



Season's Greetings

As it draws to a close, we hope you have had a happy year. Seindorf Beaumaris certainly has. Great results at the National Eisteddfod for both the Youth and the Senior bands leads us to eagerly look forward to next year's Eisteddfod coming to Anglesey, and the Youth Band competing once again at the European Championships in Austria.

On top of that, this summer the band celebrated 25 years in the Music Centre and band room on New St, Beaumaris. It is a fantastic resource that enables the band to perform, compete and educate at the high level they achieve, and is a major factor in our family of bands being able to do this when other brass bands are finding it so hard to survive. Keeping the band room going is greatly helped by the support that you, the *Friends of Seindorf Beaumaris Band* give. Thank you all!

Part of the celebration of this milestone was the commission of a new march 'Castell Beaumaris', chosen in a competition between several composers. The winning entry was written by Andy Wareham and had its first performance at the Eisteddfod Mon in May. So many castles have marches named in their honour and now at last Beaumaris can join them.



25 year celebrations on the Green

News of the bands

Junior & Intermediate Bands

Congratulations to the many members of the Intermediate band who at the start of the year moved up to play in the Youth band. This left the band so depleted that they joined forces with the Juniors, and together they played at their wonderful Afternoon of Music in May, and in the Summer concert. Various members also performed solos and ensemble pieces at the Anglesey Eisteddfod in Beaumaris in May. Some members of the Junior band also competed in the Eisteddfod yr Urdd local rounds and made it through to the Urdd National Eisteddfod in May at Margam Park – congratulations to them all!

The Junior band have been working hard at fundraising too, at the Llangoed Fun-day, and also on a sponsored walk. Two members, Lilli and Nayia, raised even more selling cakes at their own birthday party! Well done to all of them!

Christmas & January Events 2025/6:

Dec:

Fri 5 th 7.00 pm	Christmas Concert	Canolfan
Sat 6 th 2.00 pm	Snowman Concert	Canolfan
Sat 6 th 7.00 pm	Christmas Concert	Canolfan
Mon 8 th 7.30pm	Emergency Services Carol Service	Bangor Cathedral
Thu 11 th TBC	Carols	Llanfairpwll
Sat 13 th TBC	RAYC Carols	B'maris RAYC
Wed 16 th TBC	St Mary & St Nicholas Carol Service	Beaumaris
Fri 19 th TBC	Owain Glyndwr Carols	Llanddona
Sun 21 st TBC	Carol service	Llandegfan
Tue 23 rd 6.00pm	Carols	Henllys Hall
Fri 26 th TBC	Hot Pennies	Beaumaris

Jan:

Fri 23 rd 7.30pm	Cheese, wine & song St Dwynwen's day	Band room
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Juniors & Intermediates on sponsored walk

New Juniors have joined and some moved up to the Intermediates so we have 2 young bands again.

Youth Band

Beaumaris is justly very proud of the Youth Band. The start of the year is often relatively quiet as so many band members have study and school exams to cope with. However, this year they found time in April for a 'side-by-side' concert with the Cardiff and Vale Youth brass band at the Canolfan. They really enjoyed it and it was especially good to welcome Cardiff's conductor Charles Maynard who is a former young member of Beaumaris Band.

The highpoint of the year was surely in August at the National Eisteddfod in Wrexham, where the Youth Band won their section with an outstanding performance, which means once again they have qualified to represent Wales at the European Youth Brass Band Championships in Austria next year. Many congratulations!

A couple of special mentions: We are so proud of our eight current and one past member who worked hard in August playing in the National Youth Brass Band of Wales – a fantastic achievement and what a great contribution from the Seindorf Beaumaris Band family.



9 Beaumaris players in the National Youth Brass Band

And we are also incredibly proud of former Youth Band member, Gwenllian Howe, who in February was selected to be part of the European Youth Brass Band.

Senior Band

In March the Senior Band gave a great performance competing at the Welsh Regional Championships in Swansea. It was an incredibly strong 1st Section and while they came a

disappointing 7th they had a great time and enjoyed the piece.

The band also played in May at the Ynys Mon Eisteddfod in Beaumaris. They were proud to play at the ceremony to honour the Tlws y Cerddor (Musician's Prize) and the Tlws yr Ifanc (Young Person's Literary Prize), when they played the especially commissioned new march 'Castell Beaumaris' – a fitting tribute. The audience were wowed by the piece and it received a standing ovation before the band had even finished playing the last note! The new work was selected in a competition and the chairman of the judges was former Beaumaris Band music director Gwyn Evans.



Senior Band at the National Eisteddfod in Wrexham

In August the band competed at the National Eisteddfod in Wrexham, coming a creditable second, and in November they gave a wonderful and moving Remembrance concert on the weekend of Remembrance Sunday.

In between all this the band have performed fundraising Oompah nights at various venues and provided music at events such as the National Eisteddfod Proclamation in Llangefni. It has been a busy year, and with the Eisteddfod in Anglesey next year it will be even more demanding!

LSW

Beaumaris's social band, the LSW (*Last of the Summer Wind*) has been helping with events like the Friends' own 'Beer and Crisp Oompah!' night as well as two successful fundraising Bingo evenings. Although sadly the Newtown competition they usually attend was not held this year, they did compete at Ynys Mon Eisteddfod and took full part in the 25 year Music Centre anniversary celebration.

Friends' website

www.friendsofbeaumarisband.org.uk

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.

