

FOXLEASE SINGING CIRCLE AUTUMN 2014



A Dash of Diary

Dates

(A complete list with contact information is at the end of this newsletter)

2014

October

4th Broneiron SC 18th LGSG 31st- 2 Nov Waddow SC

November

14th-16th Foxlease SC 22nd LGSG

December

13th LGSG

2015

February

6th-8th Netherurd SC

CONTACT US

Who would you like to see leading future weekends? Do you have suggestions or comments? Please email us at foxleasesingingcircle@gmail.com or pass your thoughts to any committee member.

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GREETINGS! It is nearly time again for "The Joy of Singing Together."

It may be a busy weekend as we have an upcoming election for an important role on the committee. Our current Secretary, Rachel Clare, plans to step down after doing an amazing job for us. It isn't too soon to begin considering who we might nominate.

As part of her plan for the transition for the new office holder, Rachel has automated a lot of the tools and forms to simplify booking procedures and is currently working to make the handover procedure as easy as possible.

Many thanks to Rachel for her tireless service to FSC.





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COMING TO YOU IN NOVEMBER



Our leader for the November weekend comes as a surprise to us all. While I normally would give you a bit of a biography here, I thought you might like to guess who it will be. I know I certainly am. That aside, we all know one thing, we are in for a great weekend!

MEMBERS' CORNER

The Foxlease Necker by Alison Bailie



The necker was introduced into the Foxlease staff uniform in the early 80s. It was a unanimous decision that we would wear a necker so that visitors to the house and estate would recognise Foxlease staff.

Sue Stevens and Marjorie King went to Netherurd to take a training and whilst there Sue did a little research. Princess Mary (the Princess Royal), for whom Foxlease was named, was a Royal Stewart so Sue and Marjorie decided on a Royal Stewart tartan for the necker which staff were to wear with pride. They returned with 20 neckers.

When the Singing Circle was born, the executive committee at headquarters agreed that we could add the name of Foxlease to the circle name.



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At the outset of the circle, we had a navy sweatshirt with a gold printed logo, later changed to bottle green then red being added. I believe it was put to the circle members as to whether they would like to wear a necker. We did not have a committee at the time. It was decided that we would have green with a Royal Stewart Tartan edge being affiliated to Foxlease.

In the early years, the neckers were made by a friend of Meriel Dunham then by Meriel, herself. And now, by myself.

OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE SINGING CIRCLES

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

Additionally, contact details for those listed below are also available by email from this address.

2014	Date	Event	Leader	Contact name
August				
September	19 th – 21 st	Music in the Programme (Netherurd Singing		Netherurd House/
	20 th	Circle)		Sheila Turner
		London Guiders' Singing Group	Marion Prior	Marion Easton
October	4 th	Broneirion Singing Circle (day event)		Glenys Conneely
	18 th	London Guiders' Singing Group	Ali Crooks	Marion Easton
	31 st – 2 nd	Waddow Singing Circle	Philippa Sharratt	Sandra Taylor
	?	Sussex East Singing Circle		Verena Leppard
November	22 nd	London Guiders' Singing Group	Annette Stoneham	Marion Easton
December	13 th	London Guiders' Singing Group	Pat Hobden	Marion Easton
2015				
January	24th	London Guiders' Singing Group		Marion Easton
February	6th - 8th	Netherurd Singing Circle		Netherurd House
	6th - 8th	Kernow Singing Circle		Pam Elliott
	21st	London Guiders' Singing Group		Marion Easton
March	21st	London Guiders' Singing Group		Marion Easton

^{*}Many thanks to R Clare for assembling this table