

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Band Travel Credits (BTCs) are awarded for participation in fundraising events.
- First deposit of €150.00 per person for the Niedersachsen trip is due on or before Monday 1st December.
- Bagpacking in Dunnes Stores Parkway Shopping Centre on Sat 25th Oct.
- Karaoke & Raffle at Imperial Bar on Tue 4th Nov.
- Pub collection still to be arranged for a date in Nov.
- Bag Packing in Tesco, Arthur's Quay Shopping Centre on Tue Dec 23rd

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Newsletter

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New Faces

The twenty new recruit members who joined in September have increased the youth membership of our band to 42 which, when combined with our adult players, gives us a parading strength of 47 members.

This is the largest membership our band has had over a number of years and we expect to increase it further with our January recruitment campaign.

The Ballinasloe October Horse Fair and Festival parade on 4th October provided the band with the first opportunity to showcase our new talent.

In the unavoidable absence of our three piping officers, Colin Byrnes

competently took over as acting Pipe Major for the day.

Led by horses and foxhounds of the local hunt, a number of antique carriages transported the various dignitaries of the day. These were followed by a number of vintage tractors. Then came the band.

The 17 strong Display Corps gave little indication that this was their first day on parade. Despite the persistent rain and gusting wind our flags remained aloft and, like our spirits, never faltered.

The sound of the pipes and drums gave rise to appreciative applause from spectators and not a little curiosity and trepidation among the many horses along the route.



Christmas Bowling

The band's annual Christmas Bowling night (which is free to members) is being organized by Ann O'Driscoll for Monday night 15th 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 Monday night 5th January 2009.



"That's another fine mess you've got us into!"



No fewer than seven of our band members have now purchased their own bagpipes. This is unprecedented in the history of the band.

Well done lads!



Drumming Tutor Mark Sheehan photographed on parade with the band in New Jersey in 1992.

Refurbishment of Band Facilities



Sincere thanks to Joe Collopy and Ger Reidy (both ex-band members) for their hard work in supplying the paint and painting the band office and hallway. Their efforts kick-started the long overdue refurbishment of band facilities in anticipation of our recruitment drive.

Over the last number of months a total of over €1,700.00 has been spent on refurbishing the toilets, office and bandroom.

This money was spent on...

Toilets: Toilet seats, toilet brushes, towel holder, towels, scrubbing brushes, mops and

buckets, cleaning materials and toilet paper,

Office: Energy efficient light bulbs and shades, net curtains, electric heater and timer, electric kettle, stationary supplies, key safe, duplicate keys, display cabinet

Bandroom: Electric heater and timer and super-ser gas heater, new presses for bagpipes, varnish and brushes, drum practice pads, drywipe board and marker-pens.

Recognition should also be given to the Band Management Team and other adult members of the band who helped on this project during the summer holidays.

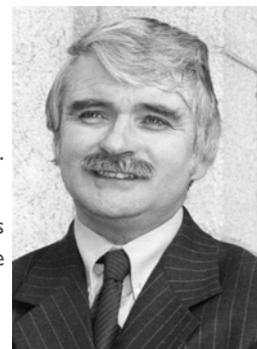
We would request that all members make every effort to maintain these facilities in a clean and tidy condition.

Willie O'Dea, TD

On Monday, 29th September the Minister for Defence, Willie O'Dea T.D. took time from his busy schedule to pay an official visit to the bandroom.

The purpose of his visit was to witness at first hand the ongoing achievements of the band, to wish us luck for the coming season and to offer assistance in any way he can towards the continued success of the band.

Our thanks to him for showing such interest.



Flagday Statistics

1. One third (14) of all band members were represented on this fundraising event.
2. Two thirds (28) of band members were **not** represented on this fundraising event.
3. The morning collection commenced at 09.30am and finished at 02.00pm (4½ hours).
4. The afternoon collection commenced at 02.30pm and finished at 04.00pm (1½ hours).
5. Total collection lasted 6 hours **out of a possible 12 hours!!!**
6. This collection yielded a 7% increase on our last fladday despite having only $\frac{2}{3}$ the number of collectors (14 v 22).

Total amount collected: **€1,431.20.**

Well done to all who contributed!!!

Niedersachsen 2009

Good news! Our tour company have advised that they have now managed to reduce the cost of our proposed tour from €614.00 to €554.00 per person based on 36 people travelling to Niedersachsen from Fri 2nd to Tue 6th October 2009.

Tour Price Includes:

- Shannon/Berlin return flights.
- All landing and departure taxes.
- Baggage allowance.
- 3 nights bed, breakfast and evening meal accommodation in the town of Celle.
- 1 night bed, breakfast and evening meal accommodation in Berlin.
- Coach transfer from airport to hotel on arrival and departure.
- Exclusive use of luxury coach for duration of tour.
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover.
- Emergency service while abroad.

In order to confirm the above tour a 1st deposit of €150 per person is required by Mon 1st Dec. along with a typed passenger list for all persons travelling. A 2nd deposit of €100 is required on Mon 2nd Feb. 2009.



Attractions:

- The **“Volkswagen Autostadt”** car city in Wolfsburg, which is an exhibition area of the Volkswagen group
- The science museum **Phaeno** - With more than 250 experimental stations, a show crater, a science theatre and the forum of ideas, Phaeno allows you to experience the fascination of technology and science.
- **Marienburg Castle** is one of the most important Gothic revival buildings in Germany.
- The town of **Hameln**, which became world famous for the legend of the Pied Piper. In 1284, a wondrous man was seen in Hameln. He wore a colorful coat and presented himself as a rat catcher, in that he promised to rid the town of all its mice and rats for a certain sum of money.
- The town of **Goslar**. Defiant towers and numerous churches, colourful half-timbered houses and cobbled streets, a walk through the historic centre is like being transported back to the middle ages. In the 11th century Goslar, with its Imperial Palace, became one of the most important centres of power in the empire.
- North Germany’s largest theme park **“Heidepark”**. Shoot down the “Colossos”, the largest wooden rollercoaster in the world at 120km an hour, or experience the perilous adventures of pirates on the new Lake Stage – whatever you desire, Heidepark provides the whole group with an innumerable opportunities for an eventful day in the middle of 850.000 square metres of wonderful park landscape. More than 40 rides provide entertainment ranging from the placid and mellow in rich tempo.
- A 3 hour guided tour of **Berlin** with an official guide in attendance.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is dependant on:

1. **Availability of flights from Shannon to Berlin.**
2. **An increase in the price of oil may have a knock-on effect with airline and coach costs.**
3. **Sufficient number of people travelling.**





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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 and the United States of America.

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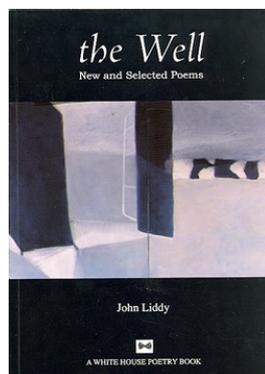
We would like to acknowledge the support of Noel Long,, who is the proprietor of **Noel's Men's & Boys' Wear Ltd.**, of Wickham Street, Limerick, who recently donated suit bags to the band.

This has resulted in a significant saving to the band as we would otherwise have been compelled to purchase suit bags in order to contain and protect our band uniforms.



We would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support of Michael McMahon, who is the proprietor of **McMahon's Cycle World** of Parnell Street / Roches Street, Limerick, for his kind sponsorship of a bicycle worth €300 as a first prize in our forthcoming raffle which will be held in conjunction with our Karaoke night at the Imperial Bar on Tuesday night, 4th November.

We would appeal to all parents and friends of the band to support this fundraising event even if you do not intend to attend on that night.



Our sincere thanks again to **Limerick poet John Liddy** for his support of the band and we would encourage people to purchase a copy of his most recent book of poetry, "the Well", which is available in most bookshops.

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| CBS Pipe Band | | FUNDRAISER | |
| Music and Karaoke | | | |
| WITH Suzanna | | | |
| VENUE: Imperial Bar, CAREY'S ROAD, LIMERICK | | DATE: Tue 4th Nov 2008 | |
| TIME: 9.00pm | | Admission €5.00 | |
| Raffle on Admission Ticket | | | |
| 1 st Prize Bicycle (Value €300) | | | |
| SPONSORED BY McMAHON'S CYCLE WORLD, PARNELL STREET / ROCHE'S STREET, LIMERICK | | | |
| 2 nd Prize Super Hamper | | | |