

Folk Camps Society Limited



Incorporated as a company Limited by Guarantee and not having Share Capital

Company Registration Number (England and Wales) 00931434
Registered as a Charity - Number 255901

Registered address:-

Drummond House, 6 Pittville Crescent, Cheltenham GL52 2QZ

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of the members of Folk Camps Society Limited will take place at Toddington Village Hall, Leighton Road, Toddington, Bedfordshire LU5 6AN on Saturday 19st November 2016 at 2.30pm.

Associate members may also attend but cannot vote.

Patrick Self
Chair

AGENDA

- 1 To receive apologies
- 2 To confirm the minutes of the AGM on 21 Nov. 2015
- 3 To consider any matters arising
- 4 To appoint Tellers for a Ballot
- 5 To appoint 3 members to the Council of Management*
- 6 To adopt the report and accounts for the year 2015/2016
- 7 To appoint James de Frias Limited as accountants **
- 8 Resolutions proposed in advance by Governing Members ***
- 9 Presentation of Promote Bursary project by Viv Baker
- 10 Any Other Business (by leave of the Chair)

* note to Agenda Item 5: By 10 October there were six nominations for six vacancies, so an election will not be necessary.

** note to Agenda Item 7:- The Society's turnover falls well below the legal requirement for a full audit and so future accounts will be produced without a full audit.

*** note to Agenda Item 8:- By 10th October there were no resolutions proposed in advance by Governing Members.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at Toddington Village Hall, Toddington, 21st Nov. 2015**

The AGM was declared open at 14:35 by Patrick Self in the chair.

1. Present: 59 Governing Members and 8 Associate members
Apologies were received from 14 Governing Members.

2. Minutes of last meeting AGM: There was an objection to the AGM minutes of November 2014 by Stuart Beattie, due to there being no mention of the discussion regarding the purchase of a field. The chair, having been pre-notified of the objection, read out a draft statement he had prepared on the discussion. Patrick advised the meeting that the Field Feasibility Committee had been set up in response to the discussion, they had received a Terms of Reference document from Claire Mycock as agreed at the 2014 AGM, but were yet to make significant progress on the issue. This was accepted by the meeting and agreed as an amendment to the minutes, which will be signed at the March 2016 Council meeting. There were no other objections. Jacqueline Beattie proposed and Regine de Frettes seconded acceptance of the amended AGM minutes and members voted their approval.

3. Matters arising: There were none.

4. Tellers for a ballot: Tellers were not required as there was no election and no members' resolutions.

5. Election of New Council members: The following member was re-appointed to serve on Council for 2015-2016:- Liz Cooper. Patrick advised the meeting that Sean Hayden had stood down, and Council is two members short. He announced the co-option of Marcus de Frettes and requested volunteers from the membership for the remaining place.

6. Adoption of report & accounts:

Adoption of the 2014-2015 accounts was proposed by Stuart Beattie and seconded by Regine de Frettes and carried unanimously.

7. Appointment of James de Frias as auditors: Mic Spenceley, retiring administration manager, commented that the current auditors were continuing to provide a very quick and efficient service which enabled the arrangement of the AGM in November.

He also informed the members present that the auditors had advised that we have for some years been paying for a full audit which is no longer a legal requirement. The threshold for a full audit is now a turnover of greater than £1 million, whereas ours is in the region of £140K. The auditors have

proposed that we move to an accounts only service, rather than the current accounts service with parallel audit.

Council recommend to members that we take the advice of the auditors, which will save approx. £1K per year.

Members discussed the differences – Mic Spenceley advised that the audit produces the verbal statement given in the meeting pack, and the accounts the financial statement. Comments from Sarah Malleson about what is included in an audit, and Cecil French about cross referencing with banks and physical evidence.

Acceptance of the auditor's advice regarding dropping the audit stage proposed by Sue Malleson, seconded by Dennis Conner and carried unanimously.

Reappointment of James de Frias as Accountants was proposed by Sarah Malleson, seconded by Sue Malleson and carried unanimously.

8. Resolutions in Advance: There were none.

9. Any other business:

- The Chairman, Patrick Self, first presented a slide show reviewing 2015 and presented the program of Camps for 2016
- Patrick reminded the members of the Yvonne Hunt legacy of £14K which underpins the Development Fund
- He played the video created by Brian Hazleden as part of a development fund bursary which has been posted to the front page of the website. Members applauded the quality and accuracy of the video as a sound representation of the Folk Camps experience. Emily Malleson asked to post the video on Facebook, which was agreed as it is copyright of Folk Camps. Sue Malleson proposed a formal vote of thanks from the AGM to Brian, which was agreed unanimously.
- Patrick introduced the new Administration Manager, Sarah Richardson, and informed members of the recruitment process leading to her appointment, initially for 18 months from July 2015.
- Mic Spenceley's retirement as Administration Manager was notified to members – Patrick thanked him for his sterling service over the last 9 years, and a gift presentation and acceptance speeches were made. Jacqueline Beattie proposed a thank you to Mic on behalf of the

membership, which was unanimous, and several books of messages from members were given to Mic.

- Patrick proposed a vote of thanks to Sally Clayden for 6 hard-working years on Council, especial note of Sally's taking the chair after only one year's service, and her leadership of an inexperienced Council at a difficult time. Sally's role in overseeing the bursary committee, and several changes of contractor, as well as her Chair and Vice-Chair roles were acknowledged, and flowers were presented as a mark of appreciation. Sally gave an acceptance speech.
- Patrick went on to introduce Steve Porritt as the new Site Finding Manager, initial appointment for one year from Sept 2015.
- Patrick explained that it wasn't necessary to stand for election to Council in order to participate and support the Society. Sub committees could include non-Council members and cited the publicity, sites and development fund committees as examples. He also stated that a training day scheduled for next year would be open to members considering volunteering to staff camps as well as those currently volunteering.
- Patrick then appealed for more volunteers to come forward, as camp staff and Council members and participants on committee activities. He also appealed to members to actively promote Folk Camps and to try and recruit new campers, reminding them of the reward credit for the following season of 10% of a new camper's fees in the current season.
- AOB from the floor:
 - Sue Malleson thanked Council for everything and for keeping the finances on balance. She warned that accountants are not happy if we make too much surplus with our charity status.
 - Emily Malleson advised that the Facebook Folk Camps page will close, to be replaced by Folk Camps Holidays page. She also mentioned the Cold Bogmarsh closed group on Facebook that members can join.
 - Val Porritt mentioned a petition at several camps for more comfortable chairs particularly for musicians. After discussion it was agreed that the Florida Marquee blue chairs were more comfortable than the brown chairs, which are "tippy". The seats

need to be flat not slope backwards. Equipment Manager to inspect the chair options and make a recommendation.

- Helen Self raised the issue of distribution of duties at catered camps, particularly cooks' duty. This prompted extensive discussion. Key points: Admin Mgr to watch age distribution; Camp warden/s to be attentive to duty allocations; Caterers (and Leaders) to participate in duty allocations to verify suitability of teams, and to ask for volunteers if short; discussion on elaborate or simple lunches – arguments for both; emergency menu options if cooks' teams are short-handed; Camp staff to consider the camp attendance before it starts and do some planning about job distribution based on the attendance reports.
- Tony Mealings suggested that we contract out loo cleaning. This view was not widely supported.
- Richard Kenyon proposed a second generator or additional electric power for the kitchen. To be explored by Equipment manager and Council.

The meeting closed at 15:40

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Chairperson 19 November 2016

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 255901

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year
Ended 31 August 2016
for
FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED

James de Frias
Chartered Accountants
Llanover House
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FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

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**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year
Ended 31 August 2016**

**for
FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED**

**Operating and Financial Review
for the Year Ended 31 August 2016**

During the 2016 camping season, 18 events were provided at 11 sites (1 used twice and 1 used 3 times). The season comprised 9 self-catering weekends, one self-catered week and 7 catered events, lasting from 2 days to one week.

Compared to 2015, the numbers attending the 2016 summer marquee camps fell by 127 but attendance at summer hall camps increased by 63 resulting in a total decrease at catered weeks of 64. The number attending the bank holiday weekend camps decreased by 44 and attendance at the workshop weekend camps increased by 29. Attendance at the craft break decreased by 2. There were no European camps. As a result, the total number of people booked for the season decreased by 70 from 1209 in 2015 to 1139 in 2016.

The Council is mindful that it needs to maintain marketing initiatives to promote the Society's events. The number of new people attending events rose by 4 to 136 with new attendees representing 18.5% of the total 2016 attendees, a rise of 6.5% on 2015. Singers North and Spring Bank holiday South had the largest increases.

The income from the Society's activities for the year decreased to £128,952 (2014/15 income £134,473). The continued investment in new equipment and higher operating costs generally caused operating expenses to remain the same at £135,798 (2014/15 expenses £138,888) resulting in a trading loss of £6,846 (2013/14 trading loss £4,415). Additional income from investments of £4,439 (201/15 investment income £5,106) created a total loss of £2,611 (2014/15 profit £720)

During the year the value of the Society's investment in M&G Charifund and in M&G Charibond increased £204 (2014/15 decrease £29). These are long term investment funds designed to provide charities with a high and growing income, while at the same time protecting capital from the erosive effect of inflation.

The Council of Management wishes to affirm its policy to set charges so that any surplus is just sufficient to maintain the real value of the reserves. The Council is committed to providing for the continued viability and well-being of the Society.

The Council is very grateful for all the help it receives from the members of the Society, especially the camp staff and their families, without whom the operation of Folk Camps would not be possible.

FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 August 2016**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2016. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The trustees have complied with their duty under section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the Society is to preserve for the benefit of the public English folk dances and songs and other folk music, dance and song (including singing games), to make them known and to encourage the practice of them in their traditional forms.

Significant activities

The only significant activity of the Society is to organise Folk Camps throughout the year based on its objectives and aims.

Volunteers

All Trustees and camp staff are volunteers and receive no remuneration for their activities on behalf of the Society.

How our activities deliver public benefit

All our charitable activities focus on promoting Folk Camps and are undertaken to further our charitable purpose for the public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Society provides a sufficient number of Folk Camps to a gradually increasing number of campers in order to further its objectives and aims.

Investment performance

The Society strives to encourage and train new voluntary staff in order to secure its activities in the future. Each year a number of voluntary staff undergo external training funded by the Society. Also the Society invests in internal staff training through the Apprentice, Assistant and Mentor staffing programmes.

Internal and external factors

The Trustees recognise that the success of all camps is dependent internally on its choice of venues and facilities, its efficiency in dealing with its members and the ability of its own voluntary staff. Camps are externally dependent on the goodwill of all those who provide facilities for the Society's use, and on conditions prevailing locally and nationally at the time of camps.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The main source of income of the Society is from its activity of organising Folk Camps.

Investment policy and objectives

The Society's reserves are invested to maintain the highest possible return in order to provide a

contingency against unplanned and unexpected costs.

Reserves policy

As a charitable company, the Society aims to cover its administrative costs and payments maintaining an even level of reserves.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees intend to continue the gradual expansion of the activities of The Society to further its objectives within the limit of its financial restraints.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected by the Governing Membership from their own number.

FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

Folk Camps Society Limited is a Charitable Company and as such its Trustees are Directors of the Company. A Chairman and a Company Secretary are appointed by the Trustees from amongst their own number.

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees are supplied with the information produced by the Charity Commission relating to Trustee Responsibilities.

Wider network

Folk Camps Society Limited does not have a wider network of branches.

Related parties

Folk Camps Society Limited does not have any related parties.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00931434 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

255901

Registered office

Drummond House, 6 Pittville Crescent, Cheltenham
Gloucestershire, GL52 2QZ

Trustees

Mrs S Clayden	Trustee	- resigned 21.11.2015
Mrs C A Kenyon	Trustee	
P Self	Trustee	
Ms E Cooper	Trustee	
S Hayden	Trustee	- resigned 21.11.2015
Ms L Tribus	Trustee	
Mrs S A Hopwood	Trustee	
Mrs J S Jenkins	Trustee	
Mrs S E James	Trustee	- resigned 25.4.2016
A D Mealings	Trustee	- appointed 6.3.2016
M De Frettes	Trustee	- appointed 21.11.2015

Company Secretary

M De Frettes

Independent examiner

James de Frias
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Mid Glamorgan, CF37 4DY

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on29/10/16..... and signed on its behalf by:



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P Self - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Folk Camps Society Limited

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2016 set out on pages five to nine.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view ' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

James de Frias
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Date:

FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

	Notes	31.8.16 Unrestricted funds £	31.8.15 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		1,262	1,062
Charitable activities			
Folk Camps		127,507	133,145
Other trading activities	2	197	266
Investment income	3	4,438	5,106
Total		133,404	139,579
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Folk Camps		128,453	123,059
Other		7,561	15,800
Total		136,014	138,859
Net gains/(losses) on investments		204	(29)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,406)	691
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		242,847	242,156
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>240,441</u>	<u>242,847</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED

Statement of Financial Position
At 31 August 2016

	Notes	£	31.8.16 Unrestricted funds £	31.8.15 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	6		19,076	13,605
Investments	7		<u>79,694</u>	<u>79,490</u>
			98,770	93,095
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks			697	712
Prepayments and accrued income			1,564	1,050
Cash at bank and in hand			<u>163,688</u>	<u>168,164</u>
			165,949	169,926
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	8		(24,278)	(20,174)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>141,671</u>	<u>149,752</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			240,441	242,847
			_____	_____
NET ASSETS			<u>240,441</u>	<u>242,847</u>
FUNDS	9			
Unrestricted funds			<u>240,441</u>	<u>242,847</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>240,441</u>	<u>242,847</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary charitable companies for the year ended 31 August 2016.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2016 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

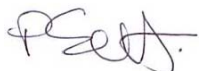
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable

The notes form part of these financial statements

company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on29/10/16..... and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Self', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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P Self -Trustee

FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
Deposit account interest	918	1,009
Investment Account Interest	<u>3,520</u>	<u>4,097</u>
	<u>4,438</u>	<u>5,106</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	-	1,450
Depreciation - owned assets	2,119	1,342
Other operating leases	<u>-</u>	<u>875</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2016 nor for the year ended 31 August 2015.

Trustees' expenses

It is the policy of the charity to reimburse in full any expenses properly incurred by its trustees in connection with its charitable activities. During the year, the total amount reimbursed to the trustees who served during the year in respect of travel costs was £3,053 (2014: £3,751).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £
COST	
At 1 September 2015	26,359
Additions	<u>7,590</u>
At 31 August 2016	<u>33,949</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2015	12,754
Charge for year	<u>2,119</u>
At 31 August 2016	<u>14,873</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2016	<u>19,076</u>
At 31 August 2015	<u>13,605</u>

7. **FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 September 2015	79,490
Revaluations	<u>204</u>
At 31 August 2016	<u>79,694</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2016	<u>79,694</u>
At 31 August 2015	<u>79,490</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

8. **CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
Trade creditors		397
Other creditors	<u>24,278</u>	<u>19,777</u>
	<u>24,278</u>	<u>20,174</u>

9. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.9.15 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.16 £
Unrestricted funds				
Development Fund	30,964	28	(3,753)	27,239
Accumulated Fund	<u>211,883</u>	<u>(2,434)</u>	<u>3,753</u>	<u>213,202</u>
	242,847	(2,406)	-	240,441
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>242,847</u>	<u>(2,406)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240,441</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
Development Fund	28	-	-	28
Accumulated Fund	<u>133,376</u>	<u>(136,014)</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>(2,434)</u>
	133,404	(136,014)	204	(2,406)

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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>133,404</u>	<u>(136,014)</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>(2,406)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2016.

FOLK CAMPS SOCIETY LIMITED
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2016

	31.8.16	31.8.15
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	2	-
Donations	1,115	767
Subscriptions	<u>145</u>	<u>295</u>
	,262	1,062
Other trading activities		
Associate merchant fees	191	238
Gross sales of books and CD's	<u>6</u>	<u>28</u>
	197	266
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	918	1,009
Investment Account Interest	<u>3,520</u>	<u>4,097</u>
	4,438	5,106
Charitable activities		
Camps in United Kingdom	<u>127,507</u>	<u>133,145</u>
Total incoming resources	133,404	139,579
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Camp expenses	81,153	79,634
Insurance	1,022	736
Equipment storage and maintenance	387	861
Printing, postage and stationery	2,701	2,625
Advertising and publicity	183	272
Administration Costs		
Management fees	38,172	38,211
Grants to individuals	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>
	123,618	122,909
Support costs		
Management		
Courses and training costs	-	875
Travel and meetings	<u>8,370</u>	<u>10,662</u>
	8,370	11,537
Other		
Plant and machinery	2,120	1,342
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	-	1,450
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	-	1,190
Accountancy and legal fees	1,860	372
Bank interest	<u>46</u>	<u>59</u>
	1,906	3,071

Total resources expended

136,014

138,859

Net (expenditure)/income

(2,610)

720

ELECTION TO COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT 19 November 2016

6 nominations for 6 vacancies – NO ELECTION REQUIRED

THE CANDIDATES

Val Coleman-Porritt

Proposed by Steve Porritt
Seconded by Sarah Richardson

"I started coming to folk camps in 2004 and it's pretty much become a way of life! My son comes to folk camp when he can and this year I also brought my granddaughter; she loved it even at a year old so I hope to bring her again soon.



I love meeting up with friends from all over the country to share in the music, dancing, crafts and the variety of other activities that are provided. I play the piano accordion and am a musician and dancer in a local border Morris side. Having taken early retirement and now just working part-time I have the opportunity to give some of my spare time to Folk Camps as a Council member to make a contribution to the organisation and running of these brilliant holidays."

Emma Daniel

Proposed by Graham Clements
Seconded by Steve Porritt

This year marks the fortieth anniversary since my first Folk Camp as a young child. Folk Camps have changed in this time, but I feel that each camp still brings feelings of warmth and family that I have always felt. In my working life, I have gained a range of skills and experience through a variety of roles, including employment in education, retail management and corporate entertainment. It is now time for me to give something back to Folk Camps. I believe that the future of the society is dependent on gaining new campers, but I also feel passionate about looking after our existing Folk Camp members. Whilst I am nostalgic for the past, for our core values and principles, I believe that the society needs to evolve in response to our changing world. I now look forward to contributing towards the preservation of Folk Camps for future generations.



Marcus de Frettes

Proposed by Regine deFrettes

Seconded by Sarah Richardson



My family (Regine, Leo and Noam) have been Folk Camping every year for 12 years. It has given my children a love of folk music and dance that they would not have got any other way. But, despite this, I thought it wasn't for me until just a few years ago when I took the plunge and decided to attend a full marquee week in Yorkshire.

What a revelation! The folk theme that was initially off-putting to me turned out to be at the heart of what makes Folk Camps so unique and extraordinary. I now take part in the music enthusiastically and have taken up the fiddle. I am so grateful for the warm-hearted community that I now feel a part of. Last November I was co-opted onto Council. Above all else I wish to preserve Folk Camps in all its wonderful diversity. In particular I believe we need to invest in ways to expand our fantastic staff teams and to promote our camps to a wider folk (and would-be folk) audience. My background is developing IT systems to support charity operations and I have run my own company for over 20 years. I hope that my aptitude for finding creative solutions to strategic issues will contribute to the development of an efficient and sustainable organisation, essential to its long term health.

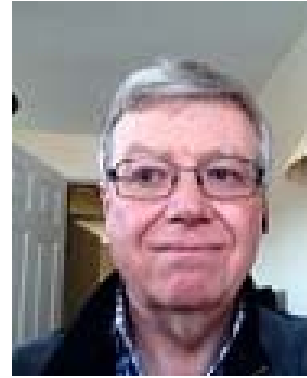
I believe that the power and relevance of the folk traditions is undiminished. I would like the opportunity to help Folk Camps in its mission to maintain these, both from within the folk community and also by spreading the word to people such as myself that have never been involved in folk before.

Tony Mealings

Proposed by Moira Gutteridge

Seconded by Peter Gutteridge

I have been coming to Folk Camps since 1985, where I have enjoyed singing and playing music, with dancing skills gradually improving! During the 1990s and early 2000s, I introduced Folk Camping to several dozen young people who gained hugely from the experience. I was co-opted onto Council earlier this year and have been able to help develop the new 'ask me' campaign. I hope to further develop the reach of our marketing, including using extensive contacts in the world of Music Education. I am keen to continue to support the organisation in its aim of keeping traditional music, dance and song alive and flourishing, and can offer relevant experience in the area of attracting people to participate in activities which involve 'discretionary spending' together with experience of 'board-level' work with national organisations. I am particularly interested in helping to encourage and develop a new generation of leaders, musicians etc. and ensuring that our holidays fully represent the interests and wishes of the active folk community.



Barry Pollard

Proposed by Anne Telford-Kenyon

Seconded by Ann Bennett



As a life-long Folk Camper, I am happy to help to keep the holidays going that I enjoy so much. I have worked in education and industry, in the public and private sector, both at and away from a desk. I would say that I most enjoy working directly with people and would be willing to help wherever is necessary. I do not feel strongly about any particular aspect of Folk Camping; singing, dancing or playing, marquees or halls, home or away, except that we continue to be strive to be inclusive, open to new ideas and work together to build a better holiday.

Lou Tribus

Proposed by Patrick Self

Seconded by Sarah Richardson

Three years ago I put myself forward for Folk Camps Council for the first time. I have had an interesting and productive three years on council and would like to return for a further three years.



Many of my reasons for wanting to continue on council are the same as I put forward three years ago. I've been a Folk Camper for 13 years and want to make a contribution to the organization that has given so much to me. Folk Camps has become a permanent fixture in the summer calendar for myself and my children, something we eagerly anticipate every year. The friendship and support we have felt from other campers is beyond measure. It is a unique community that I cherish and to which I am pleased to belong.

In the three years that I have been on council I have worked on a number of projects to improve the running of Folk Camps and enhance the Folk Camping experience. I have been on the Health and Safety working group, helping to standardize procedures and improve the ways we safeguard campers when they are on camp. I have been on the bursary/development fund committee, helping to review and approve applications from Folk Campers to carry out a variety of projects. I have also been on the Staff and Contractor Communications working group which has carried out many projects to improve the way council, staff, contractors and Folk Campers communicate with each other. One of our most successful projects has been the New Campers' Tea which has been offered on summer camps for the last three years.

In my next three years on council I hope to be involved in a number of marketing projects which we hope will help to increase our membership and ensure our survival as the unique organization that we all love so much.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

11:30 am

Photo-swap & Coffee

Meet your folk camping friends over coffee, exchange photographs and happy memories and plan your next year's camping season.

Watch the slide show!

Music workshop with **Peter and Moira Gutteridge**

Tea, coffee and snacks available in the hall.

See *Where to Eat* for details of the other food outlets in Toddington.

2.30 pm **Annual General Meeting**

All are welcome to attend the AGM of Folk Camps Society Ltd and may speak but only governing members may vote. Review the report and accounts, meet the new council members and make your voice heard during the informal discussion after official business is concluded.

5.00 pm Song workshop with **James Hobro**

7.30 - 11.00 pm Reunion Ceilidh

Dance the night away with the music of the "**Folk Camps Band**" led by **Peter and Moira Gutteridge**.

MC **Patrick Self**

There is no bar, if you wish to drink alcohol please bring your own.

Ceilidh tickets £5

(Accompanied under 16s free and don't need a ticket).