

# Folk Camp Forum is online!

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.

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

## In other news...

**Loxwood** - Spring bank holiday **is full**  
**Lymstone** - 22 - 29 July **is full**  
29 July - 5 August **is full**  
12 - 19 August **is full**

Why not choose to go to the August Bank holiday at Loxwood, Dalton for the Spring Bank Holiday and the other weeks at Lymstone or Rattery?

At Wildhern this year we hope to have a genuine wedding!

Two members of OBJ Morris (Suzie and Dave) would like to have their wedding on the May 1st (very early at the camp or near by) and the side would like to dance in the dawn. This will not interfere with the camp but you are very welcome to join the happy couple for their celebration, if you would like.



If you would like to know more contact Doug Brown on [doug.brown@ndirect.co.uk](mailto:doug.brown@ndirect.co.uk).

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& news from the Folk Camps Society!

## Hidden Gems

Every year, there's a camp or two that people always say later, "Oh! I wish I'd known about that, it sounds right up my street!" Well, this is what Extent is for, let us share some hidden gems from this year's huge choice!

### Musicians Camp - 30 June to 3 July - Beckford



A weekend for players of any and every kind of instrument. Lots of playing and a little bit of dancing. The wonderfully talented Dave Brown and Elaine Meechan will musician the weekend with Cecil French leading.

### Summer Half Board week - 6 August - 13 August - Rattery

Mic Spenceley leads this exciting week with David and Jenny Pattenden providing the music for the first part of the week and the Barry Moule for the final part.

Rattery is a small friendly village, close to Totnes and Buckfastleigh, on the fringes of Dartmoor. This week will have an emphasis on activities for a more adult crowd, not forgetting the usual Folk Camps happenings. It is set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is about seven miles from the coast and the beaches.



## Message from the Chairman



The 2006 season is still steaming ahead with more than 400 people already booked for Lympstone and the other camps filling rapidly. The work of finding new sites for 2007 and 2008 is already in hand – which is where YOU come in.

Do you know of any good sites or places you would like to see a Folk Camp? We have good marquee sites lined up for 2007 and 2008 but we need to get some good new hall sites sorted out as well.

There are other ways that folk campers can offer their skills in helping with the Society's activities – publicity, health and safety, the reunion, catering policy – if you have a burning desire to help in any of these areas or some good ideas you think we could use please get in touch – you don't need to be a member of council to get involved. The coordinator for each working group is listed at the end.



Finally, we are always on the lookout for new staff at camps. Would you like to have a crack at staffing in 2007? We can arrange assistant or apprentice places for those that want to learn. Several new people are trying it in 2006 and some have already put their hands up for 2007. If there's one thing we still need more of than anything it's new caterers!

Thank you to everybody who is helping to make Folk Camps a success – it's appreciated.

Paul Weir, Chairman

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## Reunion Survey

Many thanks to Sue Malleson for conducting the survey. More than 100 members responded and we have a much clearer idea of what you want.

The consensus is for an event in the Midlands - most are happy with any date. Topping the wish list are "meet my friends", "dance" and "play music" closely followed by "go to the pub".



For 2006 Council is going to stick with the date of 2 December but we are trying to find a new venue somewhere between Coventry and Milton Keynes.

You can see the results of the survey at:

[www.tauruspr.co.uk/folkcamp/reunion/reunion/1.htm](http://www.tauruspr.co.uk/folkcamp/reunion/reunion/1.htm)