

HENLEY FOLK NIGHT

On behalf of the Friends of the Henley Folk Night, here is a brief report of the activities over the last calendar year:-

The Henley Folk Night has proved increasingly popular, both in terms of attracting performers and audience alike. This year as for many years, we have run ten events on a once per month basis (but not in August or December due to competing interests such as holidays and Christmas.) We meet on the third Friday of the month in the Henley Community Centre Boughton Room from 8:00 pm.

It is not a folkie 'joining in' session. Every act is given a dedicated spot for up to three songs, or up to 15 minutes for their performance. It is mainly intended for vaguely 'Acoustic', 'Folkie', songs or music including poetry, monologues etc (if you propose something different - try me!). I run a sensitive PA system to help with performance where needed.

The quality of acts vary from first timers and occasional performances, to regulars of semi-pro standard. There is an amazing amount of local talent that presents itself here. Selection of performers is at the discretion of the management (Kay and I) but is usually done on a first come, first served basis booked in advance. Everyone performs on a no-fee basis for the love of it! (Phone me 01473 831465, put your name down at a previous Folk Night or mail me. Give me your mail address to be put on the circulation list :

mike @mikesound.co.uk)

The evening is about enjoyment so audience are really encouraged. I'm pleased to say there has been an increase in the number of audience from within and outside the village in recent months. The evening is held in the Boughton room and is free for anyone. It is only requested that if you enjoy the evening, you are encouraged to make a donation to the hall expenses. The costs for the room are usually well covered by these donations. During the year to April 2016, a gratifying sum of a little over £450 was received in my little wicker basket towards hall expenses.

The evenings benefit the hall by encouraging people to visit, enjoy the bar (The bar takings are also well enhanced on these occasions) and perhaps to book the facilities for a function of their own. This year this has happened on more than one occasion. Here's a wish for an even more enjoyable 2016/17
Next Folk Night is on the 20th May 2016 at 0800.

Mike Briggs, Kay Swinger.