



Lympstone Entertainments **DRUMBEAT**

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CROWS are back – return of the popular folk group



In the 1980s, Crows were one of the best and most popular of folk bands. Now three of their members, Mick Ryan, James Patterson and Dave Bordeway have reunited, and have recruited Lympstone's own Paul Downes to make up the foursome.

Over the summer the band has played at numerous folk festivals and venues. Viv Day saw them at both the Warwick and Sidmouth folk festivals and was "struck by the enthusiasm with which they were received by such discerning audiences!"

Their material is varied and their strong voices and masterly musicianship offer a wide appeal – James on guitar, Dave on fiddle and mandola, and Paul on guitar, mandocello, mandolin and banjo. Mick Ryan has been described in Folk Roots as "definitely the most underrated singer in the country"; and Paul, with his dazzling array of styles, is also "one of the greatest acoustic guitarists most of us are ever likely to see."

**In the Village Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 12th November
Doors will open at 2.30pm for a 3pm start
Tickets at £12.50 can be obtained from Demelza on 01395 272243
or by emailing lympentsboxoffice@gmail.com**

Bewildered ~ and beguiled – by Gary Mac

A number of most welcome new faces were to seen in the Village Hall last month to enjoy an evening with Cornwall-based entertainer Gary Mac. As promised, he thoroughly baffled us with his brand of 'close up magic', humorously performed as he moved among the dozen or so tables; a highly agreeable accompaniment to the delicious buffet prepared and served by stalwarts of the LympEnts team.

On *Desert Island Discs* this week (repeated on Friday at 9am), the novelist and short story writer Jane Gardam, twice winner of the Whitbread Prize, talks about the poster poems she puts up around her home town of Sandwich. This was a habit she picked up from the Lympstone Entertainments poetry boards, as she described in an article in *The Guardian* a few years ago.

For the past two or three weeks, two of the poetry boards have been carrying poems inspired by Rodney Dingle, who died recently. One was just four lines long, by Hilaire Belloc, which was printed in the Order of Service for the Thanksgiving Service for Rodney's life, held in Lympstone Church on 30th August:

From a quiet home and first beginning,
Out to the undiscovered ends,
There's nothing worth the wear of winning,
Save laughter and the love of friends.

The other was a poem by Margaret Toms, which Rodney recommended to us in 2009, and which we used at the time. It is called *Apples*, and makes much play with the names of varieties, including several from Devon, celebrating those orchard planters who strive particularly to keep the old apples alive:

So here's to the zealots who resurrect Heaven,
propagate cuttings and keep them from harm –
Killerton Bitter and Fair Maid of Devon,
sour Slap-ma-girdle, sweet Merton charm.

In a year's time Lympstone is planning an Apple Day, on Saturday 20th October 2018, with an apple press coming to John Lupton's orchard again, and Lympstone Entertainments will contribute by once more displaying this poem. We shall also be producing a short musical entertainment called *In Praise of Cider* in the Village Hall, accompanied by a Cider Supper, to celebrate the proper farm-made Devon drink. We are thrilled to announce that the cast will be headed by our professional folk musician Paul Downes, singing well-known cider songs and performing comic sketches:

When you're down in the dumps,
Or feeling unhappy,
It's the drink to drive away care
So I'll give 'ee a gallon of cider
And you'll never give way to despair.

Harland Walshaw

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They make extremely welcome gifts!**

*(this cover painting by Jenny de la Haye is a view from
Estuary Cottage, the home of the late David Burton, for
many years a parish councillor and editor of the Lympstone
Herald)*



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