



Seindorf
Beaumaris
Band

A Norwegian adventure..

This summer was no ordinary summer for our Youth Band. Rather than having a long, lazy school holiday, they enjoyed a mini tour of Norway.

The tour, which saw them playing two concerts in and around the town of Stavanger, was a reward for their recent success and hard work.

"We've had an incredible 18 months, winning the Youth Entertainment Championships of GB, performing at the Royal Albert Hall and appearing at the Brass in Concert weekend in Gateshead," said band Musical Director, Gwyn Evans.

The Band has several Norwegian connections- with players from Beaumaris travelling to Stavanger to play and vice versa. So Norway was the obvious destination for the trip.

"It all started years ago when we were struggling to find a flugel player for the Welsh nationals," said Gwyn. "In the end, I played flugel and we invited Norwegian conductor, Morten Hansen, to lead us. The friendship has continued to this day.

"Through Morten we made a connection with Tasta Skolekorps. From there we started the planning!"

The trip got off to a great start as members of Beaumaris and Tasta bands enjoyed a barbecue together, which included a swim in the icy waters of the North Sea!

Never ones to shirk a challenge, the members of the Youth Band were in their swimming costumes and into the sea before you could say "yikes, it's cold!"

The following day, Tasta and Beaumaris Bands gave an open air concert on the steps of the cathedral in Stavanger's old town.

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Beaumaris Band Christmas Concert 2015

Friday & Saturday 4/5th December 2015 7.30pm

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With a cruise ship in town for the day, there was quite a crowd for the performance, enjoyed by all ... especially by the hen party who stopped to listen ... and dance!

The following day, the Band travelled to Tysvær - no ordinary journey as we crossed fjords, and enjoyed spectacular scenery.

The concert with Rogaland Ungdomskorps County Wind Band, was another incredible experience for the Beaumaris youngsters.

The reception received by the Youth Band was testament to their playing, wowing their hosts with the set they had performed at the Youth Entertainment Championships.

A very tired crew headed home. But the Youth Band had more than acquitted themselves, both as musicians and as ambassadors for Beaumaris Band.



Delighting the crowds, Stavanger

Friends – please spread the word!

We are always eager to welcome new Friends to join us and support the Band. Your contribution is invaluable in supporting our talented local musicians – helping to buy instruments, uniforms and other essentials for the Band's activities. **Many Friends now receive this newsletter by email, helping us reduce costs. If you can join them, please email friendsofbeumarisband@gmail.com.**

Juniors....The 45 players in our **Junior Band** will open our fun-filled Christmas concert, under Fred Evans's nurturing leadership. Ranging from four to 11 year olds, they will perform popular tunes and a few Christmas favourites to delight us all.

Our Senior Band...As ever, the Senior Band has been supporting local events – performing at the Beaumaris Food Festival, Holyhead Sailing Club, and leading the parade on Mayor's Sunday and Remembrance Sunday.

They will be getting everyone into the Christmas spirit over the coming weeks – here's their programme:

November 28 – Performing at the Victorian Christmas evening, Beaumaris;

November 29 – Carols at Tesco, Bangor, 11am - 3pm

December 10 – Carols at Tesco Bangor 7.30pm - 9.30pm

December 14 – Ensemble playing at the NSPCC carol service, Beaumaris St Mary's Church

December 20 – Carols at Tesco, Bangor.

In the last few weeks, the Band has also recorded a Christmas CD – which should be available at the Christmas concert!



Leading the way, Remembrance Sunday

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A word from the Chair

Once again we marvel at the accomplishments of our young players and congratulate them.

We are saddened by the death of Terry and Ray since our last newsletter. Ray Brimecome had been a member of our band since he was a lad and gave generously of his time and talent to teach so many new players. In those early days when the band was being reformed he even gave lessons in his home - how Betty must have been driven mad by "First sounds!"

Terry was a leading light in the Last of the Summer Wind and gave generously of his time to support everything the band did.

We'll miss them both and send our love to their families.

Patsy Thomas

