

A huge thank you - Thanks to your fantastic generosity, new instruments have been bought for several members of the Beaumaris Band's Youth sections. The Friends Committee donated £2,660 towards the purchase of six cornets and two baritones.

Musical Director Gwyn Evans said: "We are so grateful to the Friends of the Band for their generous donations. The support is invaluable. Some old instruments were well past their sell by date. And, a recent influx of new members meant a shortage of instruments.

"The timing could not be better. As we embark on a very busy and exciting year, having high quality instruments means we can compete and entertain at the highest level."

What makes the story even better is that the old instruments have been donated to the charity Brass in Africa. Brass instruments from our bandroom were recently delivered to Uganda by Callum Macdonald. Around 25 instruments have been sent there over the last few years. So thank you for making this possible as well.





## **FRIENDS NEWSLETTER WINTER 2016**

**Beaumaris Band Christmas Concert 2016** 

Friday & Saturday 9/10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 7.30pm

Tickets now on sale: Canolfan Beaumaris

To book please ring 01248 811200 (no reserved seating)

## A word from the Chair

It's hard to believe that another year of wonderful music making is drawing to a close and all the bands are busy preparing for the Christmas Concerts, carol concerts, etc. I hope to see many of you there.

For the first time in a long while the band is also holding a Christmas Fayre in Beaumaris Town Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Please pop in if you can.

At our Summer Concert two new awards were made in memory of wonderful 'Friends' we've lost, The Ruth Gwilliam Award for the Most Improved Player and the Ray Brimecombe Award to the Best Bandperson.

Please know how much we appreciate all the loyal support the Friends of the Band give to all of us. Some of you may have experienced a few communication 'hiccups' last year and I'm very sorry about that. We are well on the way to ironing these out.

My very best wishes to you all

Patsy Thomas



Playing our part - Service of Remembrance, Beaumaris, Sunday 13 November 2016

## 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

Want to follow our activities? Check out our Facebook page – lots of photos and video clips of our performances!

## *Key Dates in our Calendar 2016/17:*

November 28 – North Wales Brass Rally (Ruthin) – Youth band;

November 28 – Victorian Christmas, Beaumaris

December 12 – NSPCC Carol Service (Senior Band), Beaumaris Church

December 13 & 15 – Carols at Tesco, Bangor

December 17 – Christmas Fayre, Beaumaris Town Hall 11.am-2pm. Cake and craft stalls while the Bands play.

December 23 – Henllys Hall Carols (senior group)

December 26- Hot Pennies, Beaumaris

February 12 – National Youth Entertainment Championship, Blackpool

March 18/19 – Welsh Regional Championships, Swansea

March 24-27 – LSW tour to Norway.

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Our youngest players continue to make the bandroom a lively and fun-filled place to be... We had quite a scary Halloween! Rest assured, these outfits are now back in the cupboards, to be replaced with Santa hats for the Christmas Concerts!

