

The 17th annual weekend of
JAZZ AT THE BEDFORD
Fri. 1st to Sun 3rd Dec. 2023
THE BEDFORD HOTEL, SIDMOUTH.

The four bands booked for the weekend and their playing times are as follows:

Friday 1st - 8.00 to 11.00 p.m.

ROGER MARKS & ARTHUR BROWN'S WEST COUNTRY ALL STARS - During 2022 Roger and Arthur combined their vast experience to form a new exciting band to play an entertaining musical selection of happy traditional jazz to keep your feet tapping. Band members are Roger Marks – trombone, Arthur Brown – Trumpet, Nick White – clarinet/saxophones, Jim Newton – drums, double bass and banjo will complete the line up.

Saturday 2nd - 8.00 to 11.00 p.m.

GRAHAM SMITH'S JAZZ ALLSORTS are a fine midlands based jazz band led by drummer Graham Smith featuring the redoubtable Tony Pipkin on cornet, Dave Deakin on trombone and reedman Zoltan Sagi. The Rhythm team are completed by Richard Hughes - piano and Jim Swinnerton on bass. Graham's "Allsorts" band will provide a super evening of eclectic jazz. As the name suggests and as Graham always says it is a band that plays all sorts of styles for all sorts of musical tastes played by different musicians.

Sunday 3rd - 1.00 to 4.00 p.m.

MIKE DENHAM'S GIN BOTTLE FOUR with Tom 'SPATS' LANGHAM - this is a very popular combination with a repertoire ranging from ragtime through to 1930s swing. Trevor Whiting is one of the UK's most in-demand reed players. Ali's lovely vocals include numbers by 'the Empress of the Blues' Bessie Smith and 'the Queen of Jazz' Ella Fitzgerald. Spats is internationally known for his Hot Fingers Combination and we are indeed extremely lucky that he has joined Gin Bottle Four for tonight's performance.

Band members are Mike Denham –piano, Trevor Whiting - clarinet/saxes, Ali Whiting – vocals/violin, Tom 'Spats' Langham- guitar /ukulele/ banjo/vocals.

Sunday 3rd - 8.00 to 11.00 p.m.

DART VALLEY STOMPERS THE DART VALLEY STOMPERS was formed in 2005 with the aim of playing lively and exciting Traditional & New Orleans jazz. Based in the South West, The Dart Valley Stompers is one of the most popular and busiest bands in the country. They regularly perform to capacity crowds at Jazz Clubs and Festivals both in the UK and abroad with demands from audiences and promoters that they quickly make a return visit! With a repertoire firmly rooted in Traditional & New Orleans jazz the band is guaranteed to get your feet tapping and stomping – this is definitely a band not to be missed! Jeremy Huggett - Clarinet, Saxes & Vocals, Graham Trevarton – Trumpet & Vocals, Kevin Grenfell – Trombone & Vocals, Howard Williams – Banjo & Guitar, Keith Tolley – Double Bass, Chris Stockings – Drums.