

St John's B&R Band could be on the march

Transfer to Bridgeman House likely

ONE of the city's oldest bands is likely to soon take up occupancy of Bridgeman House, formerly run as a wet house and refuge for homeless men.

Two weeks ago, the residents were transferred from the John's area residence into Clyde House on Alphonsus Street.

Earlier this year, St John's Brass and Reed Band, which for years had used St John's Pavilion as its bandroom, told this newspaper that it was

actively seeking to be rehoused as their present lease had run out.

Originally based in John's Square, councillors for the area are in favour of the transfer of the band back to its original base.

Their recommendation is backed by Cllr Maria Byrne, who said the relocation of the band would be an appropriate move, given that the plan is to develop an arts, culture and performance area in the Square.

Reminding her colleagues that St John's Brass and Reed Band is an "integral part of the parish," Cllr Kathleen Leddin said

there are a number of vacant properties available that would offer suitable accommodation to the band.

"We must do all we can to have them relocated here, these are very dedicated musicians that have won numerous awards, entertained the citizens of this city to rousing band recitals down through the year, trained new young recruits and have represented Limerick abroad with great distinction, on many occasions."

City Hall's head of finance, John Field said they will give serious consideration to the proposal.



St John's Pavilion, where St John's Band has been housed for decades.

Molly toasts of Parteen ladies club

PARTEEN Ladies Social Club celebrated its 21st anniversary in Browne's bar where they held their activities for all that period of time.

To show their appreciation to the family, proprietor, Mrs. Molly Browne, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

It was an all women affair,



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