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STOP THE PRESSES

Berwick gig 17 August – directions below – allow 60 minutes at least

Mansfield weekend – coming up really soon

Gigs galore in 2007, tours in 2008

AGM time to stand up and be counted – or is that countered?

From Judy

Agenda for August 2007 meeting

- 2.00 – 2.45 Judy's Hughie/Johnnie/Billy set - focus on swing
- 2.45 – 3.30 Matts Grand Antiquity set – focus on tuning?
- 3.30 – 4.00 Arvo tea and AGM
- 4.15 - 5.00 Golden oldies part 2 – nominate your favourite forgotten tune from the past

Dust off those tune sets part 2 – your chance to lead!!

Our three CDs contain heaps of good tunes that we often forget about and should try to keep in our repertoire. This month we are going to ask you to choose your favourite tune or set from the past 13 years that we have neglected – help to revive a tune – rescue it from the doldrums, and come prepared to lead us through it.

Fiddlers – getting slack?

Is it just me, or don't people read their emails any more? This month we have had two rehearsals and at the first only two fiddlers showed up, no sorry, make that three – public apologies are owed to poor Jes Solla and her family who had a long and boring trip from Vermont to South Melbourne then back home

via Toorak. On the other hand, we had 100% turn up from our marvellous rhythm players. Our fiddlers don't seem nearly as good at responding to calls – all explanations welcomed.

***CHECK OUT THE MSFC CALENDAR
DATES NOW!***

PUT THEM IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

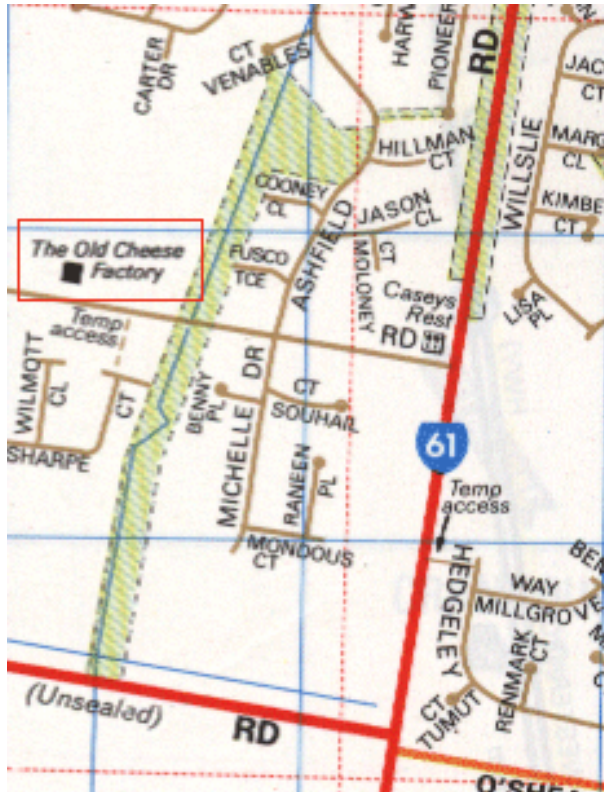
***TELLS US THE GIGS YO'RE PLAYING
AT (SEE BELOW THIS ISSUE)***

AGM Time

In order to remain an incorporated association, we need to have the annual ritualistic sacrificing of committee members so they can all re-stand and be unanimously re-elected. At least that's how it's been for some time now. If you want to challenge the orthodoxy you should feel free to do so THIS Sunday at our AGM. Or if you just want to put something back into your club, the one that has given you so many hours of entertainment, lots of friends, taught you new skills and so on and so forth..... then just stand for the committee!

Berwick gig - all you need to know

Melways reference :Map 131 ref A2 ; be there by 8.00pm – we are on 2nd so won't hit the stage till about 8.50.



**BERWICK AND DISTRICT
FOLK CLUB WEBSITE ADDRESS**

http://www.badfolk.org/whats_on.htm

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MSFC Survey results

Suggestions that came out of our survey returns received to date are as follows- we seem to be heading in the right direction gigwise, at least! If you didn't get to fill yours in, please fill out the one at the end of this newsletter and return it to the desk at August meeting.

- Split into groups when revising – separate those who know the tunes from those who don't;
- Push the boundaries - MSFC the movie;
- More new tunes;
- More gigs and festivals – “Not too over the top and insane”
- Travelling overseas;
- Fundraising for Shetland “because I really want to go”
- Less time on new tunes, more time for old stuff;

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- Techniques not just tunes;
- MP3 files of tunes to be taught should be available b4 meetings on www;
- More full club gigs, less small group gigs;
- More smaller gigs – play for free and have a good time;
- Keep the gigs up;
- Networking opps with other Scottish fiddlers;
- Overseas travel;
- Need to welcome new young people;
- Overseas travel and new CD;
- Concentrating on repertoire – fewer new and ordinary tunes;
- Find ways to bring the lower standard players up to scratch with the others;
- No uniform;
- Lots of gigs and trips os and interstate;
- Extra practice for newer players and those who take longer to learn tunes – one per month led by a different person each time

This last one is something we revive from time to time – if there is someone who would take on the co-ordination, then it could work really well – ANYONE?

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New gigs in 2007 –

- Friday 17 August at Berwick Folk Club** – shared bill with New Dogs Old Tricks minus a dog or two
- Sunday 26 August at Benalla PAC** – shared bill with NESSIE and Chris Duncan
- Saturday 6 October at Warrnambool PAC** – shared bill with W'bool Pipe Band
- Sunday 28 October at Kew Courthouse** – just us, afternoon gig
- Saturday 8 December at Kew Courthouse** – just us, night gig

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2008 Plans shaping up – three trips in the offing

Easter to the National Folk Festival in Canberra

June long weekend to Grenfell (NSW) and return via Albury or Benalla

June-July school holidays Tasmania tour

That should satisfy all you gig freaks! Check if you have signed up already – if not, please let Judy know which ones you can do

Berwick Aug 17	Warrnambool Oct 6	Kew Oct 28	Kew Dec 8
Steve			
		melody	melody
michael		michael	michael
barbara	barbara	barbara	
natasha		natasha	natasha
	judy o		
matt		matt	matt
lousie	Louise	Louise	Louise
pete	pete	pete	pete
ath		ath	ath
sue		sue	sue?
gus d			gus d
david a			
	ray		
jean?	jean	jean	jean
shannon?	shannon?		
	bjorn		
jenny	jenny		
judy t	judy t	judy t	judy t
neil	neil	neil	Neil

MSFC CLUB CONTACTS

The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club (MSFC) meets at 2.00 PM on the third Sunday of the month at St Aidan's church hall in Duggan St, North Balwyn.

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More Mansfield news — -

...including GIG SET LIST!

Arrival time – If you can't get there Friday night then be there ready to start by 9.00am Saturday

Location of Mansfield Travellers Lodge and Backpackers Inn - 16 High Street

Mansfield; Victoria Map location: VicRoads Country: map 679 ref P4 Phone: (03) 5775 1800

Meals- will be provided by the local Steiner School mums- bring money to pay for lunch and morning and arvo teas – you will need to buy dinner and bring breakfast to the backpackers – basic cereal bread etc is sometimes provided but you cant be sure.

Timetable - see previous newsletter

MANSFIELD GIG SET LIST

Glen Tilt and Franks	Jean and Shannon and Kate
New Shetland Set	Pria to lead
Jack's Jigs	Louise to feature – Pria to lead unless Jack there
Ron Song/ Calums Rd/Ron Song/ Miss Thompson	Rons solos; Jean on Calums; Matt & Chris on Miss T
Mrs Patricia	Local flute soloist
The Quiet Man set	Chris to feature
From St Kilda	Neil and Pete
Fiddles and Feet	Pria and Chris3 on drums
5.00pm - Everyone in together	
Dark Island (w piper?)	Ron solo
WORKSHOP TUNES	
Neil - new song	
Pria Set (w dancers?)	
Judy's slow tune	
Chris D set (w dancers?)	
Highland Cathedral/Atholl Highlanders	Chris to lead

Contacting NESSIE?

NESSIE (North East Scottish Strings Including Elbow pipes) meets on the 1st Sunday of every month. SO if you're in the area, drop in and join in the fun! For more information contact Claire on tel: 5963 3277 or Kristen on tel: 03 5766 6282.

MSFC 2007 confirmed dates at 07/07/07

JULY 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Gig at Kew Courthouse	21	Sat	7pm	10pm	High Stree, Kew	ALL WELCOME
Practice for Mansfield	24	Tues	7pm	9pm	St Kevins	ALL WELCOME

AUGUST 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Practice for Mansfield	9	Thurs	7pm	9pm	229 York Street South Melbourne	ALL WELCOME
Gig at Berwick Folk Club	17	Fri	8pm	11pm	CONTACT JUDY	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting & AGM	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Mansfield	24	Fri	night		Travellers Lodge Mansfield, dinner at the pub	Arrive tonight for the weekend
Mansfield	25	Sat	all day & evening		Mansfield High School and the pub	All day workshops, dinner & session
Mansfield	26	Sun	Morning & afternoon		Mansfield and then Benalla	More workshop; Benefit concert for the CFA

SEPTEMBER 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	16	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME

OCTOBER 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Warrnambool gig	6	Sat	3ish	next day	PAC	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting	14	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
practice for Kew	24	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athales place tbc	ALL WELCOME
Kew Courthouse gig	28	Sun	1pm	5pm	Kew Courthouse	ALL WELCOME

NOVEMBER 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Practice	7	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athales place tbc	
Monthly Meeting	18	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Practice	22	Thurs	7pm	9pm	Judy and Neil's place	ALL WELCOME

DECEMBER 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Kew Courthouse gig	8	Sat	7pm	10.30pm	Xmas gig at Kew	ALL WELCOME
End of year pot luck lunch & meeting	17	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME