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INTEREST:

- All uniforms to be held in Bandroom
- Band re-opens on 30th August
- Barcelona Final Payment due on 30th August
- P/M Andy wins Bronze

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End of Season

This years marching season for the band will conclude on Sunday, 3rd June with the band's participation at the South of Ireland Festival of Piping and Drumming in Cobh, County Cork.

The contest will take place with a start time of 1.00pm. The event will be held on the waterfront with the magnificent backdrop of Cork Harbour.

The highlight of the day will be the arrival of the cruise liner "The Navigator of the Seas into Cobh cruise terminal at 2.00pm for an overnight stay. The vessel will be carrying over 2,500 passengers and 1,200 crew. This will be its second visit to Cobh and is a truly awesome sight to see as she towers over the town of Cobh.

The band will assemble at the band-room at 9.30am to change into uniform. Departure by coach will be at 10.00am.

Members will be expected to provide their own refreshments throughout the day.

At the end of the afternoon the band will participate in the march-past of bands and a massed pipe band recital.

We expect to depart Cobh at 7.00pm and should arrive back at the school at approximately 9.00pm. to change out of uniform before going home.

Note: All band uniforms (including socks and ties) MUST be left in the band-room after this event. Socks and ties should be in a bag clearly identified with the owner's name.

While it is recognised that socks and ties are each member's personal property (and will remain so) it has been decided that these should be labeled and washed. These will then be stored in future with the rest of the uniforms in the band-room. In the interest of hygiene, socks will be washed after each engagement.

This policy will ensure that uniforms are treated with the respect they deserve and will avoid a repeat of recent incidents where individuals have arrived for engagements in disheveled uniforms and having forgotten various parts thereof.

This earlier than usual closure to our year is to facilitate the Band Management Team who will be carrying out a full inventory audit of band uniforms and equipment during the following week with a view to labeling all items, replacing buttons, etc.

Band will re-commence after the summer break with a full practice on Thursday, 30th August.



Feile na nÓg parade 2007 from Árd Scoil Rís to the Gaelic Grounds

Congratulations to all those boys who made their Confirmation this year. We hope you and your families had a most enjoyable day.



Niall Barrett



Recruitment

Since 1963, CBS Pipe Band has always been an integral part of the schools at CBS Sexton Street, Limerick.

Membership of the band has been limited to current pupils of Coláiste Mhichíl secondary school and its "feeder" the primary school of Scoil Íosagáin. Band members may remaining in the band, if they wish, after completion of their studies.

In the mid 1970's the band had the distinction of being recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the largest single pipe band in the world with over 100 members in total giving a full marching strength of over 60 members on parade.

However, recent years has seen a steady decline in the number of pupils attending Scoil Íosagáin in favour of more convenient local primary schools who now act as the new "feeder" schools to Coláiste Mhichíl.

This decline in Scoil Íosagáin has been reflected in the diminishing numbers of recruit members joining the band each year.

It takes approximately three years to train pipers and drummers to a competent standard and it is essential that this be accomplished before the boys face into their exam years at school. Therefore recruitment

among 1st year secondary pupils has its drawbacks.

In order to survive, the band must expand its recruiting campaign to now target those other primary "feeder" schools thereby offering membership to future pupils of Coláiste Mhichíl.

It is hoped to commence this campaign over the next few weeks with a view to accepting recruits in September.

Drum Corporal Niall Barrett

The recent appointment of Niall Barrett to the position of Drum Corporal is a recognition of his personal development and dedication towards improving his drumming skills since joining the band last year.

It is unfortunate, however, that his term of office will be for such a short period of time. Niall will be forced to relinquish his officership on completion of his Leaving Certificate Exams this year since officership in the band is strictly confined to school-going members.

Niall does intend to remain with the band next year as an adult member and tutor. We look forward to his continuing support.

Other serving officers of the band are Pipe-Major Andy O'Riordan, Pipe Sergeant Conor Coughlan, Pipe Corporal Adam Finnan and Drum Sergeant Jamie Stewart.

Peter Kennedy

The death recently occurred of the band's first bass drumming and staff instructor.

One of a group of dedicated founding fathers of the CBS Pipe Band, Peter Kennedy was my earliest memory of a pipe band musician.

As bass drummer in the Limerick City Pipe Band, Peter wore a leopard skin bass drum apron which had a profound influence on me as I watched Limerick parades in the early 1960's.

Indeed I was fully convinced that this mighty bass drummer had personally killed the beast with his bare hands.

I later came to know Peter personally as a friend and over many years he always maintained a deep interest in the band.

On behalf of the band I extend my condolences to his wife and family.

Suamhneas síoraí dá anam.

- Barry

Barcelona 2007 - Final Payment!

The final payment to the tour company is due 10 weeks before our proposed departure date of 10th October (i.e. due on 1st August).

However, I have negotiated with the tour company that they will wait until the start of September for receipt of this payment. Consequently, all outstanding monies for the trip MUST be paid on 30th August as the band will need to forward a cheque to Budget School and Group Tours on Friday, 31st August.



Congratulations to Pipe Major Andy O'Riordan on winning a Bronze Medal for piping at the Limerick County Fleadh Ceol at Lisnagry which was organised by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann



(Left) Feile na nÓg at the Gaelic Grounds

2007 Playing Season

This year's playing season for the band comprised the following events:

- 20th January - Munster v Leicester Tigers rugby match at Thomond Park
- 11th March - Na Piarsaigh GAA Club opening of new clubhouse
- 16th March - St. Patrick's Day parade, Bawnmore Centre, Limerick
- 17th March - St. Patrick's Day parade, Limerick
- 17th March - St. Patrick's Day parade, Shannon
- 07th May - Na Piarsaigh GAA Club, Limerick, junior hurling tournament.
- 12th May - The Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics at the University of Limerick
- 13th May - Feile na nÓg parade from Árd Scoil Rís to the Gaelic Grounds
- 13th May - The Closing Ceremony of the Special Olympics at the University of Limerick
- 23rd May - Limerick City Council's Environmental Awareness Day at Old Christian's GAA Club-

"This year's flagday raised just over €1,120.

Our thanks to those who participated."

Environment Awareness

Members of the band who played at Old Christians GAA Clubhouse for Limerick City Council's Environmental Awareness Day were pleasantly surprised to win a number of raffle prizes on the day all of which had an environmental theme. They included; a skip, a number of "fair trade" hampers and a supply of energy efficient CFL light bulbs.

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 band will re-commence after the summer break with a full practice on Thursday, 30th August, with final payment for the Barcelona trip also due the same day!"

St. Patrick's Day Parade - Bawnmore Centre 2007

The annual St. Patrick's Day parade for residents of the Bawnmore Centre allowed the band the opportunity to provide a welcome spectacle to an appreciative audience many of whom would otherwise be unable to celebrate our national feast day.

