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# ASHINGTON FOLK CLUB

Leisure Centre, Institute Road, Ashington

Assisted by Wansbeck District Council

## Chumbawamba 14<sup>th</sup> August What A Show!

A joint Wansbeck Festival and Ashington Folk Club production saw the band performing an exciting and musically diverse show.

We had everything from 5-part a cappella harmony to driving rock songs, with an impressive light show and smoke generator adding to the effect.

Support was ably provided by 4-piece punk band, the bulBS



Chumbawamba in full swing

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## Forward Diary

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## Newsflash !

Due to the success of 2004 to date, we will be allowed a 2<sup>nd</sup> night each month... What do you think?

## Singers, Musicians & Poets 5<sup>th</sup> August

The British Summer - the occasional glimpse of sun, thunder and lightning, rain, warm evenings, holidays, some folk clubs closed for August, reduced numbers at others. Ashington is one of the few local clubs that didn't close for the holiday period, but we had all the other ingredients.

For a change, [jiva](#) started the night, singing two of their own compositions.

A feast of Northumbrian pipes followed with Ann

Sessoms and Alan Bailey duetting then playing solo. Wonderful...

Next up was guitarist and singer Peter Murphy who hadn't been to the club since its Cellar days!

Classical guitarist Alex is becoming a favourite at the club, and rightly so. A beautiful performance of two lovely tunes.

Fresh from her success at Rothbury, club poet Ann Lunam-Cowan regaled us with her prize-winning entry.

After a beer and raffle break Resident bluesman, John Campbell gave us a

couple of fine songs.

Resident Jack Hakin made a welcome return visit and sang good ol' Country & Western, with his great yodelling too.

Newcomer Hylton usually plays piano, but we don't have one. So he borrowed a guitar for a fine rendition of 'Cushy Butterfield'.

Then we had Jim whose songs have an interesting and often humorous slant on life.

Dave Donohoe entertained us with his quiet songs and gentle guitar style, and his unique take on a Ralph McTell classic.

The night was rounded off with return spots from:

- Ann Sessoms
- John Campbell
- Alex
- Dave Donohoe
- Jim
- jiva

## No Smoking Policy

Comments relating to the effect of the No Smoking policy ranged from '**So where are all these people who said they'd come back?**' to '**It's much more pleasant in the room without the smoke**'. Time will tell, and the next few months will certainly be interesting.

## 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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