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STOP THE PRESSES!!

- City of Boroondara sponsors our launch, Saturday 13 December at 2pm at the Hawthorn Town Hall
Now it's time to attend the rehearsals, sell the tickets and learn those tunes!
- Remember to enter a tune into our competition – see below
- **Remember MSFC December meeting date changed to week 2!!!**

OCTOBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
NOVEMBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	
Session	2	Sun	2pm	5pm	Need a volunteer	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting	16	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Launch Rehearsal	19	Wed	7pm	9pm	Aths	ALL WELCOME
Launch Rehearsal	27	Thurs	7pm	9pm	South Melbourne	ALL WELCOME
DECEMBER 08	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Launch rehearsal	3	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's Box Hill	All welcome
Launch rehearsal	11	Thur	6.30pm	9pm	South Melbourne	All welcome
Melbourne concert and CD launch	13	Sat	NOON	5pm	Hawthorn Town Hall	TELL EVERYONE- 400 SEATS TO FILL!
Post launch party	13	Sat	7pm	10pm	Jennys place	PARTY!!
Monthly Meeting	14	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME – party and tunes competition afternoon – welcome back Pria, Claire, Jack and Lousie

From Judy

Agenda for meeting – Sunday 19 October 2004

St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street , North Balwyn

12.45 - 2.00pm Young players gathering – Gus Downing to lead

12.45- 2.00pm Committee meeting – CD and launch planning

2.00 – 3.30pm Chris Duncan Mansfield Set and Matt's Gow Set – finer points

3.30pm -4.00pm Afternoon tea – bring something to share

4.00pm -5.00pm Song accompanying – finer points – Footsteps, Song of the Mira, Wheels of Fortune, Gates of Gold and more

Tune competition reminder – DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THE NOVEMBER MEETING!!

Just a reminder that it's time to get those scraps of melody out and turned into tunes - Conditions as follows:

1. Must be your own work (as far as you can tell!)
2. Not recorded previously
3. Must be submitted in writing – help available if needed – recording can also be submitted if you like
4. Any jig, reel, march, strathspey or air will do as long as there is something vaguely Scottish about it
5. Winning tune will become part of our repertoire if it is accessible enough for all to play
6. Winner receives much glory and a voucher to be spent at the Violineri or at Burkes Music – your choice

Gates of Gold update

At time of writing about 100% of the overdubbing has been completed and all tracks are completely mixed. Just waiting now for Pria's contribution to arrive from Montreal and the order to be finally settled.



Notes from the Prez:

From last month's AGM, we welcome Judy Oleinikov to the committee as Secretary. Jean will be handling some of the treasury stuff for a few weeks in Louise's absence, so please see her with any finance queries.

Thanks to all who participated in the small gig for the Samarinda Lodge aged care place in Ashburton last weekend, especially those from up bush who made a long trek from out of town to join in. Every time we do one of these informal gigs, there are always a couple of retired Scots who are over the moon about hearing something that reminds them of times past, so it's a fine community service...nicely done to all.

The BIG CD launch is now set for Saturday afternoon, 13th December at Hawthorn Town Hall. A snazzy marketing flyer has been drafted and will be right to go soon, with all the details. Please keep the date free, and start letting anyone/everyone know. We're going all out to get a whopper crowd of 500-plus, so anyone you know who missed us back in August will now have a second chance to see it all again, and we'll get the place rockin' with our big sound. Having some of our interstate friends along for the launch should make it a huge event for us.

Some time in our next monthly gathering will be spent on a couple of key CD sets to give everyone a refresher, and some of you a chance to learn the sets if you've not yet performed them with us.

Tune competition entries are still welcome, and if you think you have a good thing nearly done but the dots need a bit of a look over to see if there's a basic bit of drafting that can be tidied up, feel free to speak to me, Judy, Neil, Colin, Angus and we'll help where we can.

If you have a tune that you can play, but not confident you can write it down accurately, we'd still like to hear it and get it written down so your dots are in the mix.

There's a committee meeting this month to plan the CD launch gig, so no Strathspey workshop at 12.30pm, but I'll run another session on bowing / embellishments again in November for those interested.

See you soon!

Matt Robertson
President

From Gus Downing: Attention all cool young people!

At 12:30pm this Sunday, before the regular monthly meeting of the fiddle club, we will be running a short session for all the 'cool*' 'young**' people of the MSFC.



Last month we learnt a couple of my favourite Fiddler's Bid tunes. This month we'll learn one more of theirs to finish off the set, and then switch to a couple of Alasdair Fraser classics.

These tunes are seriously cool, and I'd really love enough of us to learn them so that we can pull them out at sessions and maybe even gigs, so come along! No excuses this time Monica!

Adios muchachos.

Gus.

* As far as I understand it, all Scottish fiddle players are cool by nature.

** Young = how you feel. (Basically, we'll learn a few new tunes at a relatively fast pace, then we'll hang around for a bit being cool and young; doing a few wall-posts on facebook and watching you-tube on our iphones and stuff).

From Owen Lewis re: Ron McCoy

-Medical Mystery Tour

When Owen first came along to MSCF in April he was interested to learn that there was a fellow GP in the group, Dr Ron McCoy. As music comes before work on Sunday afternoons their shared professional interests came out only gradually. Ron works in the College of General Practice preparing educational materials, while Owen works in the Nossal Institute for Global Health teaching about public health in developing countries. He is also involved in coordinating groups of visiting health professionals from Asia. In July-August Owen was helping to host a group of doctors from India who had come on an Australian government fellowship for "influenza epidemic preparedness". Owen contacted Ron to find

out if the College was doing anything about flu. To his delight he found that Ron himself was very involved in preparing an influenza learning kit for doctors and clinics. Did you know that to avoid flu you should not only avoid being coughed and sneezed on, but should also wash your hands and the surfaces that the flu sufferer has touched? We all have a role to play in trying to stop flu spreading. Perhaps some of us heroes should stay home from fiddle club and work when we are sick! Definitely we should not get on an aeroplane with the flu as that is the way the flu epidemic could really get going. So stop worrying about migratory ducks and watch out for people coming back from Nova Scotia! Anyway, a highlight for Ron before taking off on his "garlic" trip Scotland was that his influenza learning package was released at the international GP conference held in Melbourne last weekend. Owen was at the conference and picked up some "freebies" - enough kits to send to the Indian doctors. As Ron says - we have given them "state of the art help for free". If it helps to stop a flu epidemic in India it may also help stop it from reaching us in Australia.

Contacting NESSIE?

NESSIE (North East Scottish Strings Including Elbow pipes) meets on the 2nd 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 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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MSFC 2009 draft calendar

FEB	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Fests rehearsal	18	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalies place Box Hill	ALL WELCOME
Fests rehearsal	26	Thur	7pm	9pm	Sth Melb Trugo Hall	ALL WELCOME
MAR	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Fests rehearsal	4	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalies place Box Hill	ALL WELCOME
PFFF	6 - 9	Port Fairy Folk Festival				TBC
BMF	12-22	Brunswick Music Festival				TBC
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
NFF rehearsal	26	Thurs	7pm	9pm	Sth Melb Trugo Hall	ALL WELCOME
APR	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
NFF rehearsal	2	Thurs	7pm	9pm	Athalie's	ALL WELCOME
NFF rehearsal	8	Wed	7pm	9pm	Sth Melb Trugo Hall	ALL WELCOME
NFF	10 -13	National Folk Festival Canberra				TBC
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
MAY	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	17	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Celtfest rehearsal	20	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's	ALL WELCOME
Celtfest rehearsal	28	Thurs	7pm	9pm	Sth Melb Trugo Hall	ALL WELCOME
JUN	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Celtic Festival tbc	6 - 8	Port Arlington Celtic Festival				TBC
Monthly Meeting	21	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	
JUL	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Rehearsal						
Concert at St A's	12	Sun	2pm	5pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME - confirmed
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
AUG	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	9	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
SEP	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	20	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
OCT	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
NOV	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
DEC	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	13	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	SUGGESTED DEC ONLY CHANGE!!

THIS CALENDAR COPYRIGHT LSK – with thanks