

## **Elaine Davies**

Elaine Davies is the Musical Director of various bands including Carlton Big Band, Carlton Swing Band and her trio, quartet, quintet and Latin/soul band Cosmix. The combination of musicians expands from solo saxophone to a fifteen piece Big Band and Elaine has enjoyed many years of entertaining at weddings, functions and jazz clubs. Carlton Big Band celebrates its 20 year Anniversary at the Duke of Cornwall on October 31st this year after starting there in the ballroom in 2001,

Elaine moved to the West country from the West Midlands when she was 25 to take up a Head of Music post in Plymouth and had previously recorded with MYJO and jazz trumpet legend Kenny Baker, also appearing on TV with the band. She married fellow jazz musician, the late Lloyd (Algy) Davies and played saxophone in the Algy Davies Sextet, which featured many great jazz artists such as Don Weller, Dick Pearce and Don Rendall.

Since then, Elaine has played in various bands and enjoyed playing leading opera roles with Opera South West, her favourite being Carmen. Elaine has strong links with St Andrews Church and sings in St Andrews Music Ministry choir too.

A multi-instrumentalist, Elaine plays piano, saxophone, flute, Clarinet and sings jazz and opera and is also a talented artist. She has always loved jazz, art, and the sea, and has found that combination keeps her happy and inspired in Devon and Cornwall.

### **Dr Sean Sweeney**

**Dr Sean Sweeney** is well known locally as a Choral Director and keyboard player, having directed the South West Chamber Choir and the Parish Choir in Tavistock. In 2020 he was appointed Musical Director of the University of Plymouth Choral Society and last year took up a new role as Organist and Choral Director at the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth. He continues as Chair of the Tavistock Festival.