

## Pipe Band Contest Details

**NB** All Band members are required to take part in the Massed Bands performance in the Grand Ring.

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### Full Band Prizes

Grade	G4	G4	G3	G3	G2	G2
Place	March	MSR (if held)	Medley	MSR (if held)	Medley	MSR (if held)
1	£500	£250	£500	£250	£500	£250
2	£425	£225	£425	£225	£425	£225
3	£350	£200	£350	£200	£350	£200
4	£275		£275		£275	
5	£200		£200		£200	
6	£125		£125		£125	

### Quartet and Mini Band Prizes

Type	Quartet	Quartet	Mini Band	Mini Band
Place	G4 March	G4 MSR (if held)	G4 March	G4 MSR (if held)
1	£45	£45	£60	£60
2	£35	£35	£50	£50
3	£30	£30	£40	£40
4	£25	£25	£30	£30
5	£20	£20	£25	£25
6	£15	£15	£20	£20

### Contest Arrangements

In an effort to encourage greater band attendance at the Championships, the Chatsworth Country Fair has agreed that the following opportunities to compete should be offered:

- (a) **Grade 4 (March) contests for quartets and mini band** - (the 'Core Contests') - subject to the proviso that any bands entering two or more full band contests may compete only in one quartet or one mini band contest;
- (b) **Grade 4 (MSR) con contests for quartets and mini band** - (the 'Secondary Contests') - subject to the proviso that any bands entering two or more full band contests may compete only in one quartet or one mini band contest;
- (c) **Grade 4 (March), Grade 3 (Medley) or Grade 2 (Medley) contests for full bands** in their own grade or 'playing up' - (the 'Core Contests'); and
- (d) **Grade 4 (MSR), Grade 3 (MSR) or Grade 2 (MSR) contests for full bands** in their own grade or 'playing up' - (the 'Secondary Contests').

Owing to time considerations, the overall number of 'quartet, mini band and full band performance slots' available is fairly finite. In the event of over-subscription for any of the Core Contests, every effort will be made to accommodate all entries. If that is not possible, then acceptance of entries will be decided on the basis of date received. If there is an exceptionally large number of entries overall, Bands may be confined to playing in their own Grade.

If there are insufficient entries to produce meaningful competition in any of the Core Contests from bands of the relative grade, then the Chatsworth Country Fair reserves the right to (a) cancel that contest (b) allow lower graded bands to play up in that contest or (c) reduce the number and / or the amount of the prizes available for that contest. Bands will be advised of any prize money changes as soon as possible after the closing date.

Chatsworth Country Fair, however, is keen to maximise the opportunities for Bands to provide their members with competition experience and has agreed in principle, in the event that a Core Contest is cancelled, to the holding of one or more additional contests in other Grades. Such additional contests may comprise a Quartet Grade 4 (MSR), Mini Band Grade 4 (MSR) and Full band Grade 4 (MSR), Grade 3 (MSR) and / or a Grade 2 (MSR) - ('Secondary Contests') - and, whilst much will depend on the number of entries received, an indication of the number and amount of prizes is provided above.

Bands wishing to compete in the Championships may:

- firstly, enter any Core Contest relative to their respective grades (subject to any limitations as to number of entries);
- secondly, enter any Secondary Contest relative to their respective grades; and
- thirdly, enter any other contest in which they are entitled to 'play up'.

Bands will be notified as soon as possible after the Closing Date via the Branch Website [www.rspbaldon.bravesites.com](http://www.rspbaldon.bravesites.com) of any changes to the Core Contests, the addition of any Secondary Contests, the 'playing up' arrangements and any prize money adjustments. Any entry fees paid in respect of a contest that is cancelled and / or a contest in which a band is not allowed to enter will be refunded.

## **Entry Fees**

Quartet	£13.00
Mini Band	£16.00
Full Band	£20.00

## **Contest Draw and Timings**

The Draw for order of play will take place as soon as possible after the Closing Date and will be communicated to bands by email and posted along with approximate timings on Branch Website [www.rspbaldon.org](http://www.rspbaldon.org)

Bands not ready to play at the appropriate time may be disqualified.

## **Registration**

All bands must register on arrival with the Branch Steward. In case of transport breakdown, please contact the Competition Secretary on **07751 520469**.

## **Entry to The Chatsworth Estate**

A day wristband is required for each Individual entering the Estate.

## **Band – Playing Members**

Passes for the playing members of a band entered in the contest will be issued as follows:

- Grade 4 Band up to 15 day passes
- Grade 3 Band up to 18 day passes
- Grade 2 Bands up to 22 day passes

Please contact Walter MacGregor Email: [debois@btinternet.com](mailto:debois@btinternet.com) Mobile: 07540 826461 if the number of playing members in your Band exceeds the limit indicated for its Grade.

## **Band Supporters**

Passes for Band Supporters may be purchased from the Competition Secretary at the reduced price of £13.50 each (a discount of £16.50 on the 'on the day gate price').

It has been agreed that Bands purchasing tickets through the Branch will be entitled to retain £1.00 per ticket for their own funds. There will be no such retention for passes purchased on the day.

## **Vehicles**

A coach or car pass (displayed on windscreen) is required for entry into the Estate. A vehicle pass allows entry for the vehicle only – not the occupants who each must have a valid day pass.

There will be designated parking in the PIPE BAND COACH & CAR PARK near to the contest arena. Entry to the Pipe Band Coach and Car Park will not be permitted after 9.00 am

The numbers of passes required for playing members, supporters, cars and coaches should be specified in the **Pipe Band Pass Application Form** which must be emailed to Walter MacGregor – [debois@btinternet.com](mailto:debois@btinternet.com) no later than Friday, 18 August 2023.

### **Further Information**

Chatsworth Country Fair is held over 3 days, and always on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday following the August Bank Holiday. This year it is being held between 1 and 3 September 2023.

Held in the park of Chatsworth House, home to the Dukes of Devonshire, the 2023 event will be the Fortieth Country Fair. It has become one of the largest events of its type in England, and is an essential part of the Derbyshire and Midlands calendar. Given good weather, crowds of up to 90,000 people are expected over the three days.

The focus of the Show is the Grand Ring on the "big flat", with numerous trade stands and crafts. Around the park are many showground attractions, often with a country theme.

I look forward to seeing you at Chatsworth.

**Irene Samson**

**Competition Secretary**

**The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (London & South of England Branch)**

## Open Solo Piping Contest Details

**Closing Date for Entries is Friday, 18 August 2023**

**Competition Organiser:** Walter MacGregor, De Bois Hall, John De Bois Hill, Ardleigh, Essex CO7 7PH

(to whom all enquiries should be directed) **Email:** [debois@btinternet.com](mailto:debois@btinternet.com) **Mobile:** ++44 (0)7540 826461

### Contest and Performance Requirements

Event Number			Entry Fee
1	Submit 4 tunes	Play 1 tune selected by Judges	Free
2	Submit 4 tunes - All: Min - 4 Parts	Play 1 tune selected by Judges	£7.50
3	Submit 4 tunes - All: Min - 4 Parts	Play 1 tune selected by Judges	£7.50
4	Submit 4 of each - All: Min - 4 Parts	Play 1 of each selected by Judges	£7.50
5	Submit 3 of each - All: Min - 4 Parts	Play 1 of each selected by Judges	£7.50

### Prize Money

No	Event	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
1	6/8 March	£55	£45	£35	£30	£25	£20	£15	£10
2	The Captain John MacLellan Memorial Piobaireachd	£420	£330	£270	£210	£180	£150	£120	£100
3	The Iain Angus Memorial 2/4 March	£120	£105	£90	£75	£60	£45	£35	£30
4	Strathspey & Reel	£120	£105	£90	£75	£60	£45	£35	£30
5	Hornpipe & Jig	£55	£45	£35	£30	£25	£20	£15	£10

### Overall Champions Prize

In addition to the prize monies listed above, the most successful competitor in the Open will be awarded overall championship prize of **£165**.

## Points Calculations for Overall Champions Prize

No	Event	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
1	6/8 March	3	2	1				
2	The Captain John MacLellan Memorial Piobaireachd	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
3	The Iain Angus Memorial 2/4 March	6	5	4	3	2	1	
4	Strathspey & Reel	6	5	4	3	2	1	
5	Hornpipe & Jig	5	4	3	2	1		

**In event of a tie, the overall champion will be decided on a Piobaireachd preference.**

## Contest Arrangements

Owing to time considerations, the overall number of 'solo piping performance slots' available is fairly finite and intending competitors are advised to submit their entry forms online and pay their entry fees as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription for any of the contests, every effort will be made to accommodate all entries. If that is not possible, then acceptance of entries will be decided on the basis of date received.

If there are insufficient entries to produce meaningful competition in any of the contests, then the Chatsworth Country Fair, after consultation with the Judges, reserve the right to (a) cancel that contest, (b) reduce the number of prizes available for that contest and / or (c) hold one or more additional contests for competitors who have already submitted entries for that or other contests.

Competitors will be notified as soon as possible after the Closing Date via the Branch Website [www.rspbaldon.org](http://www.rspbaldon.org) of any changes to the contest arrangements. Any entry fees paid in respect of a contest that is cancelled will be refunded.

## Entry to The Chatsworth Estate

### Competitors

Competitors will be provided with a wristband permitting entry to the Estate on Sunday. There is no additional charge for this.

### Spouses, Partners, Children etc

Sunday' wristbands for the spouses, partners and children etc of competitors may be purchased from the Competition Organiser at the reduced price of £13.50 each (a discount of £16.50 on the 'on the day gate' price). 'Saturday' wristbands may also be purchased for £13.50 each. Children aged 15 years and under enter free.

The numbers of wristbands for competitors, spouses, partners etc required should be specified in the Contest Entry Form

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**Competition Organiser**

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