



September 2016

Lympstone Entertainments **DRUMBEAT**

essential reading for those who don't want to miss the best of What's On in Lympstone

THEY CAME, THEY SANG, THEY CONQUERED!

Mick Ryan & Paul Downes delighted a very full house on 10th September. The selection of numbers from their new album *THE PASSING HOUR* brought many compliments on the night: 'what a great evening'; 'brilliant on every level'; 'they were fantastic, such great entertainers!' And the tributes since have been just as glowing. If you missed it, make sure you don't miss the Village Concert next February when the boys, who said they so much enjoyed playing for our audience, would like to be on the bill if other commitments allow – see below for more on this.

A POETIC AUTUMN

With no events for the next two months, Harland is eager to fill our poster sites with a feast of poems, beginning with Counting Rhymes and continuing with various odes to autumn, season of mists...

HERE ARE SOME DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARIES RIGHT NOW

Sunday 4th December: Angel Heart Puppets in *FREYA*, about a little Viking girl in 'a bit of a pickle.' The little ones will love it.

Tickets £8 adults and £4 children - on sale next month.

Saturday 25th February 2017: *THE VILLAGE CONCERT*, when we showcase the abundance of local talent. We'll soon be contacting our stalwarts to invite them to get their acts together again.

BUT WE'D REALLY LIKE TO HEAR FROM SOME NEW WOULD-BE PERFORMERS. IF YOU FANCY DOING A TURN, ON YOUR OWN OR WITH OTHERS, WHETHER ACTING IN A SKETCH, SINGING, DANCING OR PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT, GET IN TOUCH WITH SHEILA STONE (274356) OR VIV DAY (268653). WE CAN PROMISE YOU A LOT OF FUN!

Friday 17th March 2017: *FB POCKET ORCHESTRA* play blues, ragtime, hot jazz, songs and dances from long ago in a nostalgic evening full of style and glamour; highly recommended by Villages in Action, and not to be missed.

Saturday 25th March 2017: our big-name spring offering: *STEVE KNIGHTLEY* supported by **The Exmouth Shanty Men** - tickets on sale from 1st November from

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Prices and other details in future issues of Drumbeat

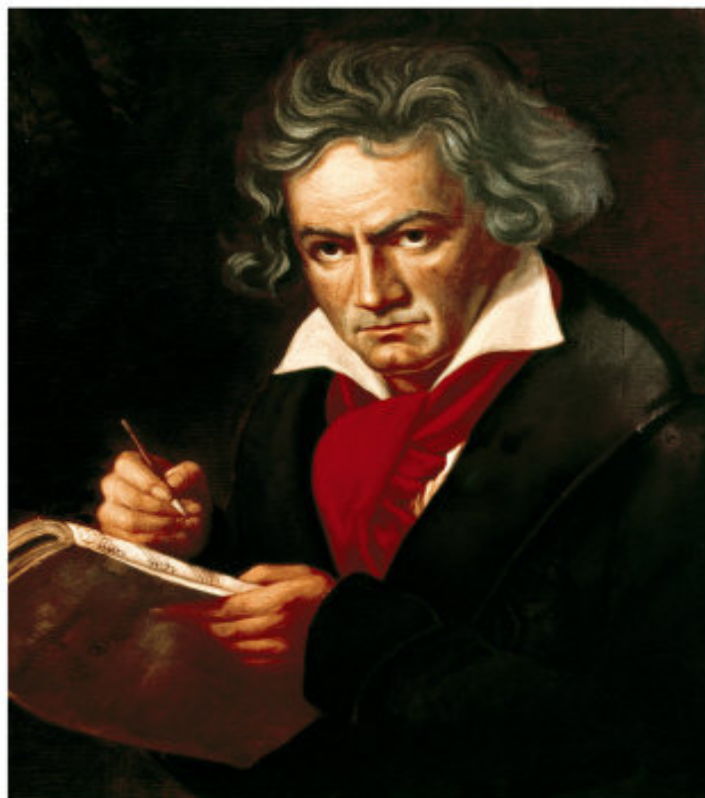
IT'S TIME TO LIFT THE CORNER OF THE VEIL ON OUR MOST AMBITIOUS PROJECT SO FAR

Earlier this year Demelza Henderson suggested to that we should invite a string quartet she knows well to give a concert in the village. The internationally acclaimed Dante Quartet promptly replied with what they described as “an outrageously bold idea” involving Beethoven. It was so outrageous that we couldn't resist, and several of us went to a concert the Dantes were giving in Tavistock, to meet them. It was a wonderful concert, and we came away with a proposal for not just a single concert but SIX, over two weekends next summer, when they will play all sixteen of Beethoven's string quartets in the Parish Church, a complete cycle they've been increasingly eager to perform.

We have had long debates about the rewards and the risks of such a huge undertaking. Reassured by the enthusiasm and experience of the Dantes and their backers, we have decided to take the plunge. Many details of this complex and demanding project are still being worked out, and one unusual and intriguing element depends on Arts Council funding, for which the Dantes are applying. We will let you know if they are successful, and with what... But for now,

**we are very excited to announce that on the first weekends of May and June 2017
the Dante String Quartet, in association with Lympstone Entertainments,
will present**

Beethoven's Quartet Journey



**The composer's world and his work revealed
in six concerts in Lympstone Parish Church**

Much more detail will follow in future editions of Drumbeat but note the dates NOW!