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Space

We DO need a good, big dance floor, preferably not carpeted, ideally one square yard per person. (Our kind of dancing requires more space than many people and hotels may realise). We have played in barns with pure concrete floors, and in horse training barns.

Dancing

We are a Barn Dance/Ceilidh band for people who want to get up and dance, rather than just sit there to be entertained. This is why we do not take "pub" work. Also, we are a "countrydance" band, but this is nothing like a "country & western" or "cowboy" band. Please be sure that an evening of country dancing is what you really want. Perhaps it might be clearer if you think of us as "Liverpool Barn Dance Band"!

Disco?

We would share the evening with a Disco, providing we have the main stage, and the Disco would finish the night, usually from 11.00 p.m. However, a Disco can impede our progress with the dancers, and is an extra cost to hirers.

How Much?

Our fees are negotiable, but we are often told that we ask much less than other local bands. From April 2010, we have been asking a basic £400, for wedding parties or corporate events in Liverpool.

For "non-wedding/corporate dances", in the Merseyside county, we have been playing for about £320. This is our reduced rate for family parties, charities, PTA events and similar.

For venues outside Liverpool, travel costs would apply. Increases in fuel

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prices may affect these prices, and tunnel tolls may apply.

Range?

Our normal range is Merseyside County, South Lancs, & Halton. Further afield can be negotiated, but the extra costs in fuel and in travel time must be considered.

Insurance

Our band does have Public Liability Insurance of £5million, with Musicians Insurance Services. We can email a jpeg of our current certificate.

If your venue is using a movable "disco" floor, you should check they have insurance covering personal injury caused by their supplying their kind of flooring for our kind of dancing. In some cases it will save time (and a lot of money) if no such floor is laid down. This would mean dancing on carpet, and though this is less than ideal, it would at least be all on the same level, and probably increase the danceable area.

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Confirmation

We prefer to confirm a definite booking in writing, by posting you two signed copies of what we have agreed, giving contact details etc. (Please email a postal address.) You should then sign both copies, keep one, and return the other copy with a cheque for a £50 deposit.

Deposit

When dealing with new clients, we usually ask for a nonreturnable deposit. Since April 2005 this has been £40, but will be raised to £50 from April 2011. For regular clients, we may waive the need for a deposit, but we would want this amount to be agreed as a Minimum Cancellation Fee, with effect from the date of our agreement.

We would like a final confirmation from you about two weeks before the date. An email or phone call will be fine, just to make sure neither side has forgotten or found problems.

Payment

Payment will be expected on the night, at the end of our performance, and preferably in cash, as we all live in different towns. We are considering a £5 admin charge for payment by cheque, as this means an extra trip to a bank, writing out cheques for the other musicians, or obtaining cash.

Cancellation

Any deposit would be forfeit, OR a cancellation charge of at least £50 would be required from anyone from whom we had not asked a deposit.

Cancellation within the seven days before the event would entail payment of the full fee.

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If we have to back out, and cannot provide replacement band or musicians, then clearly we will refund your deposit, and we will try to help you find other musicians or bands to take our place.

Also, anybody can fall ill or have a family emergency or similar problem, and so we cannot be held to provide the musicians as shown in our pictures. We do have friends who can deputise for each of us, and this may prove necessary at times.

If you have any further queries contact me by email: [Gerry Jones](#).