

VANCOUVER MEETING - 26/10/08

Attendance at this meeting was not high. It would be better if we could all (or at least one representative from each family going) meet and would probably result in more effective fundraising so another meeting (which does not clash with a fiddle class) will be organised soon.

SUMMARY

- Flights - booked
- Passports - need checked.
- Accommodation - in hand.
- Transport - to/from Glasgow airport
- Insurance - need to get own insurance and instrument insurance
- Fundraising - raised enough to cover fiddle camp fees
- Costs & Savings payments - suggestion for savings scheme included below.

The following details were discussed at the meeting:

FLIGHTS

All flights have been booked as per individual requests. We are obtaining email confirmation that fiddles can be taken on flights as hand luggage.

PASSPORTS

Everyone needs to check their passports - if you are a British Subject as opposed to a British citizen you will need a visa to enter Canada. The Canadian Embassy website states your passport only needs to be valid for one day beyond the end of your stay but if anyone's passport is due to expire soon after our trip it might be worth renewing it early just in case.

ACCOMMODATION

We have booked the backpackers hostel in Roberts Creek, Sunshine Coast for 17 people from Sat. 4th - Mon. 13th. We are also looking for a nearby house to rent for 7 people. We will look into hostel accommodation for Abbotsford and Vancouver for those who requested to stay with the group. For group accommodation for all of the nights will be approx. £185 depending on exchange rate.

TRANSPORT

We will arrange a bus for transport to Glasgow on 1st and a mini-bus for return on 15th - people returning on other dates will need to arrange their own transport back from Glasgow.

INSURANCE

People will need to arrange their own insurance and also insurance for their instruments.

FUNDRAISING

There is currently £2409.40 in the fund-raising kitty. The first call on fund-raising will be the fiddle camp fees and we now have enough to cover this cost. Fundraising efforts are continuing - please refer to previous minutes for details.

COSTS & PAYMENTS

The approx. costs look to be around £1000. People have paid £150 each and £135 for fiddle camp fees is covered so people are likely to pay around another £715 depending on fundraising.

We will need to pay costs (flights, fiddle camp, accommodation etc) by April. Monthly payments of £150 would help cash flow but it is optional. Karen will make up payment cards for everyone. Payments can be made on the first Sunday of each month to Karen or Viv Geogehan - for November this will be on 9th November as we don't have fiddles on 2nd.

All payments must be by cheque and be presented with your payment card.