

## Reg Meuross Concert

The final FOLSC fund raising event for 2009 took place in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. Whilst we have organised various concerts in the past, this is the first time we have tried a folk event but from the positive feedback received, it may not be the last! The success of the evening was helped by booking West Country based Reg Meuross, one of the most highly regarded singer/songwriters on the national and international folk scene. Earlier this year he performed solo at the Royal Albert Hall and our near capacity church audience were treated to a memorable and thought provoking evening. Sadly the central heating decided to fail but additional warmth was generated by the audience participation! Reg was accompanied on cello by Bath based Bethany Porter. Their rendition of the haunting “And Jesus Wept”, a tribute to Private Harry Farr executed while suffering from shell shock in WWI, was particularly moving. The stage, kindly loaned by the village school, complemented by the professional lighting and excellent acoustics in the church, made it an evening to remember.

Thanks to all who attended and it was particularly gratifying to welcome both our regular supporters and many from outside the village with guests from Wiltshire, Taunton and even Cornwall! It was generally agreed, despite many in the audience having never attended a folk concert before, that it was an excellent evening which raised in excess of £650.



**Reg Meuross and Bethany Porter**



**An appreciative audience**



**Village politics?**



**Bar provides inner warmth for some!**



**Folks Gossiping**



**Reg in full flow**