

St Ronan's Piping Society

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF



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

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009**

**To be held at 1pm in Vale Club Innerleithen on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

## **St Ronan's Piping Society**

### **Society Details**

#### **St Ronan's Piping Society – SC 033114**

**Current Principal officers and Trustees are namely, President, Secretary and Treasurer**

President	Bruce Hamilton EngTech, MIAgrE
Contact Address:	23 Craig Terrace Innerleithen EH44 6LU
Secretary	Rita Thomson
Treasurer	Jennifer Johnston

#### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The Trustees of St Ronan's Piping Society are appointed or reappointed by the members of the Society at our Annual General Meeting which is held in January each year.

Committee Members	Johnston Cox Malcolm Rendle George Brown Allan Johnston
Bankers	Alliance & Leicester
Address	8 <sup>th</sup> Floor East Admin Block Bridle Road Bootle Merseyside G1R 0AA

#### **Governing Document**

St Ronan's Piping Society is a charitable unincorporated society with its purposes and administration arrangements being set out in our constitution.

# St Ronan's Piping Society

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The Street parade judges 2009 L-R Mr John Hughes Chairman RSPBA L&B Branch, Mrs G Patterson, Mr Douglas Patterson (Chieftain 2009) and Mr George Gilchrist M&D Judge

## **Society History, Objectives Principles and Responsibilities**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009**

The Committee presents the Society history, objectives, principles, responsibilities, committee report and their financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

### **Short History**

St Ronan's Piping Society was formed from an Inaugural public meeting held in Innerleithen Pipe Band Hall on 2nd April 2002, and obtained charity status in May 2002.

### **Charitable Purposes**

The main objectives 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 under the new OSCR regulations of 2006 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 10th January 2010 and signed on its behalf by



**Bruce Hamilton EngTech, MIAgrE  
President**



## **Trustees & Committee Report - 2010 AGM**

Welcome to the seventh Annual General Meeting of the St Ronan's Piping Society and this, your committees report, for the year past 2009.

### **Activities and Achievements**

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
- Membership – there has been a decrease in individual memberships since the last AGM
- Sponsorship – there has been a reduction in sponsorship since last AGM.
- Continue to support and Sponsor the RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch Mini Band Contest.

The Society wishes to remind everyone that the following items are available for a small donation for hire by other organisations:

PA system with 2 Radio Mics and 4 Speaker  
2 Gazebo Tents with sides  
6 x 6ft Folding Tables  
20 Blue Folding Chairs on a Transportation Trolley  
8 Walkie Talkies with a 3Km radius  
6 Coffee Thermos Jugs

### **The 8<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 eighth championships were held on Saturday 13 June 2009. The venue was once again in Victoria Park, Innerleithen. This years Chieftain was Mr Douglas Patterson who performed his duties splendidly, as did our MC Mr Ian Haggerty. 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, the weather was not too bad this year with showers of light rain throughout the day.

The committee would also like to thank the Ladies sub-committee and volunteers for assisting with the setting up and dismantling the contest venue on the day. Along with programme sales and staffing of the gates. A big thank you to the Ladies and volunteers for all their help.

There was an entry of 5 bands in the Grade Novice Juvenile, 7 bands for the Grade 4 contest, 13 bands for the Grade 3 contest and 8 for the Grade 2 contest, giving a total of 33 performances. On the Drum Major front, there were 3 Adult entries. This year again we had bands from out with the Lothian and Borders Branch Area and 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 bands entered in the various grades. Well done and we hope to see them back in 2010 along with other new and returning bands.

The committee offers its congratulations to all participants and hopes that they will return year on year. There was an increase in participants and competitors again this year and we hope that this increase will continue, let us hope the weather also continues to prosper over Innerleithen in future years for us.

### **Looking ahead to 2010**

The committee has already started planning for the ninth Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships. This year's event will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Permission has already been received from the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association to hold the event. We have also received authority from the Police and requested permission from Scottish Borders Council Parks Department, Vale of Leithen Football Club, and SBC Road Department, to whom we look forward to receiving the OK.

The committee expects a good entry for the ninth Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships as there are no conflicting events in the Common Riding schedule and we are 1 week prior to the British Championships being held in Annan.

The playing requirements for this years contest will follow that adopted from RSPBA Lothian and Borders Branch request for contests prior to a Major Championships, the contest adopts the playing requirements of the grades at the Major Championships i.e. if Grade 3 is MSR at the British, then Innerleithen should adopt the MSR for our Grade 3 contest. Innerleithen will adopt these playing requirements for our contest when announced by RSPBA. In addition to this, RSPBA have introduced a new Mapping system for this year and have asked if we would introduce an extra grade for this years event to ensure that all bands get a full run out of the playing requirements prior to the British Championship at Annan the following week. It will require us to introduce a Grade 4A contest with only a first prize award, this is a trial being held by RSPBA and the committee feel that we should endeavour to continue to support them and allow this to happen. This will mean we will run the contest as normal but have a grade 4A contest added for this year to enable those graded bands to play their specified MAP tunes.

Other organisational matters are in hand, with requests for sponsorship and membership renewals about to be issued. The Goals for the Society this year, to have another successful championships on the led up to our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2011 when we will try and arrange for all past chieftains to march along the High Street at approx 11am prior to the event opening at 1130.

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. One important note should be taken prior to putting your name forward, it has been agreed between the Society and Tweedvale Pipe Band Pipe Major that no more playing members of his band should come onto this committee due to band commitments, we are therefore looking for non playing members to come onto this years committee and it is hoped over the next few years that people will come forward for main principal positions.

In conclusion, the committee would like to wish all members, sponsors, advertisers, stallholders and all others connected with the Society for continuing to support us and enable us to keep this great event running here in Innerleithen and hope you all have a happy and prosperous 2010.

**Rita Thomson**  
**Secretary**



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

<b><u>Marching &amp; Discipline</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Trophy</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	The Chieftan 2002 Shield Plus £50	Keith J Belleville	Hawick
<b>Drum Major's</b>	Iron Mountain Quaich £50	Iron Mountain	Grant Craig
<b>1st</b>	Bottle of Whisky and a case of Traquair Ale		

<b><u>Grade Novice</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Trophy</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	James Shiel Memorial Trophy with £250 prize money Bottle of Whisky & case of Traquair Ale	St Ronan's Piping Society	Seafield and District
<b>2nd</b>	The Euman Memorial Trophy with £200 prize money	Bob & Willie Euman	George Watsons College Novice Juvenile
<b>3rd</b>	Vale of Leithen Social Club Cup with £150 prize money	Innerleithen Vale Club	Galashields Ex-Service
<b>4th</b>	D/M Alex (Pud) Naysmith Memorial Trophy with £100 prize money	The Naysmith Family	Craigmount High School
<b>Best Drum Corps</b>	Jeannie Cordon Memorial Quaich with £50 prize money	Scotia Web Design Ltd.	George Watsons College Novice Juvenile
<b>Best Bass</b>	St Ronan's Tattoo Quaich with £50 prize money	St Ronan's Tattoo Committee	George Watsons College Novice Juvenile

<b><u>Grade 4</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Trophy</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	The Townsfolk Trophy with £250 prize money Bottle of Whisky & case of Traquair Ale	The Townsfolk	Stockbridge
<b>2nd</b>	A & A Caldwell Jubilee Cup with £200 prize money	A & A Caldwell	Stow
<b>3rd</b>	St. Ronan's Hotel Jubilee Cup with £150 prize money	Cath & Hector - St. Ronans Hotel	Hawick
<b>4th</b>	Wullie Hamilton Memorial Trophy with £100 prize money	The Hamilton Family	Annan RBLs Juvenile Pipes and Drums
<b>Best Drum Corps</b>	Innerleithen Pipe Band Quaich with £50 prize money	Innerleithen Pipe Band	Stockbridge
<b>Best Bass</b>	Innerleithen Union Club Quaich with £50 prize money	Innerleithen Union Club	Stockbridge

<b><u>Grade 3</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Trophy</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	The Robert Scott Memorial Trophy with £250 prize money Bottle of Whisky & case of Traquair Ale	The Tweedside Hotel	Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia 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	George Watsons College Juvenile
<b>3rd</b>	The Dot Rendle Memorial Trophy with £150 prize money	The Rendle Family	Royal Scots Borderers (1 Scots)
<b>4th</b>	William McEwan Memorial Trophy with £100 prize money	Morag & Alistair McKenna	Methil and District
<b>Best Novice Juvenile Not In Prizes</b>	The Neil Collins Memorial Shield with £50 prize money	Alan and Lynn Collins / The Turner Family	George Watsons College
<b>Best Drum Corps</b>	Tweedvale Pipe Band Quiach with £50 with prize money	Tweedvale Pipe Band	George Watsons College Juvenile
<b>Best Bass</b>	Innerleithen Union Club Quaich with £50 prize money	Innerleithen Union Club	George Watsons College Juvenile

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<b><u>Grade 2</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Trophy</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	The St. Ronans Piping Society Trophy with £250 prize money Bottle of Whisky & case of Traquair Ale	Glendinning Ground Works	George Watsons College Juvenile
<b>2nd</b>	The CLM Consultants Cup with £200 prize money	St Ronan's Piping Society	Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia Juvenile
<b>3rd</b>	The Bydand Cup with £150 prize money	Mr Jack Purves	The Highlanders

<b>4th</b>	The Innerleithen Walkerburn and Traquair Trophy with £100 prize money	Innerleithen, Walkerburn & Traquair Rotary	Methil and District
<b>Best Drum Corps</b>	The Penicuik Quiach with £50 with prize money	Penicuik and District Pipe Band	George Watsons College Juvenile
<b>Best Bass</b>	The Innerleithen Union Club Quaich with £50 prize money	Innerleithen Union Club	Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia Juvenile
<b>Best Band along High Street</b>			
<b>1st</b>	Joyce Gordon Memorial Shield Plus Bottle of Whisky Plus £50	Alywin and Justine Gordon	101 Northumbrian (RA) Volunteers

The committee would like to thank the following individuals, sponsors and organisations for their help and assistance in putting on the 8<sup>th</sup> Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships:

AS Mill	Ann Hamilton	Peebles Highland Games Committee
Brown Brothers	Mike Todd Car Sales	Jas Rosie Partners
David Harrisons	James Begg	St Ronan's Ex Standard Bearers
Scotia Web Design	Scott Motors	John Schaedler
Innerleithen Pipe Band	Tweedvale Pipe Band	Dorothy Gray
Alan Johnston	Amy Watson	Glendinning Groundwork's
Charles Gray	George Gilchrist	Ian Gillie
Jean Gillie	Jennifer Johnston	Jim Doherty
Jim Hamilton	Jimmy Cockburn	John Gilchrist
Johnston Cox	Lauren Hamilton	Linda McCafferty
Lynda Gilchrist	Lynn Doherty	Malcolm Rendle
Michael Burns	Rhiann Hamilton	Ryan Gilchrist
Bruce Hamilton	Stewart Johnston	George Brown
Christine Brown	Ronnie Laidlaw	Sheila Laidlaw
Alana	Alan Thomson	Rita Thomson
Aylwin & Justin Gordon	Ballantyne Cashmere	Bob Euman
CLM Consultants	ITG Rotary Club	Hamilton Family
Iron Mountain	Jack Purves	Keith Belleville
Lilias Cumming	Rendle Family	Tweedside Hotel
Penicuik Pipe Band	St Ronan's Hotel	Morag & Alisdair McKenna
Vale Club	Union Club	St Ronan's Tattoo Committee
Peebles Ex Servs Ladies Committee		

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE SCOTTISH CHARITY  
REGULATOR (OSCR) AND SOCIETY MEMBERS**

I report on the accounts of the St Ronan's Piping Society (SC033114) for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 which are set out on pages 12, 13 and 14. The Full OSCR Accounts Return is available to view from the Treasurer.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

St Ronan's Piping Society Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. St Ronan's Piping Society Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is therefore my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by St Ronan's Piping Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.

**OPINIONS**

In my opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of St Ronan's Piping Society as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 and that the income and expenditure for the period ended have been properly prepared in accordance with the OSCR guidance issue April 2006. I am please to see that the Piping Society Funds continue to flourish, the hard work and effort put in by the committee is outstanding but, they must ensure that sponsorship and outstanding membership are met if they want to continue on the road to success. Otherwise a good year and competition, best wishes for the future.

**Name:**            **Mr. John Connor**

**Signature:**

**Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:**        **Bank Manager**

**Address:**    **Lloyds TSB, High Street, Peebles**

**Date:**        **7<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Profit and Loss Account**  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009

	2009	£	2008	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Balance B/F		4861.94		(249.98)
Membership	475.00		970.00	
Corporate & Advertisers	467.50		2125.00	
Sponsorship	2630.00		3325.00	
Misc Income/Grants/Awards	1918.55		3002.84	
Donations	247.50		65.00	
Restricted Funds A4A	0.00		6507.84	
SBC Community Award	0.00		2570.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>10600.49</b>		<b>18565.68</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Advertising	1623.82		1111.11	
Hires	326.00		499.50	
Purchases	0.00		0.00	
Misc Expenditure/Sponsorship	1197.61		494.26	
Entertainment	442.85		354.83	
Postage	0.00		20.70	
Professional Fees	4760.00		4405.00	
Insurance/Licenses	84.00		310.50	
A4A	0.00		6507.84	
		<u>10600.49</u>		<u>13703.74</u>
<b>Net trading profit for the year</b>		<u>2166.21</u>		<u>4861.94</u>
 <b>NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		 <u>2166.21</u> =====		 <u>4861.94</u> =====

**Bruce Hamilton**  
President

**Jennifer Johnston**  
Treasurer

**Rita Thompson**  
Secretary

# St Ronan's Piping Society

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2009

### 2008 ACCOUNTS

### 2009 ACCOUNTS

#### INCOME

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BALANCE B/F	(£249.98)	BALANCE B/F	£4861.94
MEMBERSHIPS	£970.00	MEMBERSHIPS	£475.00
ADVERTISING/CORPORATE INCOME	£2,125.00	ADVERTISING/CORPORATE INCOME	£467.50
GRANTS/AWARDS/DONATIONS	£9,842.84	GRANTS/AWARDS/DONATIONS	£247.50
SPONSORSHIP	£3,325.00	SPONSORSHIP	£2,630.00
MISC INCOME	£3,002.84	MISC INCOME	£1918.55

TOTAL INCOME	<u>£18,565.68</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>£10,600.49</u>
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#### EXPENDITURE

ADVERTISING	£1111.11	ADVERTISING	£ 1623.82
HIRES	£499.50	HIRES	£ 326.00
ENTERTAINMENT	£354.83	ENTERTAINMENT	£ 442.85
POSTAGE	£20.70	POSTAGE	£ 0.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	£4,405.00	PROFESSIONAL FEES	£ 4760.00
LICENCES/INSURANCE	£310.50	LICENCES/INSURANCE	£ 84.00
LOTTERY PURCHASES	£6507.84	PURCHASES	£ 0.00
MISC EXPENDITURE	£494.26	MISC EXPENDITURE	£ 1197.61

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>£13,703.74</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>£8,434.28</u>
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NET (LOSS)/PROFIT	<u>£4,861.94</u>	NET (LOSS)/PROFIT	<u>£2,166.21</u>
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**Balance Sheet (continued)**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009**

**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.

**1.1.1 Trustee remuneration and expenses**

The Trustees do not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

**1.2 Turnover**

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

**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.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Bruce Hamilton EngTech, MIAgrE,  
President

10th January 2010

