

Bagpipes in jest



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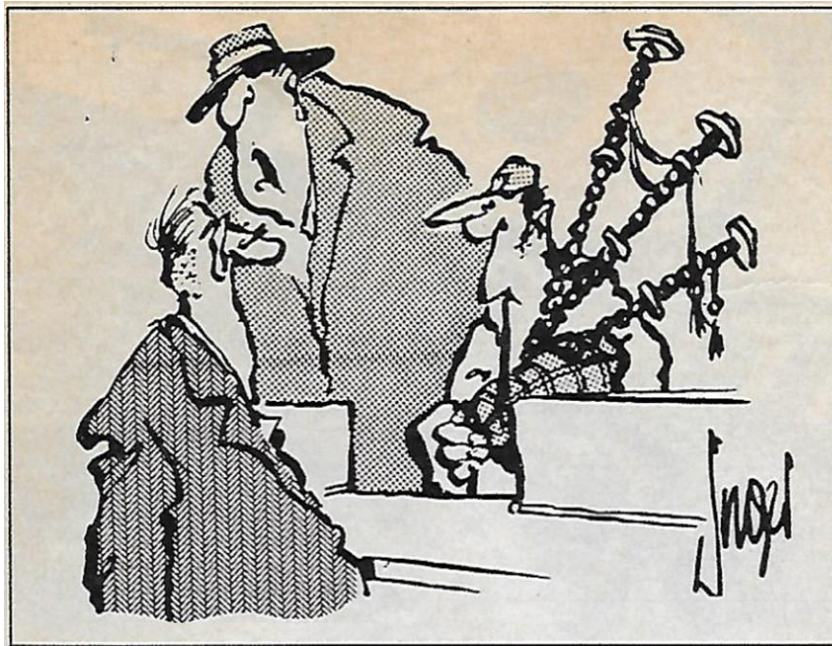
What's the difference between a bagpipe and a trampoline?

Eventually, people get tired of jumping on a trampoline.
You take off your shoes when you jump on a trampoline.



A Scottish novelty

What's the difference between a bagpipe and an onion? No one cries when you chop up a bagpipe.



This is a hold-up. Give me the money or he'll start playing

What's the definition of a gentleman? Someone who knows how to play the bagpipe, but doesn't.

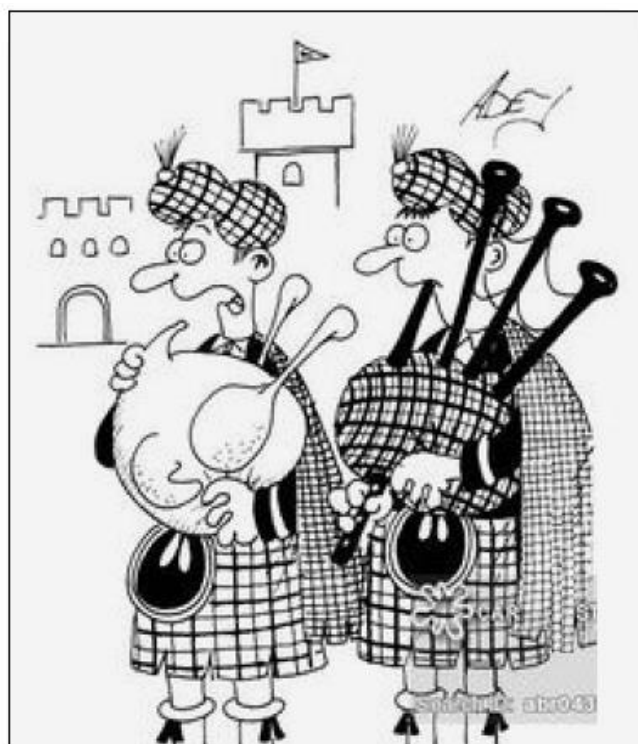


An old Scottish custom

What's the definition of "optimism" ? A person who plays the bagpipes and owns a telephone.



What do you throw at a drowning piper? His bagpipes...



Oh no, I've put my bagpipes in the oven

What do you have when a piper is buried up to his neck in sand? Not enough sand!



I've come to fix your pipes

Why do pipers march while they play? A moving target is harder to hit.
To get away from the sound.



If you were lost in the woods, who would you trust for directions, an in-tune bagpipe player, an out-of-tune bagpipe player, or Santa Claus? The out-of-tune bagpipe player. The other two indicate you have been hallucinating.



You'll be in charge of the music down here...
(New Yorker Cartoon)

A Canadian officer, pinned down with his unit in Italy in 1944, urgently signalled his CO - "Need reinforcements to rescue us. Please send six tanks or one piper".



An old Scot, after living for many years in a far-away land, was dying. He called his doctor and asked for one last favour. The doctor agreed and the old Scot said he wanted to hear the pipes played one more time before he died. A piper was duly summoned and marched up and down the hallway playing mightily. In the morning, the old Scot was so invigorated that he arose, dressed, and went home. All of the other patients were dead.



Why can't you just sit and nag like other wives?

A man in a kilt walks into a pub with a plastic bag under his arms and the bartender asks, "What's that?" "Six pounds of Semtex", he answers "That's a relief. I thought it was bagpipes."



Donald MacDonald from the Isle of Skye (or maybe it was Neil McNeil from Barra, but anyway...) went to study at an English university and was living in the hall of residence with all the other students there. After he had been there a month, his mother came to visit him (no doubt carrying reinforcements of tatties, salt herring, oatmeal and whisky).

"And how do you find the English students, Donald?" she asked.

"Mother," he replied, "they're such terrible, noisy people. The one on that side keeps banging his head on the wall and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams all night."

"Oh Donald! How do you manage to put up with these awful noisy English neighbours?"

"Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them. I just stay here quietly, playing my bagpipes."

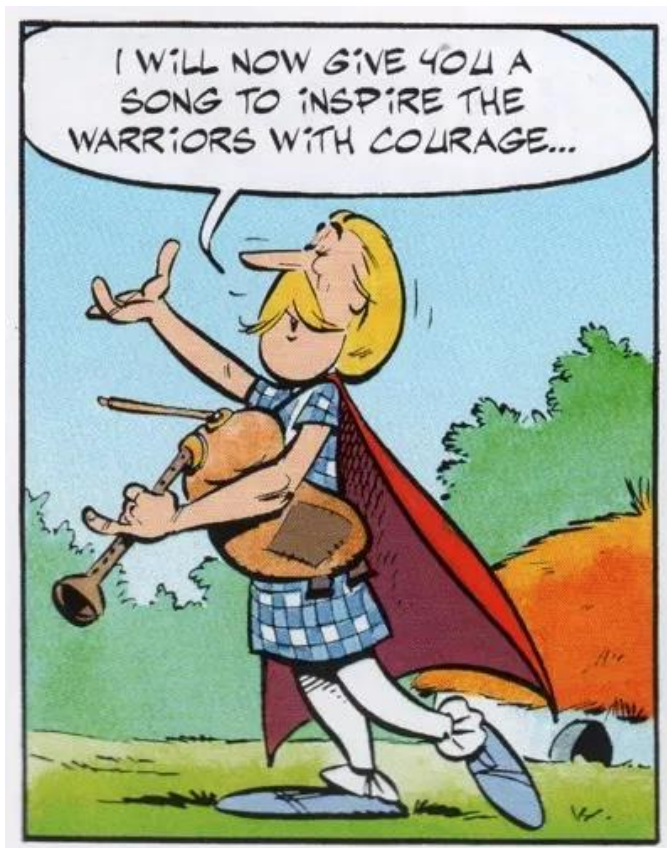


So far no one's seemed to notice
(New Yorker Cartoon)

When someone tells a guitarist joke, people laugh. When someone tells a bagpipe joke, people nod in solemn agreement.



He handles all the telemarketing calls



Cacophonix the bard

From *Asterix the Gladiator* (1964)

by René Goscinny

Artist: Albert Uderzo

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NB: Source (of [selected] verbal jokes): <http://www.rampantscotland.com/humour/blhumpipes.htm>