

John Birmingham Cup 2019

Application Form

John died on the 17 January 2005 and by his will set up a competition to encourage the art of unaccompanied singing – a cappella -and song writing. He adopted the Cumberland Arms, Newcastle upon Tyne as his final home in the few tragically short months prior to his diagnosis. He quickly became a well-loved member of the pub community, with his sense of humour and gruff honesty. He could be heard many nights in the back bar, singing his songs written from his broad experience of life. Since his death the Competition has been held at the Cumberland Arms. However in 2008 Whitby Festival agreed to host and support the competition, to broaden its base, something John hoped for. Heats are now held at Derby, Upton on Severn and Shepley Folk Festivals too. It is the singing and the songs, however rough-hewn – as many of John’s were – which is important, not the Competition. There is a £5 entry fee to cover the administration of the competition.

Name of Applicant:

Name of Song:

Writer of Song:

Info about song: (why it was written for person, any story behind)

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Postal Address:

For the Upton heat the £5 entry fee will be payable at Upton festival.

I have read and understood the rules

Signed