

# THE SCOTTISH FIDDLER



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## STOP PRESS!

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*Meeting this month at St Aidan's BALWYN not at St Kevin's TOORAK -  
Connex apologies for any inconvenience caused.*

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*Urgently need your assistance promoting our Horsham and Castlemaine gigs to save  
them from cancellation - call Jean if you can help distribute the attached flyers in  
relevant places.*

STOP PRESS 3!!!

*Brunswick have only sold 35 tickets - could be a bit sad in the Town Hall for our launch if  
we don't get onto it - please distribute attached flyer to friends & family.*

STOP PRESS 4!!!!

*Please print out the updated calendar and chuck out that other one stuck to the front of  
your fridge -some dates are different.*

**From Judy:  
All the news  
behind the  
news!!**



### **Program for this Sunday – March 2006**

- 2.00pm *Koblers Hornpipe* (in C)– revisited; *Archie Menzies* (in F) - revisited
- 3.30pm Arvo tea – bring something to share – revisit Port Fairy together
- 4.00pm Revise new tunes in D from Feb meeting *Miss Thompsons*; *Pretty Peg*; *Jenny Dang the Weaver*
- 4.30PM Free for all – *byo favourite tune to the group*

### **Port Fairy Report**

In one word – unbelievable!! Not only were our gigs great, well received, relatively easy with nice sound men (true!!) not only did we sell heaps of CDs (over \$2000 worth estimated at this stage) come home with a nice little fee (\$1200) make lots of new friends and fans BUT we were also privileged to see some of the best bands and musos playing in any folk style in the world today – *La Bottine Souriante* the number one favourite with me and my lot, closely followed by Sharon Shannon and her incredible band, then the amazing Richard Thompson..... those of us who were privileged to be there will remember it as one of the musical high times of our lives. Those of you who weren't – make sure you get over to the Alexandra Gardens on Thursday or Sunday evening for a taste of LBS – the best band in the WHOLE WORLD!!

We will spend some time on Sunday comparing impressions and swapping feedback stories.

### ***CD update – "A Long Way From Home"***

All finished, printed, plastic wrapped, and ready to be sold. CD looks and sounds great – one small error spotted so far for which public apology is due to Bjorn Lemfors whose name was inadvertently left off the list of players. PLEASE let Judy know if you spot other errors as will print an errata slip in time for the Brunswick Concert. Please also let Sue O'Leary know if you know of radio presenters or reviewers who might like a review copy.

### ***CD distribution working bee***

Sue O'Leary will need your help one day in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of these school holidays for a packing and mailing spree- please email or call Sue on 9481 7268 if you have any time next week to help out.

### ***Horsham and Castlemaine Tour weekend – Saturday April 1 and Sunday April 2***

Please note Horsham are concerned about low ticket sales and have warned us they will need to cancel if they haven't sold 145 (break even point) by March 25 – if you know anyone, or better still any groups, up in the Grampians area, please forward them the email gig list and the flyer to distribute.

Castlemaine is a similar story – we really need to go into overkill mode with the promotion – please TELL EVERYONE you know up in the goldfields area. A flyer is also attached for you to email to connections up there.

### ***Brunswick Festival launch – Sunday afternoon April 9***

As above- they need our help with promotion. This is NOT A FREE CONCERT and thus has to try twice as hard to compete with all the amazing free stuff that is on at the moment around Melbourne. Please work doubly hard to promote this – email the gig list to all your friends and use the attached flyer, too. We need to be there at 11.30 to be ready for an 11.45 sound check.



***CHECK THOSE DIARY  
DATES NOW! LIST AT END  
OF NEWSLETTER***

## The Scottish Fiddler – March 2006

### ***Two songs to sing at Brunswick – a new role for the MSFC?***

Great to hear everyone belting out the chorus to Bec's Willie Stuart song – here are the words to remind those not at PFFF to learn em for BFF

***You're welcome Willie Stuart (x2)***

***There's ne'er a flower that blooms in May***

***That's half so sweet as though art***

And then there's the chorus to the Alex song we did at Hawthorn – Barnyards of Dalgetty – not quite so simple to get the tongue round!

***Linten addie, toorin addie***

***Linten addie toorin lee***

***Linten loorin toorin loorin***

***Linton toorin loorne lee***

### ***Rehearsal for the BMF & Tour***

**Thursday 23 March 7pm**

**St Kevins**

***BE THERE!***

### ***National Folk Festival – CD launch Sunday 6pm at the Trocadero plus the rally***

List of players has been circulated – remember as well as helping with the fiddle rally (details below and at <http://www.scottishfiddlers.com/Sydney/>) we have one concert of our own billed as another launch of our new CD – Chris Duncan and Jonesy should be able to help us out, and we need all the fiddlers and rhythm players we can get at this one, too.

### **National Fiddle Rally 2006 - Practice Sessions and Performances - Provisional**

Day	Venue	Time	Length
Friday	Long Room	9:00am	60 mins
Saturday	Building E	9:00am	90 mins
Sunday	NMA - Acton	1:00pm	60 mins
Monday	Marquee	10:00am	40 mins

Check the programme when you arrive at the Festival to ensure you don't miss out on the various practices

they are planning. Make sure you get hold of the music from the web site or from Pete Dwyer and practice it before we get there!

### ***Rehearsal for the NFF***

***Wednesday 12 April 7pm***

***Westgarth***

### ***Mansfield update***

Given a very busy 2006 schedule, and various overseas trips planned, your musical directors have decided to leave it up to NESSIE to decide if this is a goer in 2006 - if they want to run with it we will of course promote to all our players.

### ***Commonwealth games report***

Three small gigs for three to six people came in courtesy of the Games – the first involved entertaining the crowd at a gathering for the First Minister of Scotland Jack McConnell, held on 14 March – Neil, Pria and Jack dressed up to do this one, and did us proud by all accounts – came home with Scottish give aways and handfuls of business cards of influential people..... two other small gigs involve the lord provost of Glasgow and another crowd..... all to do with the bid for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

### ***New Gig opportunities for the MSFC***

#### ***Kirkin of the Tartan Sunday 2 July:***

We need some volunteers to do this little gig again on 2 July, in the city, playing for the Council of Clans – message from Doug McLaughlin follows..... let JT know if you are up for it.

The Date for the Kirkin' o' the Tartan at Scots Church, Collins Street, Melbourne, is 2 July. The Service will be at 11:00 am. After the service, the Scottish societies, especially those connected with the Council of Clans will enjoy a BYO lunch with free tea & coffee in the upper hall next door to the church. We would like the Scottish Fiddle Club group to play for about half an hour from about 12:30 pm.

### ***Rejected emails – please let Chris know***

Please let Chris Bigby know if you see anyone listed below who should be mailed but the address needs correction. Otherwise she will delete them.

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bussquemano@hotmail.com;

kath@maxwell.net;

gsw@alphalink.com.au;

hjbyers@optusnet.com.au;

idaahpt@hotmail.net.au;

omeara@netspace.net.au;

cwalsh@careconnect.org.au;

cjowsey@ozemail.com.au;

[musicalmoments@ozemail.com.au](mailto:musicalmoments@ozemail.com.au);

Email any information on current emails to Chris Bigby on email: C.Bigby@latrobe.edu.au

### **MSFC CLUB CONTACTS**

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

**Anyone who wants to find out more about the club can contact:**

**Musical Director - Judy on 03 9893 6332 or [tellingtales@bigpond.com](mailto:tellingtales@bigpond.com)**

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***Newsletter contributions welcomed!***

## MSFC 2006 MARCH- DECEMBER

	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue
<b>MARCH</b>					
Practice for Port Fairy	2	Thurs	7 pm	9 pm	St Kevins
Practice for Port Fairy	8	Wed	7 pm	9 pm	Westgarth
PFFF	10-13	Fri-Mon	Long Weekend		Port Fairy Folk Festival
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans
Practice for launch	23	Thurs	7 pm	9 pm	St Kevins
<b>APRIL</b>					
Concert	1	Sat	4pm sound	late	Horsham - Wesley P.A. Centre
Concert	2	Sun	Noon sound	4.30 est	Castlemaine- Theatre Royal
CD Launch Melbourne	9	Sun	11.30 sound	4.30 est	Brunswick Town Hall
Practice for NFF	12	Wed	7 pm	9 pm	Westgarth
NFF & Easter School	14-17	1	Easter		Canberra
Monthly Meeting	16	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans - for people not going to NFF
<b>MAY</b>					
Monthly Meeting	21	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans
<b>JUNE</b>					
Monthly Meeting	18	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans
<b>JULY</b>					
Kirkin O The tartan	2	Sun	12.30	1.00pm	Scots Church Collins Steet - the Hall next door
Practice for St A gig	12	Wed	7 pm	9 pm	Westgarth
Monthly Meeting	16	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans
Practice for St A gig	20	Thur	7 pm	9 pm	St Kevins
St Aidans gig - all	23	Sun	1 pm	5 pm	St Aidans Music Society
<b>AUGUST</b>					
Practice for Ball	10	Thurs	7pm	9 pm	St Kevins
Practice for Ball	16	Wed	7 pm	9 pm	Westgarth
Box Hill 50th Anniv Ball	19	Sat	6 pm	12 mn	Burwood Uniting Church
Monthly Meeting	20	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
Practice for Rats gig	5	Wed	7pm	9 pm	Westgarth
Practice for Rats gig	13	Thurs	7pm	9 pm	St Kevins
Rats O' Tobruk gig	16	Saturday	7.30	10pm	Darebin Arts & Ent. Centre, Preston conf
Monthly Meeting	17	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
practice for Peninsula gig	5	Thurs	7 pm	9 pm	St Kevins
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans
practice for Peninsula gig	17	Tues	7 pm	9 pm	Celtic Club
Mornington Shire gig	21	Sat	matinee	and night	Peninsula Community Arts Centre tbc
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
Monthly Meeting	17		2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans