

VANCOUVER MEETING - 9/9/08

SUMMARY

- Trip is from Weds, 1st to Thurs 16th July 2009
- Those who have not paid £50 deposit need to do this now.
- £100 deposit per person for flights, together with a completed form is required by 28th September (cheques only, made payable to Riddell Fiddles Vancouver).
- People need to decide on their accommodation options.

The following details were discussed at the meeting:

INITIAL ITINERARY

DATE - JULY 2009	DETAIL
Weds. 1 st	Group Travel from Glasgow to Vancouver
Weds. 1 st to Sat 4 th	Abbotsford (West Coast Fiddlers) - PROVISIONAL
Sat. 4 th	Travel to Sunshine Coast
Sun. 5 th - Sun. 12 th	Stay at Sunshine Coast - Fiddle camp is from Sunday to Friday with Young Trad Band from Sunday to Sunday. We will have alternative activities/performances planned (e.g. Powell River) for Sat. 11 th & Sun 12 th for those not doing Trad band.
Mon. 13 th	Travel to Vancouver
Mon. 13 th - Weds. 15 th	Vancouver with various activities planned there for 13 th and 14 th .
Weds. 15 th	End of the Riddell Fiddles trip & return to Glasgow from Vancouver for those returning with the group.

Individuals can opt to stay longer but will need to make their own arrangements from 15th onwards. Return flights will be booked for everyone once people let us know what their plans are.

FLIGHTS

With the advent of Zoom Airlines going bust we want to make sure we are protected. To this end we will be travelling with Canadian Affair who are affiliated with Thomas Cook and fully covered by ABTA agreements. Their website address is www.canadianaffair.com

The flights are likely to cost £319 each way (£638 return) from Glasgow to Vancouver - this is for everyone age 12 and over. The price may be slightly less if we can get group booking prices but this will depend on when everyone wants to return to UK. **A £100 deposit per person is required from everyone by Sunday, 28th September.**

Canadian Affair fly from/to Glasgow on Wednesdays. The group will be travelling out on Wednesday, 1st July 2009 (approx. 9.15am flight) arriving in Vancouver at approx 12.30pm on the 1st and returning on Wednesday, 15th July 2009 (approx. 2.50pm flight) arriving in Glasgow at approx. 9.20am on Thursday 16th. People can opt not to return with the group but to remain in Canada, returning at a later date. To be able to book the correct tickets and get the minimum prices available people now need to make decision on what they want to do. **Karen will prepare a short form which must be returned with the £100 deposit by 28th September.** People wanting to remain in Canada will need to look up Canadian Affair website to check on flight dates/times to be able to complete the form.

ACCOMMODATION

We have booked the backpackers hostel in Roberts Creek, Sunshine Coast for 17 people from Sat. 4th - Mon. 13th. We can also book local house if we want. Individuals who want to book their own accommodation will need to be within walking distance. We will require details of people's preferred option for accommodation too.

GENERAL/TRANSPORT

We will use hired Yellow School Buses for travel between Vancouver, Abbotsford, Sunshine Coast and Vancouver. Once in Roberts Creek we will hire 2 cars for use in shopping etc..

The fiddle camp itself has to be booked and paid for by April.

It was suggested that people could pay £50 per month per person - this helps to spread the load of the cost and also ensures we have sufficient funds available to meet the bills as they arise. A record of payments made by individuals can be provided.

FUNDRAISING

There is currently approx. £1200 in the fund-raising kitty. The first call on fund-raising will be the fiddle camp fees. A number of things are planned to raise more.

- **Helen's cards** - she is arranging to have these available soon and we intend to ask everyone to sell some of these individually as well as having them available to sell whenever we are out anywhere.
- **Quiz night on 24 October** in Midlem- Lorna is organising this
- **Ceilidh 8th November** in Midlem - we will have another 2 ceilidhs in 2009 too.
- **Church Concert** - Lilliesleaf in December - Sheila will contact Rev. Frank Campbell re this.
- **Young Scot Award** - Iona will have a look at this for a group application.
- **We will also apply to various other places:** Educational Trusts, Leishman Trust, James McLean Trust.
- **Many and varied performances**
- **Sunday lunch in February 2009** - organised by Viv & Viv
- **Concert in May 2009**
- **Thanksgiving Dinner 28th November** in Midlem - to be organised by Susan Blair - she will need to check hall availability and ensure that a licence is procured (not in Riddell Fiddles name as we need our allocation for other events).
- **Susan also suggested doing lunches** on Sunday's such as baked potato's with fillings and also selling her baked goods on Sunday's. The baked goods will go ahead and the lunches to be considered.