

Folk Camp Forum is online!

<http://www.members-only.org.uk> The official Folk Camp online forum is online and ready for your input. This is the ideal way to keep in contact with fellow Folk Campers and contribute to the society.

There are bulletin boards for suggestions and also all the individual camps for the season so that you can keep up to date with those you have met in years past and plan your holidays for the future!

Visit <http://www.members-only.org.uk> to visit the forum.

Publicity Brochures

Brand new folk camp publicity brochures are now available. They look fantastic! Would you like to help us promote Folk Camps to NEW people and spread the word?

The trick is to put them into people's hands rather than just leave them in a rack. If you are involved in a ceilidh band, morris team, festivals or folk clubs, please contact Roger at the office and he will post some out to you.



Receive Extent via Email and get it at least a week before everybody else! Register your interest by sending an email to info@folkcamp.com with the subject line "Extent yes" and you will begin to receive up-to-date news and Extent straight to your inbox.

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More updates
& news from the Folk Camps Society!

Latest Booking News

The latest booking news is that

Halsway is **FULL** and Forestside weeks 2 & 3 are **FULL**.

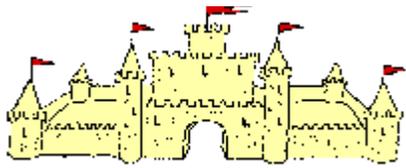
But, never fear! There is some good news.

You can still enjoy a holiday with Pete & Marj Hendy at Rattery. While the holiday will focus on dancing, there will be plenty of other activities to choose from, the proximity of Dartmoor promises some fantastic walking and rambling and the beach is a hop, skip and a jump in the car. Don't forget this is a half board holiday. This means half cook's duty and equals more time to enjoy yourselves in this beautiful area of Devonshire - if you don't go, you really will miss out on a treat.

There are a very few spaces left for the first week at Forestside with the fantastic Mr Paul Weir and friends, bringing their own brand of mayhem to the Sussex coast. Paul is a highly experienced leader, fantastic with children and no one is left out on a holiday with him.

And there is a little bit of room left at Gestel, France for both weeks, 30 July to 6 August & 6 to 13 August.

"This is going to be the best year yet!"



An eagerly awaited return to south Brittany and to one of the most popular sites we have ever used. A modern Village hall with all the facilities we need.

The wonderful beaches at Guidel Plage are just 5 miles away and some of our stay will coincide with the Festival InterCeltic at Lorient. Other things to do include trips to the standing stones at Carnac, the ancient city of Quimper and historic Concarneau. It is hoped that the camp will include events with the local folk dance group and the villagers..



But book ***NOW*** for all camps - there isn't much room anywhere! What a ***fantastic*** year we're going to have!

Articles of Association E.G.M

★ There will be an **Extraordinary General Meeting** of Folk Camps Society Ltd on Sunday, 19th June at Newbold Rugby Club, Parkfield Road, Rugby at 12pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to consolidate and bring up-to-date our Memorandum and Articles of Association - in other words, our rules.

This is an extremely important meeting so please do your very best to attend.

A.G.M. 2005

December 3rd, 2005

Grieg Hall, Alcester

2pm

Put it in your diaries now!



Better late than never ...

June Strange was a relatively recent convert to Folk Camps. Sadly, she died at the beginning of April.



Only recently introduced to folk music, at the age of sixty-five, she borrowed a tent (never having camped before!) and a keyboard, and set off for Seaton. Tolpudde, Clun, Dover, Amroth, the Isle of Wight and France (never having left the country before!). One camp a year became two, then three.

Irish dancing, clog dance, French dance, bell rining, bones workshops, pub sessions, singing workshops, early morning spud peeling, cooking for a hundred and fifty and hand pumped showers were all new experiences. Finding the music irresistible, she left her tent in the early hours to play and dance Levi Jackson by candlelight whilst playing a Kazoo and to dance tango in her nightie and wellyboots.



Inspired by the likes of Dave Jolly, Andy Johnson, Jenny Newman, Chris Jewell and Richard Jones, she loved the music workshops and kept playing the new tunes and arrangements when she got back home. She joined a folk club and folkdance club, and, within the next five years, she had played for four country dance bands!

Entering into the spirit of folk camps, she played no small part in the Clun otter turds saga; the latin dance workshops and the disappearing plastic spoon mystery at Amroth. In 2005 she was booked into four folk camps but, sadly, following a sudden and brief illness, she died on 3rd April.

June epitomised the spirit of Folk Camping and, if you know anyone like her, don't let them tell you they are too old to try it; offer to lend them your tent.



Keith Dench