

MARTHA TILSTON concert at Lamyatt Village Hall 9th March 2018

This charity fundraising concert was organised by villagers Helen & Paul and a full house of 70 attendees was made up in equal parts of villagers; friends; and followers of Martha's music. The hall hosted the event and its excellent acoustics were much appreciated by the artists and audience.

Martha and Matt played two excellent sets of music drawing on songs old and new, many written by Martha. They showcased music from her recent albums: *Nomad* (2017) and *The Sea* (2014) but also from earlier CDs. Martha described how she had been brought up in a song-making, playing and singing family and follows in the footsteps of her father Steve Tilston, due to play Lamyatt on Friday 20th July, and her step-mother Maggie Boyle.



Martha's clear vocals, guitar playing and bass accompaniment by Matt Tweed, enthralled the audience in the two sets; and a real bonus was Nathan Ball from Wookey who played a couple of guest spots with Martha before and after the interval. We hear they are writing songs together so watch this space. Martha delighted the audience by returning for a solo acapella sea shanty to round the concert off.



Our very grateful thanks to Sam from Glastonbury, who stepped in, literally at the last minute, when our Lamyatt sound man, David Ash was taken ill on the afternoon of the gig.



Our thanks go to Martha and Matt for such an excellent concert. We have received many e-mails complimenting us on the hall and the quality, and breadth of the performance.

The evening was a great success in other respects too. Not only did it help celebrate Helen's big birthday (!); but it also achieved the target of raising good money for two of Helen & Paul's favourite charities. Breakdown of funds for charity: From Bar Sales (all drinks supplied free of charge to the event by Paul & Helen/Lamyatt Cider Co-operative – *many thanks to Nick*) = £216; Raffle & donations on the night or known by us in advance = £344. Total £560 to be split equally between the two charities:

Medecins Sans Frontieres <https://www.msf.org.uk/>

Martyn Joseph's Let Yourself Trust <http://letyourself.net/>

Many thanks to those who attended, and/or have donated, bought raffle tickets or drinks, and contributed to these charities.

Martha's website <http://www.marthatilston.co.uk/>

Her latest album Nomad has been receiving rave reviews:

“Powerful and beguiling” – fRoots *****

“NOMAD takes her to another level.....story telling in words and music of the highest calibre” – Rock n Reel *****

“An unearthly lushness...enrapturing the listener from the outset” – FATEA

Martha, Matt & Sam:



Watch the Lamyatt website for future events of a similar nature including details of the Steve Tilston concert of 20th July, or to order more ‘Bullbeggar’ Cider from the village co-operative.

<https://lamyatt.org.uk/>