

July
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ASHINGTON FOLK CLUB

Leisure Centre, Institute Road, Ashington

Assisted by Wansbeck District Council

Important News!

Ever since jiva began to run Ashington Folk Club in February this year, they have been carrying out an ongoing survey in the club and on the internet to ask for opinions on admission charges, smoking and what people want from the folk club.

Responses show a majority towards audiences paying an admission charge and performers paying nothing and a very large majority in favour of no smoking at the Club.

Recent press coverage of the BMA Conference has highlighted the health risk from passive smoking.

Doctors are pressing the Government to introduce a smoking ban similar to Ireland.

Taking these factors into account, a **No Smoking** policy will be introduced with effect from August.

Thank you to all who took part in the survey. Full results can be seen on the website.



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More at

www.ashingtonfolkclub.co.uk

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Singers, Musicians & Poets – 1st July

Yet another mixed bag of musical delights, and some changes afoot (see the article above).

Scheduling performers is always a difficult and often thankless task. Tonight we couldn't manage to give everyone a slot, but we all had a thoroughly enjoyable night.

Jack, our oldest resident started us off with a couple of American songs – no yodelling this time, but it's great to see him back.

Doug Wood continued the theme playing banjo and singing two U.S. songs.

On his third visit this year, Alex played two beautiful classical guitar pieces – he keeps getting better!

Ray Derrick performed his newest composition. Eric Laverick joined him on banjo and vocals for two more rip-roaring chorus songs.

Next up was Eric Gildea, sporting his new guitar. As usual, he did quirky, zany songs that had us all laughing (or groaning)!

To finish the half we had

Below The Salt with their first performance in their current line up.

Dave Minikin started the second half with a fine unaccompanied version of the Allan Taylor Classic, 'Roll On The Day' – lots of harmonies, smashing!

Club resident, Ben, famed for his Bob Dylan songs,

surprised us with 'Too Far Gone' by Neil Young.

Even without his banjo, Tony Hamblin had us all singing heartily along with 'Roll Alabama'.

And to finish off, we were treated to an extended spot from Backshift, combining old and new, with vocal and instrumental arrangements.



Backshift: Colin, Terri, Eric & Ken

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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