



Photo: Denis Grehan

The Tutors' recital on Saturday lunchtime was enjoyed by the students and their friends

Scoil Fhómhair 2010

Every year the branch organizes a weekend to give members the opportunity to steep themselves in the music. Through classes, a session, a recital and a concert, experience learning from – and listening to some of the finest of traditional musicians. Scoil Fhómhair 2010 took place on 15 - 16th October and was the 15th in the series.

THE OPENING SESSION in Faughs GAA on Friday night had a large attendance. The guest musicians were Conal Ó Gráda, Paudie O'Connor and Jack Talty.

60 musicians participated in workshops in St. Colmille's Community School on Saturday 16th October. Classes in Flute were by **John Wynne** (Roscommon) and **Conal Ó Gráda** (Cork). In Fiddle by **Aoife O'Keefe** (Kerry); **Conor McEvoy** (Meath) **MacDaragh O Raghaille** (Meath) and **Jacqui Martin** (North County Dublin). The Tin Whistle class had **Maureen McGrattan**. The Concertina was taught by **Jack Talty** (Clare) and **Mairéad Hurley** (Sligo). **Paudie O'Connor** (Ballyhar, Kerry) was Accordion tutor.

All the tutors performed in an excellent lunch-time recital enjoyed by the students and friends.

The Divine Word Parish Centre proved to be an excellent venue for the evening concert. A fantastic evening of music was enjoyed by an appreciative audience of approximately 60.

The Chairman and Committee wish to thank Fuaghs GAA Club, the principal of St. Colmille's Community School, The Divine Word Parish Centre for providing help and accommodation and to the many volunteers during the week-end. They also thank An Chomhairle Ealaíon, the Arts Council for their generous Grant.



Leading the opening session in Faughs: Cónal Ó Grada, Paudie O'Connor and Jack Talty



(Left) Conor McEvoy's Fiddle class, and below John Wynne's Flute classes





*L. Cathal Ó Crócaigh, 2nd place
U-18 Uilleann Pipes Slow Airs*

*Above, playing at the Cavan Fleadh,
Conor Leavy; Philip Denmead and
Fionn Morrison*

*Congratulations to Tierna Rowsome for designing the
attractive cover of the programme for Fleadh Atha
Cliath 2010.*

*Tierna's design was chosen in a competition organised
by Craobh Sean Tracey and the County board*



Tuning up for the Leinster Fleadh, the Under 18 Grúpa Cheoil are directed by Michael Harrison

Fleadhanna Cheoil

Craobh Naithi musicians competed with enthusiasm in the Dublin, Leinster and All-Ireland Fleadhanna Cheoil and are to be congratulated for the manner in which they performed and represented the branch.

Special congratulations to the musicians below for their significant achievements at Fleadh Cheoil na Éireann:-

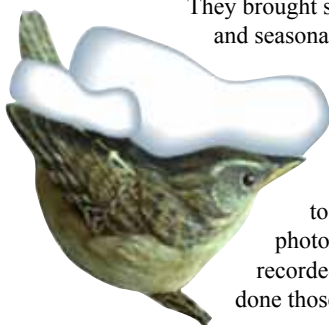
Fionn Morrison	1st place	U-18 Uilleann Pipes Slow Airs
Shane Butler	1st place	U-18 Bodhrán
Cathal Ó Crócaigh	2nd place	U-18 Uilleann Pipes Slow Airs
Fionn Morrison }		
Conor Leavy }	3rd place	U-18 Trio
Philip Denmead }		
U-18 Grúpa Cheoil	3rd place	Directed by Michael Harrison

Severe Weather disrupts schedule

The Arctic weather from the end of November took its toll on branch activities

VICTIMS OF THE STORMS were music classes at the beginning of December, The Christmas Concert and the Childrens' Christmas party.

Another eagerly anticipated event had to be officially cancelled. The Wren looked like it would have a peaceful St. Stephen's Day but half-a-dozen intrepid hunters decided that the Naithí Wren tradition would be upheld. They persuaded Mick Glynn to exchange his Captain's hat for a Chauffeur's and take them through the snow.



They brought some traditional music and seasonal gaiety to the revelers of South Dublin, collected and made a much appreciated donation to branch funds. Alas, they forgot to bring along a camera so photos of the event can not be recorded in these pages. Well done those 'Boys'.



The branch was invited to play on the 'Gig-rig' at the Fleadh in Cavan town in August

Photos: Martin Gaffney



The 'Green Book' Tutorial CD Set

The end of 2010 saw the completion of an educational project started in the mid nineties

CRAOBH NAITHÍ'S "Green" and "Yellow" tune books have formed the basis of our young pupils' repertoires for over 15 years and the development of the tutorial CD set of the yellow book in 2007 was a valuable learning aid for both our own young musicians and traditional musicians and teachers in general.

Craobh Naithí set about completing this educational suite and commenced the production of a tutorial CD set to accompany the green book. Recordings are now complete and we plan to launch the product later this year.