

June
2004

ASHINGTON FOLK CLUB

Leisure Centre, Institute Road, Ashington

Assisted by Wansbeck District Council

Singers, Musicians & Poets - 3rd June

These nights keep getting better and better. Another Thursday with the Folk Bar full to bursting.

Starting the night is never easy, but blues by resident 'Doc' John Campbell set us up well for a great time.

Ann Sessoms has been to every Singers, Musicians & Poets night this year. Her Northumbrian pipe playing is a delight to hear.

In a change to tradition, Ann Lunam-Cowan gave us her poetry spot in the first half. As always there was wry humour and lots of audience participation.

Accompanying himself on banjo, Tony Hamblin sang two traditional songs with lots of us joining in on the choruses.

Rob and Lynn (of 'Real to Reel') treated us to more Northumbrian piping with Rob playing mandocello.

Newcomers to Ashington, Steve and Neil impressed us with songs by Crosby, Stills & Nash and Simon and Garfunkel.

Alan Bailey was our third Northumbrian piper. It's

Chumbawamba 14th August

The contract is signed, the ink is dry. Wansbeck Festival & WDC present Chumbawamba supported by The bulBS.

Impossible to categorise the big, brash, all singing all dancing live shows go against the idea that Chumbawamba are dour politicians.

They have a reputation as an adrenaline-fuelled live act.

great to hear this beautiful instrument so much at the club.

After a 4 month gap, Alex returned playing melodic classical guitar pieces to a very warm reception.

Dave Donohoe started the second half playing guitar and singing two thoughtful home-penned songs.

Jim, an Ashington local, sang two of his own songs; the first was about clouds and Jim's great timing of the punch lines in the next one had us all laughing.

With a cheeky grin, club resident Ben Yeowart was

Tickets

£8, or £10 on the door

The Future

Given a success with this venture it is anticipated that this will be the first of a series of high profile concerts in Wansbeck.

**Suggestions/comments
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Further details at
www.ashingtonfolkclub.co.uk

Forward Diary

1st July 2004

Singers, Musicians & Poets

5th August 2004

Singers, Musicians & Poets

14th August 2004

Chumbawamba

2nd September 2004

Singers, Musicians & Poets

7th October 2004

Singers, Musicians & Poets

as theatrical as ever. We really must get him to do a longer spot!

Steve and Noeline made a welcome return with good arrangements of two great contemporary songs.

Then we had more zany humour from Eric Gildea. We wish Eric well with his new music night at the Spreadingeagle pub in North Shields.

Singer/guitarist Alan then restored a touch of sanity to the evening.

Ray Derrick is becoming a favourite at the club, his chorus songs always go down well. He was again

joined by Eric Laverick on banjo for the 2nd song, and there was lots of singing from the audience.

By now, closing time was upon us – but in response to repeated requests for one more song, **jiva** managed to squeeze in a song of their own, appropriately enough, called '**One More Song**'.

A fitting end to a fabulous evening's entertainment.

Thanks again to everyone who was lucky enough to be there. We look forward to seeing you again in July.

Jimmy & Val (jiva)

Singers – Musicians – Poets

Non Guest Nights are held in the Folk Bar on the first Thursday of every month, commencing around 20:30 (that's half past eight in old money!).

Come along and perform or just listen. All styles and abilities welcomed. There is a mixture of residents and visitors performing everything from traditional folk to contemporary music, blues, classics, country and poetry.

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