



# NUACHTLITIR BEALTAINE

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2013



**SCOTTISH FLEADH:** this was hugely successful for us, with 8 bands and 7 grupai cheoil qualifying for the All-Britain. Congratulations to all who performed. You did us proud!

**FRENCH VISITORS:** we had a very enjoyable night with our French guests in St. Thomas's. They already knew several Irish dances and instructions were called out in both languages. The turnout from our own branch members was a bit disappointing, though, especially in the 12-15 age-group.

**PRACTICES:** these will continue on Saturdays. However, there will be no U18 practices on Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18th May due to exams. Next U18 practice will be on Sat. 25th May.

**BRANCH CEILITHE:** Sunday, 26th May in St. John's, Barrhead at 7.30pm. U12A and U12B Grupai cheoil to perform.

Saturday, 15th June in St. John's, Barrhead at 7.30pm. U15A, U15B and U18 grupai cheoil to perform. These are major fundraisers, and dress-rehearsals for London, so please support.

**DIARY:** Anyone in the A grupai cheoil must enter their name and reason when not available for practise. B grupai cheoil members should advise their teacher. Frank's mobile number is 07806962769 for late call-offs.

**ALL-BRITAIN FLEADH:** St. Mary's College, Twickenham, London, 22-23 June. Saturday from 1pm: U12, U15, U18 duets, trios, ceili bands and grupai cheoil. Sunday from 10am: all solos, senior duets, trios, ceili bands and grupai cheoil. The venue is excellent and there will be lots of entertainment on the Saturday evening. There were only a handful of people interested in a bus, so we will not be

running one. Most folk are going by train, some are flying and some going by car.

**ALL-IRELAND FLEADH:** 16th-18th August in Derry.

**SUMMER SCHOOLS:** These are an excellent way to learn Irish (and Scottish) music and to meet new friends. Tinto: 2nd-7th July

<http://www.scottishcultureonline.com/events/tinto-summer-school-13-2nd-7th-july-2012/>

Willie Clancy: Miltown Malbay, Clare, 6th-14th July  
<http://www.scoilsamhraidhwilleclancy.com/>

South Sligo: Tubbercurry, 14th-20<sup>th</sup> July <http://www.sssschoool.org/>

Joe Mooney: Drumshanbo, Leitrim, 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> July <http://www.sssschoool.org/>

Donegal Fiddle Summer School: 29Jul-2 Aug,  
Glencolmcille <http://www.donegalfiddlemusic.ie/events.htm>

Scoil Eigse: Derry, 12-15<sup>th</sup> Aug <http://2013fleadh.ie/fleadh-cheoil/scoil-eigse/>

**FLUTE PLAYERS NEEDED:** This year we had an overabundance of fiddle players in the 12-15 age-group. Next session looks like being the same. People might consider buying a flute as a second instrument (none available for loan just now). Our top players play the excellent M&E polymer flute, which costs 260euros (£218). <http://www.irishflutes.co.uk/>

**NEWSLETTER NOTES:** Anyone wishing to have a notice in our monthly newsletter, please email [lyncrumlish@hotmail.com](mailto:lyncrumlish@hotmail.com) or speak to me up at St.Rochs on a Tuesday evening.

