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## There'll be music, sweet, sweet music and dancing in the street



**C**rowds came into town over the four days of The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival, taking advantage of the good weather to enjoy some great music.

The organisers, St Ives Town Team were delighted and relieved that the Festival was so well attended after all the Covid concerns.

Town Team Chair, Sheila Stones said 'The Team wish to thank the public for being so supportive, their enjoyment transmitted to the bands who responded by giving some really excellent performances.'

The public also showed their support by buying all the T-shirts and donating nearly £300 over the four days. Finally we wish to thank Ellis Winters for sponsoring the Festival, St Ives Town Council for the grant of £500 and all of the venues who paid for the bands, which has allowed us to cover our expenses.

The Town Team believe that the Festival brings around £100,000 of business to the town as hotels, restaurants, cafes and bars reported excellent business. Of course it is very hard to

confirm actual amounts as it is commercially sensitive information but most of the venues were delighted with the income generated and one reported that bar takings doubled over the four days. Most wish to take part again.

On top of this is the fact that many of those attending frequently eat out, stay on camp sites and book accommodation for the duration.

According to a member of the Civic Society the town was 'at it's best' on the Saturday, as the Farmers Market also took place alongside the Heritage Open Day events and the concerts on The Quay.

Plans are already underway for next year's Festival which will take place between 15th and 18th September 2022.

Photographs courtesy of Mike O'Brien

## Calendar of events 2021

If you know of other events please email: [editor@theriverporter.uk](mailto:editor@theriverporter.uk)

### OCTOBER

Saturday 2nd - The Old Riverport Ukulele Festival. Corn Exchange 10am.

Thursday 7th - 9th October - Booze in the Pews. The Parish Church.

Saturday 16th - The Illuminated Boat Parade Another FREE to watch event from 6pm. Details: [www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk).

Saturday 23rd - Hunts Philatelic Society Stamp and Postcard Fair St Ives Corn Exchange 10am-3pm. Free admission. More info 01480 468037.

Friday 29th - Chapel Arts @ The Corn Exchange 7.30pm Daniela Rossi, classical guitarist. Tickets: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives).

### NOVEMBER

Saturday 20th - Christmas Lights Switch On. 5pm in Market Hill.

Friday 26th - Chapel Arts @ The Corn Exchange 7.30pm Featuring Solomon Smith and Chris Newman. An evening of coolness and groove. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives).

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