



FOXLEASE SINGING CIRCLE

SPRING 2015



A Dash of Diary Dates In this issue:

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2015

May

6th-8th Musical Madness

June

6th-8th FSC!!
27 Notes for Notes

July

3-5 Bronierion
13 LSGC

CONTACT US

Who would you like to see leading future weekends?

Let us know at:

FoxleaseSingingCircles@gmail.com

Do you have suggestions or comments?

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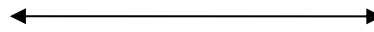
or pass your thoughts to any Committee member.

Greetings

Coming to you in June

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR !

Sitting here on a very grey, gloomy day makes me even more aware and appreciative of the wonderful Guiding weekends we share at Foxlease, and even better, they are filled with music. I know many of us have had very busy times – which mean a weekend in the forest is something to look forward to.

It's not all gloom, the daffodils are about to burst into yellow blooms, hedgerows are showing the first signs of fresh green, birds are singing and Easter is just around the corner.

Thank you all for your response to our Special Fund situation. I am so pleased we were able to help Sally and Molli - they have been overwhelmed by our offer of help. We wish them well and pray that Molli's current progress continues. It will be so good for them and their family to be home and it would be wonderful if they are able to be with us in June.

I am thrilled that Sue Mann and Mary Gentry have found time to share their talents with us. They are both very busy and have many commitments but will give us a June weekend to treasure.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in June, 5th to 7th, and to sharing music, fun and friendship.

Thanks to you all for making them such brilliant weekends. Happy Easter Janet



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COMING TO YOU IN JUNE



Not One, but Two leaders join us for the June Weekend. Mary Gentry and Sue Mann will keep us on our toes and in tune !

Sue will be with us on Saturday and Mary on Sunday. It promises to be a fabulous weekend, so pack your song books, pack your smiles and come along !



MEMBERS' CORNER

An Incredible Journey!

From Laura

This past June I was welcomed at Foxlease Singing Circle for my first weekend singing experience. But, so much more than singing, visiting Foxlease was a step into a time machine!

A step back to a time one month shy of ninety years ago, connecting with my grandmother's Guiding history when she participated as Canadian Patrol Leader during the First World Camp at Foxlease. It was brilliant to learn where on this vast property her camp site was actually located, close to the gate and main house, a guest of the Worcestershire Camp. This awareness adds a vivid dimension to the event filled and often mischievous activities described in the intimate diary of this rather naughty patrol leader's adventures around camp, into the New Forest, Lyndhurst (for sweets!) and to the Brockenhurst station. With familiarity of the surrounding one cannot simply read this diary, but be incredibly transformed to this wonderful place and the experiences within the stories. A copy of 'The Summer of 1924 A Canadian Girl Guides Adventures to the First World Camp at Foxlease' is available in the Foxlease archives.



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An Incredible Journey – continued.....

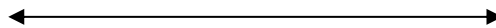
Venturing forward in the time machine to the 21st century, Foxlease Singing Circle is a perfect event for reuniting with old friends and, as the song says, “Make New Friends” !

As for the ‘old’ friends, it has been twelve amazing years since meeting Lisa while purchasing souvenirs at the Guide store in Sydney, Australia, and six years since meeting Gill at Sangam in India.

Traveling with Lisa to three of the World Centres and other international camps and Guide houses, meeting up again with Gill at her County camp while on route with Lisa to the UK Centenary camp, then meeting up again with both of them and all of you for this exceptional weekend, the Foxlease Singing Circle experience has nourished my Guiding spirit terrifically alike a World Centre adventure! The friendships made in the harmony of this enjoyable weekend, the core singing sessions, activities in Princess Margaret Lodge and roommates in the dorm, including the adorable green mascot Pascal, will forever live in my heart.

Rather than crossing it off the ‘bucket’ list, visiting Foxlease and having the privilege of being immersed in Singing Circle this past June was one significant drop towards filling my bucket of fantastic life experiences!

Laura



OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE SINGING CIRCLES

If you have news to share or want your event listed here, please email it to foxleasesingingcircle@gmail.com.

Kernow Singing Circle Weekend 6-8th February 2015

We held our third residential weekend in February this year and 64 of us gathered at the Cliff Head Hotel, Carlyon Bay to enjoy a weekend of friendship and fun.

Kernow Singing Circle welcomed 34 people over the border from all over the UK and with Pat Hobden, Ros Adams, Fay McMullan and Ali Crooks leading we had a mix of musical tastes and sounds to suit (hopefully) everyone.



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Kernow Singing Circle – continued...

The “alternative” ABBA night proved very popular on Saturday and everyone joined together to make it a great weekend.

We even managed to lay on fantastic weather so our friends who visited were able to explore the locality on the Saturday afternoon and managed to fit in ice creams, cream teas or both !

I think though there is a slight problem, after our last residential the hotel sold up... and this time the Cliff Head is due to close later this year ! **but** we have been assured it was nothing to do with the singing !

Ali Crooks

2015	Date	Event	Leader	Contact name
April	18	London Guiders Singing Group (LGSG)		Marion Easton
May	8-10	Musical Madness at Lorne	Pat Hobden	Fay McMullan
	23	LGSG		Marion Easton
June	5-7	Foxlease	Mary Gentry and Sue Mann	foxleasesingingcircle@gmail.com
	13	LGSG		Marion Easton
	27	Notes for Notes	Various	Wendy Rider
July	3-5	Broneirion	Ali Crooks	Glenys Conneely
	18	LGSG		Marion Easton
Sept	19	LGSG	Philippa Sharratt	Marion Easton
October	9-11	LGSG Residential	Pat Hobden	Marion Easton
November	6-8	Hautbois Minstrels		Mary Gentry
	13-15	Foxlease Singing Circle		foxleasesingingcircle@gmail.com
	21	LGSG		Marion Easton