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Dear Piping Enthusiast,

As we head towards the Festive Season, it's great that we are absolutely flat out with bags and I trust customers will be understanding with any increased supply lead-times due to the demand. We are delighted to be supplying many of the top bands and solo pipers and you may find the Field Report below to be of interest.

As we reflect on business in these changing times, our decision to move predominately online has proven to be a great success and the correct decision. We had this concept on the go for many years and were one of the first to set up a website around 1994. We are now a truly global business and apart from the obvious major piping countries, we also have clients in lesser known piping places like Israel, Lebanon and Japan to name but a few.

Yours aye,

James C. Begg

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News.

The Glenfiddich Solo Piping from Blair Castle was streamed live for those of us who couldn't get there on the day and it was indeed a most enjoyable day. The National Piping Centre and the Grant Foundation have kindly made it available to re-watch and in some ways, this is even better than watching live - they have edited out the vast bulk of the dreadfully boring and long-winded tuning that takes place before each performance - and we are most grateful for that!! Click on this [link](#) and enjoy.



Special Offer - 2 great offers for Xmas

[Deger pipes](#) - normally £358.33 but reduced to a great £316.67 (plus vat if applicable) including case and free post worldwide

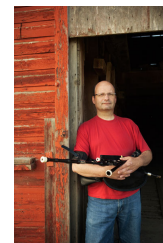
Also 10% off all [J Begg wooden practice chanters](#) standard and long size, with subtle counter sunk holes. Free post worldwide. James will apply the discount at his end when order received.



Tune of the Month - [Gandy's Silver Star](#)

Iain MacDonald of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada is a composer of note and brought out his first book of pipe tunes in 2008 called Along the Road. Iain is a good friend from many years back when he stayed in Scotland to learn more about piping. I knew him in the Babcock Renfrew pipe band and formed a friendship which has endured. Iain now runs a successful bagpipe company in Saskatchewan called reelpipes.com as well as a communications company [Avonlea](#). Along with his family, he is a stalwart, the founder and the Pipe Major of the grade 2 City of Regina Pipe Band. He has sent me this challenging and enjoyable hornpipe that he recently composed and has kindly agreed to let me publish it - thanks Iain - a great tune from a great exponent of the Great Highland Bagpipe.

We cannot do the tune justice by printing it in this newsletter so please click on the link to access it - and good luck trying to play it as Iain intended!!



Field Report - what the top pipe sections were playing in 2018

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The excellent pipes|drums [online magazine](#) has carried out their biennial survey of what the top pipe sections were playing. Their 2018 survey counted 69 bands in total and pipes|drums are pleased to report that every Grade 1 band responded.

In terms of bags used, the survey reports on two different scenarios viz.

1. Bands where all pipers are required to play exactly the same make of bag.
2. Bands where pipers can make an individual decision.

In category 1, Begg bags are the clear leader with 30% of the total market and around double the share of our nearest competitor. In category 2 where there is a personal choice by each piper, Begg bags come in at a resounding 77% of the market.

pipes|drums have carried out this excellent survey in 2011, 2014, 2016 and 2018 and on each occasion, Begg sheepskin has been the number 1 bag.

Thanks go to pipes|drums for allowing us to publish this element of their survey. We would encourage you to visit their [website](#) and check out their other findings - most interesting.

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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

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