

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Annual mass and blessing of instruments
- Barcelona trip subsidised

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Ready to Roll

After the long winter months of practice the band is now ready to take center stage in this year's St. Patrick's Week celebrations.

Additional equipment and uniform parts have been purchased from the proceeds of last December's bag-packing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in this fundraising event.

Right:
Fr. Mick Wall
blesses the band

Below:
St. Patrick's Day
parade 2006



Left:
St. Patrick's Day parade, Limerick, 1963



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Calendar of Events

20th January—Munster v Leicester rugby match parade from Bedford Row to Thomond Park.

11th March—Limerick v Clare hurling match at Na Piarsaig grounds celebrating the opening of their new clubhouse. Band will play before the match and again at half time.

16th March—14.00 pm. St. Patrick's Day parade at the Bawnmore Centre.

17th March—09.00 am (sharp) Annual band mass and blessing of the band's instruments. Parents, families and friends are invited and encouraged to attend this ceremony.

17th March—St. Patrick's Day parade, Limerick.

17th March—14.00 pm St. Patrick's Day parade, Shannon.

18th March—Limerick International Band parade.

Barcelona 2007



"Killinaskully"

Pipe Band, 2006

Members made a very brief acting debut but the CBS Pipe Band name did appear on the programme's credits.

The second deposit for the Barcelona trip has now been paid to the tour company on 13th February. Following receipt of the deposit the tour company have confirmed dates and final costing as follows:

Departure date: Wednesday 10th October 2007.

Duration: 5 days (4 nights)

Cost: €418.00

Plus admissions charges:

PortAventura Theme Park: €21.00

Neu Camp Stadium: €8.00

Montserrat: €6.00

This gives an overall total of €453.00 per person.

The remaining outstanding monies for the trip must be paid to the tour company by the start of August.

Further information will be advised in our next newsletter in June.

In the interim our travel savings scheme will continue. We would encourage boys to participate in this scheme to ease the financial burden on families later in the year.



Band Travel Credits (BTCs)

Based on current funds the band is now in a position to subsidise 9% of the total cost of the Barcelona trip.

This money has now been distributed among participants of the trip (band members only) based on BTCs earned during 2006.

Receipts have been issued to members advising the amount of subsidy allocated to them.

As previously mentioned, band subsidising of foreign travel is proportional to the number of BTCs held by members thereby ensuring that commitment and dedication is rewarded.

It should be pointed out that members who joined the band last September only commenced earning BTCs from that time while other members would have carried BTCs forward from June 2006.

It is hoped that additional subsidisation of this tour, which will be calculated in June, will bring the total subsidy to 20% of the tour price for members.

The BTC scheme will continue until the end of the playing season in June.

If any band member, or parent, would like clarification on any issue relating to the BTC scheme and apportioning of the tour subsidies please contact the Management Team.

Jamie
Stewart



Rising Star

On last St. Patrick's Day eleven year old Jamie Stewart proudly carried a flag as part of the band's Display Corps.

This year he will take his place as the youngest ever Drum Sergeant in the history of the band.

Jamie is to be congratulated on this phenomenal success which is due to hard work and dedication combined with a natural musical talent.

He now joins the other serving officers of the band Pipe-Major Andy O'Riordan, Pipe Sergeant Conor Coughlan and Pipe Corporal Adam Finnan who have demonstrated such excellent leadership over the last year.

Mark O'Neill

Vibrant and happy—that is the Mark I knew. He was a polite young boy who enjoyed life and was a credit to his mother and grandfather.

Cheerfully mischievous he was a talented drummer and during his two years with the band he made many friends. He was the boy who always had a smile on his face.

Mark's death touched the very soul of the band and in a strange sort of way strengthened the "bond of fellowship" amongst members which is one of its aims. Members, management and parents alike all tried to come to terms with the tragedy as it unfolded.

At the request of Mark's family the band attended the funeral.

Poor Mark looked so peaceful in the coffin with his drumsticks beside him. I thought he looked a little older than his 11 years.

The band afforded Mark full funeral honours as it marched in total silence in front of the funeral cortege from Thompson's Undertakers to the Dominican Church led by PM Andy O'Riordan whose pipes were strung with black ribbon as he piped all the way at half speed.



Mark with his mother Lisa on last St. Patrick's Day

Andy was followed in total silence by the rest of the band led by the display corps with furled flags also tied with black ribbon.

The remaining pipe corps came next with their pipes lowered and reversed followed by the drum corps with drums at ease and draped in black.

At the rear of the band many of the parents also marched in silence wearing the band sashes. Many of the members and parents were openly crying.

The following morning the band again went to the Dominicans for Mark's mass, without instruments this time, and formed a guard of honour as Andy piped the coffin from the church.

The band did not go to the cemetery in Mungret although a number of the boys did attend. Andy piped the coffin from the hearse to the grave and when the prayers were completed a hushed silence fell on the crowd as Andy played "Amazing Grace" and we sadly bade farewell to Mark.

Solas na bhlaithneas go raibh ag a anam dilis.

-Barry

Noel's Poem

Mark O'Neill

Mark we'll always miss you,
You're a very special friend.

A talented musician
And artist to the end

Mark we'll always miss you,
Until the very last
We were in the band together
The time passed so fast.

Mark we'll always miss you
Like Vincent van Gogh
Better than Picasso
And better than the lot.

Written by Noel Whyte



Cian Keogh, Mark O'Neill and Adam O'Riordan

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 and the United States of America.

*"Remember
parents, family
and friends are
all welcome to
the band's
Annual Mass on
St. Patrick's Day"*

Old Photograph



During the 1978 tour of Scotland the CBS Pipe Band were invited to perform on the private lawn of Stirling Castle, home of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. After the performance they were given a private tour of the castle and the Regimental Museum,

Christmas Bowling



Our thanks to Anne O'Driscoll for organizing another very successful and enjoyable bowling night last December. Thanks also to those parents who attended on the night and added their support.