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Hello Friends.

I trust this Newsletter finds you well.

The Band has continued in its usual busy way throughout the year. We have played at various locations, with the most recent being at Newton Court care home. Our Annual concert on the 15th October, which we shared with our Training Band and the Three Cliffs in Harmony choir, was successful and although there wasn't a great number in the audience, all who did come along, braving the wet weather, thoroughly enjoyed the music. Earlier in the year we also performed at the annual Loughor Cawl a Chân evening; Awel y Mor Nursing Home; Ysgol Cymraeg Brynsierfel, Parc Williams fun day, Maes yr Efail Retirement Complex, and at a summer event in Southern Gardens Mumbles.

Ivan Butcher stepped down as MD at this year's AGM. Ruth Bennett has taken over the baton and we are all looking forward to working with her over the next year. In the meantime Ivan is now returning to playing and I'm sure you would like to join with all the Band members in thanking him for the hard work he has put in over recent years to prepare us for our engagements.

Our Training Band, also under Ruth's directions, continues to meet in our Bandroom at Loughor Boating club on a Monday evening. It continues to progress and performed extremely well at our Annual concert. The aim of the Training Band is to provide a fun and educational musical experience for players of all ages. So, if you are interested or know anyone who may be interested in joining, feel free to call in on a Monday evening or get in touch with Ruth on 07864585041 or email Ruth at ruth_bennett@hotmail.co.uk

With Christmas rushing toward us we are presently putting together our Carolling schedule. Other than playing at the local stores ie Tesco (Fforestfach and Llanelli) and Asda Gorseinon, two additional engagements you may be interested in joining us at are a Carol service at St Michaels Church Loughor at 3pm on 18th December and a Christmas mini concert at the Loughor Boating Club on Christmas Eve at 7:00. I am sure there will be a warm welcome at both.

Our first engagement of 2017 is already in diaries with 25th February pencilled in for the annual Cawl a Chân evening.

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Well I think that's our news covered, but as always if you have any comments or have anything specific you would like included in future Newsletters please let us know. Also, we are your band, so if you think the band can help you or any organisation you are involved with, 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 the very best for the future and to thank you all for your continued support. It remains, as always, greatly appreciated

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Dorian

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