



Biography

The Stompies are:

Paul Chamberlain
Freddie Gee
Fi Holmes
Dave Howard
Martin Salter
Sue Resuggan
Keith Yendell
Leah Yendell

The Stompies have always been around playing acoustic roots music, just not together in the same room or in the same band. The current Stompies are really a musical collective who play and perform original material, but like to throw some distorted favourite covers in to their set.

The original Stompies were formed in 2010 and consisted of Paul Chamberlain (*guitar/banjo/ukulele*) Keith Yendell (*melodeon*) Tony Price (*guitar*) and Graeme Jones (*fiddle*). Fortunately common sense prevailed and they were soon joined by two proper vocalists Fi Holmes and Sue Resuggan, who also play percussion. The band curates and hosts the monthly Acoustic Roots event in Alvechurch, a hotbed of creativity to the south of Birmingham. The event is now in its eighth year. For a long time the full name of the band was “No Stompy On Sunshine” which relates to the inappropriate use of a stomp box on a well known Bill Withers cover during an early performance. The name stuck, but the shortened version had even stronger glue.

Just when The Stompies were starting to play in tune, Graeme emigrated to Dubai and Tony emigrated to another project.

Their musical shoes were filled by Leah Yendell (*fiddle*) and Dave Howard (*guitar*). The current line up was completed when Martin Salter (*acoustic bass*) and occasional sticks person Freddie Gee (*drums and percussion*) brought a much needed rhythm section and a lot more gear. The difference in ages between the youngest and oldest member of the band is over 30 years.

Most of the band’s material is written by Paul Chamberlain and arranged by Dave Howard with the contributions of other band members. Sue Resuggan has contributed lyrics, Dave manages to squeeze the occasional song of his own in, and The Stompies give their own twist to a small selection of covers.

The band's debut album **No Stompy On Sunshine** is available to order on CD and for download at [Bandcamp](#) and at Acoustic Roots events. The Stompies mission: Keep music live, original and enjoyable.

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