

Fosbrook Folk Education Trust

Providing music, dance and song opportunities for

'YOUNG FOLK' IN THE NORTH WEST

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Dear Members and Parents,
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTUMN CEILIDH

OUR AUTUMN EVENT. It is our Autumn Ceilidh on Friday 20th November which is next Friday. Because it is a special party* I will need time to prepare for the event after school. Therefore, I will not be running MY SESSIONS after school. **HOWEVER MUSIC LESSONS ARE STILL HAPPENING AS THE STAFF ARE IN.**

HELP SETTING UP. I would be grateful for any help setting up from any children who are waiting behind for lessons. I would like the trainees to arrive as early as possible to help too. If anyone has a problem over child minding on Friday I am happy for their children to stay and help me too.

THE PROCEEDINGS. The running order for the evening will be as follows :

- The doors will open at 6.30pm. There will be chairs and benches out for the Fosbrook children and tables and chairs out for the families. 'Starter snacks' and drinks would be a good idea before supper.
- The Fosbrooks will play and there will be tunes and songs from the junior, intermediate and senior ensembles. There will be presentations of certificates and trophies too.

SUPPER. We will be having supper after the Fosbrook performance. Please bring a basket of supper as the tables will be out. You will also need any plates, cutlery and glasses and something to drink. If you are feeling sociable you can mingle at supper time with a plate of goodies for your friends to try!

ENTERTAINMENT. This will be after supper. The following artists are expected :

- **Nicola Lyons and Jamie Schofield.** These are both ex students who performed together as an act a few years ago. It is 10 years since they played together!

• **Pete Cooper.** Pete is the principal of the London Fiddle School and has been responsible for a lot of our repertoire over the years. He will be running Jewish Music workshops on Saturday morning too. This is the first part of our Inter Faith musical project.

• **'The Friday Line Up'**. These are the extended Jamie and Nicola Line up with Phil Strange, Phil Cawsey and Thomas Fairbairn. Thomas has been responsible for a lot of our musical arrangement over the years. They haven't played together for a long time.

• and **'Banter'** (see below)

THE CEILIDH. The ceilidh band are **'Banter'**. This band used to be the Liam Robinson Dance Band, but sadly Liam is ill and can't perform at the moment. We wish him a speedy recovery. The other members of the band who are Nina Zella, and Tim Walker have recruited the top melodeon player on the scene – Simon Care to complete their new line up. They will be supported by guests Tom Fairbairn, Sam McEvoy, Gavin Sharp - and there will be various callers. There may be some games in between dances.

DRESS CODE. The initial dress code is 'kit' for the performers is costume with ribbons and short socks for girls. White shirts and black waistcoats for boys (I have some). Little ones who don't have costumes could wear black on their bottom half and a white shirt with a red ribbon at the neck. Performers will probably want to bring a change of clothes but I would request that kits are kept together and taken home at the end rather than leaving them in school as they will be needed for Christmas.

THE COST. The cost is £3 for adults and £1 for children who are not performing.

*I mentioned that it was a special party. It is the re-arranged event from June when I fell and broke my wrist. It is also Grace Sharp's birthday so we will sing to her and anyone else who lets me know it is their birthday.

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