

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- New website
- Annual Band Mass for members, parents and friends on St. Patrick's Day
- Best wishes to those boys making their Confirmation on 1st March

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# Newsletter

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## www.cbspipeband.org

Our new pipe band website has now been set up at [www.cbspipeband.org](http://www.cbspipeband.org).

### What is the purpose of this site?

The purpose of this site is to promote our internationally renowned pipe band, its history and achievements.

### Who is the intended audience?

This site is intended for all people with an interest in the tradition and culture of pipe band music.

It is also intended to provide:

- information to current members and their families regarding upcoming events and other band news.
- an opportunity to members, past members and their families and friends to view some of the photographic history of the band.
- advertising and publicity to promote the band, particularly to persons or organisations seeking to hire pipers, drummers or indeed the overall band for particular occasions and events.
- an open invitation to potential corporate, or indeed individual, sponsors of the band.

## New Officers



Congratulations to our two new officers!

Tenor drummer, Jason McMahon (left) has now accepted the position of Drum Major of the band with responsibility for the Display Corps.

Snare drummer Dylan O'Sullivan (right) has been appointed to the newly created rank of Bass Drummer with responsibility for the Bass and Tenor Section of the band.



## Season's Events

Monday 21st January - President Mary McAleese, Limerick Regeneration.

Saturday 1st March - Tenor Drumming Masterclass, Cullen, Co. Cork.

Thursday 6th March - Parents Meeting at 7.30pm

Friday 14th March - Bawnmore St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday 16th March - Limerick International Band Parade

Monday 17th March - Annual Band Mass (parents and friends welcome) at 9.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Parades in Limerick and Shannon

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Our thanks to all members for their prompt payment of membership fees for this season.

## CHRISTMAS BAG-PACKING EVENT

The bag packing at Tesco Supermarket, last December raised €1,100.00 towards band funds.

The event was well supported by band members for most of the day but numbers did decline in the afternoon.

It was unfortunate that the collection, therefore, had to be stopped at 5.00pm with the band forfeiting 3-4 hours of further collecting time which would have significantly boosted funds.

This issue will need to be addressed for future bag-packing events.

## Na Piarsaigh

On Saturday, 8th December 2007 the band battled against the elements to lead the enthusiastic teams in a street parade at the commencement of Na Piarsaigh Annual Underage Street League Finals.

The band has participated in this event for many years now. Indeed quite a number of senior band members will recall this event as their first day on parade with the band.

This year, that honour fell on recruit member Declan O'Halloran who, proudly carried the school colours at the head of the parade. Our congratulations to him for a job well done.



## Cullen Pipe Band

On Friday, 1st February, the band hosted a practice by the World Pipe Band Champions, Cullen Pipe Band from County Cork, some of whose pipers were competing in a "piobaireachd" (see page 3) contest the following day in the Perry Hotel, Limerick.

CBS Pipe Band Officers who attended were greatly impressed by both the intensity of the practice and the musical standard.

Cullen Pipe Band were very appreciative of the use of our facilities and have arranged a number of tenor drumming master-classes for our drummers in Cullen over the coming months.

A letter of thanks was received from Colette O'Connor, Secretary, Cullen Pipe Band.



# Our Community, Our Vision, Our Future.



On 21st January 2008, the CBS Pipe Band had the honour of welcoming the President of Ireland,, Mary McAleese, to the official launch of Limerick's Southside Regeneration Vision Plans for the Southill and Ballinacurra Weston areas.

The ceremony which was held at the Limerick Enterprise Development Park (LEDP, Roxboro) was attended by the Mayor of Limerick, Councillor Ger Fahy and a considerable number of public representatives and other distinguished guests.

In our pictures we see the President standing to attention in acknowledgement of the pipe band's rendition of the Presidential Salute while her Aide-de-Camp returns the band's salute.

In the photograph below, the President is accompanied by, among others, the Mayor of Limerick,,



Councillor Ger Fahy (a past-pupil of CBS), the Minister for Defence, Willie O'Dea, and Mr. John Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald, from Galbally, Limerick, is the former Dublin City Manager and the author of the report on which the entire Limerick Regeneration Plan is based.

A significant number of the band's newer members made their debut appearance with the band at this prestigious event.

## Piobaireachd

The most literal translation of piobaireachd is "piping", or perhaps "what pipers do". Nowadays, it is normally taken to refer to the classical form of bagpipe music, developed by the McCrimmons in the 17th century. If you intend to compete in piobaireachd there are some of the most difficult movements in piping to contend with and their execution must be if not flawless then at least expressed in sympathy with both the 'theme' of the tune and the tempo you play it.



## Organisation

### Management Team

Barry Carey	Director Tel. 0872357922
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Eimear Purcell	P.R.O. Tel. 0876552587
Denis Carroll	Uniforms & Equipment Tel. 0851289598

### Tutors

Niall Barrett	Justin Fitzgerald
James Hackett	Gerry O'Brien

### Administration

Fundraising:	Bernie McNamara
Uniforms:	Aoife Carey
Supervision:	Stephen McMahon

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.

*"Remember parents and friends are invited to attend the Annual Band Mass at 9.30a.m. on St. Patrick's Day"*

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.

## Christmas Bowling 2007

Our thanks again to all members, parents and tutors who supported the band's Annual Bowling Night last December and a special word of appreciation to Band Treasurer, Anne O' Driscoll for organising the event. As in previous years, this event has proven very popular with the boys and serves to provide an important opportunity for members to socialise outside of the structured learning environment of the weekly band practices.

