graham O'Callaghan ● Hannah Moore ● Holly Clarke ● Ian Nichols ● Jack Lynch

Jane Bird ● Janet Dowling ● Janice Burns & Jon Doran ● Jennifer Reid ● Jigfoot ● Jill Pidd ● John Kirkpatrick ● Jon Shapley

Katie Howson ● Kitewing ● Kitty Vernon & Tim Edwards ● Len Graham ● Louise Rogan ● Lucy Wright ● Maddara Yeates

Martin Graebe ● Matthew Crampton ● Michael Heaney ● Mike O'Connor & Barbara Griggs – The Prophecy Of Merlin

Miranda Sykes ● Mo Keast ● Moira Craig ● Monster Ceilidh Band ● Mossy Christian & Megan Wisdom ● Nancy Potts ● Nick Walden

Old Spot ● Peter & Barbara Snape ● Phil Tyler & Sarah Hill ● Roswell ● Sandra Kerr ● Sara Grey ● Seb Stone

Sheila Miller & Moira Craig ● Taffy Thomas ● The Shackleton Trio ● The Underground Sun ● The Wilson Family ● Thomas McCarthy

Tipping Point Land & Sea (Luke Daniels and guests) ● Tom Goodale ● Vic Legg ● Will Allen ● Will Pound & Jenn Butterworth ● Zulu Tradition

Many of the artists, including 'In the Tradition' guests and workshop leaders are with us all week. Check out the Main Programme and website on July for the full details of the 700+ events.

Box Office 01395 577952 ● www.sidmouthfolkfestival.co.uk

We would like to thank all our business sponsors and donors for supporting The Sidmouth Folk Festival.

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