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Year of the Bow Continues!

STOP THE PRESSES!

1. *Need a job? Gig Captains needed for St Aidans and for Ringwood - Put your name forward and become a Very Popular Person indeed*
2. *Want to play at a gig? Make sure you sign up via Survey Monkey or we may leave you off the list!*
3. *Cancel August 30 – gig no longer on Chapel Off Chapel*

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From Judy

Agenda for meeting – Sunday 17 May 2009. St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street, North Balwyn!

1.00pm - 2.00pm Cool Young People Gathering with Jack and Angus

2.00pm - 3.30pm Year of the Bow continued – Jack Wilson teaches Skye BBQ and La Grande Chainé – find them on the www site

3.30pm - 4.00pm Arvo tea - bring something to share

4.00pm - 5.00pm Play time!

About the Nash – from Judy

Well a good time was had by all who went and some extraordinary music was enjoyed, including (in order of reference, mine only) Allana James and the Hot Club if Cowtown – superbly virtuosic western swing style fiddling) Nana Stern – amazingly charismatic young Chilean singer guitarist; Pierre Bensusan – the legendary father of DADGAD from France; and among the local groups I am in no way biased in favour of our own, but I have to site the brilliant Squeebz – some local boys with a crap name but a

strong and very tight sound, fantastic playing and stunning guest dancer; The Wise Girls – equal with Squeebz of course – were terrific- those original songs are spine tinglers; and Coolgrass was apparently a star of the silly scene in the Mary Poppins competition. Sessions were long and fiery and featured the usual immense array of scottish players – so many fiddlers that unless you were right in the centre you couldnt hear a thing! Sad news is they seem to have skipped Victoria as a featured state and gone back to Tasmania for 2010 so we will be up against it but will go in again for a gig.

About the cellos – from Claire Alleway

As you may easily be unaware, the fiddle club's cello and bass section has begun hanging out in places and times other than the monthly meetings. This is largely due to the inspiring performance and workshop given to the club by American cellist, Renata Bratt. The first gathering or 'hang' occurred two weeks ago at the delightful Athalie's abode. A tremendous chunk of groove and bass was created by our bass and FOUR cellists. By the end of the night we had established a trendy, bass accompaniment to the new J.B reel/Issoudun set. More hangs are planned with the hope of developing more complete cello parts, in particular sets, for the Celtic Festival. Thanks Pria for leading the group and Neil for ensuring that we keep in line with rhythm section regulations. Be prepared for overwhelming cello trendiness on Sunday.

About the gigs

CeltFest – Sunday June 7th

Thanks a lot to everyone who signed up – love the new system, yay Pete. Please note the following:

If you are on the list below as a YES you will be on the list at the reg table - to get your ticket just show up with ID at the registration tent on the day

If you are not on the list but would like to come SIGN UP NOW at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=S005HnCSwiXnIUwtks7NxA_3d_3d

Our first gig - a concert - is at 11 so be there at 10 please - meet at the pub as usual

Our last gig finishes at 8 – also a concert

We have a workshop and the ceilidh dance in between so prepare for a busy day

You can get a partner ticket at the discount price of \$55 for the weekend.

Name	Sunday
Pria Schwall-Kearney	yes
Claire Alleway	
Julia Konig	yes
ray phillips	yes
Alex Grenville	yes
Cameron Hibbs	yes
Shannon & Sue O'Leary	yes
Collier	yes
Barbara Hannon	yes
Angus Downing	yes
Melody O'Meara	yes
Athalie	yes
Patricia Newell	yes
Judy & Kate Oleinikov	yes
Shirley Hunter	yes
Owen Lewis (75% positive)	yes
Bjorn Lemfors	yes
Judy Turner & Neil Adam	yes
Jessica Hillman	yes
Matt Robertson	yes
Michelle Herbison	yes
Natasha Trinkle	yes
Jack Wilson	yes
Emily Greenwood (12 years old) with non-player mum	yes
Louise Schwall-Kearney	yes
Peter Dwyer & Shirley Dwyer	yes
Anita Hillman, i can play unless it is at the same time as Dram is booked to play	yes
Margaret Llewellyn (if I can get to some practices)	yes

St Aidan's – July 12 – Sunday afternoon - captain needed – please volunteer

Hey everyone – your committee has decided that a gig captain for every gig- ie a sort of chief liaison between the people hiring us and the group – would be a helpful thing. Hope you can help – not arduous, and you wont be asked more than once a year.

To show your interest in this gig you can sign up now <http://tinyurl.com/qbfu2c> or - if that fails, try:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=D17RmA6AUnGDWD42CcOAgw_3d_3d

Ringwood – August 11 note this is a week night - captain needed – please volunteer

This gig is for our old friends Bill Buttler and Harry Gardner- we have played it maybe twice before but not for a decade or so! Please consider coming even tho mid week is hard – its one of the few genuinely active and functioning folk clubs in Melbourne and its very nice that they asked us to play.

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MSFC International Health Unit...well sort of!



Owen Lewis and Ronald McCoy with delegation of GPs from India at the College of General Practitioners in South Melbourne.

After retruning from our Tassie tour last year, Dr Owen discovered that Dr Ron worked at the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the training body for Australina general practitioners. Owen mentioned that he wanted to contact someone at the College to help traing some GPs from India and Nepal, but wasn't sure about the best way to do it. So Dr Ron linked him up with the right people and the first fruits of the reationship came to fruition at the end of April this year with a delegation of general practice teachers who traing family doctors in India.

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Dr Ron has already given a presentation, and as one tiny part of the program is mentoring a trainer in online education that will be delivered to over 4,500 Indian government doctors. That's a lot fo GPs!

Owen would have not doubt made his contacts, but it happened a lot faster through our fiddle club contacts!

We'll update you on further fiddle club international projects...!

Dr Ron and Professor Owen

**MSFC COOL YOUNG PERSON'S GROUP:
BUSINESS AS USUAL!**

The MSFC Young People's Group is up and running.

Are you young? Are you cool? (If you play fiddle, you thereby automatically qualify for "cool" status.)

So call or email to find out about our new Group!

coolpeople@melbournescottishfiddlers.com

Next gathering will be at 1.00 pm at St Aidans prior to this month's meeting on April 19th.

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.

For more information contact:

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Gigs rehearsal	1	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's	ALL WELCOME
Concert at St A's	12	Sun	2pm	5pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME - confirmed
Gigs rehearsal	16	Thurs	7pm	9pm	Sth Melb Trugo Hall	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Gigs rehearsal	22	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's	TBC
AUG	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Gigs rehearsal	5	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's place	ALL WELCOME
Ringwood Folk Club Gig	11	Tues	7pm	9pm	Knaith Rd Ringwood	ALL WELCOME
Monthly Meeting	16	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Gigs rehearsal	26	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalie's place	ALL WELCOME
SEP	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	20	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Fiddle camp TBC	26-27	Another weekend away			TBC - think westwards	ALL WELCOME COULD BE WITH SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIDDLERS - VENUE TBC LOOKIN AT MOUNT GAMBIER
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Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
NOV	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Rehearsal Shepp gig	tbc	Wed	7pm	9pm	Athalies	tbc
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Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Shepparton gig	21-22	Sat-Sun	Shepp weekend jaunt			ANOTHER WEEKEND AWAY - MELODY IS GIG CAPTAIN SO ALL QUESTIONS GO TO HER
DEC	Date	Day	Starts	Ends	Venue	Notes
Xmas Meeting & Tunes comp	20	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME