



Naughtlittir - Meán Fomhair 2011

Irish Minstrels CCE

September 2011

All Ireland Fleadh, Cavan 2011

Well done to everyone who played at the All Ireland Fleadh in Cavan this year. Everyone did us very proud!! Pride of place goes to our U12 ceili band who won the silver medal. Other outstanding performances were from:

Ciara Doohan (3 rd)	Flute
David Brown (3 rd)	Piano
Anna Walmsley (2 nd)	Accompaniment
Ciara Doohan (3 rd)	Flute slow air
St Roch's A U12 (2 nd)	Ceili band
Jim McElhone (2 nd)	Irish singing - men

Our all-time total in ceili bands and grupai cheoil is now:

3 gold
7 silver
6 bronze

I have attached a document (to everyone on the email list) showing the results from the Fleadh.

Ceili classes at St Helens – every Thursday

The ceili classes at St Helen's started back on Thursday, 1st September from 8pm-10:15pm. Everyone is welcome to go along, so if you fancy learning a few ceili/set dances, go along and check it out!

New term at St Roch's, 30 August 2011

Pretty much everything is back to normal at St Roch's now as you can see, however at the start of every new term, some chaos should be expected!!

There is one change however, which is the new admission fee of £2 with a family maximum of £4. This is to help with the costs of running the branch. The new fee will take effect from this week.

Changing instrument

Around this time, whistle players often move on to a new instrument. Here is an indication of cost for a decent beginner's instruments (from Southside Music):

Fiddle £60
Button Acc £230
Banjo £135
Concertina £230

Flutes are best bought from the makers. We recommend M&E flutes. A good one will cost approx £330. <http://www.irishflutes.net/>.

If in Southside Music, mention St Roch's. The branch has a number of instruments to lend, but never enough to satisfy demand. We will also be having a 'Come and Try Day' in October. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Branch Concert, 10 September 2011 Coupár Institute

This concert will feature all our qualifiers for the All-Ireland. Also on stage will be our fabulous beginners' band playing the Grand Old Dame and Fanny Power. This is always a fantastic concert and a great time to show off your talents to friends and family.

Monthly Junior Ceili

This will take place each month with the first one taking place on Saturday 17th September in St John's, Barrhead at 2pm. We are hoping to improve the standard of ceili dancing throughout the branch. We also need more musicians who can play sets of tunes for a ceili. Everyone is welcome.

New Masterclasses

There will be masterclasses every Tuesday at 8pm in St Roch's for seniors only. The timetable for September is as follows:

13th September - Danny Boyle
20th September - Gavin Pennycook
27th September - John Carmichael.

Young Scottish Traditional Musician of the Year

This year we have 2 members of the branch in the semi-final; Roisin Anne Hughes and Katie Boyle. The semi-final takes place on Saturday, 1st October in Coulter Hall near Biggar. Hopefully, the 2 girls will have a large travelling support and we wish them all the very best.

Wee Tunes

This was run successfully a few years ago in the RSAMD on Thursday evenings, encouraging all the Comhaltas branches to take part in a session. It is aimed at the 12-18 age group, though anyone is welcome.





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Tunes played will be from books 1, 2 and 3 as well as others taught at St. Roch's. Playing in sessions is a very important part of Irish music. Eileen McArdle is organising the first session in St John's on Saturday, 1st October at 2pm in St. John's.

Dates for your Diary 2011

Beginning of new term	30 th August
Branch meeting	5 th September
Qualifier's Concert	10 th September
Branch AGM	24 th October
Christmas céilí	28 th December

Branch AGM, 24 October 2011 (venue to be confirmed)

The branch AGM is coming up next month and it would be really good to see some new faces come along and take an interest in the branch. Also if anyone is interested in volunteering to help out with the running of the branch in any capacity we would really like to know about it!

Member Update

If you are not on the branch email list, you may be missing out on some important information which could involve your child! The branch newsletter is available, so that you can be kept up to date with whatever is happening within the branch. If you would like to be added to the list, please email me your details at shankerri@hotmail.com and I will add you.

Remember you can also visit the branch website at www.glasgowirishminstrels.co.uk.

A few reminders.....

Safety & Protection of Children

Parents/guardians must remain on the premises to supervise and ensure the safety and well-being of their children under the age of 16. Please make sure that you know where your child is at all times and ensure that children do not run in corridors, congregate on the stairwells or climb on the windowsills. You are welcome to sit in on classes, learn an instrument or join the set dancers but let your child's tutor know where you are in the building.

Keep the school tidy!

Please leave classrooms, toilets, corridors and stairs clean and tidy after use and remember to put desks and chairs back in order for St Roch's pupils next day.

