



## Season's Greetings



At the close of 2024 we can look back on another successful year for Seindorf Beaumaris Band. Competition successes for the Senior and Youth bands, with fantastic fundraising by all bands - all with the extra support of you, *the Friends of Seindorf Beaumaris Band*. As always, our thanks and those of the Band are heartfelt. Your contributions are so important for the continued success, so "Thank you" once again!

Following our AGM in September the *Friends* now has a full committee of 8 members. We are hoping to run a new event or two next year and we would especially welcome your ideas to provide more interest to you, the *Friends* membership. If you have ideas for events you may be interested in, new ways we can raise money to support the Band, please do get in touch with us via [friendsofseindorfbeaumarisband@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofseindorfbeaumarisband@gmail.com)

## News of the bands

### Junior Band

The bandroom is buzzing once again! There are now 30 members in the Junior Band which is quite amazing to think they were down to 6 after Covid! Conductor Maggie Williams says it hasn't taken long for them to feel part of the Beaumaris band family and to make new friends. The social part of banding is just as important as playing in an ensemble and the Junior Band already has some story tellers and comedians! They played an entertaining programme in the Summer Concert and we look forward to their performance at the Christmas Concert.



Beaumaris Junior Band

### Intermediate Band

Maggie Williams also conducts the Intermediate Band and she says they are so hard working and a great team of musicians. Some of the band members even give up their time to help tutor the

#### Christmas Events - December:

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| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm | Christmas Concert                   | Canolfan              |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm | Christmas Concert                   | Canolfan              |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  | Emergency Services<br>Carol Service | St Asaph<br>Cathedral |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm | Tree lights & Carols                | Llandegfan            |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> TBC    | Carols                              | Amlwch Port           |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> 5.00pm | Church Carol Service                | Llandegfan            |

kids in the Junior Band, and they are simply amazing! Most of the Intermediate members will be joining the Youth Band after Christmas. They will be missed but we wish them all the very best and know they will enjoy every minute with the Youth Band.

The Intermediate Band took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade. They also played at a Strawberry Tea afternoon at Llangoed Village Hall with the Llangoed Primary School Choir to raise money for the National Eisteddfod that is coming to Anglesey in 2026. It was a wonderful afternoon and a great start to the fundraising.



Beaumaris Intermediate Band

## Youth Band

Beaumaris Youth Band competed in the 'Youth Brass Bands' section of the National Eisteddfod, gaining a very creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind 'South Wales Youth Band'.



*Youth Band at Gateshead*

In November the Youth Band competed at Brass In Concert in Gateshead with an entertainment programme. The standard was incredibly high with many top-flight bands competing. While they did not come away with silverware, the valuable experience gained is best summed up by these words written shortly after the event.

*"Where to start? This group of young people competed and represented Wales in an entertainment competition, and wow, did they do that with confidence and joy on stage, and during the whole trip.*

*It was an absolute pleasure for the whole team to spend a weekend in their company and everyone they came across took the time to praise them and tell us how kind and polite they all were.*

*Weekends like this prove how important music and the arts are to our communities and to society. What a showcase of talent on that stage yesterday by all the youth bands. Congratulations to each and every one of them.*



*The judges used the words JOY, PRIDE, PASSION - this is exactly what these guys showed in their performance and throughout the weekend. A group of young people who are community, are kind, and are FAN-FLIPPIN-TASTIC !".*



*Basses galore at Gateshead!*

## Senior Band

The Band gave us a wonderful performance at the Summer Concert and since then the band have prioritised supporting the Youth Band with their Brass in Concert preparation, working hard to tutor the sections and then being designated supervisors on the trip.

Meanwhile, the Senior Band have been developing their programme for the Xmas concert and starting preparations for a busy 2025, which will include the Festival, the Welsh Regional Band Championships in Swansea in March, and the very enjoyable 'Constest' at the Birmingham Conservatoire in April.

It's worth noting that over half of the Youth Band members play in the Senior Band too, so they have to ensure the workload is manageable as the young players juggle the stresses of exams and school too.

## LSW

Beaumaris's social band, the LSW (*Last of the Summer Wind*) has been helping with events like the Friends' own 'Cawl a Chên' (which was a great evening, by the way - wonderful entertainment and lovely soup!) as well as their Christmas Bingo which was very successful. They also held a concert in Marianglas partnered by the local primary school.

### Friends' website

Don't forget to visit the Friends of Seindorf Beaumaris Band's own website, where you will find more photos, up to date news and diary dates.

[www.friendsofbeaumarisband.org.uk](http://www.friendsofbeaumarisband.org.uk)

