

Calling all bands for music CD

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BANDS from Carmarthenshire are being encouraged to contribute their tracks to a free promotional CD.

Thanks to a group of enthusiastic young men who run the record company Dragon Sounds, local unsigned musicians can get their sounds out to potential fans without forking out cash.

The compilation CD, which already features over 20 bands, including One Room Down, The Cigars, Porchlight and POQ, will be given out free at gigs organised by Dragon Sounds.

Manager Jonathan Roscoe said: "We want as much music as possible — any band, any genre. We hope to show everyone all the great talent out there — particularly artists who are less well known.

"We hope to have the first batch ready in mid-July, so we need entries from bands as soon as possible."

Later this summer, Dragon Sounds will also be launching an initiative to fund the production costs for bands wanting to record their first demos.

Jonathan works with Jonathan Williams, Tom Wood, and Owen Dingley-Jones to promote bands in the area.

He said: "We are also in quiet discussion with a couple of bands about signing them, but

at the moment we're not appealing for any other bands due to the small size of our organisation."

The boys have put together a programme of gigs at the Jolly Tar over the summer.

Jonathan said: "We've tried to get a large variety of bands down to Carmarthen for people to hear.

"Our website also has an MP3 player with songs from different local artists and we feature a band each month on the main page.

"We also have a forum and are looking into helping bands produce their own CDs, artwork and merchandise."

This Friday, the Jolly Tar will host One Room Down and Porchlight. There will also be gigs tonight (Wednesday), Thursday, July 20, Friday, August 11, and Wednesday, August 23 — entry is £3.

The compilation CD will be handed out free at the gig on July 20. It is also available on the website.

● For more information log on to www.dragonsounds.com or contact jonathan@dragonsounds.com



MUSIC MEN: Jonathan Roscoe, Tom Wood, Jonathan Williams and Owen Dingley-Jones of Dragon Sounds at The Jolly Tar with the compilation CD they are releasing.