

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Bowling on 17th December
- Band re-opens on 10th January
- New recruits to the Display and Tenor Drum Corps welcome on 10th, 14th and 17th January 2008
- Membership Fees due on 10th January, 2008.

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# Newsletter

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## Recruitment

Following our recruitment campaign in September current membership now stands at 35 boys which, curiously, is the same as last year.

Our current focus is to improve the technical standard of tunes in the band's repertoire and concentrate on the correct execution of embellishments in those tunes. This has involved teaching the reading of musical notation and has proven to be a tedious but very necessary exercise.

It is expected that, arising from this, the musical standard in the coming year will be noticeably improved on recent years and this is due principally to the effort of all officers and tutors combined with the commitment of members to practice at home.

With the completion of the current training syllabus members achieving the required standard of musical proficiency will progress to the next level of piping or snare drumming.

Members who have not yet achieved this standard will need to repeat the syllabus next September.

In the interim they will be incorporated into the display and tenor drum corps of the band. This will afford them the opportunity to improve on their musical timing and marching skills while at the same time participating in band events.



Barcelona Trip - Montserrat

**Note to parents:**

Boys transferring to the Display and Tenor Drum Corps should in no way

be looked upon as failures.

The speed at which people master new skills may vary significantly from individual to individual and is directly influenced by factors such as attendance, home practice and age as well as natural musical talent.

Additional new members to the Display and Tenor Drum Corps will be recruited after Christmas.

Any person (brother or friend) wishing to join the band should attend on 10th, 14th or 17th January after which membership will be closed until September 2008.

## Season's Events

- Sunday 9th September - Milford Hospice Annual Harvest Fair
- Wednesday 19th September - JP McManus Annual Scholarship Awards
- Wednesday 10th to Sunday 14th October - Barcelona Trip
- Saturday 8th December - Na Piarasaigh underage hurling tournament
- Monday 17th December - Annual Christmas Bowling
- Saturday 22nd December - Bag Packing at Tesco, Arthur's Quay

**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Our thanks to all members for payment of their membership fees for this season and a reminder that the second instalment (€30.00) of the Annual Members Subscription fee will be due on 10th January.

## FUNDRAISING EVENT

Bag Packing at Tesco Supermarket, Arthur's Quay on Saturday the 22nd December.

Adult support is needed!

Please contact the Management Team or our Fundraising Co-ordinator, Bernie McNamara.

Note that this is our only fundraising event this Autumn/Winter Season.



# Pipe Major Gerry O'Brien

Our current piping tutor is Pipe Major Gerry O'Brien, an ex member who joined the band, as a piping recruit in 1968. Gerry played the pipes with the CBS Pipe Band up until 1974.

Gerry was among the first group of CBS Pipe Band pipers to play at the Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet during the years 1971 to 1975..

A brother of the band's Treasurer, Ann O'Driscoll., Gerry is an experienced piping instructor having tutored and played with the City of Limerick Youth Pipe Band (formerly the Ballinanty

Girls Pipe Band) from 1972 to 1978.

From 1975 until 1980, Gerry played as a piper with the 12th Battalion Irish Army Pipe Band in Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick

where he served as Pipe Major in 1979 and 1980.

Gerry also played with the Curragour Pipe Band for a short time before joining the Limerick City Pipe Band in 1981. He remained an active member of the Limerick Pipe Band until 1985.

Unfortunately, a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis in the early 1990's has affected his ability to actively participate in a marching band but he is only too happy to return to his roots and tutor the CBS Pipe Band.

Our thanks to him!



Gerry O'Brien - Bunratty Piper in 1972

# Christmas Bowling

As in previous years, the pipe band will be celebrating the end of its Autumn/Winter Season with our Annual Christmas Bowling night, which is being organised by Ann O'Driscoll for Monday night 17th December.

Needless to say, there will be no practice at the school on that night.

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 on the night at Supermacs at 07.00pm and should be collected by their parents after the bowling at 09.00pm.

# Well Done Andy!

Photograph shows Pipe Major Andy O'Riordan - Bunratty Piper - as featured on the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies Newsletter.

We also congratulate Andy on his recent success at the Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann 2007 - Comortas Píob Mhor / War Pipes - where he was awarded 2nd place having prevailed at local, regional and now international level.



# Barcelona Trip

The bands trip to Barcelona from 10th - 14th October proved to be a tremendous success. The band stayed in the seaside town of Calella which had ideal facilities both in the hotel and within easy walking distance, including.....swimming, chess, pool, rugby, mini golf, bowling and shopping. Day trips to Barcelona, Montserrat and Port Aventura created a great balance between culture and fun.





## Organization

### CBS Pipe Band

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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.

*"Remember band will re-commence after the Christmas break with a full practice on Thursday, 10th January, 2008."*

## Barcelona Trip - Neu Camp Stadium

