

STAR TRUMPET CONCERT – A REAL COUP for AMBERLEY’S ACTnow CAMPAIGN

World renowned trumpet virtuoso Crispian Steele-Perkins is coming to Amberley’s St Michael’s Church in aid of ACTnow, the church tower appeal, in a stellar concert alongside Andrew Bernardi’s Bernardi Music Group.

The concert takes place on Saturday, 13th July at 7.30 and promises to be a sell-out. Would-be concertgoers are urged to purchase tickets while they can. They are priced at £35 (to include interval refreshments of canapes and Nyetimber English sparkling wine) and can be obtained via www.amberleystmichael.co.uk/events or by contacting amberleystmichael@gmail.com. The programme will include works from John Ireland to Handel to Howard Goodall.

Crispian Steele-Perkins, who started playing the trumpet aged just 10, has built a career over four decades which has taken him to the very pinnacle of his art, performing to critical acclaim all over the world. He has been described by *Virtuoso* magazine as ‘the world’s leading exponent of the Baroque Trumpet’, an accolade which has allowed him to work with top ensembles such as the Academy of Ancient Music and the English Baroque Soloists and perform duets with the likes of Dame Kiri ta Kanawa, Emma Kirkby and Bryn Terfel.

But his musical repertoire is also eclectic, having also played his trumpet along with Led Zeppelin, Kate Bush, Lulu and Sir Bob Geldof. His work features in film and TV scores including *Jaws*, *Dr Who* and six Bond movies. Appropriately enough, since he has a passion for collecting and restoring antique trumpets, his playing features on the theme to the Antiques Road Show.

Bringing such a world-class performer as Crispian Steele-Perkins to Amberley is a stunning coup for ACTnow.

The Steele-Perkins/Bernardi concert (part of the annual Shipley Festival) is ACTnow’s swansong. Over the past three years the fundraisers have surpassed the original target of £200,000 and, as costs inevitably increased, have now raised over £220,000 to restore ancient stone and woodwork in St Michael’s church tower. This they have achieved through securing serious grant aid from the likes of the National Lottery Heritage Fund and organising a popular series of community events in the shape of talks, choral concerts, Burns Night suppers and a sculpture garden day. St Michael’s church tower work is nearing completion and the scaffolding is down.