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Press Release

Benefit Event

**The Plough Arts Centre, Torrington
Saturday 28 January at 7pm**

Ricky Knight and Friends!

Ricky Knight is back at The Plough!

Ricky was only too pleased to take part in this benefit to raise funds for the Save Our Hospital Campaign. He has been an activist for most of his adult life and people will know him as a man of principal and firmly held beliefs.

Ricky is part of the campaign to save our acute services at North Devon District Hospital and jumped at the opportunity to host this evening so that SOHS Devon campaign can raise money to send coaches to London for the *It's Our NHS, Health Campaigns Together* demonstration which is taking place on 4 March.

Ricky has played in a number of bands over the past fifty years, such as *The Elderly Brothers, Geneva, Soul Agency* and *Clockwork Orange*. He will be joined by some of the musician friends he has made in his long and colourful musical career. Amongst his influences and inspiration have been Jimmy Smith (the legendary jazz keyboard player), Elton John, The Beatles, The Beach Boys and Billy Joel. You can be sure to hear something from all of these musicians at the concert. Ricky was keen to involve other local musicians and *Jim Jones* and *Amy Newton*, two of our most well

known local musicians, have agreed to take part and support our fundraising.

The last couple of years have proved promising for Devon-based singer songwriter **Small Town (Jim) Jones**. Having provoked numerous great reviews including a four-star review in Q magazine a 5-star review in Maverick, Jim is making some noticeable waves. He is becoming more widely known after the title track of his last album 'Freight Ships' was picked up and was played on the BBC Radio 2's Dermot O Leary show, which later led to a live Saturday Session with his long time compadre and guitarist Dave Little and has recently led to him returning to the show. **Amy Newton** was one of the 40 musicians chosen from around the world to attend Paul McCartney's LIPA (Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts) and became a member of the Institute's first graduating class.

Since then, she has recorded two solo albums and an album, 'The SB Band' with Gary Stringer, Jack Bessant and Dominic Greensmith from 'Reef'.

She now runs her own recording studio and music venue at 'Saunton Road Studios' in Braunton with her husband Simon. *Amy has also formed the Saunton Road Choir - the choir will be performing at their studio on Wednesday 25th January before the big night on the 28th January, raising money for the SOHS.*

The evening promises to be a fabulous mixture of music with something for everyone.

There will be a raffle and information about the **SOHS Devon** campaign.

Saturday 28 January 8pm

All Tickets: £7

Box Office: 01805 624624

Or book online at www.theploughartscentre.org.



For any further information please call Julie Cooke on 01805 622552