

**Innerleithen &
Tweedvale
Pipe Band
April 2007**

Band Newsletter - Info for you!!

READ ME!!!

The season is almost here!!

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2007. It's designed to keep band members and everyone interested in the band and the world of piping up to date with band information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2007

Fri 11 Introduction of Standard Bearer, Memorial Hall, Innerleithen

Sat 12 Pipe Band Contest, Dunbar

Fri 18 Private Wedding, Norton House Hotel, Edinburgh

Sat 19 Scottish Pipe Band Championships, Dumbarnton

Sat 26 Pipe Band Contest, Bathgate

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COMPETITIONS

Competition Dates

Major Championships

19 May 2007 – Scottish Championships, Dumbarnton

28 July 2007 - European Championships, Inverness

11 August 2007 – World Championships, Glasgow

25 August 2007 – Cowal Championships, Dunoon

Minor Contests

12 May 2007 – Dunbar

26 May 2007 – Bathgate

02 June 2007 – Hawick

16 June 2007 – Innerleithen

04 August 2007 – North Berwick

18 August 2007 – Melrose

9 September 2007 – Peebles

DETAILS FOR FIRST CONTEST

At Dunbar, the band is drawn to play **9th out of 14 bands in Grade 3**; Contest starts at 13.30pm, **playing time will be approx. 14.26pm**. The band is drawn to play **12th out of 15 bands in Grade 2**; contest starts at 14.45pm, **playing time will be approx. 16.08pm**

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The bus departs at the following times:

Innerleithen 10.15am

Peebles 10.30am

Penicuik 10.45am

EVENTS

Playing Dates

Playing Engagements

11 May 2007 - Introduction of Standard Bearer, Memorial Hall, Innerleithen

18 May Private Engagement – Wedding, Norton House Hotel, Edinburgh

9 June 2007 - Coffee Morning, Vale Club, Innerleithen

23 June 2007 Beltane Saturday, Peebles

24 June 2007 - War Memorial Service (1 piper only), Walkerburn

25 June 2007 - Festival Lad/Lass Procession (2 pipers), Walkerburn

29 June 2007 - Fancy Dress Parade/Torchlight Procession, Walkerburn

Games Week

14 July 2007 - Standard Bearer's Ball, St Ronan's Primary School, Innerleithen

15 July 2007- Programme of Music, Innerleithen High Street

19 July 2007 - Fancy Dress Parade, Innerleithen High Street

20 July 2007 - Service at War Memorial, Memorial Hall, Innerleithen

21 July 2007 - Games Saturday - Flower Parade, Clubs, Retreat, Clubs, Torchlight Parade, Innerleithen

Please note that these lists are liable to change at short notice.

PLAYERS - PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AVAILABILITY FORM TO THE BAND SECRETARY ASAP.

JUDGES 2007

The following list of judges has been announced by the RSPBA for the Major Championships this season, though these are of course subject to change.

Scottish

P1: D. Ingram
P2: J. Hutcheon
D: J. Drysdale
E: T. Dear

British

P1: Stevenson
P2: P. Snaddon
D: H. Russell
E: J. Baxter

European

P1: I. McLellan
P2: A. Grant
D: C. Mordaunt
E: A. Ronaldson

Worlds

P1: Edgar
P2: Young
D: Craig
E: J. Noble

Cowal

P1: B. Worrall
P2: W. Pollock
D: H. Russell
E: Aitken

Judges have not yet been announced for the minor contests at the time of writing.

PLAYING REQUIREMENTS 2007

The following playing requirements have been announced for the 2007 playing season:

MAJOR CONTESTS

SCOTTISH

MSR

BRITISH

Medley

EUROPEANS

Medley

WORLDS

Medley

COWAL

MSR

MINOR CONTESTS

DUNBAR

G3 - MSR

G2 - Medley

BATHGATE

G3 - Medley

G2 - Medley

HAWICK

G3 - Medley

G2 - Medley

INNERLEITHEN

G3 - Medley

G2 - MSR

NORTH BERWICK

G3 - Medley

G2 - MSR

MELROSE

G3 - MSR

G2 - Medley

PEEBLES

G3 - Medley

G2 - Medley

BREAKING NEWS

Watch this space but there is now some doubt over whether or not there will be a contest at Hawick. Bruce Hamilton received an email from Cllr David Patterson which has been forwarded to me implying that the Hawick contest was not taking place this year - instead they plan on holding a Highland Games with invited bands playing for 15-20 minutes at a time. Band's will be paid for their performances. Investigations will be made regarding this matter both with Cllr Patterson and the RSPBA L&B Branch - as things currently stand we have been entered to compete at the Hawick contest and have had no word of any sort from the RSPBA that the event is off.

NEWS ITEMS

WEBSITE

As you know the band has its own website which is a useful tool to keep everyone up to date with what is happening with the band. Your help is requested with the content for the site - photos (preferably in digital format) are especially welcome but any feedback or ideas for the site would be appreciated. The site can be found with any of the following URL's:

www.innerleithenpipeband.com

www.tweedvalepipeband.com

www.innerleithenpipeband.org.uk

Some Thoughts:

Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.

-- Ernest Hemingway

I was in for 10 hours and had 40 pints - beating my previous record by 20 minutes.

-- George Best (on a blood transfusion for his liver transplant, not on his Drinking)

I'm on a whisky diet. I've lost three days already!

-- Tommy Cooper

If God had intended us to drink beer, He would have given us stomachs.

-- David Daye