



CBS Pipe Band Newsletter

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Alumni

The 9th September witnessed the launch of the CBS Alumni Pipe Band which was welcomed by Mr. Tom Prendergast, Principal of Colaiste Mhicil CBS Secondary School, at the official launch ceremony which was attended by a number of past members of the band including Pipe Major Gerry McMahon.

This band is intended to encourage past members of the band to continue their interest in piping and drumming, but in an adult context.

It is envisaged that the alumni band would combine with the youth band for major events. It is also hoped that, ultimately, some of the Alumni members would form a competition band capable of winning contests throughout munster and beyond.



The first major combined event will be the Limerick St. Patrick's Day 2014 parade which will be the culmination of the band's 50th year celebrations.

It is hoped that members of the Alumni band will participate in the St. Patrick's Day 2014 parade in Limerick as their first joint venture with the youth band and from there will work towards forming a competition band.

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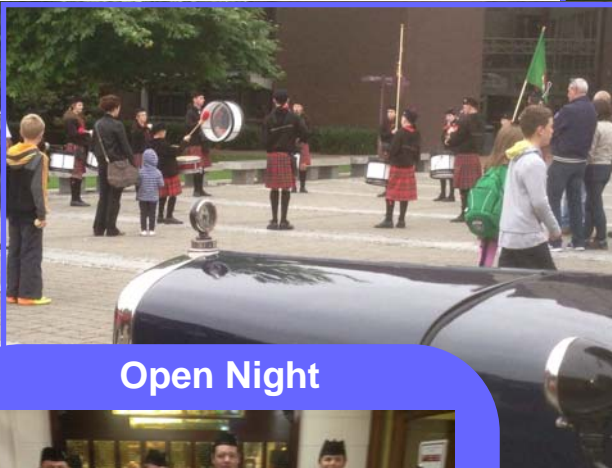
This year the band changed its Monday practices to Saturdays

- to facilitate younger members,
- to cause less interference with school homework and studies particularly for exam students and also ...
- To facilitate those who have to travel greater distances to and from practices.

March of Time

The Milford Hospice Annual Harvest Fair was held on 1st September and this signalled the band's return from its Summer holiday.

Right—A sunny September day in the Bandstand at the Peoples Park



Left—The band also attended the University of Limerick's Annual Family Fun Day on 29th September.

Below— Having led the Mayor of Limerick through the various exhibits, band members take to the stage at the Annual Volunteer Fair at City Hall on 12th October.

Open Night



Members of the Alumni Band welcome guests to the Colaiste Mhicil Open Night on 1st October 2013



On 7th November 2013 members of the Alumni Band together with members of the youth band tcombined for a photo shoot at King John's Castle.



On 15th November, Members of the band played for the JP McManus Scholarships Awards Night in the Dunraven Arms Hotel in Adare.

Zombies



Christmas Carols

December 7th 2013 saw members of the band lead "Na Piarasigh" GAA Club's young hurlers to the Gaelic Grounds for an underage tournament. Later, the band played for the Upper William Street Traders Christmas Fair, weaving in single file through the throng of Christmas shoppers playing a selection of Christmas Carols (mainly "Jingle Bells"). During the event the local traders offered free samples of their wares which included mince pies, mulled wine soup and various confectionary. The band continued to the Milk Market in support of the Simon Community charity fundraising event.

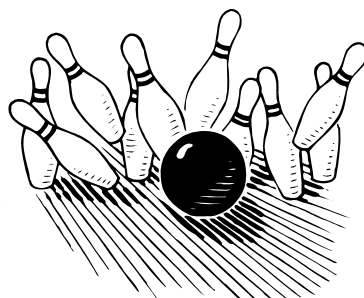


Christmas Bowling



As in previous years the band members Annual Christmas Bowling Night was again organised by our Band Treasurer, Ann O'Driscoll.

We are all very grateful to Ann for her efforts and would like to take this opportunity to thank both her and also those other parents who assisted with supervision on the night.



Μολ αν οίγε αγυς τιοφαιθη 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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and also on
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Band Officers

A big thank you to our young officers for their cooperation and leadership throughout the band's Golden Jubilee Year Celebrations.

Pictured from Left to right

Pipe Major
Eoghan Carey

Pipe Corporal
Alicja Bialoszewska

Drum Sergeant
Emmett Browne

Pipe Sergeant
Sean Kavannagh

and, in front,

Drum Corporal
Donna Aherne

