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INTEREST:

- Membership Forms and Fees to be returned
- All uniforms to be held in Bandroom
- Barcelona trip forms to be returned
- Christmas Bowling
- Bag-packing fundraiser on 23 December

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# Newsletter

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## Current Membership

With recruitment now completed for the current season the total number of boys in the band stands at thirty five with ages ranging from eight to sixteen.

A small number of these boys have quite a poor attendance record over the last number of weeks so it is possible that they have in fact changed their minds on remaining in the band which in turn would reduce our numbers to approximately thirty boys.

Some additional recruitment may be required in January as in previous years to supplement the band's Display Corps for the St. Patrick's Week celebrations.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new recruit members and also to thank the senior members for their continuing dedication and commitment to the band.



At Shannon Airport in 1965

However, not all boys have returned completed membership forms for this year and some membership fees are still outstanding.

It is very important that membership forms are completed as the details contained on them are essential should we need to contact members or their families outside of school hours or indeed in the event of an accident or other emergency.

Membership fees are also important to the band as these are used towards paying our tutors.

## Parents Meeting

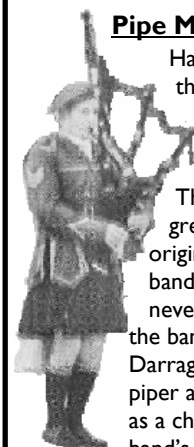
Thanks to those parents who attended the meeting held on Thursday 19th October. We appreciate that some parents were unable to attend due to other pressing commitments.

However we are concerned that a significant number of parents

have little or no contact with the band management and are more than likely unaware of current band developments.

Hopefully this newsletter, proposed at the previous parents meeting, will now address this concern.

### Pipe Major Gay Jones



Having risen through the ranks, Gay served as Pipe Major from 1968 to 1972,

This was a time of great transition as the original founders of the band moved on. Gay never lost his interest in the band, indeed his son Darragh also served as a piper and his wife Maura as a chaperone on the band's US trip in 1992.

Gay's untimely death in June brought many ex-members of the band together for his funeral. The present band was represented by Pipe Major Andy O'Riordan and members of the Management Team.

**Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam.**

## Band Officers



Band Officers receiving their Certificates of Investiture last April from Alderman Diarmuid Scully, Mayor of Limerick

The CBS Pipe Band is not a democracy. It is run on military lines under the command of its officers who are empowered and supported by the Management Team.

These officers are all schoolboys who have been chosen for their commitment to the band and their musical skills.

We are extremely proud of, and thankful to, all of them for a job well done.

A rigorous officer training programme is currently in place to further develop their leadership skills and this is proving to be extremely successful.

As part of this programme, Pipe Major Andy O'Riordan recently attended a Training the Trainer Waste Watcher Workshop for Teachers & Youth/Community Leaders which was organised by the Limerick City Council in their offices in Merchant's Quay.

### Current band officers are:

Pipe Major Andy O'Riordan

Pipe Sergeant Conor Coughlan

Pipe Corporal Adam Finnan

Drum Sergeant Gary Benn

Drum Major Patrick Hannon has decided not to renew his membership this year and we thank him for his service to the band over previous years.

Drum Major James Hackett having left school has surrendered his officership and joined our tutors. Thanks James.

In the absence of any suitable candidate among the boys it has been decided not to fill the vacant officer position of Drum Major at this time.



David O'Flynn

## Pitch & Putt

The final event prior to the band closing for summer holidays was the very enjoyable Pitch-and-Putt outing to Mungret which was organized by David O'Flynn.

David joined the band in 1995 and played on tenor and snare drums before becoming Drum Sergeant in 2000. On leaving school in 2002, David remained in the band as a Drumming Tutor.

David will be traveling to Australia in November to work. We wish him bon voyage and every success. He will be missed.

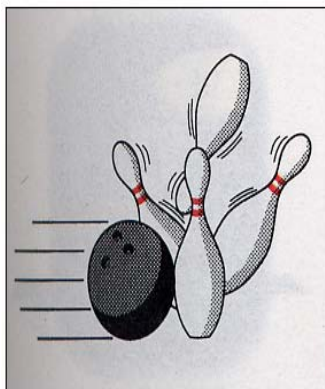


### FUNDRAISING EVENT

Bag Packing at Tesco, Arthur's Quay on Saturday 23rd December.

Adult support is needed!

Please contact Management Team or Bernie McNamara



## Bowling

The band's annual Christmas Bowling night is being organized by Ann O'Driscoll for Monday 18th 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.

# Barcelona 2007

Tour Price €418 per person based on 30 people travelling to Barcelona in October 2007.

Tour Price Includes:

- Shannon/Barcelona return on Scheduled Airline Services.
- All landing and departure taxes.
- Baggage allowance.
- 4 nights bed, breakfast and evening meal accommodation on the Barcelona Coast (Costa Brava).
- Coach transfer from airport to hotel on arrival and departure.



Cathedral of Barcelona (La Seu)

- Use of coach for full day excursion to Barcelona with official guide in attendance.
- Use of coach for half-day excursion to Montserrat, followed by an afternoon in Barcelona.
- Use of coach for full day excursion to Port Aventura Theme Park.
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover
- Emergency Service Abroad

In order to confirm the above tour a deposit of €150 per person is required by the 4th December along with a typed passenger list for all persons travelling. A further deposit of €100 is required 4 weeks later.

[ref attached booking form]

## Savings Scheme

There are a number of reasons for this scheme:

- to help defray the expense (approximately €500 - €600 per member) on individual families
- to enable booking deposits to be paid promptly (budget airlines will no longer accept block bookings and now require flights to be paid for at time of booking in order to secure availability and price)

- to maintain members interest in and commitment to the band
- to encourage young people to save in order to achieve their goals in life

Please note that:

- The scheme is totally voluntary. There is no compulsion to participate.
- Participating members are encouraged to pay € 10.00 per week into the travel

savings scheme and this money is held in their name.

- Receipts will be issued for all monies received and individual records held for each participant, which may be inspected at any time.

- This money is completely refundable at any time up to the point where it is paid to the tour company.

***“To encourage young people to save in order to achieve their goals in life”***

## Band Travel Credits (BTCs)

Band Travel Credits (BTCs) are awarded to members for their participation at practices and other band activities.

For practices a total of 10 credits are awarded for overall attendance for each season. Over 85% attendance = 10 credits, 51-85% attendance = 8 credits and 50% attendance or less = 5 credits.

For engagements 2 credits are awarded for attendance however, credits may be withheld on the day for misbehaviour.

For fundraising events 2 credits are awarded for participation by members.

Additional credits may be awarded to members for approved fundraising participation by others

(parents, older brothers or sisters, etc) on their behalf.

Note that the financial value of Band Travel Credits is not transferable or refundable in any way and can only be used by a band member towards band travel events.



Band members in Paris 2005

## **Organization**

### **CBS Pipe Band**

#### **Management Team**

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#### **Fundraising Coordinator**

Bernie McNamara

#### **Tutors**

Justin Fitzgerald

Niall Boland

James Hackett

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 and the United States of America.

*"Remember we need all the help we can get to make our December bag-packing event a success"*

## Belgium / Holland 2003



Above: Belgium - Battle of Waterloo Memorial

Below: Holland - Ajax Stadium Amsterdam, Zaanse Schans and Volendam



Thursday 24-04-2003

