

The Vicar and Friends Live in Concert

Many of you will have seen the report in the Mercury, but if you didn't - what a wonderful evening at Watersplace Farm, Wareside on Saturday 3rd August courtesy of the Vicar and Friends. The concert, held in aid of Wareside Church, was attended by some 125 people of all ages who watched in both surprise and delight as the band rocked into the night. "Are you sure that's the vicar?" asked one man!

It was - Revd Mark Dunstan (piano/guitar and vocals) was ably assisted by Friends from the village, Paul (drums) and David (keyboards) Goodman, and others from nearby (Keith Newell, guitar/vocals and Terry Gerrish, bass). The music played came from 7 decades, ranging from Buddy Holly, the Beatles and Rolling Stones through the Eagles and Stray Cats to Bon Jovi, Jason Mraz and even Taylor Swift (one song of a set sung beautifully by Mark's daughter Ellen). Tom Hollylee (electric guitar) gave a blistering performance of a Jimi Hendrix style "Johnny B Goode" and the a capella "Only You" featuring Nicholas Buxton and Paul Goodman was excellent entertainment.

The atmosphere in the barn and a glass of wine gave the event a real Mediterranean holiday feel. It was a fantastic evening and excellent value for money. Watch out for the next date!