

## Welcome to Begg Bagpipes

-----Est 1980 Glasgow city centre's oldest bagpipe shop-----

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### Newsletter - March

Dear Customer,

This is the first in what I hope will be monthly newsletters to keep my customers informed of activities around Begg Bagpipes and the World of Piping in general. I hope it will be both informative and enjoyable, and of course I will always be open to suggestions as to what type of items you would like to read about. Each month, I will also have a short technical feature on some aspect of the bagpipes which you may find of interest. There will also be at least one special offer - no newsletter on a Scottish subject would be complete without a wee bargain! Please let me know your views.



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Yours Aye,

James C Begg

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### News

A new lecture hall at the College of Piping in Glasgow opened on 29th February and I had the pleasure of attending. It was good to catch up with old friends and colleagues and to see the Speaker of the House of Commons in a different guise and on good form -the Rt Hon Michael Martin MP made an excellent contribution to the afternoon's activities with his piping and speech.

Being a former pupil of outstanding teachers such as Duncan Johnstone, Duncan MacFadyen, Seamus McNeill and Tommy Pearson, it is great for me to see the College go from strength to strength. I also still have the original teaching notes from Tommy in my Scots Guards Book and this forms part of the extensive library I keep of piping reference material and memorabilia - the next time you visit Glasgow, why not call into the city centre's oldest bagpipe shop and check it out.

### Technical Feature

Bags.

The Benefits of a Leather Bag are as follows:

1. Improves posture - you can adjust and fit it to suit personal taste and in particular have the blowpipe directed nicely towards the mouth.
2. The pipes

won't fall of the shoulder when you stop playing. 3. Smooth clean finish as you are in complete control of the bagpipe i.e. no trailing drone sound. 4. Solid feel under the arm and stops drones moving either up or down or backwards and forwards. 5. Naturally dries out overnight removing the moisture from the previous days practice. 6. Keeps stable moisture content in the bag and therefore stops the pitch of your chanter reed from sharpening too much. This is particularly true in warm days. 7. Moulds to your shape and gives more comfort.

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## March Special Offer

15% discount on a hand machined superior long practice chanter. Buy 6 or more and receive a 25% discount. These chanters are made in Glasgow, and because they are the same length as a bagpipe chanter, it is much easier for the new player when transferring onto the pipes themselves.

Are you perhaps a scout band or have a tartan with which green and black wool cords would look good? Then check the website - catch 15 sets for £99.50 including vat before stocks run out- normal price would be £176.25

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