

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- Membership fees are due on, or before 28th September.
- Meeting for all participants (and their parents) on Italy trip will be held on Thursday 17th September.
- There will be no practice on 1st or 5th October as the band will be in Italy.
- Bag Packing in Dunnes Stores, Parkway Shopping Centre on Sunday 20th September

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# Newsletter

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## Start of a new band year

The 2009/2010 year looks like being a very interesting year for the band with a number of events already flagged including St. Patrick's Day parades in Limerick and Shannon, National Youth Pipe Band Concert in Letterkenny, County Donegal, competitions in Tullamore, Cobh and Tralee

As usual, September will be a month of transition for the band with new recruit members joining and perhaps some old familiar faces leaving the band.

We will be open to new recruit members throughout the month of September and, in addition to our usual recruitment drive in schools, we would encourage existing members to "spread the word" to their friends and family.

However, please note that with the Italy trip taking place from 1st to 5th October it will be essential to stabilise our membership for the winter season before then (i.e. within the month of September).

Consequently all membership fees should be paid latest by Monday night, 28th September.

At that practice we will be finalising our membership until January and anybody not having paid their membership fees cannot be regarded as members of the band (for insurance purposes) and will therefore be excluded from participating in any band activities.

Membership fees are required to pay for tuition and equipment over the winter season and also represent an "up front" commitment from members towards the band.

## New Junior Solos Competition

Tullamore Pipe Band is running an under 10,12,14 and 16 solo practice chanter and solo drum pad competitions on 28th November. There will also be an u16 in both disciplines for more experienced players.

Workshops which will benefit both juniors and instructors alike will be held on the day:

- Piping workshop
- Drumming workshop
- Tenor drumming workshop
- Drum Major workshop.

The event is being held in conjunction with the South East Branch of the IPBA.

## This Season's Events

Sunday 5th April—Munster Solo Piping and Drumming Championships in Newcastlewest.

Sunday 3rd May—Munster Mini Band Championships in Waterford

Thursday 21st May—Colaiste Mhicil Annual Graduation Mass

Sunday 24th May—"Thomas Birchall Tournament" at Na Piarasaigh GAA Club

Sunday 31st May—South of Ireland Pipe Band Championships in Cobh

Saturday 6th June—Invitation performance at the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin

Sunday 7th June—Limerick County Under 10 Camogie Blitz in Kilmallock

Friday 19th June—Laois/Offaly Feile ne nGael parade in Birr

Sunday 21st June—Munster Pipe Band Championships in Tralee

# Munster Solos

On 5th April in Newcastlewest, eleven band members received their baptism of fire in their first ever solo competition - the Munster Championships.



It was happy faces all around when Jamie Stewart won 1st place in drumming with Steven Constable coming in a clost third.

Meanwhile, Conor Coughlan saw off some stiff competition to secure 2nd place in piping.

All other competitors received medals and certificates for their participation in the event and were complemented by the various judges who reported that they had all shown excellent skills in the art of piping and drumming and all have

the potential to improve these skills if they are encouraged to maintain "a rigorous practice regime."

## Membership

### Fees

Band membership fees are due on or before Monday 28th September

## Congratulations

to Band P.R.O. Eimear Purcell and husband Alan on the birth of their son "Séamus",



who expects to join the band shortly.

Congratulations also to chaperone Georgina O'Driscoll and Dominic Kelly on the birth of their second daughter "Ava", a new sister for Lauren.

# Munster Mini - Bands

On 3rd May in Waterford City, the band emboldened by their success at the Munster Solos attempted to repeat the performance at the Munster Mini-Band Contest.

On the day, the band entered two mini-bands, two quartettes and three quintettes in the contest. Even the band's more seasoned members (Gerry, Denis and Barry) took to the stage for the event.

Unfortunately this will not be remembered as one of the band's more successful performances of the year as they were not placed among the prizewinners. However, the judges comments helped to set the goals for improvement for the forthcoming South of Ireland Championship in three weeks time.

Following the contest the band participated in a spectacular massed pipe band parade and recital through the streets of Waterford.



# South of Ireland Championships

On 31st May the band travelled to Cobh, County Cork where they took part in the South of Ireland Championships. Leaving nothing to chance the band spent considerable time and effort tuning up and practicing before competing and the improvement over their Waterford performance was remarked on by the judges.

It was not “all work and no play” and even our piping officers took some time out after competing to enjoy an ice cream.

Caithlin Stewart took the title South of Ireland Champion Junior Drum Major. while James Hackett earned a respectable third place in the Senior Drum Majors grade.



# Munster Champions

On 21st June the band travelled to Tralee for the Munster Championships.

Once again, it was our Drum Majors who did us proud with Caithlin Steward gaining 1st place in the Junior grade while Brian and Sabrina Roch shared a joint 3rd place.

James Hackett earned 2nd place in the Senior Drum Majors grade and the band overall gave perhaps their best musical performance of the year. Against some bands with vastly more competition experience. Judges comments again noted a marked improvement in the band’s musical standard compared to our performance at the South of Ireland contest.





## Organisation

### CBS Pipe Band

#### Management Team

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#### Tutors

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James Hackett, Mark Sheehan

#### Parents

Aoife Carey (Uniforms)  
Stephen McMahon (Supervision)

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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## Guinness Storehouse Invitation Performance

As part of Guinness' 250 year celebrations the band travelled to Dublin by train to present an Invitation Concert Performance for visitors at the Guinness Storehouse on 6th June.

The band performed before an appreciative audience following which the members were treated to a tour of the historic building.

Time restraints and inclement weather dictated that the band could not avail fully of the open-top bus tour of Dublin, also provided by Guinness.

However, despite this a very enjoyable day was had by all.

