



# FOXLEASE SINGING CIRCLE AUTUMN 2010 NEWSLETTER

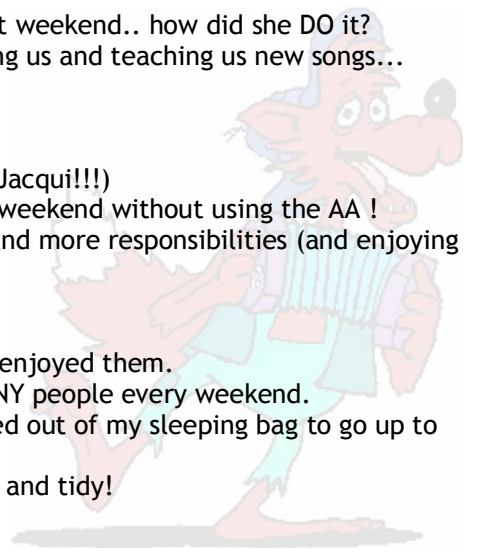
## BETTER LATE THEN NEVER!

In only 4 weeks time we shall once again be gathering at Foxlease to sing and make music together. To get you in the mood, here's a collection of thoughts and memories from the last weekend in June, including a fab Guiders' version of Kipling's famous poem 'IF', and also the usual information about things that are going on. Enjoy! Jacqui

## Frances' list of THINGS SHE'LL REMEMBER about being chair over the last five years!!!!

1. Finding that Ali was always organised WAY before I'd even thought about the next weekend.. how did she DO it?
2. Spring Chicken Weekends... Hilary's wide games... Karen and Kaye from US joining us and teaching us new songs... meeting new young members!
3. The weekend in the House! The Gospel session.... wicked!
4. Weekends with Mary Gentry and Sue Mann - always FAB!
5. Watching Jacqui's skills as a leader grow and grow! (yes, please DO include this, Jacqui!!!)
6. Getting to know the Clare family... wondering whether they'd arrive at the next weekend without using the AA !
7. Enjoying seeing the 'Hopeless Guiders' being far from hopeless.. taking on more and more responsibilities (and enjoying their company!).
8. Getting to know the names of people I've known and smiled at for years...
9. Seeing SO many members all pulling together for the FSC Music Day at Cheddar.
10. Observing the Friday and Saturday night sings at PML... and how MANY members enjoyed them.
11. Food... food.... food! Watching in wonder as our teams managed to feed SO MANY people every weekend.
12. Ice on the camper van step during November meetings.. and shivering as I crawled out of my sleeping bag to go up to PML for early Sunday morning committee meetings.
13. SO MANY Sunday afternoons with everyone pitching in to get the Barn cleared up and tidy!

I could go on and on.. but you'd be snoring!!! Five years as Chair.....It's been a gas!!



## FSC Archive

Hilary Jenkins

Although we have been around for quite a while, very little FSC archive material exists at Foxlease. We have photos of the 1989 'Highway' filming and a useful collection of programmes etc. Do you have anything - programmes, photos, newsletters - which you would donate (or lend for copying)? As I am already involved in Foxlease archives I am happy to record/preserve/collate any items. Please bring anything you can offer to the next weekend, or leave it at Foxlease marked 'FAO Archives'. Thanking you in anticipation, Hilary.

## SONGBOOKS

Do you have any duplicate song books you want to sell?  
Is there a book missing from your collection that you would like to buy?

Our songbook stall at Foxlease Singing Circle has been a great success so far. Our aim is to try and make it easier to get hold of the books we regularly use, including those that are now out of print. Getting hold of these books is a challenge, so if you hear of folks in your districts and divisions with old Guiding paraphernalia they are clearing out, why not check to see if there are any songbooks stashed away!

Come and have a look at the next weekend and see if we have anything you need?

Also bring along second hand books you would like to sell, and let us know if you could purchase any new books from other sources for us to sell on.

## FSC on the WEB

Did you know that as well as our website, we now have a facebook page so you can become a fan of FSC! There is a link to our facebook page from our website: [www.foxleasesingingcircle.org.uk](http://www.foxleasesingingcircle.org.uk)



## FSC MERCHANDISE

Sweatshirts  
Polo Shirts  
Rugby Shirts

Available in  
Red or Green

Prices to be  
confirmed



Neckers  
£2.50  
FSC Badges  
£1.60

New stock will be available to purchase at the November weekend.

Orders are placed periodically so if you are looking for something particular that is not currently available, we will probably be able to get it for you.

## JUNE 2010

Great setting for the campfire and lovely weather! Jill Clark  
*Lovely sunset after our campfire outside PML. Jane Withey*

Great weekend - do I have to go back to the real world? Jackie Browning

Come and join us with...

This was my first visit but I sincerely hope it won't be my last. I have had a wonderful weekend, one which I will never forget. Everyone had made me so welcome. Chris Blake

So many friends  
In blue, red and green,  
Never ending song,  
Going on forever,  
In beautiful surroundings,  
Never a dull moment,  
Guiding at it's best

*A wonderful weekend and a great chance to spend time together as a family, with our extended FSC family too! The Clare Family*

I liked being able to watch England playing the U.S.A. in the world cup while listening to campfire songs! Caroline Steer

For the joy of singing together,  
Sharing new experiences,  
Camaraderie and fun.

at Foxlease Singing Circle.  
Sue Askew

*Another great weekend! Mary Taylor*

For all these things, I say THANKYOU  
Sue Askew

Nearly didn't come... did I have the time? Will my friend be there? Do I want to sing? So glad I did! Debbie Tarrant

Thanks for another uplifting weekend. Good sings, lovely food - caught up with lots of friends - learnt new music. Liked the programme very much. Sue Odgers

*Once again a great weekend with some spine tingling Moments - thanks for arranging the weather too so we could enjoy the magnificent surroundings. Daphne & Edna*

What a wonderful first visit to Foxlease Singing Circle - it will not be my last. Wonderful weekend - thanks to all. Pam Dicken

I have been a Guider for many years and have always enjoyed singing. Over the time I have been in several singing groups and choirs in my District, County and Region. I had heard about the singing circles at the training centres but I never quite got round to joining one. Last year I finally decided to take the plunge and join Foxlease. For me the last weekend was the delicious icing on a very big cake. I was apprehensive about joining a new group but I needn't have worried, everyone made me feel so very welcome and included. It was particularly enjoyable on the Saturday when we were put through our paces by Maggie O'Connor, a voice practitioner. She used many African style rhythms in the sessions in keeping with the start of the world cup. I have joined Zulus in singing those rhythms, in Africa on holiday visits, so they brought back many memories for me. The whole weekend was just awesome and I would like to say a big personal thank you to everyone who made it what it was. I will certainly be applying for the next one. Thank you Chris Blake.

## WADDOW 2010



If you would like to hear us FSC folks at Waddow rehearsing our song for the Sunday evening, go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzsJbmCnQUo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzsJbmCnQUo) or search You Tube for 'FSC song for Waddow'

## DIARY DATES

19th-21st November 2010 : Mary Gentry  
10th-12th June 2011 : Hilary Stokes  
22nd October 2011 : Music Day in Reading  
18th-20th November 2011 : Suggestion to the committee please!



# If

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are 24 Brownies all wanting to go to the toilet at the same time.

If you can trust yourself when all Guides doubt you,  
but you always make allowance for them to change their minds too;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
for a girl to be quiet and then slowly raise her arm,  
Or be hated, for making them tie knots,  
But loved for the strawberry laces that are used to tie them:

If you can wear blue but not make blue your master  
If you can think quickly and change your programme;

If you can meet with a girl's disaster

And treat all girls just the same;

If you can bear the sound of laughter  
At 3am when every girl should be asleep,

Or watch the girls you gave your life to  
Grow up with the strength and knowledge that they've gained:

If you can make one heap of all the toilet rolls

And turn them into a beautiful craft,

And lose yourself whilst out on a walk

But never let the girls know that you are actually lost;

If you can spare 'just one hour a week' for all your years

And continue to serve long after they are gone

And to have hugs from all around you

Except the girl that just wants to 'stay on'!

If you can break into song with a crown of strangers,  
And ignore strange looks for buying 5 bags of marshmallows,

If neither the abseil tower or zipwire ride daunt you,

If all trips cost you, but not too much,

If you can fill your house to the rafters

With accounts and crafts and camping gear,

Yours is the world and all your sisters are in it,

And - which is more - you'll be a Guider, my friend!