

## LETTER 3

Dear Secretary,

This is the final letter of information before our event on Saturday 13th September

**Venue of the festival : The Buttermarket in Enniskillen.** (*The ButterMarket, Down St, Enniskillen BT74 7DU*)

### SCHEDULE

***There has been a couple of changes to the schedule but only one band has been affected.***

Please review event timings carefully. Kindly discuss these details thoroughly with your band to ensure everyone is aware, allowing us to run the event as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

**You don't have to use the warm room if your band prefers not too.**

Band	Warm up Room Start	Warm up room finish	Pre performance area	Performance Start
Letterbreen Silver	08:50	09:20	09:40 (A)	10:00
Maguiresbridge Silver	09:20	09:50	10:10 (B)	10:30
Strabane Brass	09:50	10:20	10:40 (A)	11:00
St Mary's Tempo	10:20	10:50	11:10 (B)	11:30
Murley Silver	10:50	11:20	11:40 (A)	12:00
Ballyreagh Silver Band	11:20	11:50	12:10 (B)	12:30
Lunch				13:00
Friendship Band	12:20	12:50	13:10 (B)	13:30
Churchill Silver	12:50	13:20	13:40 (A)	14:00
Laganvale Band	13:20	13:50	14:10 (B)	14:30
St Marks Silver	13:50	14:20	14:40 (A)	15:00
Dungannon Silver	14:20	14:50	15:10 (B)	15:30
1st Old Boys	14:50	15:20	15:40 (A)	16:00
Wellington Silver	15:20	15:50	16:10 (B)	16:30
Roughan Silver	15:50	16:20	16:40 (A)	17:00
Finish				17:45
Social - Charlies Bar for Results				18:15

**Please be aware that, as this is an outdoor event in a busy town, some background noise is to be expected while you are performing.**

### **Parking Arrangements:**

Participants can avail of **free parking at South West College**, approximately a 7-minute walk from the warm-up room at St Macartin's Cathedral Hall and the performance area at the Buttermarket. **Parking is available at South West College from 09:00 to 20:30.** Otherwise, there is ample pay-and-display options are available around the town, including a car park directly beside the Buttermarket. It will take you approximately 4 minutes to walk to the Buttermarket from the warm up room

### **Warm Up Room**

The warm-up room is available for your band to use if you wish too. It is the Erskine Room at St Macartans Cathedral Church Hall. Address: Cathedral Hall, 2 Halls Lane, Enniskillen BT74 7DR.

Please note that parking at this **location is limited.** We strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of the **free parking available at South West College**, located at 1 Cornagrade Road, Cornagrade, Enniskillen BT74 6DU.

### **Drop off Zone**

We will have a designated drop-off zone for heavy instruments, such as additional percussion, tubas, and similar equipment, located beside the entrance to the Buttermarket. To help prevent congestion in this busy car park, we kindly request that only a limited number of vehicles use this drop-off area at any one time, maximum of two cars simultaneously.

Please refer to the timetable below for your band's allocated slot. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines to ensure a smooth and efficient process.

09:15 - 09:45 - Lettebreen Band

09:45 - 10:15 - Maguriesbridge

10:15 - 10:45 - Ballyreagh Silver Band

10:45 - 11:15 - St Mary's Tempo

11:15 - 11:45 - Murley Silver Band

11:45 - 12:15 - Ballyreagh Silver Band

12:45 - 13:15 - Friendship Band Northern Ireland

13:15 - 13:45 - Churchhill Silver Band

13:45 - 14:15 - Laganvale Band

14:15 - 14:45 - St Mark's Silver Band

14:45 - 15:15 - Dungannon Silver Band

15:15 - 15:45 - 1st Old Boys Band

15:45 - 16:15 - Wellington Silver Band

16:15 - 16:45 - Roughan Silver Band

16:45 - 17:15 - Strabane Brass Band

### **Percussion:**

Andrew McQuiggan alongside Laganvale Band will be supplying the percussion.

Here is the list provided.

Drum Kit, Tam-Tam, Glockenspiel, Tubular Bells, 4 Timpani and a stool, Xylophone  
Vibraphone, Concert Brass Drum, Clash cymbals, Mark Tree/Wind chimes.

To keep the event running smoothly the drum kit will stay behind the back row cornets and the timpani will be positioned beside the bass trombone/Eb Bass seat.

### Programme Details:

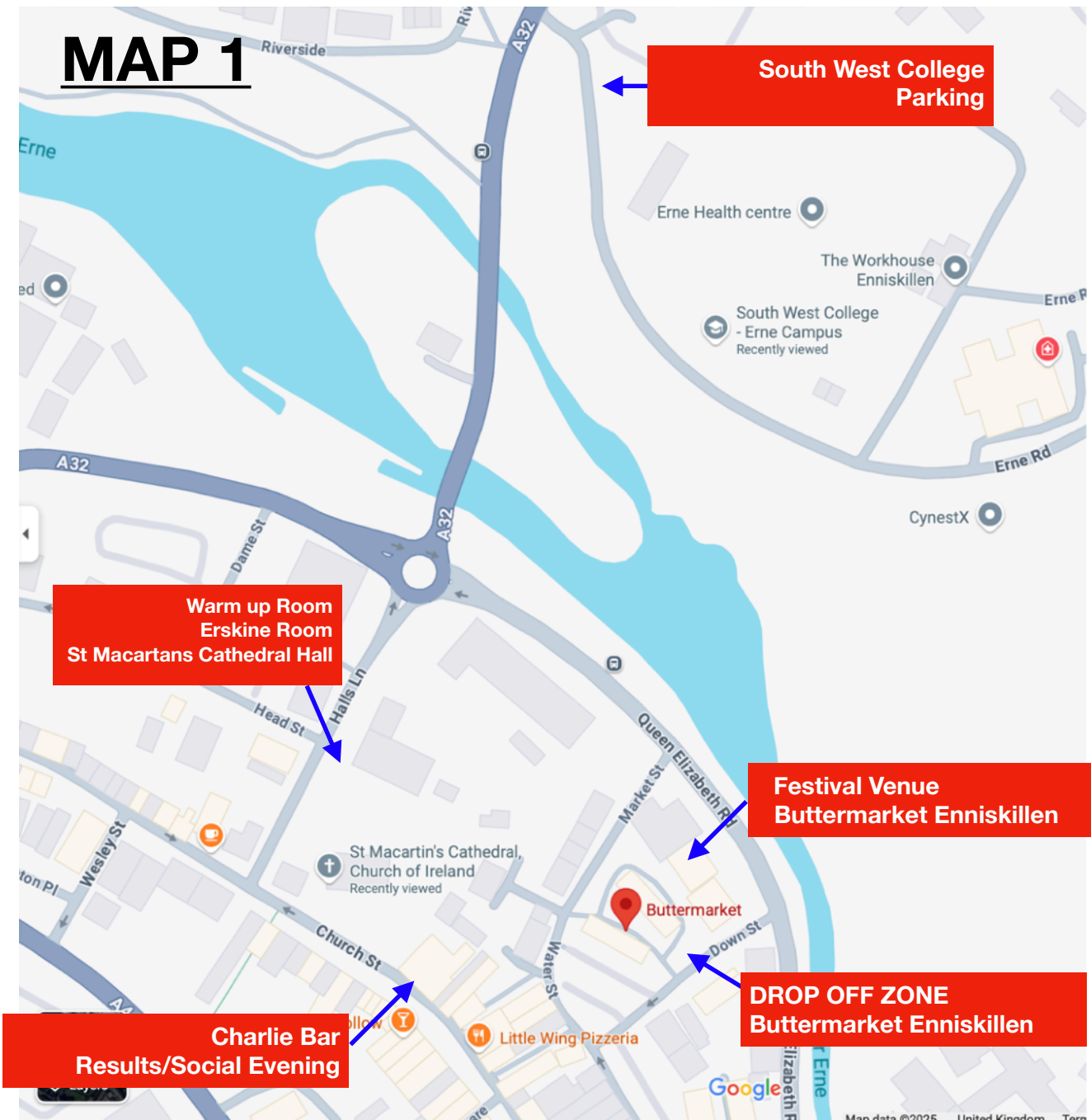
Our compere for the day is **Julian Fowler**. If you would like to use the compere provided please send your compere notes no later than Saturday 6th September to [ftbbs@hotmail.com](mailto:ftbbs@hotmail.com). Julian will be able to, during your bands performance in between each piece, read the txt you provided to inform the audience about the next piece of music. **Your concert programme should include a brass band march.** Chairs and music stands will be provided. **You will also need to supply scores for the adjudicators.** We recommend that you scan the scores and email it to us before Saturday 6th September. If you have any issues in doing this please contact us asap.

### Event Timings:

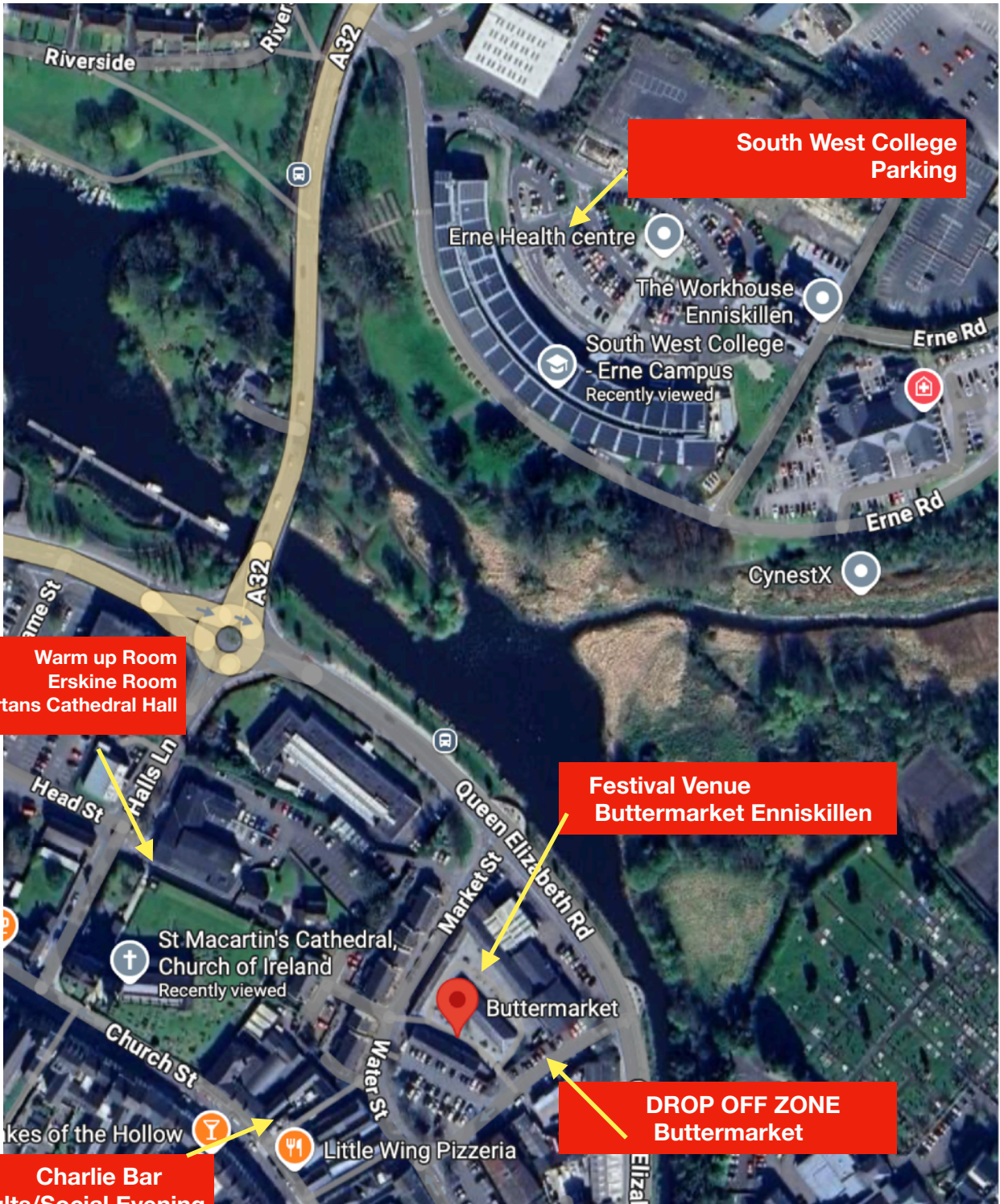
**Start:** 10:00 AM

**Finish:** Approximately 18:00 PM, including a lunch break.

**Post-event Social:** Around 18:30 PM upstairs at Charlie's Bar, featuring some complimentary pizza, light jazz entertainment, and the announcement of results til 8:15pm



# MAP 2



### Performance Area & Setup:

You will have access to a side room or a 3x3m gazebo to use as your pre-performance area before moving to the stage for cases etc. There will be two designated areas: Area A and Area B. Each band's performance should not exceed 25 minutes, including any notes for the compère. You will have approximately 5 minutes to set up alongside our stage crew. Please provide a rough stage plan indicating the number of chairs and music stands you'll need. A simple sketch or diagram illustrating the arrangement will be sufficient.

### Festival Spirit & Repertoire:

Rooted in the belief that music is the primary form of entertainment, we encourage bands to select diverse, uplifting, and creative repertoire to captivate and delight the audience. While themes are optional, we invite you to craft a programme that showcases your band's unique talents and versatility, ensuring an engaging experience for all. This is a festival of brass and it gives our brass community another opportunity to perform to the public, the contest element is secondary to the overall initial ethos of the event.

### Prizes & Sections:

Entries are divided into three sections:

**Section 1:** Championship and Grade 2

**Section 2:** Grade 3

**Section 3:** Grade 4 and Other

Prize money will be awarded accordingly, with additional prizes for each section

**Best Soloist** - 3 separate prizes one for each Section, who will receive an £50 Enniskillen Gift Card. You can use this in 120 businesses in Enniskillen. We would like to thank Experience Enniskillen for kindly donating these vouchers.

**Best March** - 3 separate prizes for Section 1, 2, & 3 = Certificate.

How the prize money will be allocated.

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Section 1	£300	£150	£125
Section 2	£150	£75	£50
Section 3	£75	£50	£25

### There are no registration rules.

Each band will receive one overall score from each judge, reflecting their total performance, rather than separate scores for music and entertainment. All bands will be ranked from 1 to 14, regardless of their section, including the graded sections listed above.

These scores will be combined to determine the overall ranking. For example, if Judge A places a band 2nd and Judge B places the same band 1st, the band's total score would be 3 points. In the event of a tie, the band that received the higher mark in the March Prize category will be declared the winner of that tie

### Adjudicators

We are delighted to announce our esteemed adjudicators for the inaugural Brassfest are Samantha Harrison and Les Neish. You can find out more about them at FTBBSS.com, (Brassfest 2025)

## **Social**

For catering purposes at our social event, we are reaching out to gather numbers of those interested in enjoying pizza at Charlie's Bar, starting at 6:30 pm. While this won't be a large feast, we are pleased to offer some complimentary pizzas to each band.

The evening will feature some light jazz for about an hour, after which Charlie's will have their own music setup for the rest of the night. We will also be announcing the results during this event. Please note that, unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate specific dietary requirements. Kindly let us know as soon as possible how many members from your band would like to have pizza, so we can do our best to accommodate everyone.

Even if your band does not plan to attend the social, we would appreciate it if you could inform us of your decision.

We would like to thank the **Fermanagh & Omagh District Council** for sponsoring this event as without their support this festival wouldn't be possible.

## **Next Steps:**

Please forward on your bands;

- Stage Plan (How many chairs and music stands
- Compere notes
- Pdf's of the scores of your music for the adjudicators.
- Number for complementary pizza at Charlies Bar Social

**All this needs to be with us by Saturday 6th September to [ftbbss@hotmail.com](mailto:ftbbss@hotmail.com) please.  
Sooner the better**

Thank you once again for your enthusiasm for this new festival of brass in Enniskillen. It's wonderful to hear that participating bands are planning to stay over and enjoy the town's hospitality. Have a fantastic summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## **Thanks,**

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