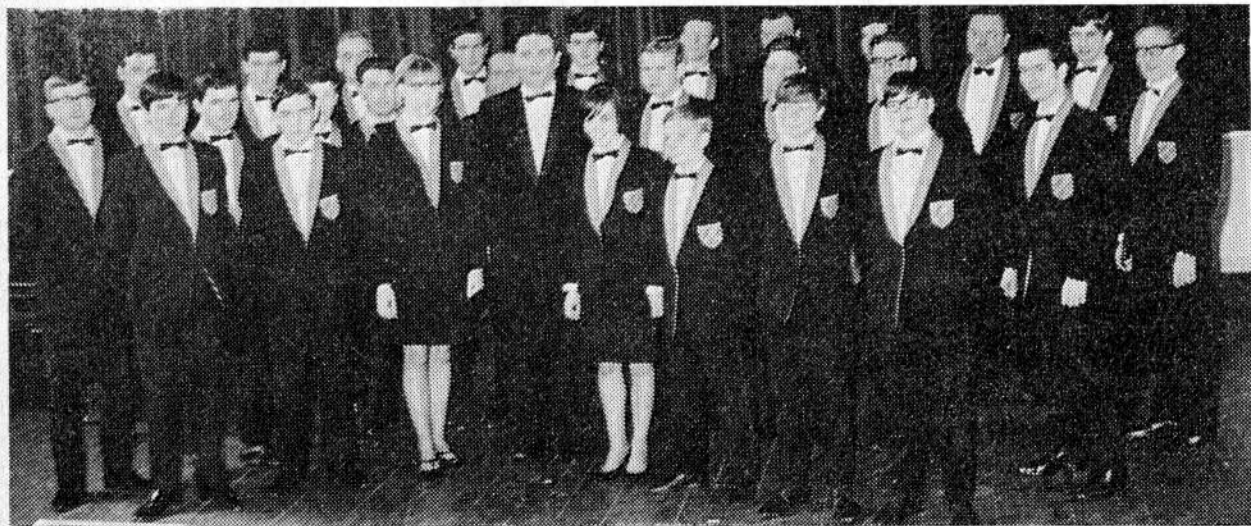


STALYBRIDGE PUBLIC BAND



The Stalybridge Public Band was amalgamated in 1951, when the OLD STALYBRIDGE BAND and the BORO BAND joined forces.

Like most other bands they have had their ups and downs in the past years, but they are now up to full strength and giving plenty of concerts and contesting whenever possible.

The band have been very

fortunate in getting the services of Les. Hine to take over the Baton, most people in Brass with remember Les as the Solo Cornet with MOSSLEY who are close friends and neighbours of Stalybridge.

The history of the band takes them back to the 'BATTLE OF PETERLOO' in Manchester when they played at the meeting of the

Manchester Rēformers, during the depressing years of the cotton famine.

The man who started the band was a Thomas Avison, he and four more men began to practice in the garret of a house next dor to the FLEECE INN, Stalybridge, and the five of them went out on their first parade Easter 1814.

The photograph recently taken in their new uniforms (Evening dress with shawl collar, made by D. Rosenfield of Manchester) has been greatly admired by audiences.

The future of the band looks very good with so many young players, and a hard working committee.