



Nuachtlitir - Meitheamh 2011

Irish Minstrels CCE

June 2011

This Tuesday, 31st May is the last class of term for our beginners. Classes will resume on Tuesday 6th September. Remember to keep practicing over the summer holidays!!

Band / Grupai practice

Music class will continue as usual every Tuesday night in St Roch's up until 21st June for everyone except beginners.

Practice for all three senior bands on Tuesday's will be at 7.30pm and the senior grupai cheoil will practice at 8.30pm.

There are additional Saturday practices as we lead up to the All Britain Fleadh. The dates and times are shown below:

Saturday 4 June, Saturday 11 June, Saturday 18 June
U12's at 1pm
U15's at 2pm
U18's at 3pm

All Saturday practices cost £1 which will help to pay for the hire of the school.

If you are unable to attend any of the Saturday dates, please let Frank know as soon as possible.

Scottish Fleadh

Well done to everyone who took part in the Scottish Fleadh this year and congratulations to all those who have now qualified for the All Britain Fleadh in June.

Branch family céili – 19 June St John's, Barrhead

The next Branch fundraising céili is on Sunday 19th June in St John's, Barrhead. Our three senior bands will split the evening and the U15/U18 Grupai Cheoil's will perform at the break. It's definitely going to be an awesome night and one not to miss. So make sure the date is in your diary!!

All Britain Fleadh, 25 – 26 June Myerscough College, Bilsborrow, Preston

The 2011 Fleadh Cheoil na Breataine is being hosted by Liverpool Branch of CCE. The fleadh is being held at Myerscough Agricultural and Sports College just outside the village of Bilsborrow, Preston PR3 0RY on the 25th and 26th June 2011.

Competitions on Saturday will start at 13:00 for all age groups U18 in Duets, Trios, Ceili Bands and Grupai Cheoil. All junior solo and all senior competitions will be held on Sunday.

Admission prices: Adult £6.00
Child (u18) £3.00
Family £18.00
Programme £2.00.

This admission fee will cover both days.

Further information is available by logging onto www.allbritainfleadh.com.

Transport/Accommodation

There will hopefully be two buses for the All Britain Fleadh, however this will depend on numbers. If we have enough people one bus will go down and up on the same day and will cost £15. The other will be the weekend bus which will cost £25. If you require transport, please see Moira Callaghan asap.

There will also be additional accommodation for those wishing to stay the weekend however, this may be a bit further away and you may have to get transport to and from the venue. If you are still looking for accommodation please speak to Moira asap.

Trophy reminder.....

For those of you who won trophies at last year's All Britain Fleadh, can you please make sure that you return your trophies in time for this year's Fleadh. At the very latest, trophies should be returned to the Fleadh office on the Saturday of the Fleadh before the competitions begin. Please make sure that it is only the All Britain Fleadh trophies that are returned.



Summer Schools and Festivals

Scoil Éigse – 14-19 August

The 39th Annual Scoil Éigse organised by Comhaltas takes place in Cavan Town, from August 14th to 19th, the week preceding Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.





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This Summer College of Irish traditional music is the most comprehensive of its kind with classes on the fiddle, concert flute, whistle, 2-row accordion, concertina, uilleann pipes, harp, banjo, piano accordion traditional singing in English and Irish, set dancing, traditional dancing, accompaniment and Irish Language.

The Scoil Éigse is a phenomenal development through which hundreds of Irish people as well as many visitors from foreign lands, come to a better and deeper understanding of Irish music and culture.

There is no age limit at the Scoil Éigse and certainly no generation gap. Enthusiasm knows no age barriers and whether you are keen on learning sets or making a comeback on the accordion, fiddle, flute or whatever else takes your fancy, you will find fellow pupils to join you in a session, to exchange tunes, songs or steps

This is always well represented by Glasgow. The closing date for applications is 8th August.

For further information on the Scoil Éigse please go to http://comhaltas.ie/events/detail/scoil_eigse_2011/

Blas International Summer School of Irish Traditional Music and Dance 20 June-1 July

Blas takes place in the Irish World Academy Building at the University of Limerick. It is now established as one of Ireland's most prestigious summer schools attracting students (aged 16 and over) from around the world to spend two weeks gaining one-to-one access to the expertise of some of Ireland's finest traditional musicians.

Blas also offers on-campus accommodation in the University.

If you think you may be interested in finding out more about Blas, you can visit their website at www.ul.ie/~iwmc/Blas/

There are so many Summer Schools which take place throughout the summer in the UK and Ireland, all of which are a great way for younger musicians to improve technique, learn tunes and make new friends. If you need more ideas, see the ones below:

Willie Clancy's Summer School, Miltown Malbay
<http://www.setdancingnews.net/wcss/>
2-10 July 2011

Tinto Summer School
<http://tintosummerschool.com/>
4-9 July 2011

South Sligo Summer School, Tubbercurry
<http://www.sssschoool.org/>
10-16 July 2011

Meitheal Summer School, Villiers School, Limerick
<http://www.tradweek.com/>
18-22 July 2011
Joe Mooney Summer School, Drumshanbo
www.joemooneysummerschool.com
16-23 July 2011

Branch Concert, 10 September Coupar Institute

The 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.

Member Update

Anyone not the branch email list should give their names to me on Tuesday night so that they can be kept up to date all through the summer holidays. Alternatively you could email me your details at shankerri@hotmail.com and I will add you to the list.

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

Dates for your Diary 2011

Family céilí	19 th June
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
Beginning of new term	6 th September
Branch meeting	5 th September
Qualifier's Concert	10 th September
Branch AGM	24 th October
Christmas céilí	28 th December

Note of thanks from Kathleen Wilson.....

I would like to thank everyone who has helped carry Brianna's harp in and out of St Roch's over the past few months when I have not been able to be there. Your help is really appreciated.

