

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Bagpacking in Dunnes Stores Childers Road Shopping Centre on Tuesday 22nd December.
- Band re-opens after the Christmas holiday on Thursday 7th January 2010.
- Recruitment for tenor and display corps will take place from 7th to 14th January 2010.
- Happy Christmas & New Year everybody!



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Newsletter

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Black-out

The disconnection of electrical power supply to the band office, band-room and the practice hall has severely impacted the band over the last three months.

During the refurbishment of facilities for the home-liason office, which included re-wiring, it was discovered that the power supply to the remainder of the old primary school building (which includes the band facilities) was unsafe. Indeed it was deemed to be a serious fire hazard and was subsequently disconnected by the contractor.

At that time the contractor was unaware that the band, and indeed the primary school, would be effected by this course of action.

On realising the problem, both the Primary and Secondary schools combined to apply for emergency funding from the Department of Education.

This application is currently being processed.

In the interim the band (now reduced to operating from two rooms) has suffered on a number of fronts:

- Marching and Department classes have had to be abandoned with those instructors now trying to assist in supervising music classes.
- Senior and Junior classes have had to be combined for both pipers and drummers, with boredom setting in for seniors (some of who have dropped-out) and little opportunity for remedial classes for slower learners, again resulting in a reduction in membership..
- No parent meetings have been held
- Uniforms and instruments have not been inspected or maintained since September.
- The band-room and office have not been cleaned, tidied or heated since September.
- Personnel files have not been updated and other administrative tasks remain incomplete .

We must apologise to current members and parents for these current difficulties and we are hopeful that this situation will be resolved in the very near future.

Recruiting of new tenor drummers and display corps members will take place in January and we look forward to the start of our playing season in March.

Christmas Bowling

The band's annual Christmas Bowling night (which is free to members) is being organized by Ann O'Driscoll for Monday night 21st December.

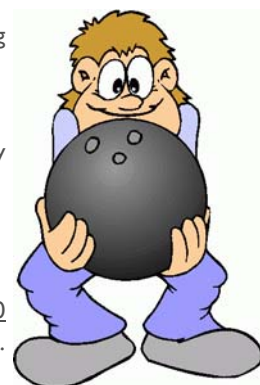
As in previous years this event will be held at Supermacs on the Ennis Road.

Members are to assemble at Supermacs at 07.00pm and should be collected by their parents after the bowling at 09.00pm.

Refreshments will be provided on the night.

Following this event the band will remain closed for Christmas holidays.

Practices will recommence after Christmas on Thursday night 7th January 2010 with recruitment for tenor and display corps taking place the following week. After this there will be no further recruiting until September 2010.



Solo Piping & Drumming Success

IT IS VITAL!!!

The band has always tried to keep our fundraising efforts to a minimum and therefore we have had no fundraiser over the last number of months.

However, we cannot survive without funds and we are relying on the support of parents on our bag-packing day Tuesday 22nd December from 10am to 10pm.

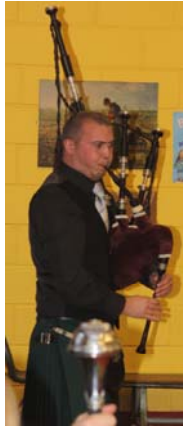
As most of our members are under age to collect it is vital that we have adult support.

If we do not raise sufficient funds at this event to finance our preparations for St. Patrick's Day we will have no alternative but to look at other financial options (possibly a significant increase of fees for members who fail to support fundraising events).

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Sorry folks but it's that time again
The second half (€30) of the annual membership fee is due in at the start of January

Congratulations to our winners and indeed to all our entrants in the Tullamore Junior Solo Piping and Drumming Competition and Workshops. There was a large number of entrants for the event representing bands from across the country among whom were;



- CBS Pipe Band, Limerick,
- Killeshin Pipe Band
- New Ross & District Pipe Band
- St. Coleman's Pipe Band, Cobh,
- St. Columcille's, Pipe Band, Tullamore,
- Tralee Pipes & Drums,

Piping adjudicator Alen Tully and drumming adjudicator Stephen Creighton praised the high standard of all the young competitors and encouraged them to persevere in their efforts, stating that we are looking at the champions of the future.



Alen and Stephen themselves play with the Irelands top band the Grade 1, St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band from Dublin. At the end of the competition they gave an exhibition of their solo and combined skills before a very appreciative audience.



THE WINNERS

Ian Pickford - 1st place in under 10 drumming.

Gearoid Franklin - joint 1st place in under 10 piping.

Lucia Hyde - joint 1st place in under 10 piping.

Adam O'Riordan - 1st place in under 16 drumming and 3rd place in under 16 Open grade drumming.

Daniel O'Riordan - 3rd place in under 12 piping.

Ivan Hyde - 2nd place in under 12 drumming.

Other band members who received certificates on the day included our piping officers **Colin Byrnes**, Pipe Sergeant and **Eoghan Carey** Pipe Corporal.

Well done all!

Italy Trip - October 2009

The band's trip to Italy in October was a huge success helped in no small part by excellent weather throughout.

A special word of thanks to the chaperones and parents who really joined in with the kids in making it a trip to remember.

We are hoping to make up a compilation disc of photographs of the trip which should be available early in the new year. If you have any photographs from the trip which you would like included please contact either Barry or Eimear.

1. La Scala Opera House, Milan
2. San Siro Stadium, Milan.
3. Cable-Car to Monte Baldo overlooking Malcesine and Lake Garda.
4. Speedboat on Lake Garda at Sirmione.
5. Verona.
6. Venice.





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The band was founded during the winter months of 1961 by Christian Brothers Br. John Kenny and Br. C Wright.

There followed an intensive programme over the next eighteen months to equip and train the band.

The band made its first ever public appearance in the Limerick St. Patrick's Day parade of 1963 and since then has only missed three St. Patrick's Day parades in its native city. On two occasions the band represented the city in the New York parade and once in the city of Cork parade.

The band has performed extensively throughout the thirty two counties of Ireland and beyond, having traveled on numerous occasions to Scotland, England, Wales, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Spain, Italy and the United States of America.

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Piping and Drumming Courses

Congratulations to our twelve young musicians who successfully completed a course of Level I instruction delivered by the Irish Pipe Band Association (Munster Brance) Piping and Drumming Academy.



The course was delivered on Saturday afternoons by instructors who travelled from Tralee over a six week period.

Our sincere thanks to Johnny, Ann and Bridget for their interest, enthusiasm and indeed patience not forgetting our own drumming tutor Mark who assisted. We wish all of them a very happy Christmas and look forward to meeting them again in the New year.

Front row: Carrie-Ann Hyde, Ivan Hyde

Middle row: Keenan Stewart, Ian Pickford, Caitlin Stewart, Gearoid Franklin

Back row: Eoghan Carey, Colin Byrnes, Jamie Stewart, Craig Noonan

Absent from the photo is Billy Power.



THE INSTRUCTORS

Seated (L-R) Ann Fitzgerald, Drumming tutor and Bridget Long, Piping tutor.

Standing (L-R) John Sheehan, Piping and Music Theory tutor and Mark Sheehan, Drumming tutor