

High note send-off for cruise liner visitors



THE Queen Mary 2 departed from Admiralty Pier, Invergordon, recently to the strains of Dornoch Pipe Band, led by Pipe Major Willie Fraser.

It was the band's second appearance at Admiralty Quay this season and they will be performing for 13 other visiting liners during the next few months.

In the meantime they can be seen as usual at Dornoch Square most Saturday nights.

Management committee member Brian Fraser said the band, which practices every Tuesday in Invergordon Social Club, was in good heart both financially and numbers wise.

"We have 22 pipers and a dozen drummers aged between 13 and 70 and hailing from an area as far north as Golspie and south to Inverness," he said.

A total of 65 liners carrying 94,000 passengers are scheduled to dock at Invergordon over the course of the cruise season.

The QM2, which has a two-deck, 1000 seat theatre, casino and ballroom, departed from New York on 3rd May.

From Invergordon she was bound for Stavanger in Norway and will eventually return to New York on 1st June.