

Cammell Laird Works Band



CAMMELL LAIRD WORKS BAND PERSONNEL

Director of Music, James Scott. Honorary Secretary, James Hosker, M.B.E. Kenneth Davies, Graham Jones, David Atherton, Gareth Hughes, William Platt, Malcolm Brownbill, Melvin Smallwood, Robert Dean, G. Hetherington, William Marrs, Gwyn Jones, Norman Bickerton, Andre Helleur, Brian Boden, William Maginn, George Maynard, Harry Mather, Richard Sweet, Philip Morgan, John Maines, Graham Turner, Harry Corns, Anthony Atherton, John Morris, Roy Eves, Hugh Bennett.

The band, a combination of brass and woodwind, was originally formed to provide music at launches at the shipyard.

In 1957 the Directors decided to go "all brass" and Mr. Rex Mortimer of Fodens Motor Works Band was appointed Musical Director.

In 1958 they entered their first competition at Blackpool and were placed seventh.

1959 saw them winning the Daily Herald Contest in both the North Western Region, and the National Finals.

In 1960 Mr. James Scott the principal cornetist of GUS was appointed Bandmaster and in the same year they were runners up in both the North Western Region and National Finals.

1961 — Winners of the North Western Region and National Finals, with promotion to the Championship Section. To have

reached this section in four years must be unique in band contesting history.

They did not qualify for the National Finals until 1964, when, after having won the North Western Area, they were placed fourth in the National Championship at their first effort.

1965 saw them again North Western Area Champions but on this occasion finished a very creditable second to the Fairey Band in the National Championships.

In addition to these successes they also won the BBC Challenging Brass Competition in 1963.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Rex Mortimer at the end of June, 1965, Mr. Scott was appointed Musical Director.

Mr. James Hosker, who has been their Honorary Secretary since 1957, was awarded the MBE in the New Years honours in 1965.