

ASHINGTON FOLK CLUB

March 2007

Special Guest Night

We had a great night on 15th March with special guests Cathryn Craig and Brian Willoughby.

Club regular Geoff Pickard got the night underway in great style with Gerry Rafferty's 'The Coat She Wore' followed by the Tom Paxton song 'Troubadour'. Then, with reminiscences of Newcastle 1960s nights out, he sang 'Palais Girl' before finishing with his self-penned 'Busker Bill' which is based around the story of a tramp who used to busk in Fenwicks doorway in Newcastle. Thanks, Geoff, for a great spot.

Then it was time for our special guests to take to the stage. Wow!!! The audience were captivated from the start with Cathryn and Brian's writing and performing skills. They played a number of familiar and favourite songs, but we were also treated to new material as well. Cathryn recounted many stories between the songs, keeping us all amused with tales of her family and life in her native America. Brian had his turn in the second half and amused us with a few anecdotes from his 'life on the road'.

A combination of string bending, tapping, harmonics, blistering melodic fills and gentle accompaniment meeting with superb lyrics delivered with emotion, panache and effortless range (not forgetting fun too!) meant that guitarists, singers, writers and audience were all given an absolute treat.

They invited *jiva* and Geoff to join them onstage for the encore, 'Will The Circle Be Unbroken', and had the Bothal Suite audience joining in! Wow wow wow!!!

New Performers

It was great to see more new performers at the club this month. Jim came along with his harmonica and treated us to some familiar tunes. And it turns out he knew our regular performer Jack Hakin - but they hadn't seen each other since the war years! Also along for the first time was Ross Forster (a member of Newcastle based trio The Devitos). Keep em comin'!

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Brian Willoughby & Cathryn Craig

Performers This Month

Al Giles
Ben Yeowart
Diane Green
Geoff Pickard
Jack Hakin

Jim
Pauline Giles
Ross Forster
Tony Hamblin
Pat Yeowart

Special Guests
Cathryn Craig & Brian Willoughby

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Club Nights

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19th April

Singers Musicians & Poets

3rd May

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