

## Love Folk Festival 2022

A tribute to Clive Pownceby

Folk Music has always been a large part of what goes on at The Atkinson and the Bothy Folk Song Club in Southport has always been involved in promoting events. There is no one who has been more involved than Clive Pownceby who sadly passed away very suddenly a few weeks ago.

The Bothy Folk Clubs association with The Atkinson goes back well over 50 years with concerts and events in the original Cambridge Hall and the refurbished Arts Centre all those years ago. After the next revamp the building bloomed into this fine venue The Atkinson, the Bothy and especially Clive have been more than happy to be involved in promoting events and taking part in various ways. The original Love Folk Festival itself was originally put together with Emma Lloyd, Pete Rimmer and Clive quite a few years ago and has become one of the highlights of the folk festival calendar.

In the folk world Clive is remembered as one of most liked and respected club organisers and he was for over 40 years the main organiser of the Bothy Folk Song Club. He was a well-known figure at many folk festivals including Fylde, Wirral and Whitby Folk Week where he was a regular attendee and is well remembered for being a brilliant MC, managing to combine charisma with self-deprecating humour, and always looking dapper.

His eclectic talents were engaged in performances with shanty group Stormalong John, acoustic band Untrained Melody, the popular rock'n'roll band Lunchtime Legends and he was part of the very popular Cork Jackets and Drill presentation here at the Atkinson. He was a musician with a great range of music to offer as a singer, drummer and harmonica player.

He was a wonderful friend and will be very sadly missed by all who knew him  
Rest in Peace Clive Pownceby.

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