



# CBS Pipe Band Newsletter

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## Full Strength Officer Corps

The recent appointment of Alicia Bialoszewska and Christopher Barry as officers means that for the first time in a number of years we now have a full Officer Corps. Also, it should be noted that Alicia has the unique distinction of being the first female officer in the history of the band.

The Officer Corps now comprises:



Pipe Major Eoghan Carey is the first officer of the band. As such, he has charge of band discipline and gives orders at practice and on parade which must be obeyed.

Pipe Sergeant Sean Kavannah is normally the 3rd ranking officer of the band after the Pipe Major and Drum Sergeant. However, in the absence of the Pipe Major, the Pipe Sergeant assumes the Pipe Major's role and duties as 1st officer of the band.



Pipe Corporal Alicia Bialoszewska is the 4th ranking officer of the band and is the first level of supervision over "regular" pipers.

Drum Sergeant Ian Pickford is the 2nd ranking officer of the band and is the leader of the drum corps musically and in general.

Drum Corporal Christopher Barry is the 5th ranking officer of the band and is the first level of supervision over "regular" drummers.



It should be noted the band has a number of Drum Majors. However Drum Majors are non-executive officers - i.e. this rank is ceremonial only.

We believe that CBS Pipe Band is unique in that it is the youth members of the band who hold all of the officer positions within the band. Other youth bands in the country tend to have adult officers in charge when the band is on parade.



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### Special points of interest:

- A gentle reminder that Membership Fees for the coming year are due in September.
- We offer our sincerest condolences to his family on the death of Jim Kinsella. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.
- The band is now entering its Golden Jubilee Year

## First Aiders

The band currently has five first-aiders Barry Carey, Eimear Purcell, Justin Fitzgerald, Diane Franklin, Jade Franklin and , in addition , Christopher Barry is a qualified life-guard.



Keeping your child safe is our top priority. The care given before emergency medical help arrives can literally mean the difference between life and death, but knowing the correct thing to do if someone has a nosebleed or cut is also important.

Our first aiders are trained in how to react to everyday accidents— and what not to do. First aid is based on knowledge, training and expertise. A first aider will have completed a practical training course under the supervision of a recognised first aid organisation thereby gaining a valuable life skill that they may need to use in the future.

This is part of the band's youth empowerment programme where participants become involved in a variety of activities that promote self-development.

## Busy Season of Performances

Since March the band has performed at a wide variety of competitive, charity and social events commencing on 4th March with the Southern Solos (League 1) held in Newcastlewest, County Limerick

Our first full-band performance of the year was on 8th March for the Bawnmore Centre St. Patrick's Day Party held at Pike Rover's Clubhouse, Limerick. For many, this was their first time parading with the band.



On 10th March a mini-band led the St. Patrick's Festival Parade in Lisdoonvarna, County Clare.



The band's performance at the Rededication & Blessing Ceremony of Our Lady's Marian Shrine in Ballinacurra Weston, on 11th March featured on the RTE television programme "Dirty Old Towns".

St. Patrick's weekend proved a busy one for the band. On 17th March, the Annual Band Mass, held in Coláiste Mhichíl, was followed by a blessing of instruments ceremony after which the band paraded in both Limerick and Shannon St. Patrick's Day parades. More than 100 community groups, brass bands, charities and businesses took part in the Limerick parade with the best musical performance prize going to the CBS Pipe Band.



The following day saw the band marching in the Limerick International Band Parade.



On Sunday, 1st April, the Munster Championship Solos (Southern Solo League 2) was, once again, held in Newcastlewest, County Limerick



The official opening of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Community Garden on 5th April again saw the band feature on the RTE television programme "Dirty Old Towns".

The Pan Celtic Solos (Southern Solo League 3) were held in Carlow Town on 14th April,

Limerick Active Retirement Group's Concert in Thomond Park on 18th April featured a mini-band.

On 28th April the band's tour of the north-west commenced with a Street Parade and Blessing Ceremony in Knock, County Mayo followed by parades and performances in Sligo town and Bundoran, Co. Donegal, where the band were officially welcomed by the Bundoran's Mayor.

The following day 29th April, saw the band parade and perform in Kinlough, County Leitrim, Beleek, County Fermanagh, Boyle, Roscommon Town and Athlone, County Westmeath.



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L-R. CBS Drum Majors Aobha O'Rourke, Jade Franklin, and James Hackett among the competitors at the South of Ireland Championship in Cobh.

During the band's annual flag-day in May, a mini-band performed at the Limerick FC v Mervue United at Jackman Park, Limerick

The "Tommy Birchall Tournament", at Na Piarasigh GAA Club saw the full band lead the participating teams in a parade through Caherdavin Lawn and onto the playing field.

At the South of Ireland Pipe Band Championships in Cobh and at the Munster Pipe Band Championships in Tralee, the band's drum-majors were prominent prize-winners. while the full band, although not competing, participated in the march-past and massed pipe band recitals.



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## Competition Success

Congratulations to all this year's competitors and especially our prize-winners:

Munster Solo League 1	Alicia Bialoszewska	4th place U12 Piping
Munster Solo League 1	Ian Pickford	2nd U12 Drumming
Munster Championships Solos	Alicia Bialoszewska	3rd place U12 Piping
Munster Championships Solos	Ian Pickford	2nd place U12 Drumming
Pan Celtic Solos	Alicia Bialoszewska	2nd place U12 Piping
Pan Celtic Solos	Ian Pickford	3rd place U12 Drumming
South of Ireland Championships	Aobha O'Rourke	2nd place Junior Drum Major
South of Ireland Championships	Jade Franklin	1st place Intermediate Drum Major
South of Ireland Championships	James Hackett	1st place Senior Drum Major
Munster Championships	James Hackett	2nd place Senior Drum Major
Munster Championships	Jade Franklin	1st place Intermediate Drum Major



Μολ αν οίγε αγυς τιοεαιοη 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.cbspipeband.org](http://www.cbspipeband.org)  
and also on  
Facebook

## Foreign Trip

In June the Band Management Team convened a general meeting of all band parents to discuss the proposed trip to America.

Concerns regarding the young age of members were such that parents wished to accompany them on any trip abroad.

It quickly became apparent that the costs in bringing the band to America, therefore, were going to be prohibitive.

An alternative was agreed that the band would travel to France but that this trip would be delayed beyond St Patrick's Day in order to facilitate the band's parading on its 50th Anniversary in Limerick.

## 32 County Challenge

Up to the end of the summer season the band has performed in 12 counties;

Limerick,	Cork,	Kerry,
Clare,	Mayo,	Sligo,
Donegal,	Fermanagh,	Leitrim,
Roscommon,	Westmeath	Carlow.

We have met some great new friends on this venture and have given Honorary Band Membership to:

Marion Fitzgerald (Brian McEniff Hotels),  
Brendan Mulvey (tour guide) and  
Michael McMahon (Mayor of Bundoran)

We are confident of completing this challenge by March 2013.

