

# NEWSLETTER

**Spring/Summer 2023**

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## SUMMARY

The past 6 months have been really busy for the branch with a variety of activities taking place - Ed Reavy Festival October, Music lessons at Gaelscoil Bhréifne catering for over 100 students, Tarpeys Super Valu Christmas backpack, St. Stephens Day Wrenboys, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Development of Breffni Trad Orchestra, Nursing Home visits to entertain residents, Tune Book development, Fireside Sessions for Adults, and now we are preparing our bands and groups for County Fleadh, Belturbet June 2nd - 4th . We are also preparing for our Awards night concert on Friday April 14 in Town Hall Cavan, planning our Summer Sessions and preparing for a trip to Germany in October. Busy time.



## CEOLTOIRÍNÍ BACK YARD

Our Ceolroiríní meet most Sunday evenings from 6-7pm. It is an opportunity for beginners to meet up, have fun and learn some new tunes from older members of our branch. If you know a child who is just starting out, please contact us and we will be delighted to help them out.



*Tune Book -  
Launching Soon*



## MEMBERSHIP 2022-2023

All participants in our various events, including Ceoltoiríní must be members. Membership for full family is just €20 - Forms available on website [www.cavantowncomhaltas.ie](http://www.cavantowncomhaltas.ie)

## KEY EVENTS

- Bands/Groups - Fleadh
- St. Patricks Day Parade
- Concert - 14th April - Townhall Theatre
- Summer Sessions
- Set Dancing Ceili 03/06
- Kurnach Music Exchange
- Ed Reavy Festival
- Music Lessons
- Wren Boys






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## St. Patricks Day Parade

30 members braved the elements on St. Patrick's Day and took part in both the Cavan Town and Ballinagh parades. They had a great time, playing music & singing songs as they travelled around thanks to their chauffeur, Tom Galligan. Sweets & treats were provided thanks to **Tarpeys Supervalu**.



## Nursing Home Visits

Small groups of Musicians often play for residents in Nursing homes in Cavan town eg in Esker Lodge, and the residents really look forward to visits by our members

**Next Esker Lodge session is Tuesday 6TH June.**



## Set Dancing Ceili

**Céilí: Saturday 3rd June at 9pm**  
**Belturbet Civic Centre**  
**Music: Copperplate**



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## Kurnach - Germany

Breffni Trad Orchestra and Kurnach musicians will be playing at events for the June Bank holiday. Breffni Trad Orchestra will be going to Kurnach, Germany in October 2023. This will be the 2nd trip involving members of our branch.

**Breffni Trad Orchestra -  
next rehearsal - Saturday  
April 29th at 5pm**



## Grúpa Cheoil & Ceili Bands

The Grúpa Cheoil (20) & Céilí Bands (10) are preparing for County Fleadh. U12, 12-15 and 15-18/Over 18. If placed 1st or 2nd they move to Ulster Fleadh, Dromore, Tyrone 16th-23rd July. If successful at Ulster, they move to All Ireland Mullingar Aug 6-14 - **All members involved must commit to be available.**

Entries to all competitions are now closed. Members will be performing in various other competitions, solo/duets/trio music competitions, Set and Ceili Dancing, Sean Nós Dancing, Singing and Comhrá Gaeilge.



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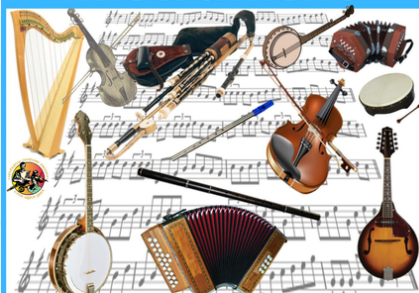


## Gig Rig - Mullingar

70+ Members of the branch performed on Gig Rig in Mullingar in 2022 and this year we have been invited to perform once more on **Thursday 10th August from 5.30-6.15.**

Arrangements will be put in place nearer to the time

## Learn to Play an Instrument



Registration Evening  
Gaelscoil Bhréifne, Cavan Town  
Monday Sept 12th - 7-8 pm  
Cavan Town CCE  
*All ages welcome*  
- Beginners and Improvers



## Music Lessons

Music Lessons, took place in Gaelscoil Bhréifne on Monday evenings 7-8pm from Sept 2022 to March 2023. Half hour group lessons in tin whistle, flute, fiddle, banjo, bodhrán, button accordion and guitar. These lessons will resume in September 2023. We are very thankful to Niamh Kelly, for all her assistance.

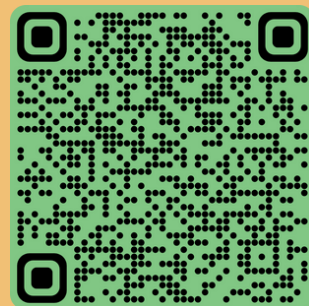
## Bag Pack

In December 2022, we had a very successful Bag Pack to raise funds for the branch - members played and sang while others packed the groceries. On April 9th, we had a bag pack for the German trip. Our Christmas 2023 Bag Pack has been arranged for 23rd December 10am to 6pm. This is a very important fundraiser for us, so all members needed to assist.



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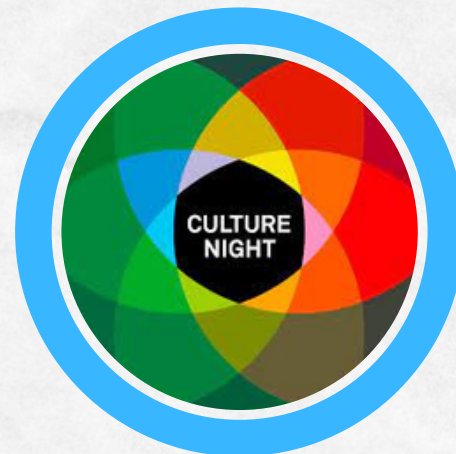
## Wren Boys

Members of the branch dressed in traditional wren costume travelled to several pubs in Cavan, Ballyjamesduff and Ballinagh on St. Stephen's Day 2022 and raised funds for Cavan Hospice & CUAN. A most enjoyable day was had by all.



## Summer Seisiún

Comhaltas Seisiún provides a unique traditional entertainment experience at over 50 venues throughout Ireland. Cavan Town CCÉ Summer Seisiún starts on Tuesday 13th June in County Museum Ballyjamesduff and runs for 7 weeks.



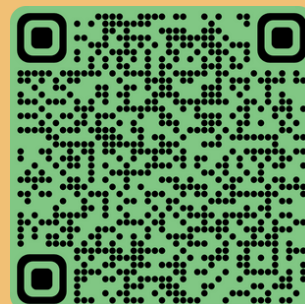
## Culture Night

The eighteenth edition of Culture Night will take place on **Friday 22 September 2023**. Cavan Town CCÉ will host a number of events around the town and further details will be confirmed later in the summer.



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## Ed Reavy Festival

The 2023 Ed Reavy Festival will take place Oct 20th - 22nd 2023. The event will feature Concert, Ceili, International Fiddle Competition, Workshops and Sessions around the town. Full details to be provided later in the year.

## Fireside Sessions

One Sunday each month, we run a "Fireside Session" in the Backyard for returning Adult Musicians, Singers, Dancers and Storytellers to get a chance to perform with others of a similar standard - next one is May 7th - if you know anybody who would like to join - please contact us on 083-0797299 and we will add them to our WhatsApp Group.

## Concert April 14th

Group performances from members of Cavan Town CCÉ- Ceoltoiríní, under 12's, under 15's, under 18's, Breffni Trad Orchestra as well as singing, dancing, lilting and recitations. Presentations to the 4 Branch members who were All Ireland Fleadh Winners in 2022 as well as Gradam Award Presentations to 2 special guests.



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