

International Band Parade No. 29

FRECKLETON SUBSCRIPTION BAND



Chairman: R. Woods. Secretary and Treasurer: R. Rossal. President J. Richards. Musical Director: H. West.
Bandmaster: R. Christopher.

This Lancashire band was formed almost 100 years ago by, among others, Mr. J. Harrison and Mr. Thomas S. Rawstrone. Sixteen second-hand instruments were purchased from Blackburn Ragged School Band and brought to Freckleton on a horse-drawn cart. A photograph in the band room shows the band wearing pillbox hats and holding these treasured instruments; valve trombones

were then in use.

Success was achieved at their first contest, winning 1st Prize, at Clayton, Bradford, on test piece "Smiles and Tears"; the cup is still a prized possession.

The great William Rimmer became their professional coach and the band won several prizes under conductor Peter Rawstrone. Other professional teachers have included