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Staff photo by PAUL ROBINSON
From left, Steve Toli, of the Dessert Club, Ed Correira, of Anytime Plumbing, Rick Santos, of Rick's Music World, and Mike Almeida, of Future Graphics, recreate the Beatles' album cover from "Abbey Road."

Long and winding road leads to Taunton

'Liverpool Legends' play at Dessert Club Oct. 21-22

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TAUNTON — All you need is love, but music doesn't hurt.

That's the thought of local music organizer Steve Toli, who, with a little help from his friends, is bringing back The Beatles.

Well, not really The Beatles. Call them the Fab Faux, perhaps, or more by their proper name, Liverpool Legends.

"When I got a call from Louise Harrison, I thought it was my moral obligation to bring that show to our community," said Toli, president of the Dessert Club Coffeehouse. "I've always loved The Beatles and I think this is just a unique opportunity for all of us to see people that are the top in their job. These are what Louise Harrison thought to be the top impersonator."

The Liverpool Legends are scheduled to play Taunton Oct. 21 and Oct. 22.

Harrison, George Harrison's sis-

ter, manages the band. Toli said the Liverpool Legends recreate the sound well and even the look of The Beatles' arrival in 1964, Sgt. Pepper or Abbey Road.

"They even have a left-handed bass player," Toli said.

Locals' first impressions of the Liverpool Legends have been deceptive.

Toli said, "I was playing [a DVD] in Rick's Music World and people were walking in and thinking it was The Beatles, and then they walked closer and said, 'That's not the Beatles. Who's that?'"

The owner of Rick's Music World, Rick Santos, said The Beatles gave him his start in music, which includes a store in Raynham, outreach programs to youths and lessons.

"It was that night on the Ed Sullivan show when I was 10 years old and saw The Beatles on the show and that was it," Santos said. "The rest was history. It probably wouldn't have happened any other way, and I'm sure it happened that way for a million other people. But that was it for me."

The youth got a guitar, started playing and spent a couple decades in bands. Santos said he has no regrets, and hopes the Liverpool Legends can reach other people.

"The kind of music The Beatles were playing crosses decades," San-



The Liverpool Legends are managed by original Beatles member George Harrison's sister, Louise.

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tos said. "I see the younger people listening to The Beatles and talking about them and playing their songs, and it amazes me. The music is great, and it's great to this day."

Toli said that will give the show a larger appeal.

"It's just everybody. No matter where you go, if you're driving in your car you hear a Beatles song, if you're walking through a grocery store you hear a Beatles song. We all fell in love with The Beatles."

The October performance dates

will bring an unusual combination to Taunton. While the city celebrates its Liberty & Union Week-end marking Taunton's drive for independence from the British, Toli and his friends will bring the music of the British Invasion back to Taunton.

For more information on the October shows, visit www.thedessertclub.com or www.liverpoollegends.com, or call The Dessert Club at (508) 824-4143.