

WATNEYS SILVER BAND



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The West London Silver Band was formed in 1934 and remained in being until 1939 when it changed its name to the 27th London Home Guard Band. At the termination of hostilities the members reformed as the Borough of Barnes Band and in their first eight months of existence won 10 first prizes, being regraded from 3rd Section to Championship status.

It was then that Professor Jimmy Edwards joined us giving the band some very good advice and remaining with us for a long time.

Some years later the band was in financial difficulties and was left with only four players who rallied together for some time teaching any young persons who were interested.

It was then we decided to approach Mr. Handel, the advertising manager of Messrs. Watneys Ltd. He was very co-operative and finally we were adopted by the Brewery. This was a great boost to the band and we now have 36 playing members. In our first year with the Brewery we made 3 very successful weekend tours of France (advertising purposes).

During the past two years we have won many trophies under the baton of our musical director, Mr. A. Meek, and bringing the band back once again to championship class. We now look forward to a very busy season ahead with contest and concert work and with the backing of the Brewery behind us look forward to the future with confidence.