

Uileann pipes club is revived 100 years on

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UILEANN pipes are no longer a thing of the past because after more than 100 years an Uileann Pipers Club has been revived in Limerick.

President of the new Thomond Pipers Club is Mickey Dunne from Limerick, one of the most respected traditional musicians in Ireland and a member of the Dunne family from Limerick who have contributed so much to the development of Irish music.

The new club hopes to promote uileann pipe playing in the region as well as tuition, reed making workshops, to hold piping recitals and concerts and to loan practice sets to young pipers who cannot secure a set of uileann pipes.

And according to the club the uileann pipes are currently one of the most sought after

traditional instruments, due in part to the success of Riverdance and Lord of the Dance. In America there is huge interest in the instrument because of the Titanic film, where the uileann pipes were very much in evidence.

There is a strong tradition of pipers in Limerick with people like Andy Keane and Mrs Murphy from Garryowen. There are also some talented pipers in the new club: Michael O'Connell from Newmarket on Fergus, a pupil of Mickey Dunne's; Maire Ni Ghrada from Clonlara, one of the best pipers in Ireland; Matt Bashford from Limerick; Michael O Riabhaigh; Fergus Barrett; Susan Mulcahy and many more who are now performing on the first Friday of every month in the Chistin in Thomas Street to which everyone is welcome to attend.

The new pipers club has also acknowledged the assistance of Nancy



Enjoying the revival of Limerick Uileann Pipers Club at Halla Ide: Mickey Dunne, Michael O'Connell, Susan Mulcahy, Maire Ni Ghrada, Fergus Barrett, Paul Flynn, Oliver O'Connell, Ger Flynn, Ben Power and Alex Bush.

Blake's.

If you are interested in joining the club you

can contact Susan at 354168 or Michael at 361750.

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