

Folk Camps 2015 AGM

21 November 2015



AGM Agenda

- To receive apologies
- To confirm the minutes of the AGM on 15th Nov. 2014
 - To consider any matters arising
- ~~• To appoint Tellers for a Ballot~~
- To appoint 3 members to the Council of Management
- To adopt the report and accounts for the year 2014/2015
- To appoint James de Frias Limited as accountants
- ~~• Resolutions proposed in advance by Governing Members~~
- Any Other Business
 - including Chair's presentation



Review of 2015...

...& looking forward to 2016



Bursary 2015

- 7 Recipients
 - 2 new to Folk Camps
 - 2 nearly new
 - 3 existing
- Potential future staff
 - 2014 recipient became staff musician in 2015
- Promotion of Folk Camps



Bursary 2016

- Discover
 - For new people

- Promote
 - For new and existing
 - Propose a project to promote Folk Camps
 - Eg Brian's video from 2015



New Administration Manager

- Thorough Appointment Process
 - 22 information packs sent out
 - 9 applicants
 - 5 short-listed, interviewed face to face
 - Sarah Richardson (Aggie) appointed



Retiring Administration Manager

- Mic Spenceley – 9 years 6 months...
- Huge Thanks for:
 - hard work, guidance, keeping Council on straight and narrow, advice, dealing with difficult situations, bureaucracy-busting, and calling some great dances...



Sally Clayden retiring from Council

- 6 years of hard work:
 - Became Chair after 1 year, with a very inexperienced council: 5 out of 9 new!
 - 2 years chair
 - 2 years vice chair
 - Oversaw 5 changes in Folk Camps contractors in 6 years!
 - Bursary Coordinator
 - Caterer



New Sites Finder

- To find new Summer locations
 - Hall + Marquee fields
- To find further village halls for weekends
- Steve Porritt appointed for initial 1 year term
- You can help
 - Field criteria on website - Resources



Staff Development Day 2015

- Collaborative and Sharing day
 - Devised ways to improve communication between staff, campers and Council
 - Discussed nurturing apprentices
 - Identified existing best practices
 - Discussed how to become more effective in our roles
- Thanks:
 - Lori Weber, Jacqueline and Stuart Beattie, Liz Cooper, + everyone that attended



New Staff

- Many new camp staff in 2015
 - Apprentices, Assistants
 - Mentors developing our existing talent
- Even more new staff in 2016
- We have increased numbers of caterers and musicians
- But still need more leaders and wardens

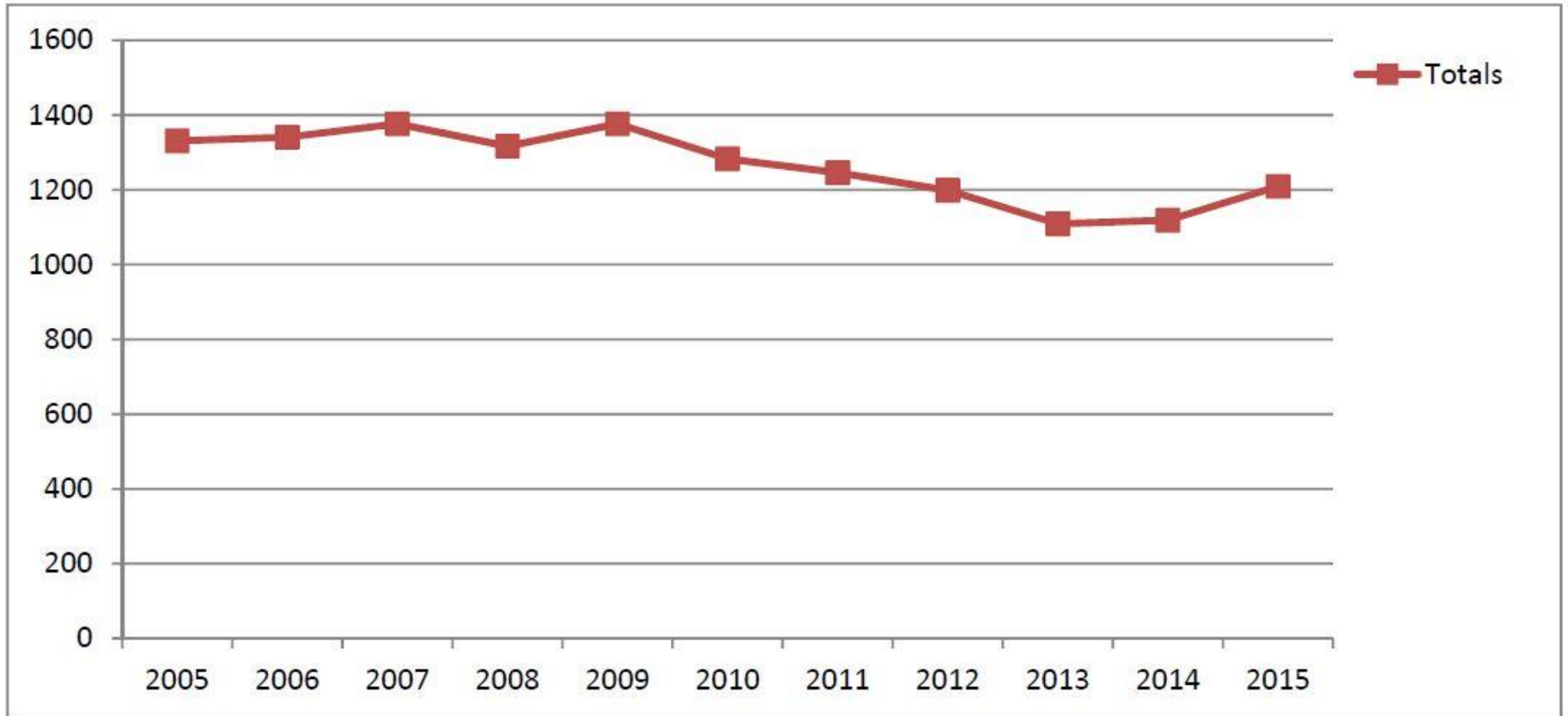


Folk Camps needs Volunteers

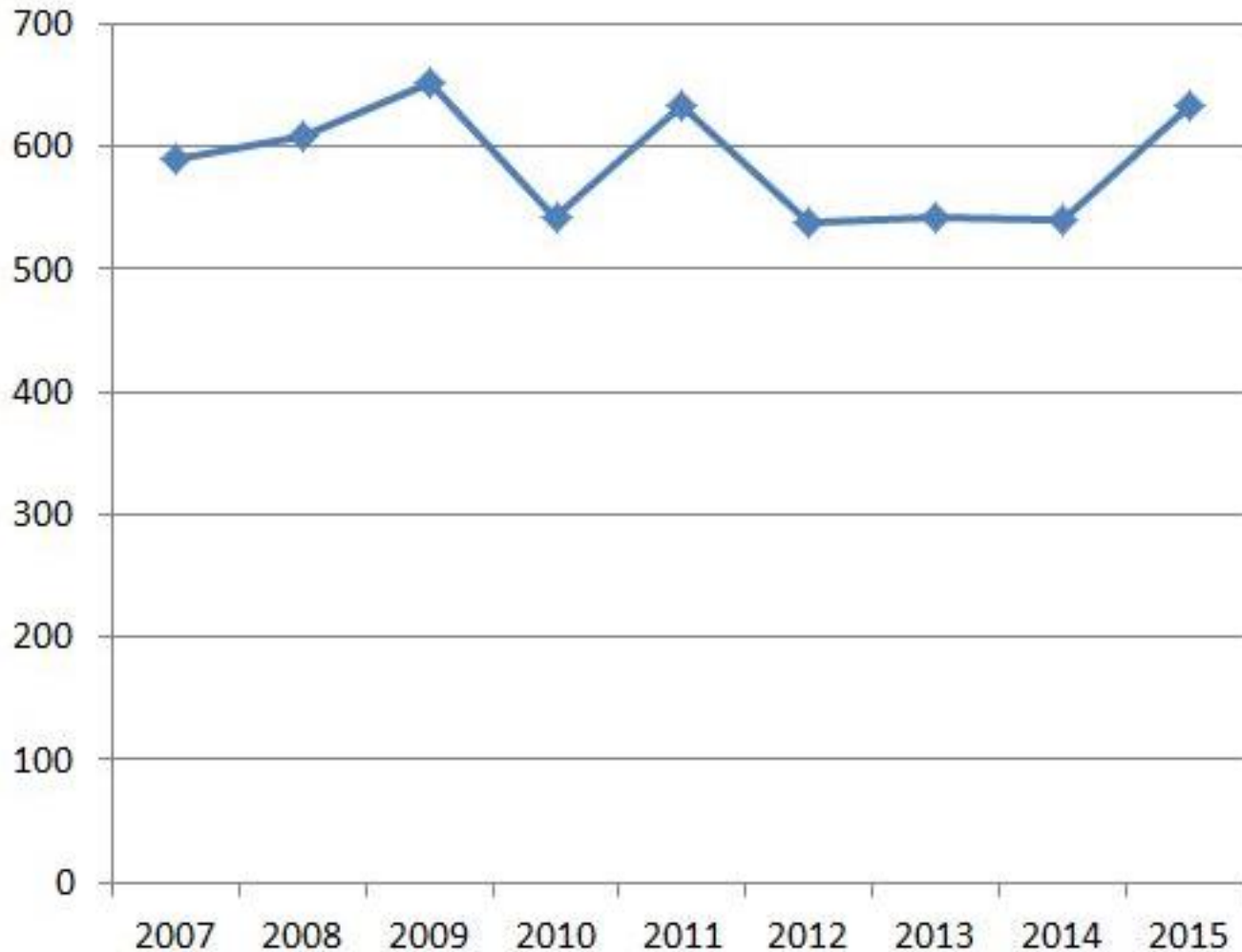
- Council incomplete
- Camp Staff are volunteers
- Without volunteers your holidays do not exist
- It's CV enhancing
- It's really rewarding!



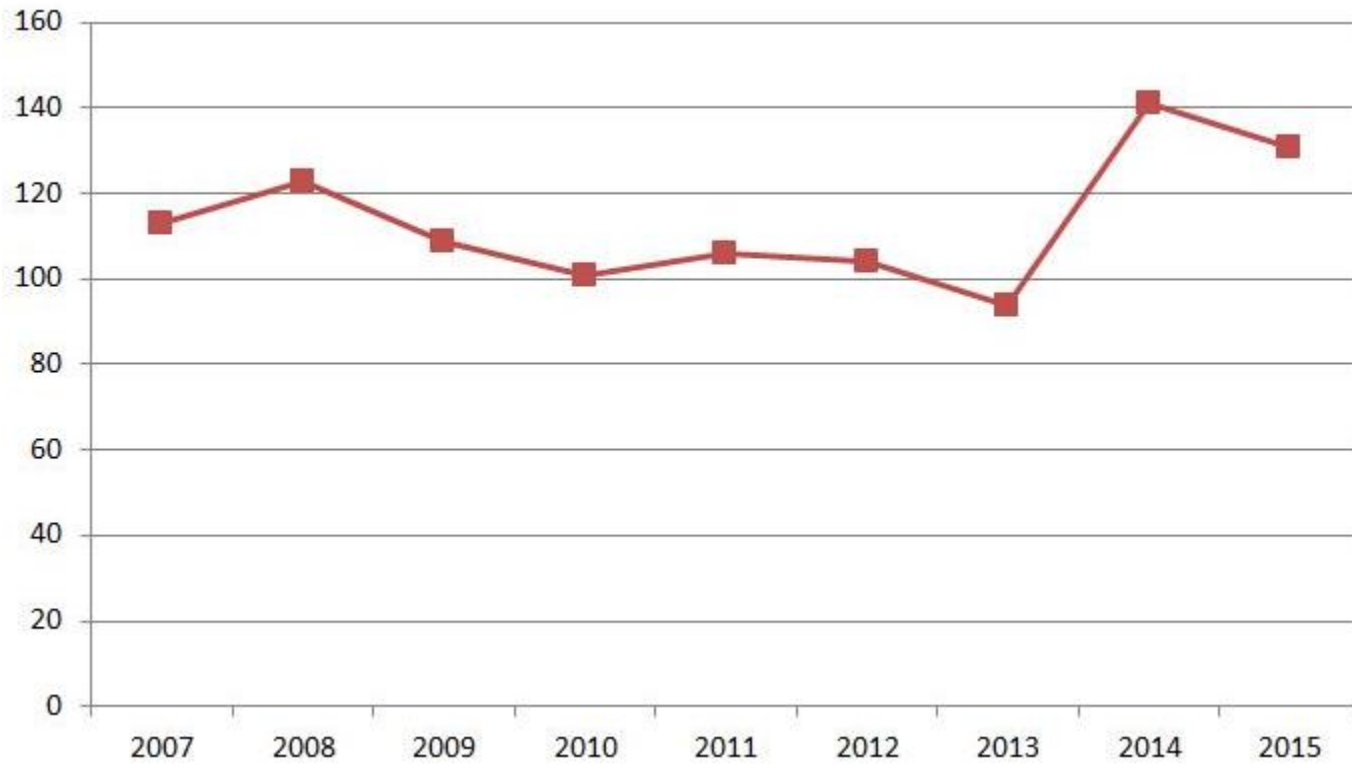
Bookings up in 2015



Summer campers up in 2015



New Campers – our future



Finding More Folk Campers: 1

- Why?
 - Sharing what we have with our friends
 - We need new members to survive and grow
 - Our Purpose:
 - To promote traditional music, song and dance
 - An incentive for you:
 - 10% credit reward for new people you introduce



Finding More Folk Campers: 2

- How can you help?
 - Tell your friends about Folk Camps
 - Show them our new video
 - Tell people about the Folk Camps Bursary
- Do you have suggestions for publicity?
 - How can we reach potential Folk Campers?



2015 Summer Camps

- Marquee: Rhayader – mid Wales
 - 6 years since we last went there
 - Beautiful location:
 - Red kites... dams... cycling... walking...
- Hall: Roch – Pembrokeshire
 - New location, large village hall
 - 1 mile from the beach
 - 50 metres from pub!



Change of venue for Spring BH South

- Move to Chedworth, near Cirencester
 - One of our summer 2015 venues
- Hopefully easier to get to than Chiddingly on a Friday night...
- Experiment for 2016



2016 Camp Innovation: Miserden Inbetweener

3 – 5 June	Fri - Sun	Session Workshop Weekend
5 – 9 June	Sun - Thurs	Inbetweener
9 – 12 June	Thurs - Sun	Singers Workshop Weekend

- Inbetweener = DIY self-cater camp
 - Staff = just a warden
 - Access to the village hall, countryside and pub!
 - Opportunity for lazy few days in the field...



Happy Folk Camping 2016

