

2ND NEWKULELE FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2014

Hello fellow Uker's!

This is the first of many newsletters aimed at keeping you all informed about our next Ukulele festival planned for October 2014. Maybe this would be a good time to introduce the committee, we have in (alphabetical order): Martin Bond, Pamela Bradford, Ron Brown, Christine Garvin, Susan Gleeson, Mark Jackson, Jane Jelbart, Dianne Murray and Marie Williams. If there is anything you would like to know about the festival please approach any of the committee members (they won't bite!) and they will be more than happy to keep you all informed.

The committee is already busy planning the event and having researched quite a few venues in the Newcastle area, have settled on the beautiful Newcastle Jockey Club. The facilities there are excellent, with plenty of venue options that should more than adequately meet our needs. There is ongoing research and observations that the Committee members have been undertaking with other ukulele festivals. Comprehensive research was also undertaken at the Newcastle Jazz Festival which was held at the Newcastle Jockey Club in August. This proved invaluable.

Next up on the planning schedule is getting to work organising promotions, sponsors, advertising, webpages, merchandising, and of course the performers! We will have the same type of format that we had last year with 2 ticketed concerts (Friday and Saturday nights) and all day community concerts as well as workshops, open mikes etc.

The wonderful success of our festival last year was due to the absolutely outstanding support we had from all of you in our ukulele community! We could not have done half the things we achieved without our volunteers who carried out tasks as varied as Emceeing concerts to cleaning toilets! We feel confident that we can rely on your continued support to make this our 2nd festival even better than the first! So 2014 here we come!

On behalf of the Festival committee

Christine

Your 2014 Newkulele Committee Members

Christine Garvin:

Chair and Venue coordinator

Mark Jackson and Jane Jelbart:

Artistic and creative Coordinators

Ron Brown:

Folk Club President

Dianne Murray: Committee member

Pam Bradford:

Treasurer

Marie Williams:

sponsorship coordinator

Susan Gleeson and Martin Bond:

Programme and Billeting coordinators
