

**St Ronan's Piping Society**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

OF



**St Ronan's Piping Society**

**Committee's Principles, Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005**

**Scottish Charity Number 033114**

## St Ronan's Piping Society

### Society Details

President	Bruce Hamilton
Secretary	Charles Gray
Treasurer	Jimmy Cockburn
Committee Members	Jim Doherty Colin Hancock Johnston Cox Hector Brown Malcolm Rendle
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# St Ronan's Piping Society

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# St Ronan's Piping Society

## Principles and Responsibilities

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005

The Committee presents its principles, responsibilities, report and their financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005.

### Main Activities and Review of the Society

The main activities of the society shall be to advance the education of the public in the art of Bagpipe Playing and Drumming by the presentation of pipe band, solo piping and solo drumming competitions and other related activities. In furtherance thereof but not otherwise the society shall seek:

- a) To promote pipe bands and the playing of pipe band music
- b) To organise and hold a pipe band contest in Innerleithen
- c) To do all other things as are charitable in law for the attainment of these objects.

The Committee feels satisfied that they have continued to achieve these objectives.

### Society Responsibilities

The Committee is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Society and of the profit or loss of the Society for that year. In preparing these the Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue.

The Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with that of what is required from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This underwritten report and accounts were approved by the Committee on (9<sup>th</sup> January 2006) and signed on its behalf by



**Bruce Hamilton**  
**President**

## St Ronan's Piping Society

### Committee Report 2006 AGM

Welcome to the third Annual General Meeting of the St Ronan's Piping Society and this, your committees report, for the year past 2005.

#### Administration

The committee has met regularly since the last AGM. It has dealt with the business of the society in what has proved to be another challenging yet rewarding year. Financially the society has had a good year as the accounts show. On the business side, the main points of the year were as follows:

- Consolidation and continual updating of the society's website
- Decrease in Membership – there has been a decrease in individual and corporate memberships since the last AGM. A little demoralising, but it must also be noted that Sponsorship increased due to the new grade.
- WIP's Award of £5000 to assist with 2004/2005 Championships is now completed and End of Event report produced and accepted by SBC representatives responsible for this.
- Institution of a newsletter to keep the pipe band community informed of the Society and the Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships.
- Finally the introduction of the Novice Juvenile Competition in 2005 gave Innerleithen full recognition from the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association which now includes Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships in the RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch Champion of Champion Tables.

The Society, due to receiving funds from Awards for All in 2004, have now purchased all the items they requested funding for. The following items are available for a small donation for hire by other organisations:

PA system with 2 Radio Mics  
2 Green Gazebo Tents with sides  
6 x 6ft Folding Tables  
24 Blue Folding Chairs on a Transportation Trolley  
12 Walkie Talkies with a 3Km radius

#### The 4<sup>th</sup> Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships and Drum Majors Contest

The major purpose of the society is to organise and hold the Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships.

The fourth championships were held on Saturday 18 June 2005. The venue was once again in Victoria Park, Innerleithen. This years Chieftain was Mr Andrew Caldwell who performed his duties splendidly, as did our MC Mr Douglas Patterson. The committee would also like to thank Mr George Gilchrist for carrying out his duties as Judge for the Marching and Discipline on the Park award, a dry day at last and he was still the smartest on the day, we think!

There was an entry of 5 bands in the Grade Novice Juvenile, 8 bands for the Grade 4 contest, 6 bands for the Grade 3 contest and 3 for the Grade 2 contest. This year we had bands from out-with the Lothian and Borders Branch Area – it was excellent to see them supporting the Innerleithen Pipe Band Championship. The contest date is becoming a regular recognised date within the pipe band competition circuit which is a good sign. The contest itself went off without a hitch and several good performances were heard throughout the day by a large and appreciative audience. We would just like to congratulate all George Watson's College pipe bands who had an excellent day walking away with over £1000 in prize money collectively from all their bands entered in the various grades. Well done and we hope to see them back in 2006, along with other new and returning bands.

The committee offers its congratulations to all participants and hopes that they will return year on year. For the first time in 4 years the weather was excellent to us and everything went off as planned, there was an increase in participants and competitors, as you will see from the Balance Sheet! let's hope the weather continues to prosper over Innerleithen in future years for us.

The results of the questionnaire that we have been asking everyone to complete at the past two years championships have been interesting. We feel it necessary to point out that some of the issues raised

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by the questionnaire are out-with our control but we are trying to minimise these. As for the lack of Portaloo's which 32% of the 2004 replies complained about, 2005 saw the return of the portaloo's but at a very high cost to the Society due to them being delivered and collected on the same day. As you may not all be aware, this had to be done due to the vandalism caused to them in the park the evening before and the day after the Championships in pervious years. this was cash that we had not budgeted for but managed to cover at the last minute due to fund raising and we thank the town folk from Innerleithen and surrounding areas for their support.

### **Looking ahead to 2006**

The committee has already started planning for, would you believe it, the fifth Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships. This year's event will be held on Saturday 17 June. Permission has already been received from the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association to hold the event. We have also received permission from Scottish Borders Council Parks Department, Vale of Leithen Football Club, Lothian & Borders Fire Brigade and SBC Road Department, to whom we all thank.

We are now up to four grades of competition and Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships is included in the RSPBA Lothian & Borders Branch Champion of Champions award table.

The committee expects a good entry for the fifth Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships as there are no conflicting events in the Common Riding schedule and the contest is on a Saturday in the week prior to a Major Championships – the British Championships at Pitlochry.

The playing requirements for this years contest may be slightly different in that the RSPBA Lothian & Borders Branch is proposing that for contests immediately before a Major Championships (as Innerleithen is again this year), the contest adopts the playing requirements of the grades at the Major Championships i.e. if Grade 3 is March Strathspey and Reel at the British, then Innerleithen should adopt March Strathspey and Reel for our Grade 3 contest. The question of the new Grade 4 playing format may need to be addressed, but we are sure it will remain the same as in previous years i.e. no need to play two 2/4 marches.

Other organisational matters are in hand, with requests for sponsorship and membership renewals already issued. The Goals for the Society this year is to increase membership and donations and to try and get more stalls to attend, and we are sure, with your help, we will achieve this.

The committee is also actively looking at setting up a sub-committee purely for the purpose of setting up and dismantling the contest venue on the day of the event. This work is currently done by the eight man committee, in addition to everything else that is done before during and after the contest. Also, 3 of the 8 committee are competing members of Tweedvale Pipe Band which places additional pressures and burdens on those individuals on the day of the event.

If any society member wishes to stand for the committee, please put yourself forward at the appropriate point in the meeting. New blood and new ideas are always welcome.

In conclusion the committee would like to wish all members, sponsors, advertisers, stallholders and all others connected with the Society a happy and prosperous 2006.

**St Ronan's Piping Society notes with sadness the passing of the following member:**

**DOT RENDLE**

**Charles Gray  
Secretary**

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The committee would like to congratulate the winning bands and Drum Majors:

<u>Adult Drum Major</u>	<u>Name of Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
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<b>1st</b>	The Iron Mountain Quaich + £40	Iron Mountain	G Craig - Lothian and Borders Police
<b>2nd</b>	£30	Iron Mountain	J Gibb - Stow
<b>3rd</b>	£20	Iron Mountain	A Lyon - Tweedvale
<b>4th</b>	£10	Iron Mountain	No Entry

<u>Juvenile Drum Major</u>	<u>Name of Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
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<b>1st</b>	Silver Plate	Scott's Corner	No Entry
<b>2nd</b>	Silver Plate	Film Fun	No Entry
<b>3rd</b>	Silver Plate	Scott's Corner	No Entry
<b>4th</b>	Silver Plate	Film Fun	No Entry

<u>Marching &amp; Discipline</u>	<u>Name of Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
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<b>1st</b>	The Chieftain 2002 Shield + £50	Keith J Belleville	Hawick
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<u>Grade Novice</u>	<u>Name of Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
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<b>1st</b>	James Shield Memorial Trophy with £250 prize money	Anonymous	Methil and District
<b>2nd</b>	The Euman Memorial Trophy with £200 prize money	Bob & Willie Euman	George Watson's College Novice Juvenile
<b>3rd</b>	Vale of Leithen Social Club Cup with £150 prize money	Vale of Leithen Social Club	Craigmount High School Novice
<b>4th</b>	D/M Alex (Pud) Naysmith Memorial Trophy with £100 prize money	The Naysmith Family	George Watson's College Junior
<b>5th</b>	Joyce Gordon Memorial Shield	Aylwyn and Justine Gordon	Hawick Novice Juvenile
<b>Best Drum Corps</b>	Jeannie Cordon Memorial Quaich with £50 prize money	Scotia Web Design Ltd.	George Watson's College Novice Juvenile
<b>Best Bass</b>	St Ronan's Tattoo Quaich with £50 prize money	St Ronan's Tattoo Committee	George Watson's College Junior

<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Name of Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
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<b>1st</b>	Lodge St. Ronan's 856 Social Club Jubilee Trophy with £250	The Bay Windae Roller's	Tweedvale
<b>2nd</b>	A & A Caldwell Jubilee Cup with £200 prize money	A & A Caldwell	Newtongrange
<b>3rd</b>	St. Ronan's Hotel Jubilee Cup	Cath & Hector	Penicuik and District

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with £150 prize money

<b>4th</b>	Wullie Hamilton Memorial Trophy with £100 prize money	The Hamilton Family	Stow
<b>Best Drum Corps</b>	Innerleithen Pipe Band Quaich with £50 prize money	Innerleithen Pipe Band	Penicuik and District
<b>Best Bass</b>	Innerleithen Union Club Quaich with £50 prize money	Innerleithen Union Club	Tweedvale

<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Name of Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
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<b>1st</b>	The Robert Scott Memorial Trophy with £250 prize money	The Tweedside Hotel	George Watson's College Juvenile
<b>2nd</b>	The Peebles Ex-Servicemen's Pipe Band Ladies Committee Cup with £200 prize money	Peebles Ex-Servicemen's Pipe Band Ladies Committee	Williamwood
<b>3rd</b>	The DJR Homes Cup with £150 prize money	DJR Homes	Bo'ness RBLS
<b>4th</b>	William McEwan Memorial Trophy with £100 prize money	Morag & Alistair McKenna	Craigmount High School Novice
<b>Best Juvenile Not In Prizes</b>	The Neil Collins Memorial Shield with £50 prize money	The Collins Family	George Watson's College Novice Juvenile
<b>Best Drum Corps</b>	Tweedvale Pipe Band Quaich with £50 with prize money	Tweedvale Pipe Band	George Watson's College Juvenile
<b>Best Bass</b>	Innerleithen Union Club Quaich with £50 prize money	Innerleithen Union Club	George Watson's College Juvenile

<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Name of Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
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<b>1st</b>	The St. Ronan's Piping Society Trophy with £250 prize money	St. Ronan's Piping Society	George Watson's College Juvenile
<b>2nd</b>	The CLM Consultants Cup with £200 prize money	CLM Consultants	Bo'ness RBLS
<b>3rd</b>	The Bydand Cup with £150 prize money	Mr Jack Purves	Williamwood
<b>4th</b>	The Innerleithen Walkerburn and Traquair Trophy with £100 prize money	Innerleithen, Walkerburn & Traquair Rotary	No Entry
<b>Best Drum Corps</b>	The Penicuik Quaich with £50 with prize money	Penicuik and District Pipe Band	George Watson's College Juvenile
<b>Best Bass</b>	The Innerleithen Union Club Quaich with £50 prize money	Innerleithen Union Club	George Watson's College Juvenile

<u>Best Band along High Street</u>			
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<b>1st</b>	Bottle of Whisky Plus £50	Alba Taxi's	George Watson's College Juvenile
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## St Ronan's Piping Society

The committee would like to thank the following individuals and organisations for their help and assistance in putting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships:

Individual Members	Corporate Members	Sponsors	Advertisers	Others
Sandy Allen	AS Mill	Keith Belleville	The James Rosie Partnership	Walkerburn Innerleithen Partnership Fund
Jessie Allen	D Harrison Ltd	A&A Caldwell	James Begg	Vale of Leithen FC
Keith Belleville	Ex-Standard Bearers Association	St Ronan's Hotel	Peebles Highland Games Committee	Leithen Rovers FC
Hector Brown	John Schaedler	The Hamilton Family	Innerleithen Music Festival Committee	Ex-Standard Bearers Association
Shelly Hamilton	Mike Todd Car Sales	Aylwyn & Justine Gordon		Scottish Borders Council Parks Department
Mike Burns	Nick Jardine	Innerleithen Pipe Band		Lothian And Borders Police
Margaret Cockburn	Nicol Keddie	Innerleithen Union Club		Scottish Borders Council Roads Department
Jimmy Cockburn	Scott Motors	Tweedside Hotel		Mr Ian Linton
Caroline Connor	Terry McCormick	Peebles Ex-servicemen's PB Ladies Committee		Patricia McCallum
Colin Cox		The Bay Windae Rollers		RSPBA Lothian & Borders Branch
Jim Doherty		Morag & Alasdair McKenna		Radio Borders
Lyn Doherty		Jo Collins		Innerleithen Walkerburn & Traquair Rotary
Willie Euman		Tweedvale Pipe Band		Bill Bruce, Tannadice Trophies
Bob Euman		Iron Mountain		Mr Andrew Caldwell
Ryan Gilchrist		Film Fun		Mrs Ann Caldwell
George Gilchrist		Scott's Corner		Mr Jack Purvis
Ian Gillie		Alba Taxis		Mr Douglas Patterson
Jean Gillie		Penicuik & District Pipe Band		Mr Willie Euman
Charles Gray		Ballantyne Cashmere		Mr George Gilchrist
Charlie Gray		Jack Purvis		Elmbank Printing Services
Mary Gray		CLM Consultants		Premier Magazine
Dorothy Gray		IWT Rotary Club		

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Bruce Hamilton		Tannadice Trophies and Engraving		
Rhiann Hamilton		Whyte and Mackay Scotch Whisky		
Lauren Hamilton		St Ronan's Piping Society		
Ann Hamilton		Jason Lafferty Scotia Web Design		
Jim Hamilton		The Naysmith family		
Colin Hancock		Vale of Leithen Social Club		
David Hardie		Bob & Willie Euman		
Ronnie Laidlaw		St Ronan's Tattoo Committee		
David Lindsay				
Linda McCafferty				
Dod McEwan				
Kenny McPherson				
Linda Ridley				
Mrs A Wilson				
Bill Baird				
Douglas Patterson				
Amy Watson				
Bruce Gillie				
Mrs E Cockburn				
Freda Gillie				
Andrew Gillie				
Angus Gillie				
Malcolm Rendel				
Dot Rendel				
Johnston Cox				
Irene Cox				
Shelia Laidlaw				
Linda Gilchrist				
John Gilchrist				
Rodney Smith				
Michael Rutherford				

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Profit and Loss Account  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005

	2005		2004	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Individual Membership	230.00		255.00	
Corporate Membership	450.00		720.00	
Sponsorship	3747.00		2462.00	
Grants/Awards	2902.99		7575.63	
Misc Income	2574.07		520.00	
Donations	145.00		0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		10,049.06		11,532.63
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Advertising	1303.46		2197.94	
Hires	680.75		100.00	
Purchases	1158.53		4570.00	
Misc Expenditure/Sponsorship	646.07		339.79	
Entertainment	279.00		270.00	
Postage	56.00		138.07	
Professional Fees	4514.25		3456.33	
Insurance/Licenses	239.88		260.00	
	<u>8,877.94</u>		<u>11,332.13</u>	
<b>Net trading profit for the year</b>		<u>1171.12</u>		<u>200.50</u>
Balance B/F		381.00		180.50
<b>NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>1552.12</u> =====		<u>381.00</u> =====

These accounts have been accepted by the Committee and signed in recognition of that matter by the 3 Principal Officers of the St Ronan's Piping Society;



Bruce Hamilton  
President



Jimmy Cockburn  
Treasurer



Charles Gray  
Secretary

**St Ronan's Piping Society**

**Balance Sheet  
As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005**

**2004 ACCOUNTS**

	<b>INCOME</b>	
BALANCE B/F	£537.95	
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	£255.00	
CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS	£720.00	
GRANTS/AWARDS/DONATIONS	£7,575.63	
SPONSORSHIP	£2,462.00	
MISC INCOME	£520.00	
PETTY CASH	£0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	£12,070.58	

**2005 ACCOUNTS**

	<b>INCOME</b>	
BALANCE B/F	£381.00	
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	£230.00	
CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS	£450.00	
GRANTS/AWARDS	£2,902.99	
SPONSORSHIP	£3,747.00	
MISC INCOME	£2,574.07	
DONATIONS	£145.00	
TOTAL INCOME	£10,430.06	

**EXPENDITURE**

ADVERTISING	£2,635.89	
HIRES	£100.00	
ENTERTAINMENT	£270.00	
POSTAGE	£138.07	
PROFESSIONAL FEES	£3,276.33	
LICENCES/INSURANCE	£260.00	
PURCHASES	£4,570.00	
MISC EXPENDITURE	£439.29	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£11,689.58	
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT	£381.00	

**EXPENDITURE**

ADVERTISING	£1,303.46	
HIRES	£680.75	
ENTERTAINMENT	£279.00	
POSTAGE	£56.00	
PROFESSIONAL FEES	£4,514.25	
LICENCES/INSURANCE	£239.88	
PURCHASES	£1,158.53	
MISC EXPENDITURE	£646.07	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£8,877.94	
NET (LOSS)/PROFIT	£1,552.12	

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Balance Sheet (continued)  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005

1. **Accounting Policies**

1.1 **Accounting**

The financial statements are prepared from the accounting information held by the Treasurer.

The Society has taken advantage of the exemption from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is a small Charity.

1.2 **Turnover**

Turnover represents the total value, of income made during the year.

1.3 **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 15% reducing balance over 5 years

This can be seen in para 3 for the Piping Society Assets.

2. **Total Turnover**

The total turnover of the Society for the year has been derived from its principal activity of the, Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships.

3. **Fixed assets**

The Piping Society has now obtained further fixed assets in this financial year on top of the Trophies for all grades. These items are shown below. It must be noted that the Trophies are issued to the winning bands on the day and returned to the Piping Society approximately 1 month prior to the following years event and the winning bands are responsible for the safe keeping of the Trophies, therefore insurance has been difficult to obtain.

	Asset Value	Depreciation @15%	New Value
PA System & Radio Mics	£1000	£150.00	£850.00
Gazebo's	£200	£30.00	£170.00
Folding Tables & Chairs	£1032.81	£154.92	£877.89
Chieftains Jewel & Chain of Office	£600	£90.00	£510.00
Walkie Talkies	£500	£75.00	£425.00

4. **Debtors**

	2005	2004
	£	£
Trade debtors	370.00	690.00
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Debtors figures included here are a reflection of non / late payment or withdrawal of Memberships and Sponsorship during the 2004/2005 financial years.