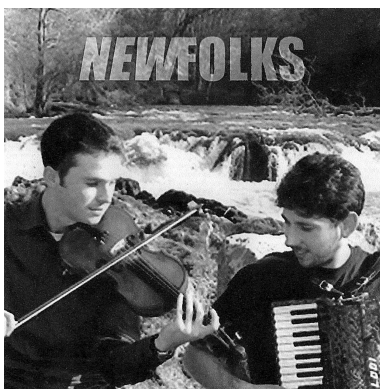


Folk Nights at Tiddy Hall

On Saturday 11th March 2006 we held the 14th Folk Night since we resurrected them in 1996. Our guests were two young men called *Newfolks*, who both originated from Wales. It was a fantastic evening of entertainment. Oli played fiddle and Ed piano accordion and guitar, plus a few vocals from Oli. The quality of *Newfolks* performance was top class.



Johnny Silvo, Dave & Toni Arthur, Pam Ayres, Isla St Clair, Martin Carthy and Noel Murphy, to name but a few!

A New Beginning

John Townsend became ill in the late 1980's and the Ceilidhs came to an end. He died of Lupus in April 1995.

After the new Tiddy Hall was opened in 1994 we were asked many times to resurrect the folk evenings. In 1996 we thought it would be a good idea to have a folk night in memory of John Townsend. The *Ripley Wayfarers* were our main guests and as a result of a good night we were able to give a donation to a Charity in aid of Lupus as well as raise funds for the new hall.

The pressure was now on to do it again! So, we then went on to hold a Folk Night once a year, usually around October time to raise money for Tiddy Hall funds. These have raised over £7,000. But it didn't end there!

In 1998 a new Sports pavilion was built on the playing field. The Sports Club needed funds to help with the running costs, so we started having Folk Nights to help them, the first being in March 2002.

We have had many great nights over the years so for those of you who have never been to one of our Folk Nights why not give it a try next time. Look out for posters or look on the Ascott website: www.ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk
Lyn Collins

Spellbound

We had an audience of about 150 people, who appeared to be completely spellbound by two young chaps with such talent. As always our evening commenced with *The Last Straw*, who never fail to entertain us, as does Bob Buckingham with his jocular sense of humour, and not forgetting Tony's excellent input as MC for these events. The purpose of this particular evening was to raise money for Ascott Sports Club and we achieved the grand sum of £825. This was the 5th Folk Night held in favour of Ascott Sports Club and brings the total raised to over £3,500. Also we have donated £359 to Coldstone Angling Club from Raffles.

How It All Started

Folk at the old Tiddy Hall was started by John Townsend (late of Shipton Road Ascott) in 1968. In those days they were called Ceilidhs and were held once a month. We had guests like The Yetties ,