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Feis Ghlaschu – Update

The Feis Ghlaschu was again a huge success for the Irish Minstrels and I think we should congratulate the tutors who have helped put together such fantastic performances from all of our bands and to everyone who participated in the bands. Well done, you did us proud!!

Normal classes resume

On Tuesday 1st March everyone should go direct to normal classes however with effect from 8th March, we will start group practices again for the Scottish Fleadh.

St Patrick's Festival – 12-19 March

Celebrate the St Patrick's Festival 2011 with the Glasgow Irish Community this year.

I have attached a leaflet showing details of events.

Gaelic Mass – 13 March

There will be a Gaelic Mass in Our Lady of Consolation. The Irish Minstrels musicians will play at this mass and all musicians are welcome. Anyone wishing to play should give their name to Frank.

St Patrick's Day Concert, City Halls, Glasgow – 14 March 2010

We have been invited to play at the two Irish Festival concerts in the City Hall on Monday, 14th March. The schools concert begins at 1pm and the evening concert at 7.30pm. The band for the evening will consist of anyone in the 15-18 or senior age groups who know the tunes (it will be the same tunes as in the January concert). Anyone interested should give Frank their name as soon as possible.

Tickets for the concert are available from Noreen McDevitt at the Branch on a Tuesday night or by emailing noreenmcdevitt@ntlworld.com.

St Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí – 17 March 2010

The Irish Minstrels' Dinner & Céilí is in the Couper Institute, Clarkston Road, Glasgow on 17th March at 6pm. Music will be by St Roch's Céilí Band and it will no doubt be an excellent night of céilí dancing.

Tickets are priced at £20 for the dinner and céilí (6pm for 6.30pm serving) or £6 for the céilí (8pm onwards) and can be purchased from Moira Callaghan. The Branch needs your support and it would be great to see some old and new faces attend this year!

St Patrick's Festival – Street Party and Family Fun Day, Coatbridge – 19 March 2010

This is an annual event which takes place in Coatbridge Main Street. For further information please visit www.stpatricksfestivalcoatbridge.org.

Scottish Fleadh – 7-8 May

The Scottish Fleadh, which will be hosted by St Patrick's CCE this year, is being held on Sunday 8th May in St Ambrose High School, Blair Road, Coatbridge. The Fleadh céilí will also be held in St Ambrose the night before the competitions (7th May). For further information please email Carol Street at carolstreet@hotmail.co.uk.

On 15th and 22nd March entry fees for the Fleadh will be collected at St Roch's.

All Britain Fleadh – 25-26 June

The All Britain Fleadh is being held in Preston this year. If you require transport/accommodation for the Fleadh Moira Callaghan will be collecting a £30 deposit on 8th March. This will be on a first come first served basis, so be quick!! There is only limited accommodation available for the Fleadh; Premier Inn - £47.50 a room and the Travelodge is £58 a room. Please speak to Moira as soon as possible.

For further information on the Fleadh please go to www.allbritain.com.

Additional practice.....

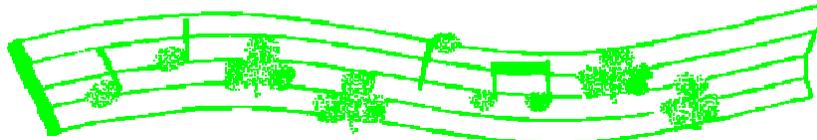
You may be pleased to know that for the next few Saturday's there will be no additional practice.... However, that doesn't mean that you don't practice at home!!

Saturday practices will commence on 16th April.

Health & Safety

Can I please ask parents/guardians to remain on site to supervise their youngsters? This is a legal requirement! Kids are sometimes found wandering around the corridors of the school by themselves and sometimes on the upper and lower level floors to. No-one should be on any other level of the school as classes are all held on the one floor.





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Are you from an Irish background?

There will be a national census later this year. There will be a box to tick for "ethnic Irish". Those who can should tick it. It will help to increase the profile of Irish cultural and sporting activities in Scotland. For more information about the awareness raising campaign, see Danny Boyle.

Irish Ceili classes, St Johns, Barrhead – Every Sunday

There are ceili classes available in St John's, Barrhead every Sunday night from 7pm-9pm. Classes cost £1.50. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Ceili classes, St Helens – every Thursday

There are also ceili classes on in St Helen's every Thursday night from 8pm-10:15pm. Again, everyone is welcome.

Member Update

For e-newsletter updates, please send a request with your name to Donna Kerrigan at shankerri@hotmail.com. Recently there have been a lot of emails that have been returned as 'undeliverable'. If your email address has changed, can you please let me know so that I can update my records.

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

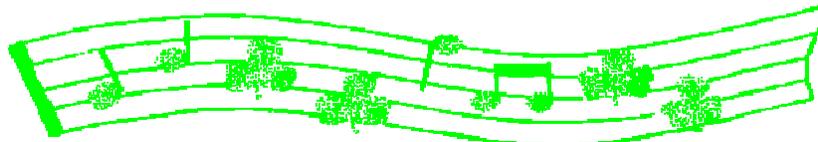
Glasgow Session CD

There is a Glasgow Session CD available for purchase at the branch on a Tuesday night at a cost of £10. If you wish to buy one, they are available at the paying in desk.

Dates for your Diary 2011

Gaelic Mass	13 th March
St Patrick's Day Concert	14 th March
St Patrick's Day Dinner/Ceili	17 th March
Last class of term	29 th March
Return	19 th April
CCE Congress (Tullamore)	1 st May
Scottish Fleadh céilí	7 th May
Scottish Fleadh	8 th May
Last class of term	21 st June
All Britain Fleadh (Preston)	25 th & 26 th June
Scoil Éigse	15 th - 19 th August
All Ireland Fleadh	20 th & 21 st August





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'Tick the Irish Box: be proud and be counted'

Irish Ethnicity and the 2011 Census

There are at least half a million people in Scotland with parents, grandparents or often several great grandparents that came to Scotland from Ireland over the past 150 years. Their ethnicity is Irish. People from an Irish background make up Scotland's largest ethnic minority community.

As well as being positive citizens of the country they are born in, many are proud of their Irish heritage and expressions of this arise in the use of Irish forenames, enjoying Irish dance, liking Irish music and songs, supporting Gaelic sport, visiting Ireland, political and cultural interests, listening to Irish radio, participating in St Patrick's Day celebrations, and of course in support for Celtic Football Club.

Irish ethnicity and cultural identity have until now been largely unaccounted for in official statistics. The forthcoming census addresses this disparity. It recognises that ethnicity has no basis with regards skin colour and allows those of Irish descent to accurately record their background, heritage and cultural identity as Irish.

As well as a range of needs similar to other communities in Scotland, people from an Irish background have specific social, cultural, religious, economic and health issues and requirements. For example:

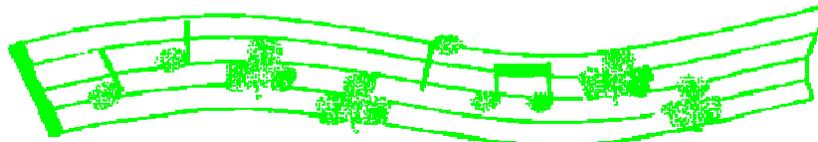
1. Studies show that men with Irish surnames in west-central Scotland are 26% more likely to die prematurely as a result of social and health factors. The same group is 51% more likely to die of heart disease than a number of others from a non-Irish background.
2. Catholics from an Irish background form a disproportionate number in Scottish prisons.
3. Many 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation Irish in Scotland perceive injustice and inequality in numerous walks of Scottish life: not least of all in employment and sport.
4. Related to this, Catholics of Irish descent disproportionately abide in areas of the west-central belt where there are high levels of deprivation, and arguably degrees of religious, social, economic and cultural prejudice and discord.
5. People of Irish descent in Scotland are offered virtually no identifiable funding from Government, community and public bodies.

Academic research and numerous social and political groups stress the need for people from an Irish background to **tick the Irish ethnic box** in the census to record and assess the cultural, health and economic needs of Britain's largest group of immigrant origin and to 'facilitate monitoring of social disadvantage and discrimination'. Most of all, if Irish ethnicity is your identity then you should claim it and be proud of your background: **it is your right**. All census information is for statistical purposes only and is completely anonymous. If you have great grandparents, grandparents or parents etc who came from Ireland to Scotland, you should tick **the Irish box at question 15** which asks your ethnic group. If you are of an Irish background in Scotland then you should answer the enquiry affirmatively.

'Tick the Irish Box': be proud and be counted.

This information is produced by the Irish Diaspora in Scotland Association (IDSA)





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13 What is your ethnic group?
Choose ONE section from A to F, then tick ONE box which best describes your ethnic group or background.

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Gypsy / Traveller

Polish

Other white ethnic group, please write in

B Mixed or multiple ethnic groups

Any mixed or multiple ethnic groups, please write in

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Recognise Irish Ethnicity – Scottish Census - Tick the Box on 27th March 2011

A.)How do I know if I am eligible to tick the box?

Perhaps best answered with an example:

"Siobhan was born in Glasgow. One of her grandmothers was born in Donegal. Her great grandfather was born in Cavan. Although she travels on a British Passport she intends to tick the Irish ethnicity box. To see what this looks like please see Section a of the box opposite."

B.)What do I do if I am of Mixed race or heritage?

Perhaps best is also answered with an example:

"Martins father was born in Ireland, his mother is Italian. He travels on a British passport. He wishes to record his Irish and Italian heritages, so Martin will tick the 'mixed or multiple Ethnic backgrounds"

