



# FOLK CAMPS

Site information

## SESSION SELF-CATER WEEKEND

27-29 May 2022 (Friday eve to Sunday afternoon)

At Miserden Village Hall, Gloucestershire

### STAFF

MUSICIANS/LEADERS Val Porritt & Ben Thackeray

### WARDEN

Barry Moule

### The area

MISERDEN is set in beautiful wooded hills and valleys between Stroud and Cheltenham, and is in a walker's paradise. Historic Cheltenham is just 9 miles away and Cirencester and the Cotswold Water Parks are well worth a visit. Ask the locals the history of Whiteway.

Miserden village is part of the well-known Wills Estate.

Folk Camps Society Ltd  
c/o Miserden Village Hall  
MISERDEN

Gloucestershire

GL6 7JA

(Map Ref SO 936 089)

Coordinates N51 46'41" W2 5'40"

### How to get there

Please do not arrive until after 3pm.

From M5 junction 11A (Cheltenham & Gloucester) take A417 East towards Cirencester and Stow. After 3 miles at "Air Balloon" roundabout continue on A417 towards Cirencester. In ½ mile turn right onto B4070 into Birdlip village, then on towards Stroud. About 2 miles (at "Fostons Ash" pub) turn left through Whiteway towards Miserden and then fork left for the village. The hall is on the right before the centre of the village.

### On arrival

The camp runs from Friday 5 pm until Sunday afternoon. Please check with the warden when you arrive who will advise you where to pitch and tell you when to expect a drink. The leader will arrange a camp meeting in the early evening at which staff will be introduced, safety information given out and workshops planned. It is most important that you and all your party attend the meeting.



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### Site address

### About Folk Camps Society Limited

Folk Camps Society is a registered charity and non-profit making organisation promoting traditional folk song, dance and music.

Our camps are informal and fun and you don't necessarily need a partner to join in. There are no strings (apart from the ones on the instruments) and the only condition is that you help with jobs that need doing to make the camp run smoothly. These will be allocated by the camp warden and cannot be "reserved" in advance.

Without everyone's co-operation folk camps could not run because there are no paid staff – everything we do is done with voluntary labour.

### **The staff**

The camp leader is in charge of the camp's social activities, the musician takes responsibility for organising music and the warden for domestic arrangements.

### **The site & facilities**

The camping site is a good level field adjacent to the village hall which is used for camp activities. Hot and cold water and toilet facilities including disabled access are provided.

### **What to bring with you**

Your tent, campervan or caravan, personal toilet requisites including a wash bowl, wellies and a torch are all essential items. Please also bring a fire extinguisher or a fire bucket to keep by your tent or caravan.

As this is a self-catered camp you will need to provide all your own food and means of cooking it. Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided mid-morning and during the evening.

### **The daily programme**

Mornings are taken up with music workshops. There is usually a lunchtime pub session. Afternoons are generally free for sightseeing but more activities might be organised later on. In the evening there will be playing and dancing for everyone and maybe a little singing.

### **Health & Safety on site**

*Parents are reminded that all children under 18 remain their responsibility at all times.*

Dogs must be kept on leads and under control at all times and inadvertent messes must be cleared up immediately.

There are specific areas which have added dangers on catered camp sites. These include the kitchen, washing up areas and areas around the toilets and shower areas. Great care should be taken to ensure safety in these areas.

Washing up area / showers – children under 16 are not allowed to collect water from hot water boilers. Care should be taken when water is taken from the boilers and boilers should be refilled to marked levels each time hot water is taken.

Kitchen – no under 16s allowed in the kitchen areas at any time.

There is a 5mph speed limit on the camp site. No uninsured or learner driving allowed on site at any time.

Vehicles are not allowed near the hall unless delivering or collecting materials at the warden's discretion or specifically for access for people with limited mobility. Great care should be taken when driving close to the hall and parking should be in marked bays or parallel to the side walls.

Additional safety information will be given at the camp meeting and also will be displayed on a board in the hall with site specific information.

### **Updates and Accuracy of information**

The Folk Camps brochure and camps update information can be found at:

<http://www.folkcamps.co.uk>

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