

Seindorf Beaumaris Band

Summer 2017



LSW's Norwegian adventure

We focus a lot on our young musicians and pride ourselves on their development. But, earlier this year, our more mature players were our international ambassadors!

The Last of the Summer Wind Band (LSW) was formed in 2008 when Gwyn Evans, Beaumaris Band musical director, returned from working with a Norwegian band. He was inspired by the way Norwegian bands involve whole families and the wider community in their set up.

Back in Beaumaris, just nine players joined Fred Evans for the first LSW rehearsal. Today, the band boasts 40 members – some are players that have picked up their instruments again after years of doing other things, others are learners from scratch.

As the band grew in numbers and confidence, they were invited to perform in concerts and competitions.

Earlier this year, LSW made its first overseas trip to compete in the Gubbiaden championships hosted by Stavanger Kommunes Korps – the band that first inspired Gwyn and Fred all those years ago! And to crown it all, they returned with the prize for the most entertaining performance!

"Establishing LSW has been one of the highlights of my 70 years in brass banding", says Fred. "It was such a pleasure to take the band to the city which sowed the seed for this adventure!"

Beaumaris Band Summer Concert 2017

Saturday 15th July 2017 7.30pm

**Tickets now on sale in Canolfan
Beaumaris Leisure Centre.**

To book please ring 01248 811200



Here's our intermediate band, conducted by Bethan Evans, rehearsing in the bandroom this month.

A word from our Chair

The sun is shining as I write, and our thoughts turn to our young players in this exam season and wish them all good luck.

They excelled themselves their recent music grade exams with a 100% pass rate, and all the competing players did the band proud at the North Wales Association Solos competition in February.

Our youth band will be playing in 'The Music for Youth' in Birmingham on 7th July. The Intermediate Band are playing in the Town Hall, Beaumaris on 16th June. And we will be competing at the National Eisteddfod on Ynys Môn in August.

The "Not quite so young" players in the Last of the Summer Wind (LSW) enjoyed a fantastic trip to Norway in April to compete in Gubbiden. They won the prize for the Most Entertaining Band apparently the adjudicator couldn't stop laughing!

The band AGM will be held in the bandroom on 17th July at 7.00pm I look forward to seeing you at the summer concert

Dr Patsy Thomas

Our Beginners. We must not forget where all the success starts. The 45 players in our **Junior Band** will open the summer concert, under Fred Evans's leadership. Ranging from four to 11 year olds, they will perform popular tunes they enjoy playing to delight us all.

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National Eisteddfod on our doorstep

We're greatly looking forward to the National Eisteddfod in Anglesey this August – a nine-day festival that celebrates Welsh culture.

The Youth Band will be competing in the Section 4 Competition with the Senior Band competing in the Section 3. Both competitions will be held on the first weekend of the Eisteddfod, Saturday 5 August – and we'd welcome your support!

We will also be taking part in the Cymanfa Ganu in the Eisteddfod Pavillion on Sunday 6th August. The service will also be televised on S4C if you can't come along!

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 friendsofbeaumarisband@gmail.com.**