

December 2014

Dear Loyal Friends,

Hi all, I trust you are keeping well.

As we begin our Christmas carolling season we thought we should keep you informed of how things have gone with the band since our last Newsletter back in June.

Over the summer period we kept busy with various engagements in and around the area. These included

Tre-Uchaf School Summer Fete 4 July;  
Parc William Fun Day 5 July;  
Christadelphian Care Home. Newton 12 July;  
Llangennech WI 1 August;  
Singleton Park Botanical Gardens 3 August.

In between those dates we also played at the wedding of Robin (one of our solo cornet players) and his wife Emma. It was a lovely day helped with glorious weather.

A little more recently on the 11 October, we held our annual concert at the Welfare Hall. This year we shared the evening with the Dunvant Male Voice Choir and the Corps of Drums of the South Wales Police. The evening went very well indeed with feedback received very encouraging.

One piece of sad news was the passing of Mrs Dennis, the wife of Gordon Dennis our Band President. I am sure you will share with the band in passing on our condolences and thoughts to Mr Dennis.

Moving forward, our Training Band is now up and running and is progressing really well under the tuition of Ruth Bennett. The band gave an excellent performance to the senior band on 26 November and we look forward to a lot more (hopefully some in public) throughout the year, culminating in an appearance at our Annual concert on October.

Another major move forward is the creation of the band web site which can be found at [www.loughortownband.com](http://www.loughortownband.com). As well as providing information on

contacts and engagements etc it also outlines a brief history of the band. Please feel free to visit us there and browse around.

Looking ahead to 2015 we already have some engagements booked including the Cawl y Can evening at the Welfare Hall in February and the Fun Day at Parc William Loughor on 4 July.

As I mentioned earlier we are now starting our Christmas Carolling season. We have already taken part in the turning on of the lights procession in Swansea (16 Nov) and by the time you receive this Newsletter we will have played at least two carolling stints. For the remainder we will be in Tesco Fforestfach and Asda Gorseinon (see our Website for the dates and times). So if you are out and about and we are playing please feel free to stop and have a chat.

Well I think that's all our news covered, but if you have any comments or have anything specific you would like included in future Newsletters please let us know. Also if you think the band can help you or any organisation you are involved with, again please feel free to get in touch and we will do our very best to accommodate.

In the meantime we would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and thank you all again for your continued support. It remains, as always, greatly appreciated?

Kind Regards

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On behalf of Loughor Town Band