

## In other news...

The first marquee camp at Poole (21 to 28 July) is, like week 2 (28 July to 4 August), now **FULL**. Week 3 (4 to 11 August) is following fast and is expected to fill over the next week or so. Week 4 (11 to 18 August) will not be far behind.

The hall week at Bryn Pydew (4 to 11 August) is also proving very popular, so get your booking forms in quickly. This camp is unsuitable for caravans.

Those who have failed to get into the Spring Bank Holiday weekend camp at Loxwood are booking for the May Bank Holiday at Wildhern, so make sure you don't miss out on your early season weekend break.

## Ray Goulding

30 October 1925 - 14 August 2006

Ray died in August of Prostate Cancer.



He joined Folk Camps (Family Camps) in 1968 at Cartmel and camped with his family every year until 1984. During that time he was leader at many of the camps. In later years, he enjoyed the Dance for Dancers weekends.

Tamara Goulding

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## North Wales, France and more!

### Bryn Pydew

4 to 11 August (Saturday to Saturday)

There are very few places left at the camp at the fully catered hall camp in Bryn Pydew, Wales to be run by Doug Brown and Jason Rosser. Bryn Pydew is situated between Llandudno (points if you can pronounce it correctly) and Colwyn Bay on the northern coast of Wales. Easily reached by car and train (there's a station at Llandudno Junction). The beautiful backdrop of Snowdonia is a short hop away and I hear the food will be fantastic!

For more information please visit:

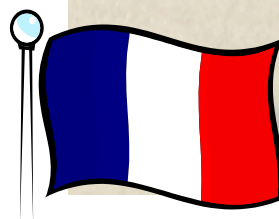
<http://www.colwyn.org.uk/>

<http://www.llandudno.com/>

### Le Roc - St André, Brittany

4 to 11 August and 11 to 18 August

Our first visit to the village of Le Roc St André in Brittany. Situated on the banks of the Nantes-Brest Canal, the village has four bars with a cider maker and the Lancelot brewery close by. It's about 45 minutes to the sea and there are nice lakes with beaches for swimming and sailing close at hand. The nearest ferry port is St Malo just over 1½ hours away.



## View from the "Back Office"



Phew! Have I really been doing this job for 7 months? The time has flown by. I must be enjoying it.

In the lead up to Roger's retirement at the end of August we managed to get a brand new custom-made database up and running (Thank you Richard Jones!).

The main difference from the old one is that every camper is entered as an individual.

Since the beginning of September the process of booking sites and staff has been ongoing. Those of you who keep an eye on the Members Only website will have noticed the frequent updates to the "Camps" page. As I write there are still a couple of staff places to fill with suitable people. We don't put just any old bod in, you know!

I used the Christmas break to finish redecorating the office – well, apart from painting the skirting and door frames. I'll probably get around to those next Christmas.

But I know what you all did over Christmas... You filled in Folk Camp booking forms didn't you? Most of those were for the first two marquee weeks! As you read this those weeks are full and the Loxwood weekend is also full.



In spite of the excellent bookings position so far this season, the Council is determined that we look to the future growth of Folk Camps. This is why so many of you have been helping by spreading the word with the new brochures and 2007 programme inserts.

You will have noticed changes to the booking procedure this year. As well as changing to an A4 format for the form, we are now asking for dates of birth of all those under 22. This enables the

database to accurately (and automatically) determine the correct pricing category for each person for this year and future years. Yes, we really do need one form for each camp and if you're coming to two weeks in Poole or France then that's a form for each week.



I hope you like the new site information leaflets and those of you not yet Governing Members can use the application form to remedy that situation.

Internet booking is getting closer. We are "road-testing" the system at present and it's looking good. Keep your eye on the website for when it's launched.

I've been learning a lot about Folk Camps, and I suspect that the 2008 season will see some more changes and improvements to the system. Keep sending in those forms!

Mic Spenceley

## Extent Editorship

In October, I will have been producing Extent for five years. I feel that it is now time to "retire" and let someone else have a go. I intend that July's issue will be my final edition so that the new editor is up and running for October.

Editing Extent currently involves collecting, collaborating and editing articles, songs and dances to produce 5 magazines a year (four A4 spreads such as this one and one major publication in the Autumn), although as needs change, this may also change. I currently use PagePlus to produce Extent, although any major DTP package would likely be viable.

Those interested in the post should initially contact me, Paul Weir, or Mic Spenceley for more information.

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