

Band Report

Since the last Club AGM the Band had carried out its usual round of engagements. Starting with the Carol Service in St Peter's Church and followed by the Community Carol Service playing along with Warrenpoint Silver Band.

WSB and ourselves arranged a joint concert for Friday the 1st of March 2024. It was held in the St Peter's Parish Centre and was a huge success with a full house on the night. Our club Ballad Group also took part adding greatly to the occasion. In the months preceding the concert the two bands practiced together often, using both the C of I Parochial Hall and our own club rooms. The whole experience helped to build friendships among the two bands and we hope to repeat it in the future.

Adie Benson our former conductor attended the concert but before the week was out we learned of Adie's death. The Band played at Adie's funeral a very memorable and moving experience for us all.

We played on St Patrick's Day and a small group played for the Blessing of The Graves ceremony. We had our usual spot in the bandstand in the park during The Blues on the Bay Festival and in August along with some members from WSB we gave a concert in the bandstand for The Loughside Festival.