

Pipe Majors, Secretaries or Treasurers

Dear All

here is a reminder from Ron Paterson, L & S of E Branch Education Officer, regarding the spring training day on 21st March. Please apply using the attached application form and return to me by 8 March.

The training say will take place at Reading Scottish Pipe Band practice hall, St Andrews United Reform Church, London Road, Reading, RG1 5BD. The church is a fairly modern church on the corner of London Road and Craven Road (where the main entrance to the Royal Berkshire hospital lies, so if you lose your way, follow the hospital signs.) The church has a car park behind it, entered from Craven Road. It may fill up, depending on numbers, but as we are all leaving together, just block people in.

The piping tutors again are Angus Ingram, who played Grade 1 with British Caledonian, Ian Graham of Manchester Phoenix and Colin Taylor, Clasp grade 2 world champion

The drumming tutors are Conor Porter. leading tip of City of London and on tenor, Morven Walker of Boghall and Bathgate

The syllabus still has to be finalized, but it will include phrasing of tunes, and how to fit embellishments into tunes to enhance the melody.

If anyone has any burning issues they would like to be covered, please send them to Ron Paterson at ronald.paterson@ntlworld.com. Unfortunately, he is away for over 2 weeks, so it will be late February before he can respond.

The lunch will be beef stew and trifle, so please let me know if you cannot eat this, when you complete your entry form.

Ron looks forward to seeing you again at what will hopefully be the third successful branch training day.

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Kind regards

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