



# CBS Pipe Band Newsletter

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## CBS PIPE BAND - OVERVIEW

### End of Season

On Friday 4th May the band paraded through the village of Hospital, County Limerick for the formal opening of the Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Éireann “**Limerick Fleadh**”. This festival is promoted as a celebration of Irish song, dance, music and c mhra incorporating both competition and entertainment.

Our most recent outing was for the opening parade ceremony of the GAA “**Feile na nGael**”



which was held on Friday, 16th May in Ennis. The parade was led by the Artane Band from Dublin and over 125 GAA Clubs and nine marching bands from all over the country paraded from Cusack Park.



The band’s final parade for this season will be to lead a Fancy Dress Parade through the streets of Bruff, County Limerick, to mark the start of the “**Bruff Summer Festival**”.

This will on Friday 2nd July.

Following this event the band will close for summer holidays.



Band will recommence after the holiday with a **FULL PRACTICE on Thursday 26th August** in preparation for our participation at the “**Milford Harvest Fair**” **on Sunday 29th August**.

As this is a fundraising event for Milford Hospice we encourage all members to make a special effort to take part.

### New Format Newsletter

The first Band Newsletter was produced in Autumn/Winter 2006.

Having published 10 issues under Volume 1 of our Band Newsletter it is now time to move to Volume 2 of which this is the first issue.

For Volume 2, the overall layout of the newsletter has been updated and, for the most part, the photographs are now in colour.

Copies of this issue and indeed all previous issues of the Newsletter may be viewed on

the band’s webpage ([www.cbspipecband.org](http://www.cbspipecband.org)) under the “News” tab.

We would welcome your feedback or comments regarding the newsletter emailed to [info@cbspipecband.org](mailto:info@cbspipecband.org).

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#### Special points of interest:

- Band will recommence after the holidays on Thursday 26th August.
- Band will accept new members during the month of September.
- Current members who wish to change from one instrument to another may apply to do so during September.

### New Piping Tutors



Victoria



Gavin



Ronan

Due to ongoing health problems Gerry O'Brien is unable to continue as piping tutor to the band. Our prayers and good wishes go out to him for a speedy recovery. And indeed our thanks for all of his efforts over the last number of years.

Luckily, a number of experienced piping tutors have agreed to assist in tutoring our band.

Current members have already been introduced to these tutors over the last couple of months.

On Saturday afternoons, **Victoria Grant** and **Gavin Richardson** have travelled from Cork to give Master Classes on piping rudiments and bagpipe maintenance.

Each of these pipers has extensive experience

with pipe bands in both Ireland and Scotland and they are currently Pipe Major and Pipe Sergeant respectively of Ballyphehane & District Pipe Band in Cork.

Since the end of April **Ronan Madden** has trained our pipers on Monday nights.

An ex-member of our band, Ronan is an ex-Pipe Major of St. Finbarr's Pipe Band, Cork and is also current Munster Junior Solo and Piobrach Champion.

### Christmas Bowling

Photographs taken at our Annual Christmas Bowling night on 21st December 2009. A special word of thanks to Ann O'Driscoll for organising the event.



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## Letterkenny Concert

On 20th February the band travelled to Letterkenny, County Donegal, to take part in the Irish National Youth Pipe

Band's concert at "An Grianan" Theatre.

This involved an overnight stay at the Clanree Hotel.



## Tenor Drummers

Tenor drumming tutor Eimear Stewart of Cullen Pipe Band has delivered a course in Introductory Level Tenor Drumming.

We are very grateful for her assistance and indeed expertise.

The photograph shows Eimear with her tenor class at the Newcastlewest Solo Competition.



REMEMBER...  
Band will be on holidays from 2nd July until 26th August.

Milford Harvest Fair is on 29th August

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CBS Pipe Band was founded during the winter months of 1961 by Irish Christian Brothers, Br. John Kenny and Br Clement 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 missed only 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 travelled on numerous occasions to Scotland, England, Wales, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Spain, Italy and the United States of America.

### Management Team

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### Fundraising Coordinator

Bernie McNamara

### Tutors

|                   |                  |              |                |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Justin Fitzgerald | James Hackett    | Mark Sheehan | Eimear Stewart |
| Victoria Grant    | Gavin Richardson | Ronan Madden |                |

### Parents Representatives

Aoife Carey      Stephen Mc Mahon

We're on the web  
[www.cbspipeband.org](http://www.cbspipeband.org)

## Foreign Travel

In keeping with our practice of travelling abroad every second year we are researching the feasibility of a modest foreign trip next year (2011) with a view to focusing our attention on celebrating the band's 50th Anniversary by taking part in the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2013.

As with previous trips we have already commenced our members travel savings scheme with members contributing on a

weekly basis to help defray their travel costs.

We have also recommenced our Band Travel Credit (BTC) scheme which credits members based on their participation in band events (parades, performances, fundraising and practices).

**Right:** *From our last trip to New York in 1992 – the Twin Towers may be gone but Justin is still with us!*

