

Folk Camps Council Candidates 2021

Liz Cooper (Proposer: Patrick Self, Seconder: Jacqueline Beattie)

A seasoned camper since I was 10 weeks old, I have tried a variety of other holidays but always come back to Folk Camp. I have worked as Caterer since 2011 and am currently on the Catering committee have previously served for 6 years on Council ; with my last year as Chairperson.

Although I am not particularly musical myself, I enjoy listening to music and dancing. I have brought my stepchildren to camp and enjoyed the Folk Camp effect on them- It has made such a difference in their lives.

I am hoping that my experience and passion for Folk Camp will help the council in what has been a very turbulent period. My calm and pragmatic nature means I love helping set up new projects and improving ongoing ones.

My experience as a Special School Headteacher means that I understand the effects of Covid on the public sector and have knowledge of systems that are in place to enable schools to keep going through this period. I am also aware of the importance of health and safety risk assessment and safeguarding. I think these skills would all be very useful as a member of Council and hope that I can help move Folk Camps forward over the next few years.



Sarah Richardson (Proposer: Anne Guthrie, Seconder: Sue Malleson)



Sarah first attended a Folk Camp in 1968 at the age of three, and has dipped in and out ever since. In 2015 she was appointed Administration and Events Manager, and served in that role for over four years, running four full camping seasons.

This experience in the nuts and bolts of running Folk Camps events and administration will be useful to assist members of Council who joined just before the pandemic curtailed our activities, and to the person who takes the role of Admin and Events Manager going forward.

Folk Camps provided me and my family with holidays over many years, but it is more than that, it is a unique and valuable service for the folk traditions and a community with a precious history and hopeful future. Having run the background service, I am now looking forward to being an active part of the strategic and operational planning for its next post pandemic phase.