

January 2004

ASHINGTON FOLK CLUB

Leisure Centre, Institute Road, Ashington
Assisted by Wansbeck District Council

End Of An Era

December 4th 2003 was a sad day. It saw the departure of Tommy Lewis as M.C. and organiser of the Singers and Musicians nights at Ashington.

Over the last three years Tommy has given tirelessly of his time, friendship and good humour to everyone at the club, but decided the time had come

to 'hand over the reins' to someone else.

He will be missed, but everyone looks forward to seeing him back at the club singing and joking in his usual way.

Thankfully, Jimmy and Val (jiva) have kindly agreed to 'take charge' for at least the first two nights of 2004... and possibly more.



Tommy Lewis closes with
"Wild Mountain Thyme"

Forthcoming Events

5th February 2004

Singers, Musicians & Poets

4th March 2004

Singers, Musicians & Poets

25th March 2004

Stony

(to be confirmed)

1st April 2004

Singers, Musicians & Poets

14th August 2004

Chumbawamba

(to be confirmed)

News Roundup

The year ended with the following Guest nights:

Kent Duchaine

A great performance from this American Bluesman. Kent is considered by many to be the worthy and natural successor to John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, T-Bone Walker, and Elmore James.

George Welsh and Jack Burness.

At short notice Dog House Skiffle Group, had to cancel due to illness. They were replaced by George and Jack, both well known and respected performers of many years, who gave us a night of good music and banter.

Some of our usual residents were there to lend support.

Jez Lowe & the Bad Pennies

Always a favourite with Ashington and, despite breaking two strings, Jez and the Pennies (even minus Kate) put on another fine show.

In addition to Jez's compositions, Simon and Andy provided some fine additional material.

Support spots were provided by new club residents, *jiva*.

Old Rope String Band

Yet another Ashington favourite, this great trio combined their acrobatics with zany mayhem and musical brilliance in a show that beggars belief.

You had to be there to believe it!

Watch This Space

Changes are afoot...

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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