

East Meon Little Folk. Part I 1969.

The East Meon Little Folk was started very informally at "Drayton-Mill" East Meon in October 1968.

It first started with 14 singers and the two players Dixie Nott and Nigel Lambert. Then after a few weeks one more singer and one more player (Cliff Giles) joined us for the Christmas Carols.

For the Christmas Carols we went singing in peoples houses by appointment for 8 nights. We went to about 4 or 5 houses a night, and raised £62, for "Save the Children Fund."

After this we went to Petersfield Secondary school to sing at a concert.

The songs we learnt for
Christmas were:—

'Kumbaya' (to which we
wrote our own words)

'The Cowboy Carol', 'The Indian
Carol', 'As I Sat on A
Sunny Bank', 'Where Have all
The Shepherds Gone', 'The
holly bears a berry', 'A 'Soal-
in' 'Drummer Boy' 'Away in a
manger' 'Deck the hall'

After a lot of HARD! practise we did a concert at East Meon on April 18th, those taking part were:—
 Ian Derry, Gillian Berry, Theresa Berry, Katie Burley, Cliff Giles, Julie Goddard, Steven Moore, Selina Kelly, Bridget Lambert, Nigel Lambert, Valerie Mason, Andrew Nott, Joanna Nott, Prudence Nott, Dixie Nott, Kim Sparrow, Gary Sykes, Sharon Sykes, John Tucker and Karen Tucker.

As you see many more had joined by then. In this concert we sang 22 songs and two groups of poems. These songs were:—

'Drunken Sailor' 'His old Grey Beard kept wagging' 'I know where I'm Going' 'Four Strong Winds'

'Fiddle-I-Fee' 'Banks of the Ohio'
'An English Country Garden'
'Daughters will you Marry'
'I'll tell my Ma' 'My Name is
Von Spiro' 'Charlotte Town'
'There was a little Woman'
'The Cruel war is Raging' 'Love
is Pleasin'' 'Sug of Punch'
'Strawberry Fair' 'Little White
Rabbit' 'Reilly's Daughter'
'Singing Bird' 'Donna Donna'
'Go tell it on the Mountain'
'Will ye go, Lassie, go'

Not all these songs
were sung by the intire
choir, but some were Solo,
Duet, Trio.

It was really after this
concert that people began to
know us and want more Con-

-cents, And also know we were beginning to rise a lot of money. We had now altogether got £96 after receiving £34 from the East Meon Concert, which was for 'Shelter'.

(Sorry about the colour change of pen.)

After this East Meon Concert we were asked to sing at the West Meon Dance. Of course only the eldest girls went with Gary Sykes has M.C. this I regret to say was Not! very successful.

Then we did a concert on the Wednesday four days after the Dance (June 4th) again in West Meon's village hall. The songs we sang at this concert were really the same as East Meon except for some exceptions. We did this concert in aid of:-

"Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation Trust
We raised £30 odd.

Liss this was our next concert,
our 3rd to be exact. We were to
do this in the town hall at Liss.
But this was not Fireproof So:-
we had to do it in the Liss St Mary
Church. The songs we sang were:-

'South Australia', 'Pack up Your Sorrows'
'Old maids song' 'Four strong winds'
A Few Posh Poems.

'Fiddle-1-Fee', 'All the Good Times' 'Three
Lovely Lasses' (I'm one of them)
'Three Crows' 'I'll Tell my ma'
'there's a Hole in my Bucket' 'My
name is Von Spiro' 'Old Woman of
Wexford' 'there was a little woman'
'The Cruel War is Raging' 'The
~~Shiloh~~ Spinning Wheel' 'Mills of Shiloh'
'the Cat' 'When shall we get Marrie

Limericks.

'Reilly's daughter' 'Scarboro Fair' 'Come all ye fair tender maidens' 'My Grand-Fathers clock' 'Last night I had the Strangest Dream' 'Will ye go Lizzie'.

We raised £12 for "Save the Children Fund."

Our next stop was Petersfield. We held this in the Town Hall.

It had over 400 people there. We also besides Cliff, Dixie and Nigel who are the guitar players, Pat Nelson came along to sing in a few songs with us, and he sang about 8 by himself.

This concert was on a Wednesday July 23rd at 8pm.

The songs we sang were the same as at Liss except Cliff sang some songs solo and Duet.

this "concert was held in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund," We raised £80 which is the most we have ever made from one concert. You can read all about "leukaemia" from the little booklet in side our Scrap Book (somewhere.)

On the 30 July we were going to have the last rehearsal untill sometime, because we are closing down untill the end of August. After this we have another concert in East Meon in October.

Back again!—

And the first thing we do is a Concert back in East Meon but I'm afraid Ken drops out and Selly Ford joins. In this Concert

we raised £22-4-0 (not bad) for a fund to wards building a new village hall. Songs we sang are in a programme further on. Next it was singing at a Harvest Supper at the School, (in Village) but only the 8 eldest girls went and sang 3 songs. Then it was a Concert at West-Meon for this we raised £11-10-0 in aid of Muscular dystrophy.

On Halloween's night we went to a fall evening in Portsmouth Church Hall, again just the 8 eldest went and we all very much enjoyed our selfs, we sang 4 songs. The following Monday we did a Mini Concert to the West-Meon over 60's club and, all went and sang 12 songs. The next evening (Tuesday) the Committee

The 6 eldest went to a Supper
at Catherington (near about)
which was lovely, but as you
could say we also had to
sing for our Supper. we
sang 6 songs. In all these
events Nigel and Antie Dixie
came with us. Our next stop
is at a wine and cheese evening.

See you soon or should I say
you'll be hearing from me soon.

~~A XXXXX XXXX XXX~~

Descriptions

I thought you might like a description of us ~~lovely~~ (ugly) things, the players may be a bit —, but the singers are too lovely for words.

I shall start with the youngest (Cliff Giles) going up to the eldest of our choir (Dixie Nott)

Kim Sparrow

Age. 7.

Hair. brown short

Eyes Brown

Height 3'11"

Katie Burley

Age. 9.

Hair. D. Brown.

Eyes.

Height

Bridgitte Jacquillard

Age 9.

Hair. D. Brown.

Eyes.

Height.

Mary Wood

Age 10

Hair. fair

Eyes.

Height.

Julie Goddard.

Age 10.

Hair Fair.

Eyes.

Height.

Andrew Nott

Age. 10

Hair. Brown (D).

Eyes.

Height.

Steven Hoare

Age. 11.

Hair. Brown.

Eyes.

Height.

Gillian Berry.

Age. 11.

Hair. L. Brown.

Eyes.

Height.

Ian Berry.

Age 11.

Hair. Brown.

Eyes.

Height.

Gary Sykes.

Age 12.

Hair. Blonde.

Eyes. Green

Height. 5' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Sharon Sykes.

Age. 12.

Hair. fair.

Eyes blue.

Height 5' 6"

Cathy Proctor

Age 12.

Hair L. Brown.

Eyes. Blue.

Height 5' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Jo Nott

Age 13

Hair. Black.

Eyes.

Height 5' 1"

Teresa Berry.

Age 14

Hair L. Brown.

Eyes

Height

Val Mason

Age. 14.

Hair. Black

Eyes.

Height 5' 5"

Prue Nott.

Age 14

Hair Black.

Eyes Blue

Height

Bridget Lambert.

Age 15

Hair. Brown

Eyes

Height 5' 4"

Dixie Nott

Age. 23

Hair. Black.

Eyes Brown

Height. 5' 7"

Cliff Giles

Age 37

Hair. Grey.

Eyes. Blue.

Height 6ft. - 21 stone.

Nigel Lambert.

Age 25

Hair L. Brown.

Eyes Blue

Height. 5' 9"

EAST MEON LITTLE FOLK

present a

CONCERT

at

EAST MEON VILLAGE INSTITUTE

on

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

at 8.0 p.m.

Proceeds donated to

EAST MEON VILLAGE INSTITUTE FUNDS

Admission :

Adults 5/-

Under 14 years 3/-

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EAST MEON INSTITUTE

"Geddington"
Temple Lane
East Meon
Oct 16th 1969

Dear Mrs Nott,

The Institute committee has asked me to write and thank you & your splendid "little folks" for putting on the concert for us and for the ~~the~~ substantial sum of £22-4-0 which it raised.

We have put the money into the Re-building Fund and it will be a most useful contribution to our efforts towards a new hall.

Good luck to your choir, and many thanks again with all

Mrs Nott,

Drayton Hill
Nr East Meon



WE GOT THIS
AFTER OUR
SECOND CONCERT
IN

EAST MEON.

good wishes.

Yours

Sincerely

C. G. Brook

Hon: Secretary

PRESS-CUTTINGS OF

US!



Practising for their forthcoming concert are these members of the East Meon Little Folk Choir.

Folk music a hit at East Meon

Folk music has really caught on in the village of East Meon where there are now regular sessions taking place for both children and adults.

Centred on the George Inn is a club with more than 120 members and it organizes concerts at which well-known figures in the folk music world provide part of the entertainment alongside local talent.

Recently members enjoyed the music of Steve Benbow, and on February 28 there is to be a visit by Jerry Lockran from Plymouth who regularly appears on TV.

PREPARING

Busy preparing for a concert on April 18 are the East Meon Little Folk Singers, a group formed to sing carols at Christmas and which has now developed into a talented and enthusiastic children's choir.

The group meets weekly under the direction of three adults, Mrs. Dixie Nott, Mr. Cliff Giles and Mr. Nigel Lambert. During the carol singing period more than £60 was raised for charity, and it is the intention that the proceeds from the forthcoming concert should be devoted to Shelter.

As well as singing folk songs, the choir, whose members' ages range from six to 16, also intends to include poems and miming to music in its programme. The concert is to take place in the village hall.

THIS WAS OUR FIRST PHOTO TAKEN.
FEBRUARY 20TH 1968

Forthcoming Events

EAST MEON LITTLE FOLK
CONCERT
at
St Mary's Church, Liss
on
Friday, 11th July at 8 p.m.
Admission: Adults 5/-. Under 14 3/-

EAST MEON LITTLE FOLK CONCERT

in aid of
Leukaemia Research Fund
(Portsmouth and East Hants Branch)
GUEST ARTIST PAT NELSON
at
PETERSFIELD TOWN HALL
on
23rd JULY, 1969
8 p.m.
Admission: Adults 5/- Under 14 3/-
Refreshments on sale
Tickets available from the
Caretaker at the Town Hall

OUR SECOND
PRINTING.
JULY 10TH
1969

WEDNESDAY

East Meon Little Folk concert
at Town Hall, Petersfield, in aid
of Leukaemia Research Fund, 8
p.m.

OUR THIRD PRINTING.
JULY 17TH
1969

Unusual setting

An unusual setting for a folk group was provided by St Mary's Church, Liss, when East Meon Little Folk staged a concert there and raised £12 for the Save the Children Fund.

Gary Sykes was the compere and the children entertained with the help of Mrs. Dixie Nott and Mr. Nigel Lambert. The group also performed at the East Meon Church garden fete and was performing at Petersfield Town Hall this week, supported by Pat Nelson.

OUR FOURTH PRINTING.
JULY 24TH
1969