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## SEAFOOD AND SOUNDS - FOOD OFFERINGS AND MUSIC ACTS CONFIRMED

**Seafood and Sounds, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Poole's newest free to attend community event, **Seafood and Sounds** today announces the musical line-up and participating hospitality outlets for the weekend of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

A total of 24 musical performances from fourteen acts will play from noon until 4pm each day of the weekend across five locations along the Quay and Lower High Street. Performance areas will be at the Fish Shambles, The Poole Arms, The Sea Sculpture, The Customs House and outside The Poole Museum. From violinists to folk singers, shanty bands to duets, visitors will be able to enjoy non-stop acoustic music through the day.

The list of acts is attached to this press release.

On top of the official music programme around the streets, over a dozen of the cafes, pubs and restaurants will be putting on their own live music during the afternoons and evenings. As Nikki Robinson from The Customs House comments, *'We believe we have created the biggest live musical event on Poole Quay and the Lower High Street for many years with nearly 40 performances over the weekend. Businesses are still adding music to their weekends, so wouldn't it be great if we could get to 50!'*

Poole pubs, coffee shops and restaurants putting on their own music during the afternoons and evenings include the Angel, the Blue Boar, the Customs House, Drift Bar, Hotel Du Vin & Bistro, the Jolly Sailor, the King Charles, the Lord Nelson, Nasura Thai, the Poole Arms, Riptide Espresso & Records and The Rope and Anchor.

To compliment the live music many are also putting on special Seafood and Sound dishes including Seafood chowders, Seafood pizzas and local fish pies.

Michelle Smith of The Poole Arms added, *'Alongside our usual fish dishes we will be creating a special Seafood and Sound dish for the weekend and it's great that so many of our colleague businesses are getting behind the event. Seafood is in Poole's heritage so it's great to use the weekend as an opportunity to showcase the skills of our chefs.'*

The final element of the weekend will be the Fisherman's Market within Hennings open from 11am each day. Local companies will be selling various items from jewellery to fish and locally produced arts and crafts.

For more information see [www.seafoodandsounds.co.uk](http://www.seafoodandsounds.co.uk) . Alternatively watch out for information on social media: Facebook - [SeafoodandSounds2023](#) and Instagram - [@seafoodandsounds](#).

Businesses interested in being involved in the event should contact Jeanette Walsh on 07951 217268 or email [jea@thepinksugarmouse.com](mailto:jea@thepinksugarmouse.com).

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### Music Acts:

**Poole Me Hearties** - Poole Me Hearties were formed at Lilliput Sailing Club in 2019. They perform traditional sea shanties and other seafaring songs in a unique style with a range of acoustic instruments including accordion, fiddle, flute and mandolin.

**Millie Watson** - Following on from winning an OMA this year, performing at Glastonbury and spending time in the recording studio, Millie sings an upbeat bohemian style of pop and folk.

**Lee Rasdall-Dove** - The award-winning singer/songwriter who performs a mix of covers in his own style plus original music. An eclectic mix of indie and pop. With smooth and impressive vocals, Lee is one not to be missed.

**Steve Faulkner** - The perfect fit for the festival, Steve will be performing in various locations throughout the weekend. As a solo violinist, Steve is briefly stepping aside from his busy band work with the Murphy's Lore Trio and Route 66 plus other music projects to perform.

**Roxanne Phillips** - Inspired by traditional folk music, Roxanne will be performing a selection of her own material with a sea shanty twist.

**Wendy Jane** - Wendy is a multi-instrumentalist as well as an inspiring choir director. She will be performing a flute solo in a sea shanty/folk style. Wendy is often seen in the local area performing in folk band Outlandish amongst just one of her many influential music projects.

**Ed Fox** - Born on the island of Bermuda, Ed toured the East Coast and then moved to England in 2011 continuing to perform for music lovers. He will be bringing a mix of country, rock 'n' roll plus reggae in an acoustic style to the festival.

**Gary Roberts (and Gary Roberts Duo)** - Versatile in his repertoire, Gary will be performing an exclusive set of blues/folk music solo and again in a duo with a fellow band member.

**Millie & Roxanne** - Millie Watson and Roxanne Phillips perform together bringing sea shanty harmonies and folk melodies into a fantastic set not to be missed. The duo is often seen performing in the area and we are grateful for them both to support our festival.

**Helena Mace** - Helena is a pop and country singer/songwriter voted Global Artist of the Year and Song of The Year and had 7 nominations from UK Country Radio including Best Female Vocalist, Best Artist and Album of The Year where she was a finalist. Her latest album, Unbroken recently hit number one in the iTunes chart.

**Mikey Ball** - His original rock band Mikey Ball & Company recently signed a management deal and Mikey will be performing a special solo set in an acoustic rock style.

**Kez Hinton** - Based in the New Forest, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Kez Hinton will be performing at the festival bringing his love of folk to the forefront.

**JINDER** - JINDER is a songwriter, storyteller and international touring musician based in North Dorset. Best known for his 2019 UK top 40 single 'Keep Me In Your Heart', which topped charts in eight countries following its inclusion in international smash hit movie 'Fishermen's Friends', Jinder has released twelve critically acclaimed albums for five different labels including Sony BMG and Universal.

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### Background Notes on Seafood and Sounds

Five Poole Quay businesses came together to create the inaugural Seafood and Sounds following the announcement that two of Poole's popular summer events were being cancelled. Helen Bull of City Cruises, Nikki Robinson of The Customs House, Michelle Smith of The Poole Arms, Severine Seweryn

from Saint Tropez Restaurant and Jeanette Walsh of Truly Scrumptious sweet shop came up with the idea for the free to attend event. Funding has been secured from BCP Council and Poole BID, and local companies Brown Booth Design and Saltwater Stone are offering design and marketing services free of charge.

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