



FOXLEASE SINGING CIRCLE SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

HELLO!

Jacqui Ford

Welcome to another edition of the FSC Newsletter! I hope you are getting excited about our 30th Birthday celebrations, I know that the committee are hard at work trying to pull everything together to give us all a great weekend - if they could just arrange for good weather as well then it will be perfect! Looking forward to seeing many of you there!



THOUGHTS FROM A FIRST TIMER

Ann Evans

It is VERY difficult to explain to someone what a Singing Circle is all about, but I guess you have already found that. Only someone who enjoys singing, just for the pure joy of it, can even begin to understand, and only someone from within Girlguiding can go that further step to realise what Foxlease (and the many other) Singing Circles, are all about.

It's almost 57 years since I first made my Promise, as a Brownie, and active Girlguiding has never been out of my life ever since, but I have to say it has taken me this long to find you! We had a very successful local Sheffield Guiding Singing Circle many years ago (35+) but I have lost count of the times we have tried to resurrect it since, to my great disappointment. They just don't know what they are missing; or probably they do, but their busy lives will just not allow them to stretch their spare time that little bit further.

So, when I was asked to Mentor a local Guide Leader through her Leadership qualification, imagine my delight to meet Jacqui Ford! How could I resist coming along with her to Foxlease Singing Circle?!

My first experience, in November 2012 lead me to put the 2013 Autumn date in my diary immediately. To be honest, I barely saw Jacqui, other than when we sat together to SING! As with all things Girlguiding, even more so with Guiding Singing Circles, and even MORE so with Foxlease Singing Circle, I was welcomed and encouraged from every angle. I am already wondering if any of those folk I got to know will be in my 'dorm', my working group, choose my workshop etc etc, but if they aren't I know that I'll be able to catch up over a cuppa, and yet another piece of cake!

Well done team; organising this is no small task, your efforts are much appreciated. And I am in awe of the SING leaders – you must go home exhausted, but happy, I hope.

See you all in about 36 weeks time!

BIRTHDAY WEEKEND UPDATE

Rachel Clare

June is fast-approaching and with it our 30th birthday celebration weekend! We hope that many of you will be able to join us for 'The Joy of Singing Together' and what promises to be another great FSC weekend.

The committee recently met (in person and via Skype!) to finalise plans for the weekend. We look forward to sessions from a variety of leaders, giving us the opportunity to 'Sing For Joy' as we revisit old favourites as well as learn and share new music. Saturday afternoon brings a cream tea, provided by ladies from Devon and Cornwall (will it be jam then cream, or cream then jam...?!), followed by a celebration meal in the evening, where none of us have to do the cooking or the washing up!

Sunday morning will see a special FSC Sunday Moment, reflecting on the past, celebrating the present and having a 'Look Into The Future'. There will, of course, be birthday cake and we also hope to have a group photo taken to 'Capture The Moment'.

We are attempting to contact many former members and leaders of FSC to ensure that they also have the opportunity to 'Come and Join the Celebration' too!

So, the committee look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible for another weekend

'On The Loose' at Foxlease, for we know that 'Whatever The Weather, We'll Sing, Sing Sing' and enjoy 'Being A Guide With You'!



Thank you
to Wendy Ingle
for these fantastic foxes!

YULISHKA UNDER THE LILAC TREE...

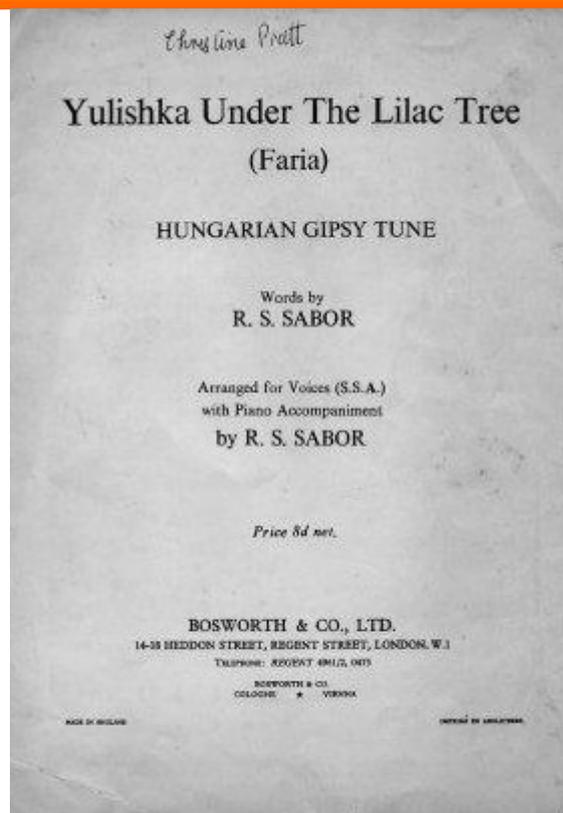
Christine Clode

I was a Brownie Guider in Hampshire North from 1973 until my move to Hampshire East in 1980. In the late 70's I attended a weekend at Foxlease, with Sue Stevens introducing her Music in the Pack Certificate. We were invited to take along a piece of music if we wished, and I placed my copy of Yulishka on the table, never giving it another thought.

I have been away from Guiding for some years but joined FSC in November 2011. Imagine my surprise to hear you all singing Yulishka during one of the sessions, though I was distressed at the speed you were singing, it being a folk song to be played with a waltzing lilt.

In the mid 50s I sang in my school choir, The Chessingers, our teacher and music director being R. S. Sabor, Rudi who brought his family from Germany some time after the war and settled in Surrey. The song, Yulishka Under The Lilac Tree (Faria) is a Hungarian Gipsy Tune. Mr Sabor composed the words and arranged the tune for 3 voices, the music being published by Bosworth & Co Ltd probably in 1956. I have had my copy since that time, paying the princely sum of 8d. for it! Those of you at the November 2012 meet were able to see my copy. Yulishka was one of the songs performed on the BBC TV Children's programme, hosted by Hugh Weldon, All Your Own.

Rudi is now aged 98 and had recently suffered a stroke, but was delighted to hear how well loved this song is. He sends greetings to you all and hopes you will enjoy many more years of singing together.



The Chessingers



HELP! WE NEED YOUR...

...SONGS!

Have you written or would you like to write a song in Honour of our 30th birthday? Perhaps you wrote one for our 21st - I seem to remember there were some good ones, what a shame to only sing them once... perhaps we can resurrect them? We would love to hear your musical offerings at the weekend! And we can sing them again in November!



If you can help, please let us know!
Email: foxleasingsingcircle@gmail.com

...MEMORIES!

As part of the birthday weekend, we want to have a 'presentation' of some sort, outlining our 30 years history. It would be lovely to include special memories, serious or funny, from anyone who would like to contribute. We will include as many as possible/appropriate! A few sentences please, not a life history!



...TEAPOTS!

Yes, teapots! If anyone has any large teapots lurking in cupboards, camp stores etc. that they no longer require and would like to donate to FSC, they would be extremely useful for the afternoon cream tea in June, and probably for general tea serving at future weekends. Alternatively, if you have large teapots that you do still use, but you would be happy to share them with us for the weekend, please also get in touch.
Thankyou



...MESSAGES!

If you are unable to join us, we would love to receive a message from you to share with everyone.



What makes up a Singing Circle Weekend at Foxlease?

♪ music to feed the soul & lift the spirits;

♪ friends to share the fun;

♪ laughter that resounds through the days & into the following weeks.

Kath Stephen

DIARY DATES



2013

7th-9th June - FSC 30th Birthday Weekend

15th-17th November - FSC Weekend

2014

2nd-5th May - National Singing Circle Meet

6th-8th June - FSC Weekend

14th-16th November - FSC Weekend

Who would you like to see leading future weekends?

Please email your suggestions and preferences to

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or pass them to the committee



LOOKING FORWARD TO SINGING TOGETHER VERY SOON!