The BAGPIPE SOCIETY

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

The main aim of the society is to provide a means of communication between players, makers and researchers, or indeed anyone simply interested in bagpipes. Further aims are:

- to encourage more people to take up playing the bagpipes, thereby increasing the instrument's popularity.
- to promote public awareness of all forms of folk and early bagpipe.
- to build a common pool of repertoire and playing techniques.
- to build a common pool of research material for future use.
- to publish plans (copyright permitting) for future use.
- to encourage standards of excellence in playing and making — by example rather than by competition.
- to promote the revival of of bagpipes as modern folk instruments in this country.
- to encourage the future development of the bagpipe and to develop new instruments eg. a modern English bagpipe.
- to encourage communication with, and give support to, societies with related interests eg. the Hurdy-Gurdy Society and specialist piping societies such as Highland, Lowland, Uilleann and Northumbrian.

SERVICES TO MEMBERS

These include:

- *Chanter*, the journal of the Bagpipe Society
  sent free twice-yearly to all members. Articles cover playing techniques, tunes (contemporary or out of copyright), maintenance, making, reed making, history, band/musician profiles, interviews, reviews, letters, small ads., display ads. etc..
- newsletter
  sent free to all members about four times a year. Topics include: news and chat, Society details, tunes, humour, advertising, a diary, ephemera, letters, tips, membership list update etc..
- membership list
  sent free to all members (regularly updated). Data for this list is taken from the application form. Members may opt out of inclusion in this list if they wish.
- directories of makers and teachers
  sent free to all members; inclusion by request.
- informal get-togethers and sessions
  on a regional basis, co-ordinated by a local member.
- national gatherings
  lots of participation, guest speakers/musicians (and a brief AGM once a year).
- courses/workshops
  playing, making, maintenance, research etc..
- advice
  playing, making, maintenance, research, records, books etc.. Free to members and drawing on the extensive fund of knowledge existing within the membership.

Membership Secretary:	Val Woollard 33 Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester, Essex CO3 3DH

Please Write Legibly

THE BAGPIPE SOCIETY — MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Date: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Family members' names (if applicable): _____

Type of pipes played (& pitch/key): _____

_____

Other instruments played: _____

_____

Special interests (eg. maker, researcher): _____

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Bands/Duos of which you are a member: _____

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May we publish all the above in a membership list? yes ☐ no ☐
May we keep the above data in a computerised file? yes ☐ no ☐
Can you assist with organisation — Nationally? yes ☐ no ☐ — Locally? yes ☐ no ☐

Membership Rates (1995)

Joining Fee	£2		
Ordinary Membership	£13	Non-earning Membership	£6
Family Membership	£13	Institutional Membership	£15

Overseas as above plus the following postage supplement

Surface Mail	£3
Airmail	£10

Total enclosed _____

Please make cheques, money orders etc. (in Sterling please) payable to "The Bagpipe Society" and send with this completed form to:

Val Woollard
33 Beaconsfield Avenue,
Colchester,
Essex CO3 3DH
Tel: 0206 47830

Notes •

- You may pay for five years membership at the current rates.
- Family Membership: You may nominate as many members as you wish within one household. Please include a £2 joining fee for each nominated member to cover the cost of member's badge and membership card.
- Institutional Membership: Library, College, Band, Society etc..
- Airmail supplement: Normally applies outside Europe only.

The bagpipe society is a non-profit making organisation established to assist like-minded enthusiasts. The rates stated above are minimum only and donations in excess will be gratefully received (either on joining or at any time). Remember, every little helps and even small donations help us to help you!