



# CBS Pipe Band Newsletter

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## CBS PIPE BAND - OVERVIEW

### End of Season

The final completion of works on the lighting and heating in the bandroom has meant that once again we have full facilities for our practices.

The unavailability of the bandroom over the last twelve months has had a very noticeable impact on the success rate of last years recruits.

The loss of Piping & Drumming Tutors combined with the loss of a number of senior pipers and drummers

has also certainly impacted on the band but it is heartening to see last years recruits take up the slack as our new senior players.

We will be recruiting again in January for new members to join as Display Corps/ Tenor Drummers.

Thanks to Ronan Madden, our piping tutor, we will also (for the first time) recruit additional pipers in January in an attempt to increase the overall musical strength of the



pipe band.

We will not recruit any additional snare drummers at this time as current numbers are more than adequate for our piping strength.

Immediately after the Christmas holidays our focus must turn to our principal marching season which commences with the St. Patrick's Week festivities.

### Season's Events

- Retirement function at Southill Community Centre
- Milford Hospice Annual Harvest Fair
- Limerick City Community & Voluntary Fair
- Ballinasloe October Horse Fair & Festival
- JP McManus Scholarship Awards Night in Adare
- Underage Hurling Tournament at Na Piarasigh GAA Club (*photo above*).



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### Special points of interest:

- Band will recommence after the holidays on Monday, 10th January 2011.
- Band will accept new members during the month of January.
- We would like to wish all our members, their families and other band supporters a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

**NEW OFFICERS**

**Congratulations**

Pipe Major,  
Eoghan Carey,  
Pipe Sergeant,  
Sean Kavannah  
& Drum Sergeant,  
Ian Pickford



**New Snare Drums and Carriers**

The band has recently acquired four new red Andante Mini/Junior Reactor snare drums. These are a lightweight 7" version of the Reactor drum. Special alloys are used for strength but also reduce weight and increase comfort.

We have also obtained four TG Small/Junior Snare Drum Carriers scaled down to fit the younger and more smaller player.

Unfortunately, we do not, at this time, have the funds to pay the supplier for either of these items. He has generously agreed to wait for payment.

We will need to purchase more of these drum carriers on a priority basis for our tenor drummers but will have to clear the current debt before proceeding with these.



Drum Sgt. Ian Pickford & drummer Ivan Hyde

**THANKS MARK**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Drum Tutor Mark Sheehan who has retired from the band for family reasons.



Alicia Bialoszewska Jonathan Franklin Luke Flannery & Alicia (on pipes this time)

**Christmas Bowling**

To celebrate the end of its Autumn/Winter season the band's Annual Christmas Bowling night out has been organized by Ann O'Driscoll for Monday 20th December.

As in previous years this event, which is free to members, will be held at Supermacs on the Ennis Road during normal band practice times.

Members are to assemble at Supermacs at 7.00pm and should be collected by their parents after the bowling at 9.00pm.

Refreshments will be provided on the night.

We welcome any parents who would like to join us on the night.

Following this event the band will remain closed for the Christmas



holidays with practices recommencing after Christmas on Monday 10th January 2011.



## Pipers v Drummers

**Q.** What's the difference between a bagpipe and an onion?

**A.** No one cries when you chop up a bagpipe.

**Q.** What's the difference between a bagpipe and a trampoline?

**A.** You take your shoes off when you jump on a trampoline.

**Q.** How do you get a piper out of a tree?

**A.** Cut the noose.

**Q.** What's the difference between a piper and a walrus?

**A.** One squeals a lot and the other is a walrus.



**Q.** What do you call a drummer with half a brain?

**A.** Gifted.

**Q.** How do you put a twinkle in a drummer's eye?

**A.** Shine a flashlight in his ear.

**Q.** How do you get two drummers to play in perfect unison?

**A.** Shoot one of them.

**Q.** What's the difference between a drum machine and a drummer?

**A.** You only have to punch the information into a drum machine once.

**Q.** How many drummers does it take to change a light bulb?

**A.** One, but only after asking "Why?" ("Oh, wow! is it like dark man?")

**Q.** What do you call a basement full of practice chanter's?

**A.** A whine cellar.

**Q.** What's black and brown and looks good on a piper?

**A.** A Doberman.

**Q.** How many pipers does it take to change a light bulb?

**A.** Five. One to do it and four to criticize his fingering style.

**Q.** What's the definition of a gentleman?

**A.** Someone who knows how to play a bagpipe and doesn't.

**Q.** What do you call ten bagpipes at the bottom of the ocean?

**A.** A start



**Q.** What do you get if you cross a drummer with a gorilla?

**A.** A really dumb gorilla!!! (*ba-dump-bump<crash>*)

**Q.** How can you tell a drummer's at the door?

**A.** He doesn't know when to come in.

**Q.** How can you tell a drummer's at the door?

**A.** The knocking speeds up.

**Q.** How is a drum solo like a sneeze?

**A.** You can tell it's coming but you can't do anything about it.



### REMEMBER...

Band will be on holidays from 20th December until 10th January 2011.

## Fundraising & Fashion

Planning is currently at an advanced stage for a Fashion Show fundraiser due to be held in February.

The band previously held a very successful fashion show a number of years ago with support from local fashion outlets and other businesses.

As at our previous

fashion show a raffle for spot-prizes will be held on the night and we are appealing to all band members, their families and supporters to obtain spot-prizes (immediately) for this raffle.

Please note that this fundraiser offers the opportunity for **all** band members to participate.

All too often we are confronted by age restrictions, family and work commitments, etc. with the result that 80% of the bands funding is raised by 20% of its members.

It is hoped that, like the last time, some of our band members will participate as models on the night.

### BAG-PACKING

Thanks to those who assisted in our recent bag-packing fundraiser at Dunne's Stores on the Childers Road on 11th November.

Μολ αν οίγε αγυς τιοφαιοη σιαδ. (Praise the youth and they will come.)



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 all 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.

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



CONGRATULATIONS  
to ex-Pipe Major  
Stephen O'Driscoll  
who recently announced  
his engagement to  
Maired (Mags) Healy

## Membership Fees

The second installment of membership fees is due immediately after the Christmas holidays.

This is also a gentle reminder to a small number of members who still owe the first installment of membership fees from last October.

Our band rules state that:

*"Annual membership fees are payable in two installments (First week in October and 1st week in January). A 50% waiver of fees will apply to a second or subsequent member from the same family."*

We have always tried to keep these fees as low as possible on the understanding that through their participation in fundraising events our members

will recompense the band.

However, the recent reduction in our membership combined with a reduction in the average age of members makes it all the more essential that we receive prompt payment.

If there are family circumstances affecting the payment of fees please contact either Barry or Eimear **in the strictest confidence** to discuss.

While the band really needs the funds, we do not wish to lose membership through a genuine inability to pay.

At the same time, in fairness to those members who have paid their fees, we must follow-up on late payments from other members.