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Cumann B uíon Píobaire na hÉireann

Irish Pipe Band Association

Newsletter #12





Stephen Creighton qualifies for the World Solo Drumming Semi Finals, coming 3rd in the Scottish Championships, **above** with his piper, Ruari Black

**77th All Ireland
Pipe Band + Drum Major
Championships
2024**

Sat 6 July 2024 10am
Newbridge House,
Donabate, Co. Dublin

www.ipba.ie
www.rspbani.org

Don't Forget ! Closing date for entries is **Saturday 8th June**



Pan Celtic Solos Saturday 6th April Carlow College





Pan Celtic Solos Saturday 6th April Carlow Col lege contd.





The Hegarty's of the Laurels
Cork City Hall Film Premiere
Saturday 13th April







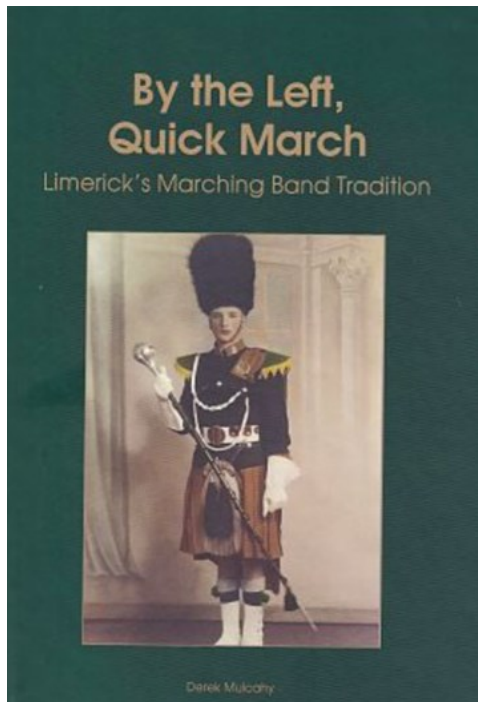
Munster Solos & IPBA League Final

Redemptorist School of Music Saturday April 20th









Left: A new book on Limerick's Marching Bands including Pipe Bands by Dr Derek Mulcahy, available at O'Mahony's bookstores.

Right: A whole new meaning to 'Going for a Few Scoops'



Above: Palestinian Pipers in Malmo for the Eurovision



From the late 1950s - the Bansha Pipe Band photographed at Bansha Show

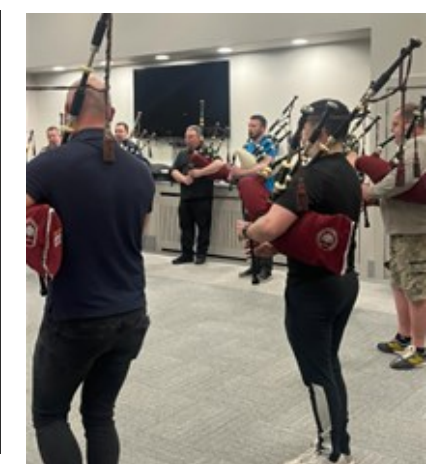


Above: St Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band celebrate their victory at the All Irelands in Tralee Town Park 1974



Above: 50years ago, Ballyfermot Girls Piper Band in Durrow 1974







80 Years Ago

1944 the 4th Annual War-Pipe Festival, under the auspices of Cumann na mBuidhean Píobairí, was held, as always, in the Mansion House on 16th January 1944, and a further event under the 'Feis Atha Cliath' banner was held in the same venue on 5th March. The latter was the first competition in which we see specific categories for female players. Peadar Wallace was Chairman of the Cumann. Most of the 22 bands in Dublin City and County, affiliated to Cumann na mBuidheann Píobairí took part. Fifteen (15) bands were represented at the Feis, eighty eight (88) soloists and sixteen (16) quartets competed.

70 Years Ago

9th All Ireland Pipe Band Championships



Drum Major, Patrick Perry, St John's Pipe Band, Blackrock suffering the heat at the All Ireland

The ninth staging of the All Ireland Pipe Band Championships saw another change of venue, albeit still within the city of Dublin with Harold's Cross Greyhound Stadium being used to host the event on **24th July 1954**.

'The contest, for which there was a record entry, was under the auspices of the Irish Pipe Band Association and the Six-County Branch of the Scottish Pipe Band Association. Twenty seven bands, the majority from the Six-Counties took part and proceedings were watched by a large crowd, including delegates to the Celtic Congress'. Dancing exhibitions were held throughout the contest.

The Judges

The piping judges were Pipe Majors Peter Bain and Nicol McCallum, Glasgow and the drumming judge Drum Major James Grey, Falkirk, Scotland.

The 'solo' element of the championships had now been devolved to a separate contest, which alternated year on year between the North and Republic of Ireland.

60 Years Ago

19th All Ireland Pipe Band Championships

Evening Herald Wednesday 1st July 1964
Herald Staff Reporter

The biggest entry yet has been received for the All-Ireland Pipe Band Championships in Harold's Cross. In all 40 bands will participate. The biggest entry comes from Northern Ireland. Competitions will be held for the Briscoe Trophy and for dress and discipline as well as for the Drum Major Contest. At a news conference the General Secretary, Irish Pipe Band Association, Mr. P. J. Berill, said that the keenest competition should be between the 29th Old Boys Belfast, (previous winners) and the holders, the Fintan Lalor Band of Dublin.

He said the dress judge will be C. S. M. Kenny, of the Irish Guards, a Kildare man. The piping judges will be N. McCallum, Glasgow; Donal Cameron, Edinburgh and John Taylor, Motherwell



Above: At a press reception at the Ormonde Hotel, in relation to the upcoming 19th All Ireland Pipe Band Championships at Harold's Cross, Francis Hamilton, Treasurer & P J Berill, Secretary of the IPBA

Left: Thomas Davis Pipe Band, Mallow, Co Cork
- 10th June 1928, winners of the Junior Section at the 'All Ireland Pipe Band Contest' Limerick





Súil Siar

SLOT lose Bass Drummer - IPBA lose Registrar



Irish Examiner Friday 30th June 1961

The visit to New York two years ago by the St. Laurence O'Toole's Pipe Band to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade has fostered emigration. As a result of its tour, the band is losing its bass drummer for 17 years, its present secretary, 36-year-old Patrick Grady. While in New York, he became friends with members of the New York Tyrone Pipe Band, and, as a result, he decided that he would make his future in the Empire State. When he arrives in New York, Mr. Grady will join the Tyrone band, but he will feel at home with it, because nearly half of its musicians are Dubliners.

The St. Laurence O'Toole's Band is meeting to-morrow night to decide the details of the send-off they are planning to give Mr. Grady when he leaves Dublin Airport on Sunday. Present plans are that the band will turn out at the airport and play him on to the aircraft

Sunday Independent Sunday 2nd July 1961

Pipes Will Sound Farewell

Mr. P. Brady, Tolka Cottages, Finglas, leaves Dublin Airport for New York to-day and he will be played off by St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band. Brady was a member of the band for 1.7 years and was manager-secretary for three years. He was also registrar of the Irish Pipe Band Association and was prominent in ceili band circles.....

New Pipe Band in Cork with Immediate Success

Evening Echo Tuesday 14th July 1964

Cork City Pipe Band

A new pipe band formed in Cork City only five months ago travelled to Dublin for the recent All Ireland Pipe Band Competitions and had the: distinction of winning first place in Grade IV.

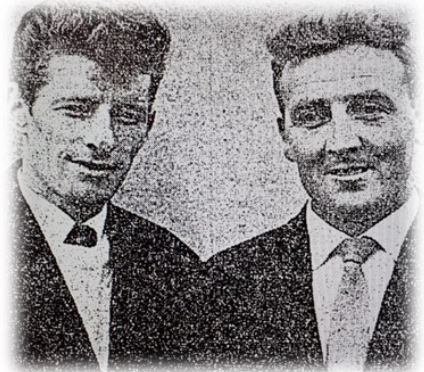
Right: Jim Allen, Leading Drummer and John Chute, Pipe Major, Cork City Pipe Band

This was the Cork City Pipe Band and they took the honours against eleven other bands from all over the country. There are 35 members in the band and the Pipe Major is John Chute who teaches the younger members in his spare time in the hall put at their disposal by Very Rev. R. V. Canon Powell, in the Cathedral School.

John, along with Michael Higgins (who is Honorary Secretary) the brothers Gough, Christy and Florrie and Pat and Donal Lane, founded the band.

Finances were limited and it was quite an achievement for the group to attain the success they did in such a short time.

In fact, they were the only band in the competitions who were compelled to take part without uniforms, for the simple reason that their finances have not yet permitted the purchase of them. However, honorary treasurer, Florrie Gough is confident that within the near future, this problem will be solved.....



Left: De La Salle Scout Pipe Band Waterford 1934

McKEE BAND ELECTIONS
 At the annual general meeting of the Dick McKee Memorial Pipe Band, Finglas, the following officers were elected:—Cathaoirleach, S. O Conchubhair; Rúnaidhe, L. O Luanaidhe; Cisteoirí, T. O Dubhthaigh agus C. O Tilling. Coiste—F. Mac Giolla Christ, S. O Cathasaigh, L. O Fionnagáin, P. Mac Cuag, S. Mac Giolla Christ agus P. O Treasaigh.

March 1934



40 Years Ago
Munster Championships
in a wet & windy Ballybunion





Ballybunion 1984 contd.





30 Years Ago
East of Ireland Championships
Howth





30 Years Ago
South of Ireland Championships
Blamey



18 Members of the Dr Harley Pipe Band from Cashel, Co Tipperary, being judged as they go through their routine during the South of Ireland Pipe Band Championships in Blamey, yesterday. (Camera: Richard Mills.)

