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[August Newsletter](#)

Dear Piping Enthusiast,

We can add to that great Proclaimers' song - Lochaber no more, Sutherland no more, Lewis no more Skye no more - Piping Live! no more, Worlds no more....and so it goes on and it is so depressing. We need to shake out of it all and get piping moving - most of it is outdoors so what's the problem?

Let me know any plans that you have instead of your annual trip to Glasgow. I'm sure many booked the trip well in advance and have lost money through it by cancellations. Online is better than zilch but no substitute for the Glaswegian annual extravaganza. August used to be always a busy time for me and an opportunity to meet customers from all over the world - I will miss you!!!! . As someone who had the foresight to have one of the first web sites back in the early naughties, it has fortunately worked out well for me in these difficult times and relatively easy to manage. Time is precious for me and the web site cuts to the chase and is brilliant for customers to access no matter where they are - [www.beggbagpipes.com](http://www.beggbagpipes.com). I'm sure all businesses are in melt down currently and the piping/drumming sector is no different in feeling the pain. Even although the band scene is in the deep freeze, please do keep the orders coming if you can to all piping and drumming businesses like mine - we need to survive this massive downturn and with your support, we can come out the other end.

It was sad to see a couple of friends going to the piping and drumming heaven in the sky. Tommy Johnston (on the right) - renowned drummer and co owner of Pipe Dreams/Ezeedrones and Iain MacDonald - stalwart of the Neilston Pipe Band and folk band enthusiast. Without Iain, Neilston would not exist and so many have played in it and learned.

Both Tommy and Iain would have been immensely proud that recently both their sons have become entrenched in the Piping Centre for years to come. Finlay MacDonald is Director of Piping at the Centre and Finlay Johnston who is the current Glenfiddich Champ being the Head Piping Teacher. They are both such a fitting legacy for their dads. I always enjoyed bumping into Tommy and Iain over the years, with interesting and good chat. They will be sadly missed. RIP.



James C. Begg  
Piping Perfection.

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**News.**

EAT SLEEP PIPE REPEAT is the new collection of bagpipe music by Kyle Warren (Field Marshal Montgomery and ex Red Hot Chilli Piper). The book consists of 50 tunes, most of which are by Kyle, whilst there are also original tunes published in the book from famous composers such as Gordon Duncan, Chris Armstrong and Mark Saul.

The book includes tunes played by some of the best pipe bands in the world; Field Marshal Montgomery, Inveraray and District, Scottish Power Pipe Band and more! With the book just launched on August 1st, be amongst the first to own one! [Click here](#) to go to Kyle's website  
UK RRP: £18



Kyle Warren is a member of Field Marshal Montgomery, winning 4 World Championships and 2 Grand Slams between 2011-2014, and was a member of the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, 'Bagrocking'

worldwide before emigrating to Australia to teach at Scotch College in Melbourne for the past 5 years. 2020 sees Kyle based back in Scotland, back with FMMPB, and excited to release his second music book – EAT SLEEP PIPE REPEAT.

You may have seen our promotion of fleshy brown skins at a reduced price and this was a huge success. We have only 1 standard and 1 small bag left and as the saying goes - when they're gone they're gone.

I had a bit of a laugh with a customer in the States whose name he remarked was Benny Hill and he was not making it up. I did say it was a great programme and chasing scantily clad women was one of my all time favourite pastimes! This tv show would not be allowed in today's woke world but was great fun. Benny is getting a bespoke cow hide bag which I'm working on currently - on its way shortly Benny.

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### Special Offer - a BIG discount on [chanter reeds](#)

I know a lot of customers are taking the "down time" to sort their pipes out and of course, our reeds play a vital role. For this month only, please give yourselves a 20% discount off any chanter reed - prices on the web are before discount - go ahead and order and James will apply the discount at his end.



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### YouReport - Piping on the Rock with the Royal Gibraltar Regiment.

We have received an excellent field report from Tarek El- Yabani on the history of piping on the Rock of Gibraltar and on Tarek's own musical career and aspirations for the future - including studying at the next All Arms Pipe Major's Course at the Army School of Bagpipe Music and Highland Drumming. We plan to devote a special newsletter to his field report so watch out for this in the near future.



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### YouReport

If you would like to report on any aspect of the Piping World from wherever you live, or if you would like to comment on any articles or issues, we'd be pleased to hear from you. Email to [bill@beggbagpipes.com](mailto:bill@beggbagpipes.com)

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