

THE SCOTTISH FIDDLER



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Stop Press!

Don't forget to pay your membership renewal at this week's meeting!

(Pretty...please...!)

From Judy

Agenda for April 2007 meeting

- 2.00 Revise the new Shetland set as played by Swingin Fiddles with Pria – Da New Riggid Ship and the other ship tune
- 2.30 Revise Ron's call and response song and start on the new song with Ron
- 3.00 Revise the Kings House and Dr Morrison's 7 Thistles with Judy
- 3.30 Afternoon tea – bring something to share!
- 4.15 Demonstration of tunes learned at Canberra with the school attendees
- 4.30 New/old tune – Craighie Dhu – with Judy and Claire (tbc)

National Folk Festival report

Several of our players were lucky enough to take part in the pre festival workshops and then others joined them for the festival. Timing prohibits a written report, but if you were there, get ready to be grilled at the April meeting. Full details on Kevin Burke, the sessions and more will be divulged.

What happened in MARCH?

Brunswick Festival – gig report

The small group — now to be known as The Serious Burns Unit — did well at Brunswick on a hot hot night in March, supporting the incredibly talented and dynamic duo of James Fagan and Nancy Kerr. To be

there was a privilege and a joy, and we acquitted ourselves well too. Nice little crowd, good tight playing, with the only stuff ups coming from your Director who tried and failed to lead Jack's Jigs as well as Jack himself – we look forward to his release at the end of this VCE year. If you haven't seen Nancy fiddling and singing you really ought to do so – their CDs are the next best thing and there are about four of them now, each one more interesting than the one before.

What's happening in JUNE?

Swingin' Fiddles tour update – dates confirmed!

- Fri June 15 The Serious Burns Unit and Swingin Fiddles will perform at the Boite, at Mark Street Fitzroy, 8pm
- Sat June 16 everyone invited to all day Shetland fiddling workshop at St Aidan's Uniting Church, free to MSFC and NESSIE members but a charge will apply for others; 10.00am – 5.00pm
- Sat June 16 all MSFC players & friends invited to dinner and session – venue tba
- Sun June 17 Full MSFC concert with Swingin' Fiddles in Geelong – 12 noon sound check, 5.30pm finish, venue tba

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Mansfield and Benalla update – dates will be confirmed by May meeting

We are planning a weekend with visiting tutors Chris Duncan and Julian Thompson, if we can line up dates, which will involve

Friday night	arrive and session
Saturday all day	workshops
Saturday night	concert in Mansfield
Sunday morning	workshop
Sunday afternoon	concert in Benalla

NOVEMBER

Ballarat concert

We are planning a re-run of last year's successful concert to aid the Ballarat Christmas Appeal. Date to be confirmed by May meeting.

OTHER STUFF MSFC baby update – it's a busy time!!!!

1) Melinda – has sent a picture of her daughter Susannah – have a look!



2) And what about Veronika from Granny Shirl and Gramps Pete!



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3) Penny has had her baby - Athalie will send report in a future newsletter...

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And a note from the Crick clan...

Judy,

We received Matt's scholarship results today (20 March).

He has won both a music and academic (putting him in the top 5% for year 5 nationwide).

This is great for him and even better for us as it will probably save us \$30,000 through to HSC.

Cheers,

Darron.

Email address updates

Please all - if you would like to be kept abreast of all the happenings at the MSFC make sure Chris Bigby, Jean and Louise have your latest email address. You can email it to any one of them or all of them as follows: ask@netspace.com.au; jeaniuszasz@optusnet.com.au; C.Bigby@latrobe.edu.au

JUDY's CONTACT DETAILS HAVE CHANGED — make sure you update your address list from the MSFC contacts below

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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Hello from the Brisbane Celtic Fiddlers

Our newsletter editor Ronald McCoy just happened to be in Brisbane last month on the night that the Brisbane Celtic Fiddlers meet. He reports for the MSFC

Every 3rd Friday night of the month, many of our Queensland friends meet to play tunes in Brisbane.

My evening started with being picked up by Mel from Fiddlesticks and a minibus of fiddlers of all sizes and ages from my hotel, and we trekked across Brisbane, battling the first night Bronchos traffic until we reached out destination in Bardon Hall in Bardon.

I met up with Emma Nixon, the group's founder, as well as Bridget whom many of you will know, from the school formerly known as music under the mountains (now known as the Celtic Southern Cross Summer School).



Some of the Brisbane Celtic Fiddler's crew...gret people, great musicians and great music!

The lovely warm Brisbane evening was a wonderful setting for a great night of fun.



Many of you will know Hannah (on your right) from the Celtic Southern Cross music school, and will know is one of the straightest bowers I know.

Her and Zack, (see below) know every

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tune on the Fiddle Club CDs, and as well as being awesome fun, their ability is impressive, and a total credit to Mel.



Zack showing up Scottish fiddlers the world over...

As you can see from the pics below, there's plenty going on, plenty to do and plenty of fun to be had.

After plenty of fun, I shared a shake at Macca's with my Brisbane fiddle friends, on an incredibly balmy Brisbane night.

The group is great, and I would recommend that anyone intending to visit Brisbane to call in for a visit – it's terrific fun and great music!

The details are available at: <http://brisbanecelticfiddleclub.googlepages.com/>

And everyone says bello to all their Melbourne friends...

Ronald

BRISBANE EVENTS — FIDDLE MASTER CLASS WORKSHOPS

If you happen to be Brisbane on these dates, you might want to visit these workshops — I'm sure everyone would be made very welcome! All levels of playing catered for from beginners to Advanced.

May 19–20 *Bluegrass fiddling with Andrew Clermont.*

June 23–24 *Irish Fiddle with Fred Graham*

July 14–15 *Scottish Fiddle with Emma Nixon*

All are held at: Old Bay Road, Community Complex Arts Centre, Old Bay Road, Burpengary UBD 68 R13

For more information contact: 07 3385 6128 email: fiddlesticks@fiddlesticks.co.nz

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APRIL 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Small group practice	26	Thurs	7 PM	9 PM	229 York Street South Melb	small group
MAY 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Small group practice	9	Wed	7 pm	9 pm	Athalie's place	small group this is a benefit for the string library
Small group benefit concert tbc	12	Sat	2 pm	5 pm	tbc	
Monthly Meeting	20	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
Practice for Swingin concert	24	Thurs	7 pm	9 pm	St Kevins tbc	parking beside the Heyington station in school grnds
JUNE 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Practice for Celfest concert tbc	5	Tues	7 pm	9 pm	Judy & Neil's place	small group
Practice for Swingin concert	6	Wed	7 pm	9 pm	St Kevins tbc	everyone
Celtic Festival tbc	9-11	Sat- Mon	long weekend		Portarlinton - small group tbc	small group for concert, anyone for session
Practice for Swingin concert	13	Wed	7 pm	9 pm	St Kevins tbc	everyone
Concert with Swingin Fiddles	15	Fri	8 pm	late	The Boite, then session in Clifton Hill?	small group masterclass and workshop -everyone
Swingin Fiddles workshop	16	Sat	10 am	4 pm	St Aidans	led by Colin McLeod for newcomers - tbc
Monthly Meeting/rehearsal	17	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	
Concert with Swingin Fiddles	17	Sun	12 noon	6pm	Geelong	everyone
JULY 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	15	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
AUGUST 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	19	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
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
Monthly Meeting	14	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
NOVEMBER 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	18	Sun	2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME
DECEMBER 07	Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	17		2 pm	5 pm	St Aidans	ALL WELCOME

