

more court cases over the issue and it has strengthened our hand considerably. We always had a degree of power under the 1966 Act but now we are

ve make people aware under their tenancy but sometimes matters come to our attention. Anti-social behaviour includes matters such as damage to property,

ers but we have been successful in securing repossession of homes that come to our attention. We can't drop our guard on the matter as it is always going

anti-social behaviour as they sometimes affect other residents on the street. Joe Delaney said that disputes between neighbours don't really cause them much

in, but otherwise we don't. Some people just don't get on with others and there's nothing we can do about that but if matters get out of hand we would always step

of these cases to court. Most of the time the problem is solved but it can often take time, much to the annoyance of the poor neighbours.

Over 40,000 are expected to follow the Leader for International Band Parade

By DEARBHLA LOOBY

SOME 2,000 choristers and over 3,000 musicians will be the main performers at Limerick Civic Week between March 15 and 26.

One choir from Austria will be leaving home on March 22, travelling cross-country, especially to be part of the International Church Music Choral Festival in St Mary's Cathedral between March 24 and 26.

The other choirs come from England, a large contingent from the North and many choirs from all over the country.

About 40 bands will take to the city's streets in the Limerick Leader International Marching Band Parade on March 19, with an all time record of 14 bands travelling from the United States to participate.

For the first time ever a marching band from Japan will play in the festival, which will be watched by up to 60,000 people.

Fergus Quinlivan, director of Civic Week, said: "Each band has between 100 and 150 members. There must be in the region of 12,000 in all taking part in the week's events."

"It's an outstanding line-up for the people of the city and county. Many thousands of national and international visitors are expected. The economic benefit to the region is in excess of £1 million," he continued.

Joe Gleeson, managing director of the Limerick Leader, commented: "Following on the success of our involvement in last year's parade we are delighted to again be the sponsor of this



At the launch of Civic Week; Mayor Jack Bourke and Pat Fitzgerald, Limerick County Council, have a go at the pipes as Barry Carey, CBS Pipe Band, keeps the beat (LL)

year's parade, the thirtieth anniversary, of the event. We hope the weather will be favourable on March 19 and that up to 40,000 people will follow 'The Leader' on to O'Connell Street for what promises to be a morning of first class entertainment."

On Saturday, March 18, the ESB Drill and Dance Team Competition will take place in the University Concert Hall with dancers from many of the participating bands performing in a variety of categories from pom pom to twirl and majorette.

Later that night at

the University Concert Hall the TSB Bank International Band Recital Competition will include performances from Limerick's own Boherbuoy Brass and Reed, as well as bands from the North and the United States.

Fans of John McCor-

mack are in for a treat with a tribute to the tenor in UCH on March 16.

There is also plenty lined up for sports enthusiasts with the Mayor's golf classic on March 22, greyhound racing at Markets Field on March 25 and a gala swimming at St

Enda's on March 26.

And of course no Limerick festival would be complete without its fair share of rugby. Young Munster will play Dunganon in Clifford Park and Shannon will take on St Mary's in Thomond Park on March 25.



Pat Daly, Shannon Development and Joe Gleeson, Limerick Leader, sponsors of the band parade with Joanne Power on the Pom Poms and Jennifer O'Shaughnessy of the Southside Marching Band (LL)