

The Alex Atterson Memorial Competition

Alex Atterson was a folk singer, entertainer & organiser, an inspirational man who encouraged & supported many people on the folk scene. Although from Scotland he eventually settled in Norwich & founded both the Norwich Folk Club & The Norwich Folk Festival. Eventually he became a teacher & indeed ended his teaching career by being head of the science department at Acle High School.

Alex died ten years ago & I recently organised a commemorative weekend of music & song in his memory & thought that it would be apt to establish a competition in his name for children from Norfolk who play and /or sing acoustic folk music, either contemporary or traditional. There will be two age groups, from infants up to twelve years old & from twelve years old to eighteen.

There will be two stages: initially entrants would submit a tape / mimi disc of three items which would be judged by a panel. The finalists will then take part in a concert again submitting three items & again in front of a panel of judges.

There will be trophies which will be passed on to ensuing winners as well as individual prizes for each year's winners.

The most important thing is the sense of personal involvement & enjoyment shown by the participants both for themselves and the audience rather than necessarily the most technically accomplished performance, the aim being to highlight the meaning of the material chosen.

For further details please contact George Norris at 12 Willmott Road, Basingbourn, Herts. SG8 5LW marking envelopes ref: AA or on cptsnapper@beeb.net no later than 30/12/2006.

Good Luck!