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Introduction

The earliest brass bands arose in the early 19th century, and were the result of a combination of factors. The rapid growth of industry gave a workforce with more disposable income, and employers who were keen to support out of work activities for their workers. The development of affordable, standardised, reliable, and mass produced brass instruments. The arrival of railways and growth in leisure activities for the working population which created a demand for new forms of mass entertainment – which brass bands could satisfy in concerts and contests.

Their golden era was in the late 19th century and prior to the first World War. During this time it has been estimated that some 20,000 bands existed in Britain (compared with less than 1,500 today). Since that time, which saw bands arise in small villages, large urban areas, be attached to and sponsored by industry, and have close relationships with local army volunteer regiments, their numbers have dwindled, eroded by a series of factors, not least of which is the impact of two World Wars, the decline of traditional “heavy” industries which had supported many bands, increase in alternative forms of entertainment and leisure activity.

Sadly the history of individual brass bands is not well documented. Existing books and articles only scratch the surface and cover a small fraction of the bands of yesteryear. Valiant attempts to document the history of specific bands and the brass band movement at large have been made in a quite a few books and the dedication and research involved in producing these works is applauded. This book gives a starting point for further research. In recording the sparse details of around 5,000 vintage brass bands that are no longer extant it highlights the remaining 75% or more of brass bands that are still to be tracked down.

The definition of “extinct” – this is somewhat arbitrary when it relates to bands that are still playing today. Bands that have merged I have classed as a new entity, and their previous existences are deemed to be extinct. Similarly, if there is a significant gap in a band’s activity – of more than a few years – then its earlier incarnation is regarded as extinct.

Finally, I am always delighted to have any information about the brass bands of earlier times. The information contained herein is freely available online as part of the IBEW website – **www.ibew.co.uk** – the main internet resource for brass band reference and historical material, which also includes the only comprehensive brass band bibliography.

1st Derby Company Boys Life Brigade Brass Band - Active in 1904

1st Lanark Rifle Volunteers Band - Originally a bugle band it eventually became a brass band for the second battalion of the regiment but had improved so much by 1887 that it was promoted to the band for the 1st Battalion, the professional band which had previously existed being done away with.

1st Renfrew and Dumbarton Artillery Volunteers Band - Formed in 1875 as the Working Boys Brass Band, became the Greenock Thistle Brass Band in 1876 and to the Volunteers in 1880. In 1879 it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Oddfellows Lodge, who had gorgeous banners illustrative of the objects of the Order, and the fantastic robes and head gear of the officials attracted no little notice.

1st Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers Band - *See: Bury Public Silver Band*

1st West York Yeomanry Band (Doncaster) - Conducted for many years around 1900 by Lieutenant Samuel Suckley.

2nd Battalion Monmouth Regiment (T.A.) Band - Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (3rd Section), conducted by W.O.I. Roy Lee

2nd Cumberland Artillery Band - Active in 1864

2nd Lanarkshire Royal Engineers Band - *See: Milnwood Brass Band*

2nd Monmouthshire Regt. (TA) Band

2nd South Essex Boys' Brigade Band - Active in 1938

3rd Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade Band - Formed in 1958, under the direction of Mr D J McCartney. The band went from strength to strength and won the Marching Bands Competition in Belfast three years in a row as well as featuring in the major Brass Band contests throughout Northern Ireland. The Band eventually disbanded in 1968 as the boys got older and left the BB.

3rd L.A.V.(Chorley) Band - Active in 1884

3rd Lancashire Rifle Volunteers Temperance Band - Active in 1885

3rd Monmouth Battalion Band - Active around 1909/1913

3rd Peeblesshire Volunteer Band

4th Durham Artillery Band - *See: West Hartlepool Old Operatic Prize Silver Band*

4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Bacup) Band - *See: Bacup Old Band*

4th Nottingham Rifle Volunteers Band - Active in 1896, when on May 8th, under the direction of Bandmaster Belcher, they led the annual Volunteer Church Parade at the Priory Church and in the afternoon the band played a selection in the Marker Square.

4th Rifle Volunteers Royal Scots Band - Formed in 1868

5th Battalion Welch Regiment (T.A.) Band - Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (3rd Section), conducted by T.W. Morgan

5th Gloucestershire Royal Artillery Band - *See: Clevedon Silver Band*

5th Oxford Rifle Band

6th Battalion South Staffs Regiment Band (Wolverhampton) - *See: John Thompson Works Prize Band*

6th Battalion Welch Regiment (T.A.) Band - Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by Tom Jones

7th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (TA) Band (Bonnybridge) - *See: Bonnybridge Silver Band*

10th Battalion Manchester Regiment Oldham Rifles Prize Band - *See: Oldham Rifles Band*

19th Battalion Durham Light Infantry Home Guard Band - Active during WW2

21st London Regiment Band (1st Surrey Rifles) - Active in the 1930s

26th West Riding Home Guard Band - Active in the 1940s

27th Manchester Company Old Boys Silver Band (Boys Brigade)

32nd Lancashire Battalion Home Guard Band (Bacup) - Active in 1940s

38th Battalion Cheshire Home Guard Band - Active in 1940s

41st Old Boys Band (Turnpike Lane, North London)

48th Lancashire Home Guard Band - Active in 1940s

82nd Wandsworth Squadron ATC Band - A set of brass band instruments was given to the ATC. The Bandmaster was WO Johnstone-Harry who had been invalided out of the RAF Central Band, following 12 years service with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry Band.

150th (Northumbrian) Column Territorial Army Band - *See: West Hull Prize Band*

176 (Heavy Battery) Royal Artillery (TA) Band - Formed in Harwich by those who left the Harwich Town Band in 1936. Bandmaster was Stan Whitmore. When the Territorials were called to the Colours, the members were dispersed and the band went out of existence after just 3 years.

256th Wessex Royal Artillery (TA) Band - Active around 1958/1960

383 Field Regiment R.A. (T.A.) Band - Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships, conducted by W.O.I. Davies.

Ab Kettleby Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1889 through 1900

Abbey Silver Prize Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1928, when it played for dancing in the evening following the Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffaloes Lodges' "Monster Fete and Rally" at Charfield Rectory on July 7th.

Abbot Memorial School Band (Gateshead) - Active between 1905 and 1914. This Industrial & Reform was opened in 1891.

Abbots Bromley Brass Band - Formed in 1890s it survived at least until the end of WWI, but there is no local information on a subsequent closure date for the band

Aber & Blaengwynfi Workmens Silver Band - Formed in 1892 and active through to the 1970s

Aber Valley Band - *See: Windsor Colliery Workmen's Silver Band*

Aberaman Original Silver Band (Glamorgan) - Active in 1893 through 1909 and 1933/1948. Patronised in the mid 1800s by Crawshay Bailey, a local industrialist.

Aberaman Silver Band - *See: Aberaman Original Silver Band*

Abercarn Welfare Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s and the Grand Shield in 1947

Abercynon Brass Band - Active in 1900

Abercynon Prize Silver Band - Active in the 1930s

Aberdare Town Band - Active in 1878, when they had a new "hussars" uniform. Took part in the first National Championships in 1900, conducted by J. Manley. Active in 1906, also known as Ysguborwen Brass Band

Aberdeen City Band - Founded in 1957 by a former conductor of the Stoneywood Band, Alexander Buchan. Some of the original members transferred from Stoneywood, finding it more convenient to attend practices in Aberdeen. Throughout the 1960's and 70's the City band was much in demand for concert appearances and had some notable successes in concerts. On two occasions the band took first place in the Scottish Championships, thus qualifying to play in the British finals in London. By the 90's however membership had declined to the point that the band had many more instruments than musicians, and the band merged with UDI Brass to form UDI Aberdeen City Band and also Aberdeen Community Band,

Aberdulais Tin Works Silver Band - T. Morgan was the conductor in 1922

Aberfeldy Brass Band - Active in the 1860s, folded before 1874

Abergavenny Imperial Band

Abergavenny Temperance Band

Abergorchy Town Band - Active in 1918

Abergorky Workmen's Band - Active in 1928

Abergwynfi Brass Band

Aberkenfig & Tondu Band - *See: Tondu & Aberkenfig Silver Band*

Aberpergwm Brass Band (Glynneath) - Formed in 1906 and conducted by Mr Thomas Sands - was a keen rival to the Glynneath Silver Band. It only lasted two years and folded around 1908.

Abertridwr Welfare Band - Active in 1948

Abertysswg Youth Silver Band - Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by W.T. Davies

Aberystwyth Briton Band - Active in the 1880s. Merged with the Aberystwyth Excelsior Band in the 1890s to form the current Aberystwyth Silver Band.

Aberystwyth Excelsior Band - Active in the 1880s. Merged with the Aberystwyth Briton Band in the 1890s to form the current Aberystwyth Silver Band.

Abram Colliery Band - *See Bickershaw Colliery Band*

Ackton Hall and Snydale Colliery Band - *See: Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band*

Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band - Active through the 1950s to early 1980s. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by T. Sellers

Ackton Hall Band - *See: Ackton Hall and Snydale Workmens Band*

Acomb Brass Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1864 when they played at the Hexham Flower Show in September. In 1878 they were attached to the 11th Northumberland (Corbridge) Volunteers. Still active in 1890 and also 1922.

Acomb Colliery Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1892.

Acton Borough Brass Band (Middlesex) - Active in 1927 (possibly renamed Acton Town Band)

Acton Green Brass Band (Middlesex) - Played at a concert in 1900

Acton Temperance (Prize) Brass Band (Middlesex) - Present at a meeting of Temperance Branch in 1899. Played at the laying of the foundation stone for the electricity works in 1904

Acton Town Band '(1) (Middlesex) - Active in the 1890s - presumed to have folded before 1900 when a successor band was formed.

Acton Town Band '(2) (Middlesex) - Formed in 1900. Listed in the Acton Almanac 1907 - Secretary P Gillett, 39 Grove Road.

Acton Village Brass Band (Middlesex) - Played at a Feast in 1867 and at Hampton Court in 1868

Addingham Brass Band (near Ilkley) - Active in 1843/1844. In 1865 it played at the opening of the Midland and Northeastern Railway's extension to Ilkley and Otley. Active in the 1920s when they chanced to cause a little damage to school furniture during a concert given at the school.

Addlestone British Legion Band (Surrey) - Formed in 1929

Addlestone Excelsior Prize Band - *See: Addlestone Temperance Band*

Addlestone Temperance Band (Surrey) - Formed in 1905, later became Addlestone Excelsior Prize Band and by the mid 1920s had become a mixed brass and woodwind ensemble and became known as Addlestone Military Band, later merged with Chertsey Town Silver Prize Band. See Woking Brass Band

Adel Reformatory Brass Band (Leeds) - Active in 1877 and the 1880s. Mr J.W. Cheshire was conductor. A typical story of one of the boys notes: "He was rescued from the demoralising custody of dissolute parents, and being placed in the band, speedily exhibited that passion for music and close application to the study of its principles which has led to his occupying the honourable position of bandmaster in Her Majesty's service." A visitor to the Reformatory in 1887 remarked: "I heard the well trained band perform a selection from "Masaniello". I have heard that particular excerpt performed by a goodly number of bands at one time and another, and I have heard it rendered by grown up musicians in a manner which would give no cause for envy to the band boys of the Reformatory at Adel. "

Afan Valley Workmen's Prize Band - Played at the ceremonial opening of Port Talbot Memorial Park on the 27th June 1925 at 3p.m.

Agecroft Colliery Band - *See: Hulton Brass Band*

Agnes Street Band - Formed in 1935 as the Agnes Street Temperance Silver Band, it amalgamated in 1994 with the C.W.S. Band to form the C.W.A. Brass Band

Aigburth Band - Active in 1930s

Aikton Brass Band (Cumberland) - Active in June 1903, when it promoted the latest of a series of annual picnic and sports at Wiggonby. The bandmaster at the time was Mr Thompson.

Ainsworth Brass Band (Lancashire) - Formed in November 1891 by Wm Norman Rayson. He had started earlier local bands at Brightmet Bleachworks, his place of work, and in the village of Ainsworth but both were short lived. In 1891 he again gathered together some local musicians and Ainsworth Brass Band was formed. In the mid 1890's the band was engaged to play at Bolton ice rink at the bottom of Chorley Old Road. The bandsmen would walk to Bolton and then at the end of the evening walk back at one or two o'clock in the morning, back to Ainsworth village. Often they would pause on their way home through the fields and enjoy an informal concert. Their best soloists would play and sing and the whole band would thoroughly enjoy themselves. On one November 5th the band found a deserted bonfire still burning. They gathered round and played 'Hail smiling Morn', the band serenaded the neighbourhood for a while before marching off to a lively quick march! They changed their name to Ainsworth Public Subscription Band in 1946 after having been disbanded during the war. In the 1950's the band took sponsorship from a local firm and changed its name to the Irwell Forge Band. They were sponsored by Airtours the travel company in 1986. Following difficult trading conditions the sponsorship deal ended in 1989. Due to its Bury roots, and the fact that Bury Silver Band were not playing at that time, the band was renamed as Bury Brass Band. They played on under that name until 1997 when the band eventually folded due to lack of a fixed affordable rehearsal space and being down to twelve members. Conductors

have included C. H. Partington (1933-38), Harry Hodgson (1938-48) and Frank Kay (c. 1950)

Ainsworth Public Subscription Band - *See: Ainsworth Brass Band*

Air Balloon Hill Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1898 to 1900

Air Rifle Club Band - Active in 1931

Airdrie Old Union Silver Band - *See: Airdrie Union Band*

Airdrie Saxhorn Band - Active in 1861

Airdrie Union Band - The Airdrie Union Band was founded in 1819 and survived to celebrate its centenary as the Airdrie Old Union Band. Originally it was a mixed brass and reed instrument band. Around 1860 - to the disgust of some members - it converted to being a full brass band. Among its many concerts it played at functions and marches of many of the town's friendly societies, trade societies and Masonic lodges. Shortly after the Band's formation it was reputed to have been involved in the political parades and demonstrations around Airdrie which were part of the nationwide movement of Radical agitation in late 1819 and early 1820. The formation of the Band may even have been connected with this movement. (The Articles of the Band give the false impression that it was founded in November 1820). In 1871 Wm. Donaldson, who had been conductor for fifty-two years, died. The band then became dormant, but was resuscitated in 1872; began to compete 1879; to 1888 had attended fourteen contests, and won prizes value £80. Records of the band, from 1836-1910, are held by the North Lanarkshire Council Archives. These include a Roll Book, 1836-c 1905; typed transcript of the Articles of the Airdrie Union Band with annotations, c 1910; Handwritten notes (by James Knox?) concerning Airdrie Union Band, 1875; Records concerning the purchase of new instruments for the Airdrie Old Union Silver Band including correspondence, a band list, extracts from accounts and receipts, 1907-1909.

Aire and Calder Brass Band (Castleford) - Active in 1873

Airedale Brass Band (Bradford) - Active in 1868 through 1874

Aislaby Brass Band - Active in 1859 when it took part in the Lofthouse Grand Village Band Contest in November that year. It was conducted by R Corney, had 9 performers, and played La Somnambula by Bellini and the test piece, Grand Parade March by Jones. Still active in 1879.

Aitkenhead Brass Band - Active in the late 1800s. James Barclay was bandmaster at one time. Aitkenhead was located near Tannochside/Thorniewood/Nackerty, Lanarkshire

Akroyd's Brass Band (Halifax) - A band formed by the workers at the mills of James Akroyd & Son

Albany Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1950

Albert Edward Operatic Band - Formed in 1898

Albert Foundry Works Band (N. Ireland) - Folded before 1950, when its instruments were sold to the new Ballyduff Silver Band

Albert Hill Band - Active in 1913

Albert Institute Brass Band (Cambridge) - Active around 1885. G.H. Kirkup played the baritone at that time in the band. Also in that year the bandmaster Joseph Coulson went missing for several days.

Albert Memorial Band (Manchester) - Active in 1887

Albion Dockyard Silver Band (Bristol) - Active until 1966 when it merged with the then Kingswood Hill Silver Band.

Albion Park Band (Wollongong, Australia) - Active in 1900s

Aldborough & Boroughbridge Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1873, when it was described as being "only young" - so probably formed in the early 1870s

Aldeburgh Town Band (Suffolk) - Active in 1892 when James Fisher was secretary. The conductor was J. Chapman in 1898.

Alderbury Band - The band existed in the early 1900s. The local Methodist chapel had its music led by a number of these local musicians. The Fry family, who founded the first Salvation Army band in Salisbury, did so shortly after they moved there from Alderbury, and had played regularly in the Alderbury chapel.

Alderholt Silver Prize Band - Active in 1935

Alderley Edge Band - Active in 1863 - also active in 1920s and 1930s

Alderson Band - *See: Alderson's Band*

Alderson's Band (Stockton) - Active in 1884 and 1890

Alderton Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1856, when it headed celebrations in the town to mark the return of peace. Photographed at the Plough Inn, Ford in 1905. Also active in 1962 (probably a successor band).

Aldington Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1901 when it received £3 15s. 0d. from the parish to pay the balance due for their new instruments and also 8s. for new music. In July that year John Roberts, a returning soldier from the Boer War, was met by the band at the entrance to the village, and escorted in triumph to his home. Still active in 1911.

Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band - Formed in 1920 after the Walsall Wood Temperance Band went bankrupt. The band practised in a large garage in Brookland Road. Mr Tom Smith was the conductor in the 1920's. Arthur Reeves was the band secretary and also played the trombone. Other players were J Breeze, B Snape, Bradford, J Welsh, and E Westwood. It is believed they performed in a short radio concert on BBC radio in the 1930's. The band joined with Bloxwich British Legion Band and Bescot Band during the Second World War to form the Walsall Home Guard Band. This was disbanded after the war. The Aldridge Colliery Band continued after the War, to disband in 1950.

Aldridge Town Band

Alford Excelsior Band (Lincolnshire) - Formed in the 1860s as a Rifle Brigade Band. It then became the Alford Excelsior Brass Band until 1900, when it divided into two separate bands. The outbreak of World War I and the loss of many players to the armed forces caused the suspension of the brass bands in Alford, and it was not until the 1920s that a band reformed. This was initially in the guise of the British Legion Band, but which then changed to become the Alford Town Band, the first to bear the town's proud name. Sadly, the outbreak of World War II saw the demise of this band. A successor band was formed in the 1960s.

Alford Town Band - *See: Alford Excelsior Band*

Alfreton Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887

Alfreton Church Brass Band - Active in 1895 when William Williams was conductor

All Saints Brass Band (Blackburn) - Active in 1902

Allendale Saxhorn Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1857

Allendale Town Silver Band (Northumberland) - Active between 1904 and 1938

Allenheads Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1931

Allerton Bywater Colliery Band - Active in the 1980s

Allerton Colliery Band - Active in the 1950s

Alliance Brass Band (Leeds) - Active in 1872

Alliance Brass (South London) - Formed in September 2000 by two ex-students of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama: Lewis Edney and Ben Ellin. The aim of the band was to allow students in London to play together in an ensemble that they might not otherwise have been able to experience. The band was originally conducted by Ben Ellin, then by John Clark from 2003. Following promotion to the Championship Section in 2002, they qualified Finals in 2003 and 2004 and won the Senior Trophy in 2005. They disbanded in 2008

Alloa Burgh Band (Clackmannanshire) - Formed 1875 following the disbanding of the 1st Clackmannanshire Rifle Volunteer Band. In 1881 it attended the first contest held at Wemyss Castle and won first prize. Had won seventeen prizes totalling £249 by 1888, when they were conducted by George Irvine. Between then and 1894 it secured 29 first places and 13 seconds and had an income of £3000. Won the Scottish Championships in 1897. They were also the first band to engage an English conductor, Richard Marsden (1889-92). Merged with Alva Town Band in 1991 to form Clackmannan District Brass Band. The minutes, cash books and abstracts of accounts with bandmasters' reports, 1888-1951, are held in the Clackmannanshire Council Archives. Previous conductors included: John McBeath (1875), Richard Marsden (1889), J. E. Robinson (1892), W. Swingler (1904), Mr. Ogsden (1906) and H. Muddiman (1907-46).

Alloa Burgh Instrumental Band - *See: Alloa Burgh Band*

Alloa Colliery Band (Clackmannanshire) - Formed 10th September 1881. Conductor in 1888 was John McBeath

Alltwen Silver Band - Active in 1903

Alma Colliery Band (Pelton) - Active in 1907

Alma Road Mission Band (Enfield)

Alma Tube Works Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1864

Almondbury Brass Band (Huddersfield) - Active in 1894, and in 1933, when they appointed James Macdonald as bandmaster, replacing R. Readshaw.

Almondbury United Band - *See: Almondbury Brass Band*

Alnwick Town Band (Northumberland) - Active between 1904 and 1913

Alpaca Brass Band (Bradford) - Active in the 1890s

Alpaca Temperance Band - *See: Alpaca Brass Band*

Alpha Tube Works Band (Walsall) - Active in 1865, when they played at the Cottage Hospital Gala in August.

Alresford Silver Band - Formed in 1910 as Alresford United Brass Band. With a few gaps during the two world wars and another in the 1950s, it finally reformed in 1963, but did not last long as many key players, who belonged to the Prince of Wales Own Regiment, were posted overseas and the band folded for the last time. The bandmaster during 1934-1938 was FW Watsham. For more details, see *Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex*, by David Cawdell.

Alresford Town Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1908

Alston (Mountain Rifles) Volunteer Band - *See: Alston Band*

Alston Band - Formed around 1850. May have been renamed to the Alston (Mountain Rifles) Volunteer Band, which in turn became Alston Town Band around 1902. It became a Home Guard band during WW2 and performed its last public engagement in 1946. It was finally wound up in 1960.

Alston Town Band - *See: Alston Band*

Alstonefield Band (Staffs) - Active in 1867. It may have folded sometime thereafter as an attempt at reviving the band was made in 1901.

Alstonefield Village Band (Staffs) - Formed in 1914, its instruments were paid for by public subscription, and it still existed in 1920.

Altarnun Brass Band (North Cornwall) - Situated west of Launceston, this band was formed c1864 and is known to have carried out engagements up to 1894. A known conductor was G Clifford (who was also conducting Launceston DCR Band). He finished with both bands in 1891 and was succeeded at Altarnun by J Deacon. Performed at the Pensilva Temperance Fete in August 1881, the Jubilee Celebrations in Altarnun in July 1887, and agricultural competitions in Altarnun in 1893, and June 1894.

Altofts and Whitwood Collieries Band - Active in 1962, when it competed in the Senior Trophy, conducted by C. Wilkinson

Altofts West Riding and Silkstone Colliery Prize Band (West Yorkshire) - Formed 1890 by Sir William Garforth. Conductors included: N. Sidebottom, J. Dyson, G. Walsh and Cyril Wilkinson (1950)

Altofts West Riding Colliery Band - *See: Altofts West Riding and Silkstone Colliery Prize Band*

Altrincham Borough Band (Cheshire) - Active in the 1880s and 1930s

Altrincham Borough Prize Band - Active in 1910 and 1927. The band advertised, offering engagements in 1910 & 1918 - the President was John Leigh, Beech Lawn, Altrincham, and the Hon Secretary was James Archer, 16 Moss View, Lloyd Street, Altrincham.

Altrincham Brass Band - Active in 1887 when it headed a procession of local tradesmen to welcome home Ellis Lever who had just been found not guilty in the "Salford Gas Scandal".

Altrincham Prize Band (Cheshire) - Active around 1914, from a picture showing "the band heading a procession, followed by the Local Branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows entering Railway Street from George Street with the Woolpack Hotel on the left and The Stamford Arms on the right."

Alva Town Silver Band (Clackmannanshire) - Formed as a military band in the 1830s. Became defunct in 1871 and was reformed as a brass band. A prolonged strike in the weaving trade broke it up, but it was resuscitated in 1876. Began contesting in 1879 and by 1888 had competed 28 times, winning 25 prizes totalling £400. Still active in 1950. Merged with the Alloa Burgh Band in 1991 to form Clackmannan District Brass Band.

Alvaston and Boulton Prize Band - Active in 1863. Conductor in 1892 was Mr T. Morley. Still active in 1900

Alvaston Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1869

Alvechurch Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1885 and the early 1900s. Played regularly in the Square on Saturday evenings during the summer months. Some of the members who played in the band were Blundell Snr, Blundell Jnr, Tommy Jenkins, Jack Truman, Walter

Surman and his son, Mr Merryfield and Ben Court. The band was always in attendance at fetes and garden parties, and made a tour of the big houses to play carols at Christmas time. Their most important engagement was, without doubt, to play at the horse show held on Whit Monday.

Alveley Colliery Band - *See: Highley Brass Band*

Alverstoake Brass Band - Active in 1866. *See also Alverstoake Oasis Band possibly.*

Alverstoake Oasis Band - This band was from Alverstoake School and was formed from members of the Old Alverstoake Scholars Improvement Society. Active in 1861.

Alvescot Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in the 1860s

Alveston Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1872 when it travelled on the newly opened railway line from Thornbury to Yate, on September 2nd. Still active in 1899

Alvins Walkden Brass Band - *See: Walkden Brass Band*

Amalgamated Miners Association Band (Australia)

Amberley Brass Band (Sussex) - Active in 1907

Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Brass Band - *See: Radcliffe & Pilkington Public Brass Band*

Amble Town Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1907. Merged with Radcliffe Colliery Brass Band in the 1930s to form Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Brass Band

Ambleside Town Band (Cumberland) - Formed in the 1890s

Amers Band (Mr. H. G.) (Newcastle?) - Active in the 1870s and around 1906

Amersham Band - Founded by George Ward in 1890 as Amersham Sons of Temperance Brass Band. George Ward was elected Bandmaster, Secretary and Treasurer at the first meeting - he was a keen local photographer. By 1892 the 'pledge had been broken' and the band had broken away from the 'Sons of Temperance'. George Ward remained as bandmaster. Other members around this time included 'Dibe' Keen on bass drum, Tom Baker (trombone), and Jim Redding (euphonium). During the First World War the band ceased but afterwards Herbert Fountain took over as bandmaster and the band once again had new uniforms. Unfortunately the band fell away at the onset of World War II. A successor band was formed in 1977

Amersham Sons of Temperance Band - *See: Amersham Band*

Amesbury Temperance Brass Band - Formed in 1905, merged with Amesbury Town Brass Band in 1912

Amoco Band - *See: Crookhall Colliery Band*

Ancholme Iron Works Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1857 (in Brigg?)

Ancient Order of Foresters and Kirkby Thore Band (Cumberland)

Ancoats Lads Club Senior Band - Active in early 1950s

Ancoats Perserverance Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1882

Andover Municipal Band (Hampshire) - Active in the 1930s, folded during WW2.

Andover Temperance Band

Andover Town Band - Formed some time after WW2, under Bandmster "Chirpy" Carol, folded before the end of the century.

Angmering Silver Band (West Sussex) - Active in the 1890s and 1900s, it probably disbanded in the 1920s after a hiatus due to WW1. "There was a Silver Band with 18 to 20 players. They had their club room behind The Lamb and met once or twice a week for practice. I always remember the big drum and there were two smaller ones, cymbals, flutes, trombones and cornets. The band marched to Ham Manor to play for Sir Henry and Lady Aubrey-Fletcher on a Saturday evening. When it was dark, a large square lantern was carried on a pole around which the instrumentalists grouped. The band attained a very high standard but was disbanded at the beginning of the 1914 war when many of the men were called up for active service." In 1919 it was reported: "Another old Angmering institution has popped up again, smiling, after its war hibernation. We refer to the Angmering Silver Band. The members have got some new blood and now want some new instruments and music. What is more, they look like getting what they want, for the appeal that has been issued is being generously supported. Anything that adds to gaiety of village life has our strong support, and we wish the Band every success." "There was a penchant for parades for any reason that could be devised, with Angmering Silver Band in the vanguard. A marriage or other rite of passage, of a local notable, was always a good reason for celebration. With newspapers centred at Littlehampton and Worthing, Angmering was in a kind of no-man's land between. It is good fortune that any reports were made, and the earliest parades may perhaps not have been

covered. August was the month for these events, in all local parishes, and brass and silver bands from Rustington and Angmering were not averse to taking part in each other's procession. In 1904, it was reported, some 150 members of three societies took part, with the two bands included, the regular meeting place being by the Fox Inn. From there, Patching and Clapham were visited, before the long trek down Water Lane to the village green. However, there is evidence that the return was via Hammerpot, so as to take in the upper part of Angmering, and maybe a pub or two." Also in 1919: "Peace Celebrations: The proceedings began at 2.30 with an assembly on the village green for the judging of fancy costumes and decorated vehicles. A procession was marshalled by Mr. Shepherdson, and headed by the Angmering Silver Band and a number of demobilised men, it marched to a meadow at the back of the Rectory, lent by Mr. S. S. Pyle. "

Angus (Sir W) Band (Newcastle) - Active around 1919, linked to Sir W. Angus Sunderland & Co. Ltd.

Annan Town Band - See Newbie Engineering Works Multitubular Brass Band

Annbank Brass Band - Active in 1879, when it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, leading the Free Gardeners lodge, who were about 300 strong, and the band were seated in a lorry drawn by six horses, and decorated with evergreens and flowers so as to give it the appearance of a flower garden.

Annfield Plain Band - Active from 1869 through 1895

Annfield Plain Band - See: *Annfield Plain Colliery Band*

Annfield Plain Colliery Band (County Durham) - Active in 1887 and also 1931

Anstey Band - Active in the 1890s and 1933

Anston Anvil Brass Band - See: *Anston Brass Band*

Anston Brass Band (Rotherham) - Conducted by G. Ross in 1895. Still active in 1925

Ansty Band (Wiltshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Appleby Brass Band (Cumbria) - Active in 1855 and 1864

Appleby Prize Brass Band (Cumbria) - Notice of the Appleby and North Westmorland Agricultural Society's 15th. Annual Show, 1905 - "The Appleby Prize Brass Band in attendance. Special train arrangements!"

Appleby-Frodingham Steel Works Band (Scunthorpe, Lincs) - Formed in 1946 when the company bought the assets of a local subscription band. Active through the 1940s/50s/60s. Conductor in 1950 was William H. Kendall. Secretary: A. Peace

Appledore Town Band - There are records of a town band in Appledore as far back as the 1880s, and from the turn of the century this was a brass band. It paraded the streets of Northam to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith in 1900. Also played at the Appledore and Instow Regatta in 1900, under the baton of Mr W Parkhouse. It existed until the 1920s when lack of support and players caused it to be disbanded. A successor band was formed in 1942.

Appleton Brass Band (1) (Appleton-le-Moors) - Active in 1860 to 1869.

Appleton Brass Band (2) (Appleton-le-Moors) - Formed in 1876, disbanded in the early 1930s.

Ararat Citizens Band (Australia) - Active in the late 1800s

Archangel Band of the Oddfellows (Terrington St Clement, Norfolk) - Active in the early 1900s

Ardingly Brass Band (Sussex) - In existence in 1893, played at Clinton Lodge, Fletching, Friday 2nd August 1912. An archive document from 1896 exists "Draft of Agreement for the dissolution of the two Ardingly Brass Bands and the formation of a fresh Ardingly Brass Band". Took part in a contest at Haywards Heath in 1914.

Ardington & Lockinge Band (Berkshire) - Active in 1883 and the 1920s

Ardley and Fewcott Band (Bicester, Oxfordshire) - Active in 1928 when it ran its 3rd annual Brass Band Contest in May - Rugby Steam Shed Band won the 1st Section. The band was still active in 1950.

Ardley Provincial Band (Barnsley)

Areal Griffin Band (Abertilly, South Wales) - Active around 1900

Argyle Hall Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1898 to 1900. Linked to the Argyle Hall Mission at Chester Park, Fishponds.

Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (TA) Band, 7th - See: *7th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (TA) Band*

Arkendale Brass Band - See: *Arkengarth Dale Band*

Arkengarth Dale Band (Gunnarside, Yorkshire) - Active in 1863, and in 1884, when it led a procession on Christmas Eve, and 1894 in a procession in Richmond. Still active in 1907.

Arkengarthdale Brass Band - *See: Arkengarth Dale Band*

Arkingarthdale Band - *See: Arkengarth Dale Band*

Arkingarthdale Saxhorn Band - *See: Arkengarth Dale Band*

Arlesey Prize Band (Bedfordshire) - Active in 1898 and rehearsed in the Arlesley Working Mens' Institute

Arley Adult School Band - Active in the 1920s

Arley Brass Band - Active in 1916

Arley Welfare Band - Active in 1953

Armadale Brass Band [1] - Formed in 1855, but folded in the early 1860s.

Armadale Brass Band [2] - Formed in 1873 and folded c. 1903.

Armadale Brass Band [3] - Formed in September 1932 composed of players who did not join the Armadale Public Band. A proposal to join with the Armadale Public Band was made a year later, in 1933

Armadale Diamond Jubilee Band - Formed in 1897 from the original Armadale Flute Band (1873), but also folded around 1903.

Armadale Public Band - Active in 1928 and 1966

Armadale Town Band - Formed in 1905. Active in 1912, but folded sometime prior to 1931.

Armbank Brass Band - Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine.

Armitage Brass Band - Active in 1912

Armley & Wortley Band (Leeds) - Active in the 1900s and 1950s

Armley Church Brass Band (Leeds) - Active in 1890

Armstrong Whitworth Steelworks (Openshaw) Band (Manchester) - Active in the 1920s

Armthorpe High School Band - Active in the 1970s, but had folded by 1980

Arnghyll and Cowley Colliery Band - Active in 1907. The colliery was owned by Cargo Iron Fleet Works in Middlesbrough

Arnold Albion Brass Band - Active in August 1894, when they marched for an Oddfellows parade at Drybrook. Played at a cricket match at Bestwood Park Cricket Club in May 1895. At the Arnold and Bestwood Floral and Horticultural Society Show in July 1898, Arnold Albion Band played music on the Monday, followed by the Arnold United Prize Band on the Tuesday. Similarly in 1899.

Arnold Church Brass Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1886

Arnold United Prize Band - Active in 1922

Arsenal Football Club Band - *See: Highgate Silver Band*

Arthur Newsome Public Works Band - Active in 1930s

Artigarvan Band (Strabane)

Arundel Town Boys' Band - Active around 1880

Arundel Town Brass Band - Flourished between the 1860s and 1890s, regularly playing in the market place and in the castle grounds during the summer, and touring several times in France; the Blackman family which ran it were involved in other aspects of Arundel's musical life over three generations: the church choir from the later 19th century, a dance band, and a concert party which performed over a wide hinterland in the 20th century.

ASDA Hambleton Brass Band - Active in 1990

Ashbourne Rechabites Band - Active in 1889

Ashbourne Volunteer Band - Active in 1889

Ashby Brass Band - Took part in the Winterton Sports & Gala on 28 June 1919

Ashby Brass Band (Ashby de la Zouch) - Active in 1854, playing at Moira Baths Horticultural Fete

Ashby Public Subscription Band (Lincolnshire) - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Took part in the Scunthorpe coronation celebrations of 1937.

Ashby Silver Prize Band (Lincolnshire) - *See: Ashby Public Subscription Band*

Ashby Volunteer Band (Ashby de la Zouch) - Active in the 1880s/90s - possible rename/sucessor to the Ashby Brass Band

Ashdown Forest Temperance Band (Sussex) - The Band was formed in 1902 and consisted mainly of musicians from Nutley and Fairwarp with a practice hut midway between the two villages. They provided a great deal of local entertainment until in 1911 when they split, 'by amicable decision', into two seperate bands and the bandsmen formed up outside the band-hut and the two halves marched off playing in opposite directions, dividing into the Nutley Brass Band led by Charlie Wickham, and the Fairwarp Brass Band led by Ernie Best. The musicians

were not very temperate at all. They liked a 'drop of sherbert', sherbert being a generic term for all alcoholic drinks; 'going off to have a glass of sherbert' sounded less indulgent than having a glass of beer, although it fooled no-one. "One time the band was going to a fete at Fairwarp and the easiest way to get from Nutley to Fairwarp was through the Forest. Well, on the way through the Forest, one of these cornet players, 'e wanted to relieve himself, so he laid his cornet down, and then when they got to the fete, he started blowing his cornet and he couldn't get no sound out of it, you see. So he pulled the turning slide out of it, and when he'd laid it down, a little adder had crawled in that bell of the cornet and got down into that tuning slide. Yeh! It wouldn't have got into his mouth because it couldn't get up through the valves where you press them down, but when he sees that adder come out!" Another report from the early part of the century notes: "A procession headed by Mr H W Attenborough as Mephistopheles, riding a horse, followed by the Ashdown Temperance Prize Band, went to the vicarage and to Strood, then to the Sheffield Arms where there was a halt for refreshments. With a fresh supply of torches and coloured lights, and joined by many more people, the procession arrived at Sheffield House where his Lordship, who was indisposed, watched from his bedroom. The evening ended with effigies of Guy Fawkes and the New Woman, a suffragette, being consumed by the flames of the bonfire at Splaynes Green." Joseph Ridley (b 1842) was a very good self-taught carpenter. When the Ashdown Forest Temperance Band was formed, he built them a tin practice hut in one of his fields, an orchard at Horney Common, at a rent of one shilling a week. Frank Tyler Ridley was a founder member (with his brother Spencer) and secretary of the Ashdown Forest Temperance Band in 1904 and later, after the split with the Fairwarp members of that Band he was secretary of the Nutley Band.

Ashford Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1891, taking part in a well dressing at Pilsley

Ashford Brass Band (Kent) - Active in 1874

Ashford Railway Works Prize Band

Ashford Residential School Brass Band (Kent) - Active in the early 1900s

Ashford Town Band (Kent)

Ashgrove Band - Formed in 1979 as Ashgrove Primary School Band. Merged with Oldpark Silver Band in 2000. Merged with the C.W.A. Brass in 2009 to form Carrick With Ashgrove Brass

Ashgrove Primary School Band - *See: Ashgrove Band*

Ashington Colliery Band - Active in the late 1800s. A successor band is active today

Ashington Duke Band - Active in 1892

Ashington Model Band - Active in 1898

Ashton Borough Band

Ashton Under Lyne Brass Band - Folded in the early 1980s. A successor band was formed in 1996

Ashtonian Brass Band - Active in 1979

Ashton-in-Makerfield Band - Active in 1883 when it competed in the British Open, and still playing in 1910

Ashton-on-Mersey Band - Active in 1933

Ashwell Brass Band - *See: Ashwell Foresters Band*

Ashwell Foresters Band (Hertfordshire) - Active c. 1890 and into the early 1900s

Askern Band - Active in the 1930s

Askern Colliery Band - Active in the 1980s

Askern Silver Prize Band - *See: Askern Band*

Askrigg Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1887

Aspatria Colliery Prize Band (Cumbria) - Active in 1930

Aspatria Town Band (Cumbria) - Active around 1957 - 1964

Aspatria Volunteer Fire Brigade Brass Band (Cumbria) - Active in 1895, when Joseph Wilkinson was the Secretary

Astley Brass Band - Active in 1911

Astley Missionary Band (Warwickshire) - Active in 1936

Astley Public Band (Manchester) - Competed in a contest in Leigh in 1884

Astley Victoria Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in the 1880s, but did not survive beyond 1887.

Aston Brass Band - Active in the 1930s

Aston Parish Band - Active in 1936

Aston Silver Band (Aston-on-Trent) - Active in 1945

Aston-on-Trent Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1870

ATC Bristol Wing Silver Band (Bristol) - Active in 1950

Atherstone Band - Active in 1905, conducted by Mr J. B. Coxon

Atherstone Miners Welfare Band - Disbanded in 1966

Atherton Public Band - Active in the 1930s/40s. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by A Fairclough).

Atherton Temperance Prize Band - Records of the band, from 1927-1959, are held by Wigan MBC Archives Service

Atlas Copco (Dacorom) Band - *See: John Dickinson (Apsley) Band*

ATM Works Band - Formed in September 1941 from employees of Messrs. Automatic Telephone & Electric Co. Ltd., under the auspices of Mr F.C. Burstall, one of the company directors. The first bandmaster was Mr W. Heath, but had to pass the baton to George Gardner, due to ill health, by 1943. Still active in 1951 when they competed in the Championship section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton, conducted by W.H. Yates

Attercliffe & Darnall Band - Active in 1943

Attercliffe Club and Institute Band - *See: Attercliffe Institute Band*

Attercliffe Institute Band - Active in 1930s

Auburn Mechanics Institute Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Thought to have played a role in the formation of the first Hawthorn City Band in 1888

Auchenblae Brass Band (Aberdeenshire) - Active in 1894

Auchinairn Brass Band - Active in the late 1800s

Auchinleck Academy Silver Band

Auchinleck Band - Active in 1905, when they gained 3rd place in the Ayrshire Brass Band Association contest on 1 September.

Auchtermuchty Brass Band - Active in 1863, when it played at the opening of Dundee People's Park

Auchtermuchty Town Band (Fife) - Active in 1928 and 1950, conducted by John Faulds

Auckland Park Colliery Band (County Durham) - Active between 1891 and 1920

Auckland Silver Band (Bishop Auckland, County Durham) - Active in the early 1900s

Audenshaw and Droylsden Band - Active in 1887

Audley and District Band - Split away from Audley Brass Band then remerged in 1970s

Austwick Brass Band - Active in 1855 when it played at the Bentham Friendly Society Celebration in June. Still playing in 1869.

Auxiliary Fire Service Band (Burton-on-Trent) - Active during World War 2

Aveley Band - Founded as a Fife and Drum band at the rear of the Crown and Anchor public house in 1894, by the Bandmaster of the training ship "Cornwall". By 1899 it had evolved into an all brass ensemble performing as Aveley Silver Prize Band. It was known as the Aveley Band in 1966. It amalgamated with the Newham Band in 1995.

Avon County Youth Brass Band - Active in the 1970s/80s

Avon Street Gas Works Band (Bristol) - Active in 1861 and 1863

Avro Works Band - Active in 1940s

Awre Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed before 1843 and was in regular demand for events in the Forest area during the mid 19th century

Axminster Evening Institute Silver Band (Devon) - Formed 1942 when Axminster Higher Education Committee took over the instruments previously used by the disbanded Axminster Town Band. Still active in 1950, conducted by C. E. Turner.

Axminster Town Band (Devon) - Disbanded 1937

Axwell Park Colliery Band (Newcastle) - Active in 1907

Aycliffe Brass Band - *See: Newton Aycliffe Town Band*

Aylesbury Borough Band - Active in the 1920s

Aylesbury Printing Works Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Aylesford Brass Band (Kent) - Active around 1905

Aylesham and Snowdown Band - Active in 1960

Aylesham Silver Prize Band - Active in the 1930s

Ayr Benwhat Band - *See: Benwhat Silver Band*

Ayr Burgh Band (Ayrshire). - Active in 1950

Ayresome Quoit Club Band (Middlesbrough) - Active in the 1920s

Ayton Band (Great Ayton) - Active in 1906

B.I. Silver Band - Active in 1947

B.I.H.C. (British Insulated and Helsby Cables) Band - Active in the 1920s when the conductor was Mr. W. Boots.

Babbington Ambulance Band (Notts) - Active in 1893.

Babbington Brass Band (Notts) - Active in 1889.

Babbington Colliery Ambulance Band (Notts) - *See: Babbington Ambulance Band*

Backworth Collieries Workmen's Band - Active in 1938

Bacup Change Band - Active in 1885

Bacup Old Band - Formed in 1858 as the Broadclough Band then the 4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Bacup) Band in 1859. Through the 1860s a very successful run of contesting gave the Bacup Band a huge following in the local area. It left the Volunteers in 1870 and became the Bacup Old Band, only to disband in 1871 or 1872.

Badshot Lea Amateur Brass Band (Surrey) - Active in 1913 - Walter and Harry Roe were players

Bagillt Industrial Brass Band (Flintshire) - Active in 1896

Bagley's (Bottle Works) Brass Band - Also known as Knottingley (Bagleys) Glass Works Band (?)

Bagshot Institute Band - Active in the early 1900s

Bagthorpe Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active around 1910

Baildon Band (Yorkshire) - Often practised out of doors in summer on Baildon Moor at the junction of the Hawksworth and Bingley roads where there were a number of seats

Baillieston Silver Band - Founded May 1874. In 1888 they had attended two contests; won two prizes, value £5. The then conductor was Mr. W. B. Howell; Bandmaster 1st L.R.V.; a member of band of 92nd Highlanders who rose to be band-sergeant; studied at Kneller Hall. Settled in Glasgow; seventeen years bandmaster of the 6th L.R.V. before receiving this appointment. Taught several brass bands. Still active in 1950

Bainbridge Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1911 when the band played all afternoon at Middleham castle for the Coronation celebrations of King George V, and then had to play for a dance in the evening at the castle. After the dance they travelled by waggonette to Leyburn Railway station arriving at 4.30 am. They had to wait over an hour for the train back to Askrigg. To make the walk to Bainbridge seem easier they decided to march back playing their instruments. They arrived in Bainbridge at 6.00am and proceeded through the village still playing their instruments waking everyone up who was within earshot of the band. After a good breakfast the band played for the rest of the day at Bainbridge for their Coronation celebrations

Bairnsdale Brass Band (Victoria, Australia) - Formed in 1875, but only lasted a few years

Bairnsdale Brass Band (Victoria, Australia) - Formed in 1908, but only lasted a few years

Bairnsdale Fire Brigade Band (Australia)

Bala Brass Band - Active in 1948

Bala Silver Band - Active in 1890s

Bala Town Band - Active in 1965. Active in 1977 under the Musical Directorship of Edwin Griffiths

Balderstone Band - Folded around 1925 when its instruments were bought by the Flookburgh Band.

Baldwin's Workmen's Band (Kenfig) - Active in 1928 and 1948

Balgonie Colliery Band (Fife) - Active in 1913, 1933 and 1947

Balgownie Town Band (Australia) - Active in 1900s

Ballochmyle Band - Active in 1905, when they gained 5th place in the Ayrshire Brass Band Association contest on 1 September.

Ballymacarriff Band

Ballymena Brass Band - Active in 1913

Ballymena Silver Band - Active in 1952

Ballynahinch Silver Band - *See: Ballynahinch Temperance Silver Band*

Ballynahinch Temperance Silver Band (Northern Ireland) - Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by E. Crozier. Still active in 1976.

Balwest Brass Band (Kerrier, Cornwall) - In 1868 this band was reported playing at a Sunday school procession and tea treat, then no more can be found of them. So was this a group of brass players who got themselves together to help this Sunday school?

Bamber Bridge Subscription Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1891.

Bamfords Brass Band (Utttoxeter) - Active in the 1920s. This was the works band of Bamfords Ltd (Agricultural Machinery) in Utttoxeter

Bampton Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1907 when F.W. Taunt was the conductor. It had been established by 1869 when disagreement erupted with the vicar over custody of its new bass drum.

Bampton Town Band (Devon) - Records of the band, from 1909-1967, are held by Devon Record Office.

Bampton Volunteer Band (Devon) - Active in 1896, when it gave a concert in Wellington

Banbridge Amateur Brass Band (County Down) - Harry Gill was chairman & conductor in 1892

Banbury Borough Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in the 1920s

Banbury Borough Silver Band - Formed in 1957, but broke up a year later through lack of interest.

Banbury Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1845

Banbury Britannia Works Band - Active in 1873

Banbury British Legion Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in the 1920s

Banbury Rifle Corps Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in the 1860/70s

Banbury Saxhorn Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1851

Banbury Teetotal Band (Oxfordshire) - From Trinders 'Victorian Banbury', p.71: "In 1844, a Teetotal Brass Band was practising in the Temperance Rooms (Parsons Street)". Also still active in the 1860/70s

Banbury Town Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in the 1860/70s

Band of the 35th Rifle Volunteer Corps - See: *Marriner's Band*

Band of the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary (Exeter) - Stepping out on the musical beat in early 1976, the band established an enviable reputation for high quality entertainment - be it in village or concert halls, parish churches or cathedrals, garden fetes or city streets. It was a sad farewell on the 17th December 2004 when the Band played its final concert to a capacity audience at The University Great Hall, Exeter.

Band of the Farnworth Cotton Mills - See: *Farnworth Old Band*

Band of the Metropolitan Electric Tramways - A military-style band, not exclusively brass

Band of the Middlesex Royal Army Medical Corps - See: *Highgate Silver Band*

Band of the Royal Eastern Counties Asylum - Took part in the Colchester Carnival in 1934/36/37, conducted by A Wright

Band of the Runcorn Volunteers - Active in 1891

Band of the Scottish Gas Board - See: *Scottish Gas Board Band*

Band of the Tees Division Submariners Royal Engineers - See: *Milburn's Model Band*

Band of the Territorial Army 5th Battalion - See: *Bury Public Silver Band*

Band of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers - 1871 was a busy year for the Band of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers. In the 20th May edition of the Worksop, Retford and Gainsborough Times, it was reported that the 2nd detachment of the 7th Hussars arrived in Worksop, en route from York to Aldershot. They arrived in Worksop on the Saturday and stayed until Sunday. At 10.00am they paraded in front of the Corn Exchange and marched off to the Abbey Church. The Band of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers kindly lent their services. On June 3rd of the same year, the Whit Monday processions were headed by three Benefit Societies. The Golden Ball Club was headed by the Band of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers, and on reaching Wheat Sheaf, the Wheat Sheaf Club fell in and was headed by the Harthill Band. Subsequently both Clubs joined the Abbey Sick and Friendly Society, the whole forming an interesting procession, and were marched to the Abbey Church where a very appropriate service was preached by the Reverend E.Hawley.

Band Pont y Twr - See: *Penryhn Quarries Brass Band*

Banknock Band - See: Banknock Colliery Band

Banknock Colliery Band - Formed in May 1912 by the miners in the village of Dennyloanhead, Stirlingshire. Active in 1928

Banks Brewery Band - See: *Dudley District Band*

Bannockburn Colliery Band - Active c. 1928 and 1950

Banstead Cottage Home Boys Band - Active in 1902. The Cottage Homes were erected in 1878-80 to a design by A & C Harston and were described as giving the impression of "a well-designed model village, delightfully placed amid country surroundings of woodland and downs." The buildings occupied a narrow strip of land alongside a railway line, although the elevated position of the site was said to provide views of Windsor Castle. An account of the buildings from 1898 states: "The entrance gates and porter's lodge are 50 yards from the middle of a fine main drive (about 600 yards in length), on either side of which are ranged

the 23 detached homes or cottages for the children. In the centre of this drive lie the administrative and school buildings, consisting of the residence of the superintendent and matron, a house for the school staff, the stores or "village shop," the bakery, laundry, and swimming bath; three schools, two on the north side for boys and girls (a new girls' school has just been added with a covered playground for boys and girls beneath it), and the other on the south side for infants, and the detached chapel. Immediately at the right of the entrance, are two probationary homes, one for girls and one for boys, together capable of holding 40 children, while further to the right, on either side of the drive, are the nine cottages for boys, with accommodation for 40 in each. To the extreme right, a fine bandroom, which is to form part of a future drillroom and gymnasium, has been lately erected at the cost of some £800. On the left of the entrance and central buildings, the 14 girls' and infants' cottages are ranged, with 26 beds in each ; again to the left of these, come the infirmary with 30 beds, and the infectious block with 18 beds; and beyond these blocks lie the present boys' playfield and a large kitchen garden...."

Baptist Centenary Band (Wellington) - *See: South Street Baptist Band*

Bardney St Lawrence Band (Lincolnshire)

Bardney Temperance Band (Lincolnshire) - Active around 1910

Bardon Mill Brass Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1886

Bardon Mill Colliery Band (Northumberland) - Active between 1906 and 1947. Probably the same as Bardon Mill Silver Band

Bardon Mill Silver Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1956-70

Barking and Dagenham Playleaders Band - Active in the 1970s. Remaining players help to form the Becontree Brass Band in 1981

Barking Concert Band - Active in the 1970s, previously called Dagenham Silver Band. Remaining players help to form the Becontree Brass Band in 1981

Barking Town Band - Active in the 1880s

Barlestone Band - Active in 1950 and 1964. Ran into difficulties around 1994 and decided to amalgamate with the City of Leicester Band in 1995. Unfortunately, after much effort by many of the players, this didn't work and the combined band decided to call it a day at the end of 1996.

Barlestone Silver Band - *See: Barlestone Band*

Barlestone Victoria & City of Leicester Band - *See: Barlestone Band*

Barlestone Victoria Silver Prize Band - *See: Barlestone Band*

Barlow and Holmesfield Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1870, when it played at the opening of Dronfield railway station on Tuesday 1st February. The Derbyshire Times reported My home village (Holmesfield) and its neighbour (Barlow) had a brass band at least in the late 1800s. "Each time a train came in it was greeted by a merry peal of bells from the spire and the sound of the Barlow and Holmesfield band"

Barlow Band (Selby)

Barlow Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in the 1870s through 1900

Barlow Moor Brass Band (Chorlton) - Active in 1880

Barlow New Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1899

Barlow Old Band - *See: Barlow Brass Band*

Barmouth Band - Active in 1948

Barnard Castle Subscription Band - The foundation stone of a stone arched bridge was laid at Whorlton, in June 1829, amidst considerable celebrations, with the usual "vast concourse of people" in attendance, as well as the Barnard Castle Subscription Band. After the formal laying of the foundation stone, the ladies who were present: 'retired, and took of a cold collation; and the gentlemen were entertained by the Rev J. Potts; and an excellent dinner and tea was provided for the parishioners' The Barnard Castle subscription band attended on the occasion. On July 7, 1831, "this elegant structure" in Whorlton was opened. The local people were so confident in its safety that a long procession stomped across it. The Barnard Castle Subscription Band led the way, followed by John Green. Then on horseback came the Whorlton bridge committee, led by the Venerable Archdeacon Headlam, followed by 27 carriages. Sundry other carriages and pedestrians brought up the rear.

Barnes' Band - *See: Farnworth Old Band*

Barnes' Home Industrial School Band - Active in 1910 and 1911 when it played in various parks in Salford. The school was erected, in Didsbury Road, Heaton, by the late Robert Barnes Esq.,

in 1871 for the education and training of neglected and destitute children under the provisions of the industrial schools act of 1866

Barnet Town Prize Band - *See: Barnet Town Silver Band*

Barnet Town Silver Band - Formed on 31st January 1889 by the Court Pride of Barnet Foresters and was known as the High Foresters' Brass Band. Corporal Yeomans of the 7th Kings Royal Rifles Corps was appointed as its first Musical Director at the first Committee Meeting in February 1889. However, his appointment was not unopposed and he was succeeded by Mr George Byford on 6th March 1895 at a salary of 3s per week and he held this position until 1907. During his conductorship, the Band attended numerous contests and won many prizes. The band's first engagement was at The Green Man on March 18th 1889. The original 15 instruments, which were purchased new at a cost of £42, the bulk of the cost being covered by a loan from Mr Emm. These instruments were replaced in April 1898 by Dr Osborne Boyes who presented a new set of brass instruments to the band at a dinner held at the Star Public House. In the same year, the Band entered the Fulham Brass Band Contest and gained first prize, thus setting a precedent as, over the years, the Band has won over 150 prizes. About this time, the band was instrumental in the setting up of the London and Home Counties Amateur Band Association, thus becoming a founder member. By 1899, the band was renamed as the Barnet Town Band on a receipt for the printing of 20 circulars by Barnet's Steam printer, E. S. Wheatley. Mr Byford was succeeded in 1908 by Mr T. A. Cheek as Musical Director. Mr Cheek started as an instrumentalist in the band and his subsequent record as Director of Music was outstanding. During the year 1907, the Band took second prize at Bromley, first prize at Dartford and, perhaps most significant of all, the first prize at the Association Contest at Crystal Palace. By 1921, the band was known as The Barnet Town Silver Prize Band, as described in the receipt for the loan of a band cornet by Alfred Richards. In 1979, Mr Kevin Morgan, the Band's Musical Director, formerly a cornet player with the Band of the Scots Guards, changed the Band's name to the Barnet Band - its present-day name. It converted to concert band line-up, with woodwind instruments, in the mid-1980s

Barnoldswick Brass Band - Formed in the 1870's (believed to be 1873) by a merger of the Barnoldswick Model and Barnoldswick Ribblesdale Bands. The most successful period in the band's history was from the early 1900's to the early 1930's during which time the band was a regular prizewinner at contests and competed most years at the Crystal Palace Championships, though never in the Championship Section. Dwindling membership during the 1950's and 60's (and the success of the Rolls Royce band) led to the band folding in 1965. A successor band was formed in 1971. The great cornet player Edwin Firth, made his principal cornet contesting debut with Barnoldswick Band at Crystal Palace in 1906. In the 1920s the conductor was Joe Smith.

Barnoldswick Model Band - Active in 1865. At this time it was supposed to be a sort of Temperance group consisting chiefly of young men, and as such they became very popular and for a time their services and accomplishments were highly appreciated which unfortunately came to an end after several years time. It merged with the Barnoldswick Ribblesdale Band in 1873 to form Barnoldswick Brass Band

Barnoldswick New Model Band - *See: Barnoldswick Model Band*

Barnoldswick Old Band - Active in 1865, and were still active in 1915.

Barnoldswick Prize Band - *See: Barnoldswick Brass Band*

Barnoldswick Ribblesdale Band - Merged with the Barnoldswick Model Band in 1873 to form Barnoldswick Brass Band

Barnsley Band - Active between 1854 and 1882

Barnsley Borough Prize Band - Active in 1896

Barnsley Chronicle Band - Folded before 1993

Barnsley Co-operative Society Band

Barnsley Corporation Band - Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Barnsley Model Brass Band - Active in 1896

Barnsley Music Centre Band - Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Barnsley National Reserve Band - Active in the 1910s

Barnsley Rifles Band

Barnsley Temperance Band - Active in the 1870s and 1880s

Barnsley Volunteers Band - Active 1880s

Barrack Street Brass Band (Ireland)

Barrier Citizen's Band (Australia)

Barrington Brass Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1859 when it competed in a contest at Felton

Barrington Brass Band (Somerset) - Active in 1862, when it was associated with the Barrington Friendly Society. In 1882 it played at the anniversary of Hambridge Benevolent Society.

Barrington Church Band (Cambridgeshire) - Active in 1874

Barrington Colliery Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1898. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Band records are held in the Northumberland County Record Office. Changed name to Bedlington Colliery Band in 1936

Barrow Bridge Band (Bolton) - During the Prince of Wales' visit to Bolton in 1873 he was shown around the 'model' village of Barrow Bridge. He was greeted by the works brass band, which played him several tunes.

Barrow Britannia Band (Cumbria) - Amalgamated with Barton Town Prize Band in the 1960s

Barrow Hill & Staveley United Prize Band - *See: Staveley Works Band*

Barrow Hill & Staveley Works Silver Prize Band - *See: Staveley Works Band*

Barrow Hill Prize Band, - *See: Staveley Works Band*

Barrow Labour Silver Band - Active in 1928

Barrow Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Active in the 1880s

Barrow Prize Band, - *See: Barrow-on-Soar Brass Band*

Barrow Youth Brass Band - Disbanded in 2008. It was originally the junior section of the old Vickers shipyard band but broke away when the shipyard band and BAE parted company. Band officials gave away the remaining money the band had in the bank, plus the cash it raised from selling its musical instruments and other equipment, to other local youth bands.

Barrow-in-Furness Youth Clubs Band - Active in 1940s

Barrow-on-Soar Brass Band (Leicestershire) - The band was formed in 1847 with 9 members, under the leadership of William Hatton. They practiced on North Street. In 1910 they entered competitions for a period of two years only and won contests at Melton Mowbray and Derby for presentations and marching. When the First World War broke out 14 members of the band joined up but the remainder managed to carry on until they could properly rejoin. In 1919 Major Martin, who lived at the Hunting Lodge in the village and was a keen supporter of the band, gave a piece of land in Mill Lane to the village for use as a recreation ground. He also erected a bandstand on this open space and the band played there every Feast Sunday. In 1876 Mr Sam Darby became Bandmaster from the age of 17 for a period of 50 years, and on his retirement in 1926 was presented with a purse of money subscribed by the residents and his fellow bandsmen. Owing to the Second World War the band ceased playing and finally amalgamated with the adjoining village band of Sileby. Sam Darby was not only the the Bandmaster but also a Cornet player, Piano teacher and organist at Barrow Catholic Church for over 50 years. He could, in fact, play all the instruments in the band but had a little bit of difficulty when it came to playing the trombone. These achievements were quite remarkable as he was virtually self-taught having left school at an early age. His son Jack Darby, who played drums in the band, was also a very good pianist. The Band played in neighbouring villages, and at Christmas they visited houses playing carols and no doubt there would be the usual liquid refreshment at each venue. In those days the band travelled around by horse and cart and the story goes that one Christmas, whilst negotiating the streets, they took a corner quite sharply with the result that the cart tipped over and its occupants were thrown out onto the road. Unfortunately quite a few instruments were damaged and Sam Darby's humour was sorely tested as he was convinced that the members of the band had over indulged. The villagers ran a collection and through their generosity raised enough money to replace the broken instruments. The new instruments were silver plated as opposed to brass - this shows how popular the Band was with the villagers. (thanks to Veronica Brown for these notes)

Barry Ostlere & Shepherd Band - Formed in 1902 by the Barry Ostlere & Shepherd jute/linoleum company in Kirkaldy. The Band had many successes in Scotland and survived until the mid 1960s when the plant was closed.

Barry Silver Band (South Glamorgan) - Active in 1925

Barry Town Band (South Glamorgan) - Active in 1911

Barston Band - Went through several stages of amalgamation to form what is now Leicestershire Co-op (Snibston) Band

Bartley Green Brass Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1896

Bartley's Barrier Brass Band (Australia)

Barton Brass Band (Bedfordshire) - Active in 1920, 1907, conductor E. Ellingham

Barton Cycle Works Band (Cumbria) - Formed in 1904 by Mr F Hopper Snr. It had many successes in competition, the most notable being the Contest held at the Crystal Palace in London where they gained a 3rd and 4th place in the years around 1907. Unfortunately on another occasion they had a few too many trips to the Public Bar and acted with an "unfortunate lack of sobriety" disgracing themselves on the contest platform. This caused their sponsor, F Hopper to gather them in the Cycle Works yard confiscating their instruments and ritually burning their uniforms before them - an inglorious end to a once fine band. Probably folded during WW1

Barton Hall Works Band '(2) - Active in the 1940s

Barton Hall Works Band - *See: Barton Ropery Band*

Barton Model Band - *See: Barton Ropery Band*

Barton Ropery Band '(1) (near Hull) - Active in 1859 when it performed a concert with the Hull Druids' Brass Band in Barton Temperance Hall. Still active in 1885

Barton Ropery Band '(2) (Cumbria) - Formed in 1873 by Hall's Ropery Works. Later known as Barton Model Band. Probably folded during WW1

Barton Town Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Barton United Brass Band - Active in 1884

Barton-on-Humber Ropery Band - *See: Barton Ropery Band (1)*

Barton's Brass Band (Preston) - Formed in the 1890s by Councillor Barton who owned a Manufacturing Confectionery Works. The band appeared regularly at the Whitsuntide Walks and Co-op Field Days up to the outbreak of WW1. Later known as Barton's Prize Band, when they reformed in 1919, when they rehearsed in the Heart of Oak, Adelphi Street, and their president and proprietor was Charles Brown. An advert of the time stated: "Now that the members of the above band are demobilized they wish to thank the public of Preston and District for their past patronage and hope to enjoy a fair share in the future. Open for engagements. Processions, Galas, Fetes, Flower Shows etc. Charity will receive every attention. For terms apply Sec. Mr. R. Taylor, 2 Markham St. Ashton, Preston"

Barton's Prize Band - *See: Barton's Brass Band*

Barwell Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1885

Basford Hall Miners' Welfare Silver Band (Nottinghamshire) - Formed May 1947. First conductor: H. L. Appleby, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., succeeded in February 1948 by T. Himon, who in turn was succeeded by John Baldwin in February 1949.

Baslow Brass Band - Active in 1841

Batley Castle Band - Active around 1900 - (possibly the Batley Castle Salvation Army Band)

Batley Old Band - Played a part in the celebrations following Batley's win the first Rugby League Challenge Cup Final which took place on 24 April 1897 at Headingley, in front of 13,492 people. The team travelled home to the sound of 160 celebratory fog signals detonating one after another on the railway line as their train passed over them. On their arrival, they were escorted by Batley Old Band to the town hall. Still active in 1903

Batley Temperance Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1882. The band held their first annual sports in the Batley cricket field, Mount Pleasant, in August 1890. Mr W. G. Hurst, the great American trick wheelman, went through a novel performance at these sports! When Mr. George Watson, landlord of the Royal Hotel, applied at Batley for an occasional licence to enable him to sell intoxicating drinks next Saturday at the Batley Temperance Brass Band sports, he declared he had the support of the temperance party, whereat the bench expressed their surprise and some doubt, and said they would grant an adjournment that he might call witnesses. Mr. Watson left the court, but in a short time his solicitor said the application was withdrawn.

Batley United Band - Active in 1855

Batley Victoria Band - Active in 1885/5

Batley Victoria Temperance Band - *See: Batley Victoria Band*

Battersea Borough Prize Band - Active in the 1900s

Battle Brass Band - Formed in the 19th century and disbanded in 1939. A successor band was formed in 1975

Battysford Brass Band (Yorkshire)

Baughurst Gospel Temperance Band - Formed in the 1870s as a result of "revival" meetings in Baughurst, it held open-air meetings in Shyshack Lane, Heath End on Sunday afternoons. In winter a lamp was carried on a pole to give light to the musicians. It also played at Baughurst Primitive Methodist Chapel as well as at Camp Meetings and Hospital Sunday Parades. It disbanded during World War II.

Bawtry Brass Band - Active in 1878, 1890 and 1900

Baxendale's Band - *See: Denton Original Band*

Baxterley Band (Warwickshire) - Active in 1894

Beacon Silver Band (Nottingham) - Reformed in the 1930s? from the earlier Boots Plaisance Band. Its playing days came to an untimely end when the instruments were destroyed in the bombing of the Printing Department building on Station Street in 1941.

Beaconsfield Brass Band

Beamish Colliery Band (Co. Durham) - Formed in 1898. Amalgamated with Seghill Colliery Band around 1907. Still active in 1950

Beanfield School Brass Band (Corby) - Formed in 1969

Bean's Brass Band (York) - York, 1833-1860

Bearpark Colliery Band '(1) - Active in 1899

Bearpark Colliery Band '(2) - Formed in 1920, folded around 1948.

Beaulieu Brass Band (Hampshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Beaumont Methodist Band (Essex) - Took part in Great Bentley Brass Band Contest on 18 April 1938.

Beccles Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Beckingham Brass Band - Active in 1851 - playing a concert in Epworth

Beckley Brass Band (Buckinghamshire) - Active in 1865

Beckley Village Band (East Sussex) - Active in 1906

Becontree Silver Band - Active in 1951. A successor Becontree Brass Band was formed in 1981 from ex-members of Barking and Dagenham Playleaders Band, Barking Concert Band and its predecessor, Dagenham Silver Band

Bedale Brass Band - Active in the late 1800s, but disbanded in the early 1900s

Bedale Brass Band - Founded in 1949, folded in 1954

Bedale Brass Band - Founded in 1963, folded in 1975

Beddgelert Band - Active in 1909

Bedford (Leigh) Band - Formed in 1875 as The St. Thomas' Band Bedford (becoming Bedford Church Brass Band in 1894) holding rehearsals in the School behind St. Thomas' Church on Chapel Street Leigh. The band broke up sometime in the early 1990s. The first report of the band competing was in September 1884 at a contest organised by the St. Joseph's brass band also from Bedford, Leigh. The event was well reported in the both the Leigh Chronicle and the Leigh Journal with the band under their conductor, Mr. J Frost, claiming the third prize of £2, playing the quadrille "Leisure Hour". The first prize going to Atherton Volunteers and the second to Farnworth Public. Thirteen bands took part in the contest. William Smith was conductor of Bedford Church Prize Silver Band in the early 1900s. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by T.W. Charlsworth).

Bedford Church Brass Band - *See: Bedford (Leigh) Band.*

Bedford Church Prize Silver Band - *See: Bedford (Leigh) Band*

Bedford Trades Band (Bedford) - Active in 1950

Bedhampton Methodist Band - Active around 1910

Bedlington Brass Band (Northumberland) - Band records are held in the Northumberland County Record Office.

Bedlington Colliery Band - *See: Barrington Colliery Band*

Bedlington Colliery Band - *See: Bedlington Doctor Pit Band*

Bedlington Doctor Pit Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1899 and folded around 1947

Bedlington Temperance Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1899 also. [possibly the same as the Doctor Pit Band?]

Bedminster Brass Band - Active in the 1900s

Bedminster Granville Silver Band - Active in 1898

Bedminster Silver Prize Band - Active in 1905, when they held a Grand Bazaar at Colston Hall in Bristol, following their fund-raising efforts during the Boer War.

Bedwas Brass Band - Active in 1880

Bedworth Legion Band

Bedworth Parish Church Silver Band - Formed in the late 1960s, when the Rector of Bedworth Parish Church obtained funds from the Nicholas Chamberlaine Trust to create the band. Amalgamated with Bedworth Silver Prize Band in 1985

Bedworth Silver Prize Band - Formed in 1927 as Wesley Reform Church Band. Amalgamated with Bedworth Parish Church Silver Band in 1985.

Beechburn Brass Band (Howden-le-Wear) - Active in 1896

Beenham Brass Band (Berkshire) - Active in the 1930s? One member was Cyril Jones, the Postmaster in Theale

Bees Lane Club Band (Rugeley) - Active in 1934

Beeston Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1867

Beeston Excelsior Band

Beeston Silver Prize Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1950

Beighton Excelsior Prize Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1896

Beith Instrumental Band - Formed prior to 1865. On Saturday 17th June, 1865, the Bowling Club committee, followed by the Beith Instrumental Band and local townspeople led the way to the Green for the official opening of the Club. The Band were having financial problems in November 1865 and opened up a subscription to the more well-to-do people of the town, and also to the artisans. The band were gratified with the results of the labours of the committee and were delighted with the liberality of the subscribers. The band were meeting that night in their practice room after which they would parade through the town. In June 1903 the band secured a month's engagement at Saltcoats on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays. The band was second in the Dumfries band contest in 1903, and in August 1904 they gained second place to Newmilns Band in the Ayrshire Championship. On 12 May 1917 the Beith Women's War Work Party held a Flag Day, Cycle and Fance Dress Parade (for which prizes were offered) in the Academy Grounds - Numerous attractions included Beith Instrumental Band. One of the first members of the Beith band, Mr John Simpson of Calderwood, Beith, died on October 27, 1905 at the age of 89 years.

Belgrave Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1860 - Concert to raise funds for their new uniforms (cap, belt and tunic). 14 members, conductor Mr J.A. Smith, concert included Donizetti's La Fille du Regiment.

Belgravia Brass Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Formed in 1883, later known as the Footscray Temperance Brass Band

Bellambi Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1900s

Belle Vue Brass Band (Wakefield) - Founded in 1886

Belling Band (Middlesbrough) - Active in 1906

Bellingham Brass Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1909

Bells Band (Ashbourne) - Active in 1889

Belmont Prize Band - *See: Belmont Village Prize Band*

Belmont Village Prize Band (Lancashire) - Formed in 1882 by Harry Gorse of Darwen an employee of Messrs Deakin, in the village. He used to write marches and composed parts for the band during his lunch hour. The band was formed one month before Christmas and a local resident offered 10 shillings to play outside his house, the band jumped at the chance. The bands most successful period was in the late 1920's but 10 years later the band had hit hard times, blaming improved access to Bolton for the decline in the younger generation's interest. The band disbanded in the early 1960's.

Belper Brass Band - Formed in the late 19th century. Folded in 1956.

Belper Town Band - *See: Belper Brass Band*

Belper United Brass Band - Active in 1891 (William Ryde, bandmaster) and 1899-1912 (Jas. Haywood, bandmaster)

Belvedere Baptist Temperance Band (Kent) - *See: Callender's Cable Works Band*

Belvedere Excelsior Band (Kent) - *See: Callender's Cable Works Band*

Belvedere Military Band (Kent) - *See: Callender's Cable Works Band*

Benalla Brass Band (Victoria, Australia) - Active in 1895 when they performed at Glenrowan

Bendigo Central Band (Australia) - *See: Strathfieldsaye Municipal Band*

Bendigo Citizens and Boys Band (Australia) - *See: Strathfieldsaye Municipal Band*

Bendigo Municipal Band (Australia) - *See: City of Bendigo Brass Band*

Bendix Kingswood Band - *See: Kingswood and District Band*

Benenden Brass Band - Played at the village celebrations for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887

Benenden National Sanitorium Band (Kent) - The band played the patients "in" on admission and "out" at discharge (they were often in for many months, up to a year or two). It is likely to have been an ad hoc band consisting of what musicians were available as inmates. The uniforms seem to have been deliberately ragged - some still exist in the museum at Benenden Hospital.

Bentham Brass Band (Yorkshire) - The band was formed in the 1860s and was not wound up until 1969. A member of this band was Richard Adamthwaite (1861-1947), cabinet maker in the employ of the Mr. Thomas Marshall in High Bentham. The band led the procession at the Jubilee celebrations at Clapham in 1897. The band was still in existence in 1936, when it played at the Hodder Valley Show. A photograph of the band exists in the Leeds University Library archive, in papers relating to Rawlinson Charles Ford, who was a silk spinner of Low Bentham, Yorkshire. In its heyday it hosted 'The Bentham Brass Band Competition' and played an important part in town life particularly at galas, fairs and major festivals. It took part in the Brass Band championships at Belle Vue, Manchester in the 1950s.

Bentham Silver Band - *See: Bentham Brass Band*

Bentley & Capel Band (Capel St Mary, Suffolk) - Active in 1886

Bentley Colliery Band (South Yorkshire) - Gained 2nd prize in a lower section contest at the Crystal Palace in 1911. Still active in 1935 and 1952. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by N. Edwards.

Bentley Colliery Silver Band - *See: Bentley Colliery Band*

Benwell and District Band (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) - Active in the 1920s

Benwhat Silver Band - Formed around 1870. Amalgamated with an Ayr-based band to form the Ayr-Benwhat Silver Band.

Benwhat Silver Band (Ayrshire) - Active in 1976

Benwick Brass Band (Cambridgeshire) - Active around 1906

Berisfords and Cardway Band - *See: Berisfords Band*

Berisfords Band (Congleton) - Active in the 1960s through to late 1990s. When the sponsorship ceased the band continued for a short period as the Congleton Band, but folded fairly soon afterwards.

Berkeley Teetotal Society Band (Mitcham) - Active in the late 1890s. Organised by the redoubtable Priscilla Pitt, the Society ran an imaginative programme of social and educational events designed to promote self-improvement and the rejection of alcohol. Initially described as a "ragtag but optimistic bunch", the band developed into proficient musicians. By this stage they had proper instruments and sported uniforms funded by Joseph Ely (founder of the famous Wimbledon department store). The group eventually imported non-teetotal musicians and evolved into the Mitcham Gas Works Band, which was active in 1909. Their musical prowess was such that they appeared at a wide range of events and celebrations, even participating in the Crystal Palace Brass Band Festival.

Berkhamsted and Boxmoor Band (Hertfordshire) - Formed in 1960 by the amalgamation of the Berkhamsted St Peters Band and Boxmoor Silver Band. In 1961 Mr. Stan Sheppard was appointed Musical Director.

Berkhamsted St Peters Band (Hertfordshire) - Founded in 1888 by Mr. Thomas Ellens. Many of the members were choristers at the parish church of St. Peters and the Rector of Berkhamsted became the band's president. Mr. Ellens was conductor of the band from 1888 until 1909. In 1960, due to falling numbers in both organisations, Berkhamsted St Peters Band and Boxmoor Silver Band amalgamated to form Berkhamsted and Boxmoor Band.

Berkhamsted Town Prize Band (Hertfordshire) - Active in the 1900s

Bermondsey Men's Institute Band (London) - Active in the 1950

Berry Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1900s

Berry Brow and Armitage Bridge Band - *See: Berry Brow Brass Band*

Berry Brow Brass Band (Yorkshire) - The earliest mention found is 26th September 1852, when the band played for Lockwood Pig and Poultry Association Annual Show, and the latest is 19th July 1893 when the band played to entertain the crowds in Greenhead Park, Huddersfield.

The band obviously provided an opportunity for the working men of Berry Brow to travel, as in 1860 and 1861 they participated in the 'Great National Brass Band Contest' held in the Crystal Palace in London. On the first occasion their conductor was Mr A. Jackson, and on the second, Joseph Hirst. Other conductors mentioned were J.H.Haley in 1872 and Mr J. Brook in 1874. Berry Brow was a densely packed village about two miles from Huddersfield. It was almost completely bulldozed in the 1960s. At the foot of Berry Brow lies another village, and the band is often named as Berry Brow and Armitage Bridge Band. The band is also remembered in the alliterative local saying "T'best bloomin' bugle blower in t'Berry Braa Brass Band"

Berry Hill Temperance Band - Active in the early 1880s. Amalgamated with the Speedwell Colliery Band to form Berry Hill Silver Band in 1911.

Bersted & Bognor Prize Band - *See: Bersted and Bognor Band*

Bersted and Bognor Band (Sussex) - Existed in May 1909, which in April 1910 included 3 Horns, 3 Bass, 3 Cornets, 2 Drums, Euphonium and Trombone. In 1911 it was referred to as the Bersted and Bognor Prize Band. In 1912 there seemed to be a decline in the Band's popularity and membership had decreased to 9 members. However somebody had faith in the Band and although in 1914 one Bandmaster resigned another was appointed soon after from a selection of 9 applicants. In the same year new uniforms were purchased for the Band which had improved its playing! The Band had reduced to 9 members as 11 were by then in the forces. In 1916 the Bandmaster resigned as there were not enough players. In Easter 1922 the Band gave 5 performances, the Bandmaster's pay was 5 shillings per performance. The Band went into decline from then on, and in 1933 the Town Band Committee recalled Band equipment and music. In 1934 The Music and Instruments were offered to a Mr Bottrill, who declined the offer, and subsequently all items were sold.

Bersted Brass Band - *See: Bersted and Bognor Band*

Berwick Band

Berwick St John Prize Band (Wiltshire) - Active in 1898, probably folded at the outbreak of WW1

Bescot L & NW Prize Band (Walsall) - Active in 1912

Bescot Silver Prize Band (Wallsall) - Amalgamated with Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band and Bloxwich British Legion Band during the Second World War. Newspaper report of 1922: There were 750 participants, 200 more than the previous year, displaying their procreations under a marquee at Oxley Manor Park Estate. Additional fun and entertainment was provided by the perriots, competitions, sports, dancing and the "Bescot Silver Prize Band".

Besses o' th' Barn Congregational Band - Active in 1882, when it competed against the Besses o' th' Barn Old Band at a contest at Kersley.

Best Blooming Band between Burton and Bagworth - *See: Five B's Band*

Beswick Prize Band (Manchester) - Active in the 1930s. Amalgamated with the Moston Band in 1965. They often performed at football grounds on a Saturday afternoon. At one football match at Manchester City a player arrived drunk, but they had him play anyway. As they were marching around the pitch playing, he went straight into the goal post, knocked himself out and had to be carried off!

Bethany Temperance Band (Aberavon, Port Talbot) - Active in 1891, and also in 1894 when it came fifth in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. Thomas Griffiths.

Bethel Brass Band - *See: Bethel Silver Prize Band*

Bethel New Connexion Band (Ovendon, Halifax) - Formed by the members of Bethel Methodist New Connexion Chapel, Holmfield

Bethel Silver Prize Band (Macclesfield, Cheshire) - Formed 1908 as Bethel Brass Band. Still active in 1950. Conductors: G. Bailey (1908-14 and 1919-21), H. Desborough (1914-17), A. Costello (1921-23), C Pownall (1923), R. J. Deal (1923-1950+)

Bethersden Brass Band (Kent) - Active in 1907 when it played at the Bethersden Chrysanthemum show, conducted by Charles Heathfield

Bethesda Town Band (Caernarvonshire) - Active in 1913

Bethnal Green Men's Institute Band (London) - Active in 1950

Beverley Borough Band - Active in the late 1800s. Disbanded in the 1920s

Beverley Borough Silver Band - Active in 1958

Beverley Mechanics Band - Active in 1857.

Beverley Silver Band - Active in the late 1800s. Probably did not survive WW1.

Beverley Town Prize Band - *See: Beverley United Prize Band*

Beverley Unison Band - *See: Beverley United Prize Band*

Beverley United Prize Band - Active in the late 19th century, also known as Beverley Town Prize Band. It disbanded around 1930, when the instruments were handed over to the newly formed Hodgsons Recreational Club Silver Band.

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Band

Bexley A.F.S. Brass Band - *See: North Kent Silver Band*

BICC Band (British Insulated Cables Callender's Band) - *See: Callender's Cable Works Band*

BICC Band (British Insulated Cables Company Band) - *See: British Insulated Cables Company Brass Band*

Bickershaw Colliery Band - In 1919 the Abram Coal Company decided to form a brass band under the leadership of Lt.-Col. Ernest Hart. It had marked success in contests in the early 1930s and was renamed Bickershaw Colliery Band in 1937 when the Company took over a further group of collieries. The band was a favourite in its day and took part in over 300 broadcasts. Culmination of the band's success came in 1940 and 1943 when it won the British Open Championships, with William Haydock as bandmaster. The band folded following the nationalisation of the coal industry in 1947.

Biddenden Brass Band (Kent) - Active in the early 1900s

Biddulph Prize Band - Active in 1930 and the 1980s

Biddulph Town Moor Band - Active from 1905 to 1925

Bideford Wesleyan Band

Biggleswade Town Band - Report from 6 December 1890: "Mr George Powers, released after 17 days after a Petition to the Home Secretary, on his return from Bedford Prison to Caldecote was met by cheering crowds, the village was decorated for the occasion - Biggleswade Drum & Fife Band and Biggleswade Brass Band played on Mr Powers's lawn. The band folded in the 1960s and the only remaining artifact is the band's bass drum, discovered in an attic in 2005 and now safely lodged in the Biggleswade History Society archive. Members of the band included Peter Horn who played 2nd trombone in the band in the late 40s/early 50s and his father Herbert (Bert) who played in the band for 35 years. At the time Peter was a band member the drum was played by Ted Robinson and later Les Arger.

Billericay Brotherhood Band (Essex) - Active in the 1900s

Billericay Silver Band (Essex)

Billingshurst Band (Sussex) - Took part in the Royal Tunbridge Wells & District Band Federation 27th Annual Band Festival (3rd Section), 14th May 1955, gaining first place, £10 and the Christie Challenge Cup, playing Overture: Lustspiel by Keler Bela, adjudicated by Harry Mortimer.

Bilston Temperance Excelsior Saxhorn Band (Wolverhampton) - Active in 1865

Binchester Band (County Durham) - Active around 1908

Bingara Voluntary Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1897, but by January 1899 was in "a very low condition" and Mr Joe Hamilton, the former bandmaster announced his intention to form a private band. The Town Band was still in operation in March 1899 but some time later, the band folded due to lack of support. In July 1907 the mayor was asked to call a public meeting to re-form the local Town Band. With the onset of the Great Depression, the Municipal Brass was disbanded in April 1934 only to be re-formed in March 1935. In February 1936 the Bingara Advocate announced that it was rumoured that Bingara Municipal Brass Band will be reformed. It had apparently ceased to function some time before.

Bingham Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1891 when Frank Taylor was the conductor. Took part in the Newark celebrations of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1898 - "Lights and lanterns were incorporated in the Market Place so that visitors could see the full splendour of the Bingham PSA Band. There was a large crowd to hear the excellent and varied musical programme which included hymns classical pieces and popular music."

Bingham PSA Band - *See: Bingham Brass Band*

Bingley Mission Prize Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1890s

Bingley New Band (Yorkshire)

Bingley Rifles Band (Yorkshire)

Birch Mills Band (Heywood) - Active in 1895 when it competed at a contest at Chirk, conductor T. Valentine

Birchgrove and District Band (South Wales) - Active in 1933

Birchover Prize Band - Founded in the 1880s and had disbanded by 1939. They won third prize in a band contest at Ormskirk. After that, they were proudly known as the Birchover Prize Band. Some of the shine was taken off however when it was later found that there had been only three entrants in the competition!

Birdsall Band (North Yorkshire) - Practiced at the pub in Langton

Birfield Industries Works Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1951

Birkenhead Borough Silver Prize Band - Active in 1912, when they entertained the crowd at the opening match at the new Tranmere Rovers Stadium

Birkenhead Corporation Transport Band - Active in 1930s

Birkenhead Shore Road Band - Active in 1930s

Birkenhead Town Band - Active in 1951 when they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Birkenshaw Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1880s & 1890s

Birmingham British Legion Band

Birmingham City Prize Band - Active in 1920

Birmingham Midland Railway Brass Band - Active in 1863

Birmingham School of Music Band - Active in 1970s

Birmingham Temperance Saxhorn Band - Active in 1864 - when it was mistaken for the mythical "Legge Street Temperance Band" at the Erdlington Flower Show

Birmingham Victoria Band - Active in 1871

Birstall Brass Band (Drighlington) - Active in 1911

Birstall Old Prize Band - Active in 1913 and the 1940s and 1950s

Birstwith Brass Band (near Harrogate) - Active in 1868 when it was hired by the village show. It performed around the village on Christmas morning. The brass band had good players, but they couldn't all agree - on one occasion they began to 'fratch' among themselves and went home without making a single call.

Birtley and Ouston Band

Birtley League of the Cross Band (near Gateshead) - Formed in 1898, probably folded at start of WW1.

Birtley Pit Colliery Band - Active in the 1930s

Birtley St Joseph Band - Active in 1900s and 1920s. Won 3rd prize at the Crystal Palace in 1913, before that time it had won 17 first and 6 second prizes.

Birtley Temperance Band - Active in 1898

Birtley Town Prize Band - Active between 1904 and 1928

Bishampton Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1881

Bishop's Castle Town Band (Shropshire) - Active in 1907 to 1966. William Hailstone was Bandmaster at one time. The Code of Practice Rules of the band are housed in the Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre.

Bishops Itchington Brass Band - Earliest mention of the band is at Harbury Flower Show on 5th August 1889. Bandmasters: - 1898 A. Randall, 1907 Fred Hunt, 1919 Thomas Busby (Assistant?), 1920 Fred Hunt. Mentioned in news reports from 1889 into the 20th century. It changed its name to Bishops Itchington Imperial Band by the 1950's. It ceased to exist in 1956, when its conductor was Freddie Dalton, when some of its members left to join the relatively new Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band. It tried to re-form in February 1957 but only 12 members turned up, it had sufficient instruments and uniforms and a fair balance in the bank.

Bishops Itchington Imperial Band - *See: Bishop's Itchington Brass Band*

Bishops Stortford British Legion Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Bishops Stortford Union Brass Band - Active in April 1864 when it played at the Temperance Society meeting in Stansted.

Bishops Stortford Volunteer Band - Active in January 1900, when it performed in Stansted.

Bishops Tachbrook Brass Band - Earliest mention of the band is at (Bishops) Tachbrook Flower Show on 26th July 1888. Bandmaster: - 1888 Capt. Bosley (Church Army). Mentioned in news reports for 1888 to 1896. Last mention of the band is 30th July 1896.

Bishop's Waltham Temperance Brass Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1895 when T. Jolly was bandmaster. Also active in 1907, a report in the Titchfield Echo describes the Carnival in 1907: "All Titchfield was on its feet on Monday night the August occasion being the

November carnival and torchlight procession in memory of the misguided Guido Fawkes. Collections were made for the hospital and the unsuspecting were greatly trapped by this formula: "Gie us a penny, sir, it is the greatest night of the year". Truly Titchfield rose to the occasion. The carnival Committee turned its frolicsome pen to facetious bill composition which announced in fat type that the demonstration would be held on Monday November 5th, WADS (work all day Sunday), that it would be a sumptuous 'OK show'; that the procession would be preponderous (shades of Dr. Johnson preserve us!); that the mounted police would be under the command of Sergeant Buzfuzz and that a conglomeration would be unearthed'. The rest of the bill was descriptive of the line of the route and local witticisms were indulged in exclusively: objects of interest on the itinerary such as Jones' shop, Smiths backyard and Robinson's trade being alluded to in a way that was unfortunately caviar to the general. Monday's affair divides into two sections. In the afternoon the procession went round the town in the full light of day and satisfied the closest inspection. In the evening torch lights, Roman candles and lanterns lent glory and imagination to the scene. greatly hid defects and furthered the fun of the fair. For a village effort the carnival was a marvel of completeness and good organisation and was worth going a long way to see. Portsmouth had not yet managed better cars or devices and Titchfield seems to have much more of that humour that makes the world go hum. A couple of old bicycles that ought to be in the South Kensington Museum. so quaint were their frames, were ridden by the tired tramp tourists,' the fire Brigade was caricatured with a red barrel on wheels with a manual hose: a living skeleton, a Mephistopheles, a barbaric barber, women and wine and the gaming table with its consequent caged convict breaking stones, and an airship "Polly Secundus" cleverly rigged up on a bicycle and illuminated with acetylene lamps. Then the Foresters and Oddfellows with their usual tableau cars as to the value of provision against sickness, Jack was to be seen saving farewell to the Miller's daughter with the wheel going round and round and dripping real water, a car illustrating the sad story of the 'Mistletoe Bough', fish frying, blacksmithing and various trade cars including bun making. The cars were decorated with material and foliage and at night lighted with Chinese lanterns, while followers carried oil flares casting a lurid light on niggers and grandees, cowboys and swashbucklers, old hags and bearded patriarchs. Masks were much worn doubtless because in a village where everyone knows everyone else (often their business as well), it is a great occasion to be able for a little while to sink one's own identity. The small boys fairly throbbed with excitement. Lights burned and crackers banged off around your feet and over your head and so great was the crush that Titchfield could hardly move through its own streets, which it meagerly lights with oil, made all the more impoverished-looking by the generosity of Monday's private illuminations. Music was supplied by the Bishops Waltham Brass Band and the Titchfield Fifes and Drums which took part in the procession through the streets to the recreation field. There was no organised fire display but the fun of a Bal Masqué was kept up until a late hour long after the last torch had spluttered out. Then Titchfield went home through streets dark with wet mist and redolent of benzolene and gunpowder smoke".

Bishopthorpe Brass Band (Yorkshire) - In 1846 the village brass band escorted the Archbishop of York back from Middlethorpe. It was still active in 1857. In 1890 a contemporary account noted: "A brass band consisting of 15 performers existed in the village for twenty years, under the care of the late Mr. Thomas Carbert, and enjoyed considerable popularity for twenty or thirty miles around. They played at most of the club anniversaries of the district and occasionally at York elections and other times. The band still exists, but its character, composition and management are entirely changed."

Bisley Boys' School Band - Active in 1938

Bisley Oakridge Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in the early 1900s

Bitchburn Colliery Band (Howden-le-Wear) - Active in 1905

Bitterne and West End Band - See Southampton Air Training Corps Band

Bitterne Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1885. The drummer was R.C. Payne, the local Undertaker, and the Bandmaster was C. Watson.

Black Boy Colliery Band (Bishops Auckland) - Active in 1879

Black Country Brass - Formed in the early 1970s. Merged with West Bromwich Band in the 1980s to form Sandwell Brass Band

Black Heath St Paul's Brass Band - Active in 1893

Blackboys Brass Band (Sussex) - Active in 1910 when it took part in a torchlight procession from Five Ashes to Hadlow Down and back.

Blackbraes and District Band

Blackburn Borough Band - Active in 1878/1889

Blackburn Comic Prize Band - Had its home at the Bethesda Hall, Stansfeld Street in the 1920s

Blackburn Old Prize Band - Active in 1891 and 1924. From the obituary of William Ainsworth - "Born 1854, Died Feb/March 1924 whilst living at 137, Queens Park Road, Blackburn. Buried in Blackburn Cemetery. Funeral procession was led by the Blackburn Old Prize Band. He was a well known local footballer in his youth, also a step-dancer who won at least one championship and a belt, and a member of Blackburn Old Prize Band. Two of his sons, Harold, a well known cornet soloist, and Ernest also played in the Blackburn Old Prize Band."

Blackburn Public Band - Active around 1887, 1900 and 1933. Queen's Park, Blackburn, created to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, held the town's jubilee celebrations in September 1887 when the main drive and lake were illuminated and the Blackburn Public Prize Band gave a musical selection.

Blackburn Public Prize Band - *See: Blackburn Public Band*

Blackburn Ragged School Prize Band - Active in 1896

Blackburn Valley Brass Band - Active in 1909 and again in the 1950s and 1960s

Blackburn Wesleyan Mission Band - Active around 1900

Blackburn's Steel Works Band - *See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band*

Blackhall Colliery Band '(1) - Active in 1921

Blackhall Colliery Band '(2) - Formed in June 1926, it quickly established its name and quality. It became the Northern Area Champions in 1945 and established a world record when it competed in eight contests on Friday 10th June 1938 and won eight prizes. Folded in the 1950s.

Blackhall Youth Band - *See: Broughtons Brass Band*

Blackheath St Paul's Band - *See: Black Heath St Paul's Brass Band*

Blackheath Town Band (Worcs) - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s, still active in the 1940s

Blackhill Mission Band (Durham) - Active in the 1870s

Blackhill St Mary's Band (Chester-le-Street) - Active between 1907 and 1931

Blackhill Teetotal Band - *See: Consett Iron Works Band*

Blackhill Workmen's Band (Durham) - Active in 1914 when Henry Tyndale was secretary

Blackley Home Guard Comrades Band (Manchester)

Blackpool and Fylde Blind Band - Active around 1910

Blackpool Associated Works Band - Active in 1945. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by S.M. Rowe).

Blackpool County Borough A.F.S. Band - Active in 1941

Blackpool Excelsior Band - Active in 1926 to 1936

Blackpool Lifeboat Band - Active in 1938

Blackpool Norman Memorial Band - *See: Norman Memorial Youth Silver Band*

Blackpool Public Band - Active in 1920s

Blackpool Silver Prize Band - Formed March 1926 as Blackpool Special Constabulary Silver Prize Band

Blackpool Special Constabulary Silver Prize Band - *See: Blackpool Silver Prize Band*

Blackrock Band (Kerrier, Cornwall) - This band was, in fact, based in the village of Crowan, due south of Camborne, so one can only conjecture as to why the name Blackrock when this village is about one mile east of Crowan. Perhaps the unknown leader was about the only person who lived in Black Rock? They worked from c1870 to c1895 and in the later part of their life carried out contesting challenges, not with any noteworthy results however.

Blackrod Band - Formed in 1872 as Blackrod Good Templar's Band it changed its name to Blackrod Public Subscription Band within a few years. It held its rehearsals in the building that was the Old Grammar School and is nowadays used as Council Offices. Each member then paid an entrance fee of 5 shillings and a weekly subscription of 1 shilling. Eventually it was decided to enter for contests, and in consequence it was necessary for a professional conductor to be engaged to ensure that the correct training was given to the band. Many conductors held this very important position, Messrs. Durham, Wheelwright, Rutter,

Peatfield, Fairhurst and Pollard coming readily to mind. Several prizes were won during this period, but a first prize eluded them. During 1913 a new set of instruments was purchased at a cost of £378, and shortly afterwards a set of new uniforms was obtained at a cost of approximately £114. It will be realised that this sum was very heavy expenditure in those days, and the band are worthy of congratulations for the courage that was shown, especially when it is known that they only had the sum of £90 available. Members of the band, however, loaned money and borrowed the remainder. This effort was supported by the free services rendered by the officials and bandsmen for six years until they were clear of the debt. Mr Percy Bullough, who was appointed bandmaster in 1907, became conductor in 1918 [a bandmaster, usually a player in the band, was deputy to the conductor and fulfilled rehearsals or engagements that the conductor could not. Most modern bands still have a bandmaster]. It was decided to compete in contests again, and soon the patience and enthusiasm shown over the years was crowned with glory, for the band won their first, first prize at Haydock. A story told about the band was that it was not uncommon for the bandsmen to have to be summoned from the Scot Lane Inn to start the village parade or either the field day. One bandsman who was the worst for drink sat down on a wall with his bass and overbalanced landing in a garden with the instrument on top of him! One claim to fame is that the professional tenor John Mitchinson made one of his first public performances with them. They disbanded around 1959.

Blackrod Good Templar's Band - *See: Blackrod Band*

Blackrod Public Subscription Band - *See: Blackrod Band*

Blackrod Temperance Band - Active in 1882, when it competed in a contest at Kersley, Bolton.

Blackwater Band (Carrick, Cornwall) - The band, which was originally a brass & reed combination, was formed in 1901 by a clarinet playing ex-bandman of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, C.Retallack. As implied, the instrumentation was changed later on, by Mr Retallack, to an all brass band, and Mr Retallack continued to lead them on his clarinet. No contesting can be discovered.

Blackwell Silver Prize Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1915 and probably linked to the Blackwell collieries

Blackwood Brass Band (Lanarkshire) - Active in 1849

Blackwood Brass Band (near Caerphilly) - Active in 1876

Blackwood Methodist Band

Blaenau Festiniog Brass Band - Active in 1865 - Conductor Mr J Dickson

Blaenavon Colliery Workmen's Band (Monmouthshire) - Active in the 1950s

Blaenavon Templar Brass Band - Active in 1897, when it played a "Grand Vocal & Instrumental Concert" at the Workmen's Institute Hall, Blaenavon, in aid of the instrument fund.

Blaengarw Silver Band - Active in 1948

Blagdon Brass Band - Formed in the 1920s. It is said to have played on Friendly Society Whitsun Walks - the Buffaloes, the Oddfellows and the Foresters were local societies. The Postmaster Wilf or Frank Light was one of the players. The instruments were possibly given by Lord Winterstoke, who was keen on self improvement for the villagers. A disused cottage in the centre of the village was used for storage (and possibly for practice). During WW2 this cottage was used by the Home Guard and they were going to revive the band, but the instruments, having been unused for a long time were unplayable. It is thought that a sousaphone accompanied the 'Victorian Carol Party' round the village some 40-50 years ago.

Blaina and District Silver Band - *See: Blaina Band*

Blaina Band (Monmouthshire) - Formed in 1817 and converted to all brass in 1832 with Enbach instruments from Amsterdam. The band was originally known as Brown's Works Band, supported by the local Brown's Ironworks. Later also known as Blaina Lancaster Band, Blaina New Lancaster Town Band, Blaina Town Band and Blaina and District Silver Band. In 1894 it came sixth in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. F.Birkenshaw. They competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in 1948

Blaina Lancaster Band - *See: Blaina Band*

Blaina New Lancaster Town Band - *See: Blaina Band*

Blaina Town Band - *See: Blaina Band*

Blairgowrie & Rattray Municipal Band - *See: Blairgowrie Brass Band*

Blairgowrie Brass Band - Committee minutes, 1905-1962, are held in the Perth and Kinross Council Archive. In 1901 and 1902 the Blairgowrie and Rattray Merchant's Association agreed to

donate £5 to the Band, specifically in 1902 the Association Secretary was instructed to write to the Bandmaster, when handing over the money, to the effect that the Association would like the Band to appear more frequently in public than they did last year. Active in 1928.

Blair's Band - Active between 1906 and 1919

Blakeney and District Silver Band - Formed 1953 from the remaining members of Two Bridges Brass Band who moved to Blakeney. Managed to buy a brand new set of instruments within a year and pay for them all by 1957.

Blakeney Brass Band - Formed in the village before 1843 - it was in regular demand for events in the Forest area during the mid 19th century

Blantyre Parish Brass Band (Lanarkshire) - Active in 1897

Blantyre St Joseph's Band (Lanarkshire) - Active in 1933

Blaydon Comrades Victory Band - Active in 1921. Probably formed by survivors of the Great War.

Bleaching Works Brass Band (Catrine, Ayrshire) - Active in 1882. Attached to the bleaching works at the James Finlay & Sons Cotton Mill.

Bleak House Band (Carrick, Cornwall) - What a wonderful title! Formed just after WW1, this band, at first, consisted almost entirely of members of the Trebilcock and Marshall families. Their first set of instruments were bought from the defunct Feock Band. One of these Trebilcocks lived at Bleak House, so much of their rehearsals were carried out there. They carried on until they had to disband in 1929.

Bleangarw Temperance Band - Active in 1894

Bledington Temperance Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in the early 1900s

Bletchley Station Band (Buckinghamshire) - Associated with the railway station in Bletchley. There is a picture of the band in H. Gregg's book *Town of Trains*, dated 1920's.

Bletchley Town Silver Band - Active in 1948 when it organised its second annual contest

Blidworth Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - From 1885 directory: "...composed in 1880, and consists of 12 performers; James Robinson bandmaster"

Blight's Cornopean Brass Band - Founded by William Blight and active in 1844 when it played at the Floral Fete in the Royal Surrey Zoological Gardens, on Tuesday, September 17th. Other attractions included a "grand dahlia and miscellaneous flower show for flowers, fruit, & vegetables, combined with picturesque grounds, superb menagerie, gigantic model of old London, a model of Venice, feeding of the carnivora, promenade concerts introducing Beethoven's *Battle Sinfonia*, Spohr's "Consecration of Sounds," &c. and Great Fire of London, allowed to be the grandest pyrotechnic display ever witnessed. No establishment in Europe presents so many, varied and unique attractions. Admittance one shilling. Open at one. Conflagration at eight o'clock" . Also advertised elsewhere as "available to accept engagements for Public Dinners, Water Parties, Promenades, Archery Fetes, Flower Shows, Fancy Fairs and Etc."

Blisland Temperance Band (North Cornwall) - Formed about 1863 and found east of Wadebridge, they later changed their title to Blisland Brass Band. Their appearances were known to have been carried out up to 1902. A non-contesting band.

Blockley Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1873

Blofield and District Brass Band - Active in 1957

Bloomfield Amateur Silver Band - Active in early 1960s

Bloxham Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in the early 1900s. Tom Baughen (licensee of the Unicorn Inn) became its conductor when it amalgamated with the Bloxham Church Band some time prior to 1914

Bloxham Church Band (Oxfordshire) - Amalgamated with the Bloxham Brass Band some time prior to 1914

Bloxham Temperance Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1900

Bloxwich British Legion Band - Amalgamated with Aldridge Colliery Silver Prize Band and Bescot Band during World War 2

Bloxwich Imperial Prize Band (Walsall) - Active in 1912

Blue Jacket Band (Portsmouth) - Active around 1920

Blue Ribbon Brass Band (Ratho, Midlothian) - Active in 1900

Bluecoat Hospital Band - *See: Chester Bluecoat Hospital Band*

Bluecoat Hospital Band (Liverpool)

Blunsdon Brass Band - *See: Blunsdon St Leonards Brass Band*

Blunsdon St Leonards Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Blyth and Cowpen Operatic Band (Northumberland) - Formed in 1894 and still active in 1900

Blyth and District Band (Northumberland) - Active between 1904 and 1909

Blyth L.N.E.R. Band (Northumberland) - Formed in 1921 and still active in the 1950s

Blyth N. E. Railway Band - *See: Blyth L.N.E.R. Band*

Bodmin Regnal Mission Band (Cornwall) - Records of the band, from 1941-1942 are held by Bodmin Town Museum

Bodmin Street Reform Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1892

Bognor Town Band - Active in 1928

Bold Colliery Band - *See: Bold Miners' Welfare Band*

Bold Miners' Welfare Band (St Helens) - Formed around 1970 and folded around 1990. Thought to be the last miners band on the Lancashire coal field. A lot of their music was inherited from the earlier Clock Face Colliery Band. A report from Coal Face, in June 1979, states: Band 'Babes' Cut Their Contest Teeth. Brass competition 'babes' who have collected their first trophy after even years are aiming to follow the lead of another Western Area band bidding for top prizes. Musicians in St. Helens' Bold Colliery Band made their trophy-winning debut at Workington, Cumbria. "It's the breakthrough they've been looking for," says Admin. Officer, Frank Kenyon. Music loving Frank took action when Clock Face Colliery closed some years ago and their instruments became available. he thought it would be a pity if the band tradition died and decided to re-form them at Bold and they are now one of the North West's last surviving colliery bands. Bold bandmen were helped in their re-birth by CISWO who transferred the old Clock Face instruments and by pitmen like now-retired training officer Jack Wildman;. "It was very hard work but we now have a full sized 24-string band with plenty of reserve players as well." says Frank Kenyon. Pianist Frank, who got his taste for the sound of brass from his father who used to take him to hear the former Bickershaw Colliery Band as a boy, adds: "We give free performances for any coal industry function we are invited to and always play at the paraplegics sports at Blackpool. "Some of the lads have even appeared on TV during a scene from the Liver Birds but of course our big ambition is to win at the NCB finals at the Mining Weekend. The band give free tuition for any youngster who fancies the chance to blow his own trumpet, miner's children especially being welcome.

Boldon Colliery Band - Formed in 1911, as Boldon Colliery Workmen's Band, it folded in 2004

Boldon Colliery Workmen's Band - *See: Boldon Colliery Band*

Boldshay Victoria Band (Bradford)

Bolingey Band (Carrick, Cornwall) - Bolingey will be found half way between Newquay and St Agnes, and a band under this title appeared at the St Agnes Regatta of 1891 under the direction of a Mr Veale. No other mention can be found of this band.

Bollington Band (Cheshire) - Founded in the 19th century and disbanded on the eve of the Second World War

Bolsover Colliery Band - Formed 1894. Still active in the 1920s

Bolsover Silver Prize Band - Active in the 1920s

Bolton I.O.R. Band - *See: Bolton Rechabites Band*

Bolton Independant Order of Rechabites Band - *See: Bolton Rechabites Band*

Bolton Old Band - Formed as a reed band in around 1803. They were attached to the Bolton Volunteer Regiment under Colonel Fletcher. The Colonel was a great lover of music and when the regiment was disbanded soon after the Napoleonic war he kept the band on at a cost of over £1,000 a year to himself. The regiment was reformed in 1819 and the band once again became the regimental band. Colonel Fletcher died in 1832 and the regiment was taken over by the Earl of Ellesmere. Sometime around 1850 the regimental headquarters were moved to Worsley and the band had converted to all brass. They had disbanded by 1884.

Bolton Prize Band

Bolton Public Band - Formed in the 1920's it had disbanded by late 1955. In 1951 they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Bolton Rechabites Band - The early Temperance movement in the 1820's and 1830's only required its members to sign a pledge against the more 'ardent spirits'. By the 1830's an internal group had started to call for the total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, they took the name Rechabites from a Biblical tribe. The movement seems to have been formally instigated in Salford in 1836. The Bolton I.O.R. Band was formed in the Autumn of 1920 by a small group of keen amateurs; they rehearsed in the back bedroom of their conductor's house, a Mr

Higham in Gordon Avenue. For several months Mr Higham held rehearsals five nights a week until in October of 1921 the band decided to invest in a full set of new instruments, at a cost of over £1,000. They took their first public engagement in May of 1922 at Walkden. The band achieved their height on the contest scene in 1930 with a silver cup at the Yorkshire Brass Band Association Contest in Settle. It is not clear when the band disbanded, but it would most likely be the 1940's.

Bolton Temperance Band - In 1902 the authorities at Queen Street Mission conceived the idea that their open air meetings on Sunday evenings in Idle Street (now Central Street) would be more effective with the aid of a band. A band was therefore formed, or rather a number of Mission Lads and men were assembled, taking the name Queen Street Mission Band. The hero, the late Mr Ashworth, surveyed them. Not one of the 24 could read a note of music, not one of them could play an instrument. His job was to make them into a brass band, and it is a tribute to his patience and ability that he was able to do it. He produced a band which ranks amongst the best in the town, and which has won many prizes. After six months tuition they had two hymns and two marches in their repertoire, one of the marches was aptly called 'Now or Never'. They won numerous local titles and were at their most successful during the early and mid 1920's. The band possibly disbanded sometime during the 1940's. According to Charlie Taylor of Tyldesley Band, who used to play sometimes with the Temperance Band, they used to rehearse on Sundays in a pub in Bolton Town Centre. They turned up to rehearsal one Sunday, to be told by the landlord that the pub was shutting. They had a quick chat amongst themselves and turned round to Charlie and announced 'that if the pub was going then they'd go as well' and that was the rather abrupt end of the Bolton Temperance Band. This happened around 1952. This coincides nicely with the formation of the Bolton Public Band, which started up around this time [?].

Bolton Victoria Hall Band - Active in the 1890s and had disbanded by 1935.

Bond Street WMC Imperial Silver Band - *See: City of Leicester Band*

Bond Street Working Men's Club Band - *See: City of Leicester Band*

Boney Hay Mission Band (Lichfield, Staffs) - Active in the late 1890s

Bonnybridge & District Band (Stirlingshire) - Formed in 1871 as a reed band. A strike in the foundry put an end to the band as many members had to leave the village. Reformed in 1878 as a brass band. By 1888 had attended 10 contests, winning 6 prizes totalling £63 9s.

Bonnybridge and District Silver Band - *See: Bonnybridge & District Band*

Bonnybridge Silver Band (Stirlingshire) - Formed in 1922 and said to be Falkirk district's top band from then until it disbanded due to a lack of support in 1970. The band's first success was in 1925 when taking third place in the 15-band Section Three. It won the section in 1927, then went on to win Section Two in 1929, after being third the previous year - all under conductor Gregor J. Grant. After a settling in period, Bonnybridge gained third spot in the Championship Section in 1933 then second place in 1936. After a couple of placings in the 1950s, the band became 7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (T.A.) in the '60s and won the Championship Section in 1963. Before the band's demise, it took three 4th placings in '65, '66 and '69.

Bonnyrigg Burgh Band - Active in 1898

Bonnyrigg Volunteer Band - Active in 1880

Bookham Silver Band (Great Bookham, Surrey) - Active in 1895

Boolaroo & District Sulphide Brass Band (Australia) - Active in the 1900s

Boolite Brass Band (Victoria, Australia) - Active around 1896

Boosbeck Colliery Band (Guisborough) - Active around 1907

Boots Plaisance Band (Nottingham) - Established 1906. Jesse Boot was keen to promote music making and musical appreciation amongst company employees, and within Nottingham generally. In 1906, when a campaign was launched to restore the Albert Hall, Jesse Boot offered to spend £5,000 on a new organ, on condition that the organist provided popular recitals every Saturday afternoon with a fair number of seats not exceeding 3d each. Jesse Boot funded the organist's salary for three years. At Plaisance, the Boot family's summer house, employees were invited to afternoon entertainments, with music, dancing, athletics, swimming, and in the evenings sometimes fireworks. Jesse Boot provided a set of instruments for the use of an employees' band, and the Plaisance Band was formed. Florence Boot chose the uniforms - Lincoln Green, light green collar and cuffs, and silver braid. Jesse Boot arranged for the band to be coached by a professional conductor, Mr Alex

Owen, and in June 1908 the band made its first venture into competitions at Lincoln. In 1909 the band won first prize in the Junior Cup section in the National Brass Band contest at Crystal Palace. Reformed after the First World War and affiliated to the Scout Movement, the band had the honour of being the first civilian band to play on Wellington Barracks Square. The band later re-formed as the Beacon Silver Band, but its playing days came to an untimely end when the instruments were destroyed in the bombing of the Printing Department building on Station Street in 1941.

Borough of Barnes Brass Band - *See: West London Silver Band*

Borough of Leicester Working Men's Club and Institute Brass Band - Active in 1906/1911

Boroughbridge Brass Band (Yorkshire) - *See: Aldborough & Boroughbridge Brass Band*

Boroughbridge British Legion Band (Yorkshire)

Boscastle Brass & Reed Band (North Cornwall) - They were formed about 1899 and changed the title in 1919 to Boscastle Brass Band. Their conductor in 1905 was Leslie Prout, who went on to conduct the Delabole Band. He was succeeded in 1912 by William Hochin who carried on until WW2 when band duties were suspended. Reformed in 1945 under Mr Grigg, who came from a whole family of Griggs that played with the St Dennis Band, they began contesting. Mr Grigg handed over to Charles Berryman in 1953 who, sadly, was drowned in the Boscastle floods of 1958. Arthur Biddick held things together until another Leslie Prout came along. For many reasons the band had to disband in 1973.

Boscastle Silver Band (Cornwall)

Boscastle Town Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1900

Boscombe Brass Band - Active in 1887. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Boston Borough Brass Band - c. 1860s - William Underwood, a working tailor of Boston, played the cornet in the band. He was a brother of John Underwood of Surfleet - famous local preacher.

Boston Road Mission Church Army Band (Croydon) - Active in 1922

Boston Temperance Band (Lincolnshire) - Formed in 1888

Bottesford Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1911 when it led the coronation celebrations in Normanton. The Band rehearsed in the village school and before the Great War was led by Mr William Sutton (1835 - 1924). During the Great War the band was lead by Mr. Pacey and provided dance music for fund raising events for the Red Cross.

Botwell Brotherhood Band - *See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band*

Boulder City Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1910

Boulder Mines Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1899 - conductor Albert Prout. Still playing in 1920 when it took part in the unveiling of the Goldfields Soldiers' Monument in Boulder in July 1920.

Bourne Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1887 and 1890

Bourne Valley Brass Band (Wiltshire) - Active in 1908

Bournemouth Postmen's Brass Band - Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Bournemouth YMCA Silver Band - *See: Winton British Legion Silver Band*

Bournville Silver Band (Birmingham) - Formed in 1890 as the Bournville Works Silver Band. Still active in 1938, also in October 1956 when it was conducted by George Allen.

Bournville Works Silver Band - *See: Bournville Silver Band*

Bourton Band (Gloucestershire) - *See: Bourton-in-the-Water Band*

Bourton Prize Band (Dorset) - Active in 1910

Bourton-in-the-Water Band - Active in 1875. At this time the players included: W Troughton (carpenter), George Lawrence (mason), C. Betteridge, George Clifford (mason), Jim Wright (trombone) (slater and plasterer), Fred Clifford (mason), W. Butler (hay trusser), S. Hall and R. Hall (timber fellers and sawyers). Frank Palmer (drummer). Still active in 1890

Bovey Tracey Brass Band (Devon) - Active in August 1870 when it played at Moretonhampstead, and 1879 playing at Dunsford Oddfellows Fete in August.

Bovey Tracey Potteries Band (Devon) - Active in 1878

Bovey Tracey Temperance Band (Devon) - Active in 1872

Bovey Tracey Town Band (Devon) - Active in July 1883, playing at Starcross Flower Show.

Bowerchalke Brass Band (Wiltshire) - Active in 1910 when it won the South Wilts Brass Band Association Shield at a contest.

Bowes Brass Band (Teesdale) - Active in 1931

Bowhill Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Bowhill Colliery & District Band (Scotland) - Active in 1931 and 1964

Bowling Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1856. Still performing in 1892.

Bowling Ironworks Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1860, 1875

Bowral Association Band (Australia) - Formed on the 19th of November 1894. GE Vincent, the son of the conductor in the first Bowral band, gave a great service to music in the Berrima District and was appointed bandmaster, which he did until his death in 1932.

Bowral Brass Band (Australia) - Formed in January 1882. The conductor was George Vincent and it had 16 members but it ceased in 1888 with a new band forming in 1889 that played in the streets on Christmas Day. This band continued until the Bowral Association Band was formed.

Boxmoor Boys Brigade Band - Formed in 1929, renamed Boxmoor Silver Band in 1932

Boxmoor Silver Band - Formed in 1929 from members of the Boxmoor Boys Brigade, renamed Boxmoor Silver Band in 1932. Amalgamated with Berkhamsted St Peters Band in 1960 to form Berkhamstead and Boxmoor Band

Boys' and Girls' Refuges and Homes Band (Salford) - Active in 1910 and 1911 when it played in various parks in Salford. The Manchester & Salford Boys & Girls Refuges and Homes were founded in 1870 by Leonard Shaw and Richard Taylor, who were Sunday school teachers at St Ann's Church Manchester. They were determined to take some action to help the many children and young people whom they observed living rough on the city's streets.

Boys Home Industrial School Band (Regents Park Road) - *See: Camden Boys Band*

Brackley Borough Silver Band (Northants) - Folded before the 1970s

Brackley Brass Band (Northants) - Active in 1900

Brackley Temperance Band (Northants)

Brades Village Saxhorn Band (Oldbury) - Active in 1872

Bradford Alpaca Temperance Band - *See: Alpaca Brass Band*

Bradford Borough Band (Yorkshire)

Bradford Boys Brass Band - Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Bradford Brass Band (Bradford-on-Avon) - Active in 1864

Bradford Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Accounts of the band, from 1854-1859 are held by the West Yorkshire Archive Service, Bradford

Bradford City Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. The band's Club Room was at 45 Heap Lane, Bradford, in 1912.

Bradford City Temperance Band - *See: Bradford Victoria Silver Band*

Bradford Clarion Band (Yorkshire)

Bradford Model Band - Active in 1864, 1867. Gained 3rd prize and £5 in the contest at the Keighley Agricultural Show in September 1866.

Bradford Moor Silver Band - Active in 1937

Bradford Old Band - Active in 1840

Bradford Postmen's Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1886. Still active in 1899. There may be a link with the Bradford City Temperance Band.

Bradford Prize Brass Band

Bradford Railway Foundry Band (Yorkshire)

Bradford Teetotal Saxhorn Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1842

Bradford Temperance Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1844

Bradford Tramways Band (Yorkshire)

Bradford Victoria Silver Band (Yorkshire) - Formed as Bradford City Temperance Band, became Bradford Victoria Silver Band in 1936. Still active in 1950

Bradford-on-Avon Amateur Band - Active in the late 1800s

Bradninch Temperance Band (Devon) - Active in 1901, when it gave a concert in Wellington

Bradshaw Band (Bolton) - Originally started as a drum and fife band in 1856 by the Church Lad's Brigade, some of these lads who had fostered a true love of music broke away in 1862 and formed a brass band. They were renowned for their colourful uniforms throughout the life of the band. Initially they wanted a uniform to make themselves stand out from the other local bands and help them gain engagements, but due to a lack of funds they used their resourcefulness and clothed themselves in flannel trousers and straw hats. In 1906 they decided to change their uniforms and after great deliberation they decided on the uniform of the Mercantile Marine, they clung on to this until 1930. The band then chose a Scarlet and

Blue uniform which they kept until they disbanded in 1954. Although they never won any major trophies, they seem to have had a very good and friendly atmosphere in the band.

Bradshaw Old Band - Active in 1884

Bradwell Town Band - Active before 1914, when it was conducted by William Evans - other band members at the time were Johnson Evans and Albert Elliott.

Bradworthy Band (Devon)

Braes of Allen Band - *See: Braes of Allendale Band*

Braes of Allendale Band (Northumberland) - Formed in the early 1900s, probably folded in the 1950s

Brailes Brass Band (Warwickshire) - Active from 1888 to 1900

Brailes Victoria Band (Warwickshire) - Active in 1858

Brain's City of Bristol Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Braintree Town Band (Essex) - Active in 1909. Also in 1938, when it took part in Great Bentley Brass Band Contest on 18 April.

Braishfield Brass Band (Hampshire) - Active in late 1800s and early 1900s

Bramley and District Subscription Band - Active in 1952

Bramley Band (Leeds) - Formed in 1828 as a reed band by Edward Hesling, a farm-man, consisting of 14 players. It reorganised in 1836 as a full brass band, with John Whitley as bandmaster. Known as Bramley Temperance Brass Band in 1847. Was reputedly the first temperance brass band to be established in England. Competed in the British Open in 1853. By 1859 the temperance element of the band had presumably lapsed as they had earned the nickname of "Bramley Beer and Bacca Band". Entry in 1866 directory: "Widely celebrated for its musical skill although composed mainly of working men". It amalgamated with Bramley Model Band, under the conductor Samuel Hesling White, in 1898. The band thrived through the early part of the 20th century, but folded around 1936. The uniforms and instruments were sold, but the Band Club (or Band 'Ole) continues today although, sadly, the medals and trophies which were on display there were later stolen and never traced. A successor band, Bramley and District Subscription Band, was formed after WW2.

Bramley Brass Band (Leeds) - *See: Bramley Band.*

Bramley Christian Mission Band - *See: Bramley Model Band*

Bramley Model Band - Originally formed as the Christian Mission Band around 1890, it later was renamed Bramley Model Band, ultimately amalgamating with Bramley Band under the conductor Samuel Hesling White in 1898.

Bramley Reed Band - *See: Bramley Band*

Bramley Temperance Band - *See: Bramley Band*

Brampton Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1869 when the leader was Frederick William Taunt

Brampton Total Abstinence Brass Band (Cumberland) - Records of the band, from 1892 to 1899, are held by Cumbria Record Office, Carlisle Headquarters. Supported by the lord of the manor, their temperance habit was spectacularly broken following a win at a local contest where they beat their rivals the Carlisle St Stephens Band. Subsequently they were disbanded.

Bramusa Family Band

Brancepeth Colliery Band (County Durham) - *See Willington Temperance Band*

Brancepeth Welfare Band (County Durham) - *See Willington Temperance Band*

Brandesburton and Leven Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1859

Brandesburton Saxhorn Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1857

Brandon Colliery Silver Prize Band (County Durham) - Founded in 1890. Winners of the D and N Association Challenge Cup 1907, the Hunwick Cup 1909, and The Newburn Cup 1909. The band folded in September 1968 shortly after the colliery closed.

Branksome & Parkstone Band (Dorset)

Branksome Town Band - Formed from several disbanded or abandoned bands in the Poole area. c 1934

Branksome Town Band (Poole) - Active in 1906

Brantham Brass Band (Suffolk) - Active in 1924

Brantham Xylonite Works Band (Suffolk) - *See: Xylonite Works Band*

Brassington Band - The village had had a band at least since the celebrations for George III's coronation in 1761, and probably for very much longer. Inter-war photographs show the

bandsmen, sometimes in uniform, with peaked caps, sometimes not, leading parades through the village. They played at all the outdoor events. The Village Hall committee's accounts, for instance, show a payment to "Brassington Silver Band" of £3-10-0d for playing at the Wakes in August 1946. They appear regularly thereafter for similar fees - by 1950 it had risen to £5 for the Wakes parade. The band, however, was short of bodies. It found it hard to find enough players to lead a parade or take on a concert and in 1964 amalgamated with the Wirksworth and Middleton bands to form the BMW band, practising at Wirksworth.

Brassington Silver Prize Band - *See: Brassington Band*

Braughing Band (Hertfordshire) - Active in the 1890s and early 1900s

Braunton Silver Band

Brea Brass Band (Kerrier, Cornwall) - Brea can be found a few miles south-east of Camborne and were formed c1883. Of the list of engagements that have been discovered, it seems odd (but not impossible) that their only appearances were at Sunday school tea treats. This band disappeared at about the same time that Camborne Town Band was formed (1896). Probably a coincidence.

Breaston Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887 and 1899

Brechin Brass Band - Active in 1900, when it was the tenant of the "Hall" on Park Road, Brechin. A successor band, possibly formed after WW2 and active in 1948, is the current Brechin City Band.

Brecknock Silver Band (London)

Bredbury and Romiley Band (Stockport)

Brediland Concert Brass

Brenchley Town Band (Kent) - Active in 1914 with C.W. Noakes as bandmaster

Brentford Industrial School Band (London) - Bandmaster in 1887 was James Wellard

Brentwood British Legion Band - *See: Brentwood Old Comrades Band*

Brentwood Old Comrades Band (Essex) - Active in the 1920s/30s

Brethby Colliery Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1895

Bridge Street Mill Band (Witney) - Formed in 1880.

Bridgend & District Silver Band (Wales)

Bridgewater Imperial Band (Somerset) - Formed in the 1930's but sadly demised 2004. Members of the S.W.B.A. they competed in the third section as late as about 1977. It was originally a works band, possibly May and Hassell Ltd, timber importers.

Bridgnorth Band - Active in 1872

Bridgewater Imperial Silver Prize Band - *See: Bridgewater Imperial Band*

Bridgewater King Street Chapel Wesleyan Mission Band - Active between 1890 and 1913

Bridlington Borough Prize Band - Active in 1912

Briercliffe Prize Brass Band - Formed in 1854, playing "selections from the most popular composers of the day," at Wild's Colossal Pavilion, Burnley, during a "Fashionable night" in January 1859. It was reorganised in 1866, with twenty members, and a new set of instruments was obtained. For some years the band was known as the Haggate Band and its members included Mr. John Foster, a noted solo euphonium player. Rehearsals began in a room at Finnymoore Foot, near Walverden, and the members were self-taught. All of them were singers, some being members of the Haggate Baptist choir. The first bandmaster on record was Robert Bannister, and after three or four years existence the band entered its first contest at Hollingworth, with the test pieces of the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Kyrie" and "Gloria." Their performance was so creditable that they won the fourth prize of £5 and a soprano cornet. From 1902 the membership dwindled, and the band became practically extinct, but about 1906 it was revived. It folded in 1936.

Brierfield Public Band (Burnley) - Active in the early 1900s, and to at least 1938

Brierley Hill Saxhorn Band (Dudley) - Active in 1857 and 1869.

Brigg and District Band - *See: Brigg Town Brass Band*

Brigg Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Entry in 1856 directory: "...celebrated for musical talent, being established many years ago, under the patronage of the late Earl of Yarborough"

Brigg Subscription Silver Band (Lincolnshire) - *See: Wrawby Brass Band.*

Brigg Town Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Won the Midlands Brass Band Festival in 1931. In the mid 1930s there was a reversal of fortunes from which the band did not recover for nearly 30 years. The long period of stagnation, including the war years, led to almost collapse, but revival in 1964 met with enthusiastic support from bandsmen and public alike. Within a few

months they were confident enough to be entered for the bottom section of the Belle Vue Spring Contest, coming 8th out of 18 entrants. By 1966 they were good enough to be entered for the World Music Contest at Kerkrade, Holland. A visit that was repeated in 1970, winning 2nd class awards in competition with some of the best bands in the world. Another 5 years and they were knocking on the door of the 2nd Section, National Grading and even Section one was thought to be within reach, which would have put them in competition with the best bands in the country. Sadly that was not to be. The fortunes of brass bands have invariably gone in cycles and Brigg was to prove no exception. Just as they reached their peak in the late 1870s, winning Radio Humberside Band of the year three years in a row. In the early 1980s there was a real crisis. Friction between some players led to leaving the Brigg band and joining other local ones. Others followed leaving it in a sorry state. How could it have still survived to be still playing in 1991! It did just but finally it folded in December 2008.

Brigg Town Silver Band - *See: Brigg Town Brass Band*

Brighouse Borough Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1917 at Canal/Wharf Street when Arthur Thornton was secretary

Brighouse Excelsior Band - Active in 1874.

Brighton Corporation Band - Active in the 1900s

Brighton Corporation Tramways Band - Active in 1908

Brightside Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1872

Brigstock Brass Band - Active in 1875 when it played for the Uppingham Temperance Society demonstration. In 1890 the players included William Abbott (trombone), whose instrument was still in use in the 1930s, having been a prize won at Stanion, he was employed on Fanning Woods estate as a woodman. Herbert Slawson (baritone), in later years became a builder. Thomas Adams (cornet), worked for Mr. Bradshaw, farmer. then went to live in the U.S.A. J. Shirley Richards (cornet) was bandmaster for a number of years, also a violin player, he was a tailor, and made the band's striking uniforms. William "Presser" Gray (euphonium), a presser at Wallis and Linnell's factory. George Richards (bass), brother of Shirley, and a partner in Richards Bros., tailors. J. Harrison, who went to Birmingham. Fred J. Steward (cornet), a prominent farmer at Brigstock. Horace Gray (valve trombone), son of William Gray. Joe Adams (baritone), was also a bellringer, and worked at Brigstock Mill. Tommy Starsmore (drummer), was also a bellringer at one time, worked at Spencer's timber yard. William Reeve (horn), better known as "the village blacksmith". Arnold Smith (circular bass), whose father and mother were the schoolmaster and mistress in the 1880s. The band was still playing in the mid 1930s.

Brill Band (Buckinghamshire) - Active in the 1880s

Brinscall Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in the early 1900s

Brinsley Imperial Band - Took part in the 44th Annual Temperance procession on Whit Monday in 1915. Starting from Somercotes, a sea of banners, flags and gaily decorated floats proceeded through Leabrooks and Riddings, gathering strength as it marched, and parading the village of Ironville before winding its way up to the Jessop Monument in Codnor Park. Still active in 1921

Brisley Brass Band (Norfolk) - Active in the 1890s to 1910s. In 1913, in the will of the Rev. William Henry Lowe, rector of Brisley, he bequeaths to his successors as rector the instruments and accessories which belong to his brass band, and includes the list of instruments

Brislington Band (Bristol) - Brislington is now a suburb of Bristol, but was formerly a rural village in North Somerset, which did not come fully into the Bristol Boundary until 1933. The Brislington Band [usually known as "Tom Weymouth's Band"] may have been founded around 1860, or earlier in the 19th century, we are not sure. Tom Weymouth was the bandmaster in the 1860s and was also landlord of 'The Pilgrim Inn' located at Hollywood Road. Brislington, it still stands today. Tom Weymouth took over the pub in 1862, and ran it, and the band until the 1890s, when both were taken over by his son also Tom. The band flourished until the 1900s, but Tom Jnr continued to run the Pilgrim until 1933. The band played at all local events, and there are local diaries from the 1860s noting that they went from house to house at Christmas and New Year's Eve. Notably they began the village celebrations for the Royal Wedding of the Princess of Wales [later Edward VII and Queen Alexandra] in 1863, by playing at the top of the tower of the parish church of St Luke's.

They also played regularly at Bristol Zoo, at some time, and played at the opening of Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in 1864. It is also believed that the Band played when the Keynsham [a near neighbour village] Mummers performed in Brislington. When Brislington's first public park [King Edward VII's Pleasure Grounds] was opened in 1903 a band stand was presented by Miss Annette Clayfield-Ireland, sister of Alfred Clayfield-Ireland the 'Squire of Brislington' of Brislington Hall. Sadly both park and bandstand have long since been covered by modern housing.

Brisson's Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Bristol Aeroplane Company Works Band - Formed 1939 and still active in 1949

Bristol Aircraft Company Works Band - *See: Bristol Aeroplane Company Works Band*

Bristol Alkali Works Band (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Bristol and District N.U.R. Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Bristol Britannia Band - Active in 1898, 1904

Bristol Central Mission Brass Band - Formed in the 1890s by a group of instrumentalists who attended the Old King Street Wesleyan Bible Class. Later known as the Bristol Victoria Silver Band. It folded in April 2009

Bristol East Band - Formed in 1892 as Bristol East Temperance Band. Amalgamated with the Kingswood (Bristol) Band in 2007 to form Bristol East and Kingswood Band.

Bristol East Temperance Band - *See: Bristol East Band*

Bristol Gas Company Brass Band - Active in the 1890s

Bristol Imperial Prize Band - Active around 1905

Bristol Mechanics Band - Active in 1859.

Bristol Mission Prize Band - Active in 1906

Bristol Post Office Brass Band - Formed in 1885 - still active in 1936

Bristol Victoria Silver Band - *See: Bristol Central Mission Brass Band*

Bristol Youth Band - Active in the 1960s and 1970s

Briston Brass Band (Norfolk) - Active in the 1950s

Britag Band - Active in 1985

Britannia Brass Band (Banbury) - *See: Banbury Britannia Works Band*

Britannia Brass Band (Bristol) - *See: Bristol Britannia Band*

Britannia Brass Band (Parkgate, Rotherham) - Active in 1880s

Britannia Brass Band (Preston) - *See: Preston Britannia Brass Band*

Britannia Ironworks Band - *See: Britannia Works Band (Banbury)*

Britannia Prize Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1898

Britannia Silver Prize Band (Doncaster) - Formed after 1900 and gave concerts during WW1, still in existence in 1927

Britannia Works Band (Banbury) - Industrialist and philanthropist Bernhard Samuelson owned the Britannia Works for the manufacture of agricultural machinery. This attracted a labour force to the town and created a need for the education of the children of Samuelson's employees, which was served by Banbury's Britannia Road School. Space within the school was sometimes used by the Britannia Band as for instance on the occasion of the relief of Mafeking in 1900. The first ever school treat was held on August 12, 1862 when 260 children and about 70 staff and friends had tea on the lawn of Samuelson's residence, Bodicote Grange. The children sang and the Britannia Works Band played 'a number of airs'. Six years later we are told that tea, cake and fruit were plentiful but that a heavy shower of rain at 5 o'clock dampened the grass but not the children's spirits. Competed in the British Open in 1893 and was still active in the 1930s

Britannia Works Band (Gainsborough) - *See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band*

Brithdir & Cwmsyflog Brass Band (Gwent) - Formed in the early 1900s

British Aerospace (Chadderton) Band (Oldham) - Formerly called Newton Heath Band.

British Aluminium Band (Camelon, Scotland)

British Insulated and Helsby Cables Band - *See: B.I.H.C. Band*

British Insulated Cables Callender's Band - *See: Callender's Cable Works Band*

British Insulated Cables Company Brass Band - *See: B.I.H.C. Band*

British Oil and Cake Mills Band (Hull) - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

British Oil and Cake Mills, Ltd. (Hull) Silver Prize Band - *See: British Oil and Cake Mills Band*

British Railways (Gorton Works) Band - *See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band*

British Railways (Mirfield) Band - Active in 1949

British Railways (Sheffield) Band - Active in 1949

British Ropes Excelsior Band - Active in 1969/72

British Ropes Silver Band (Doncaster) - Active in 1940s and 1950s

British Steel Company North Skelton Band - *See: North Skelton and District Band*

British Steel Teesside Band - *See: North Skelton and District Band*

British Telecom Band - *See: Stockport Telephone Band*

British Thompson Houston Band (Rugby) - Between 1935-1946 Jephthah (Jeff) Baxter was Bandmaster. BTH was an engineering company from Rugby, and the band played on the B.B.C. Home Service during WW2.

British Vita Works Band - Active in 1973/4

British Workman's Brass Band - *See: Pendleton Old Prize Band*

Brixham Excelsior Band - Active in 1910

Brixworth Brass Band (Northamptonshire)

Broad Chalke Brass Band (Wiltshire) - Active before the First World War

Broad Lane (Illogan) Band - *See: Illogan Broad Lane Band*

Broadclough Band - *See: Bacup Old Band*

Broadway Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1873 and through to 1893 at least.

Broadwell Brass Band - Formed in 1906, a report dated 5th October said the band had started about 6 weeks earlier. The bandmaster was Captain Bosley of the Church Army - a local vicar supplied the instruments. Mentioned in news reports for 1906 to 1912. Last mention of the band is 6th August 1912.

Brockhampton Band

Brockhurst Brass Band (near Monks Kirby, Birmingham) - Active in 1875

Brocklesby Brass Band - Active in the 1880s

Brodsworth Colliery (T.S.B) Band - *See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band*

Brodsworth Colliery Welfare and Institute Band - *See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band*

Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band (Doncaster) - Active from the 1940s to the end of the 1980s. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by D.V. Hardy

Brodsworth Main Club & Institute Band - *See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band*

Brodsworth Main Colliery Band - *See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band*

Brodsworth Main Workmen's Band - *See: Brodsworth Colliery Welfare Band*

Broken Hill Band (Australia)

Bromborough Pool Silver Prize Band (Cheshire) - Active in 1889. In 1896 the secretary was John Marshall and the band was known as Bromborough Village Band. In 1902 (known as Bromborough Pool Village Band), and 1914, the secretary was James Harris

Bromborough Pool Village Band - *See: Bromborough Pool Silver Prize Band*

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Bromley Borough Band - Active in 1938

Brompton and Gillingham Boys' Band - Active in the early 1900s

Brompton Boys' Institute Band - Active in the early 1900s

Brompton Silver Band - Active in the 1930s

Bromwich Subscription Band - Active in the early 1900s

Bronwydd and Llysnewydd Brass Band - An account from 1st July 1895 - the day the railway opened between Newcastle Emlyn and Llandysul. "The whole town turned out to welcome the opening of the railway. Schoolchildren were given a day's holiday and an organising committee had been hard at work making all the arrangements for the historic day. Shortly before 10 am the town's schoolchildren all wearing rosettes and flowers marched in procession to the station headed by the Bronwydd and Llysnewydd Brass Band. There they boarded three special excursion trains of 12 carriages each for a return trip to Llandysul. According to the report in the Tivyside, saloon carriages were provided for the teachers and members of the organising committee. On the return of the excursion trains nearly 2,000 children and adults sat down to tea in the Market Hall. During the afternoon the band played through the streets and everything "wore a most festive appearance."

Brook's Band (Thwaites, near Keighley)

Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Brass Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1912. Bandmaster at one time was Edward Thirtle. A selection of his family and band photographs have been lodged with the Woodhorn Colliery museum in Ashington, Northumberland.

Broomhill Colliery Band (Amble, Northumberland) - Active in 1900, probably formed in the 1880s. Still active in the 1950s but had disbanded before 1961.

Brotherhood Brass Band (Eastleigh, Hampshire) - Active in 1910

Brotherton Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1891. Wound up in the courts as of 27th March 1962

Brotherton Old Band - Active in 1920s and 1930s

Brotherton United Band - Active in the early 1930s

Brotton Temperance Band (Cleveland) - Formed in the 1890s, active in 1908, and probably folded during the Great War.

Brough Band (Cumberland) - Active in the early 1900s

Broughtons Brass Band (Co. Durham) - Originally formed as the Blackhall Youth Band by Albert Haswell in 1971 to teach young people to play brass and percussion instruments. Many successes included two major youth awards at the International Music Festival held in Rastede, Germany. The gradually brought in more senior players to enable younger players to benefit from their experience and expertise. In 1982 sponsorship was obtained from the American Oil Company A.M.O.C.O., which lasted until 1987. Following this, sponsorship was obtained from Broughtons Ltd, the Rolls Royce and Bentley distributors based in Cheltenham. Also at this time, it relocated in 1987 to South Hetton Community Centre, a building converted from the offices of the recently closed South Hetton Colliery. The band amalgamated with Hetton Silver Band in 2009 to form the Durham Miners Association Brass Band.

Brown Edge Brass Band (Staffordshire) - Active in the 1950s?

Brownedge Brass Band (Preston) - Active in the 1850s. It performed in "full uniform" at Browndedge in June 1851. Funnily enough, a report in the Preston Guardian in June 1887 states: "At Browndedge a grand opera 'Britannia and Her Daughter' was performed by the St. Mary's Girls' School. Mr Gray's Military Band playing on the new instruments bought for the Browndedge Band."

Browney Colliery Band (Brandon, Co. Durham) - Formed in 1899, folded around 1938.

Brownhills Excelsior Brass Band (Staffordshire) - Active in 1920s

Brown's Works Band - *See: Blaina Band*

Broxburn Public Brass Band - Merged with Livingston Brass Band in 2004 to form Broxburn & Livingston Brass Band

Brunner Brass Band (New Zealand) - Active in the 1890s

Brunswick Hall Brass Band (Whitechapel) - Active around 1913 - it was attached to the Congregational Chapel.

Bruthen Band (Victoria, Australia)

Brymbo Steel Works Band (Wrexham) - Active in 1935. Presumably folded by the early 60s, when a worker installing a crane in the loft space of the old steel works stores discovered a complete set of brass band instruments covered in dust, which looked as if they had been there for years. Inquiries were made with the steelworks management and several days later they had gone. The steelworks themselves closed in 1990.

Brynamman Silver Band - Active in 1907, and the 1920s when the conductor was Herbert Rees

Brynamman Territorials Brass Band

Brynamman Town Band

Brynamman Voluntary Band

Brynmawr Salvation Army Band - Active c. 1930s

Brynmawr Silver Band (South Wales) - Active c. 1934 and 1948

Brynmawr Town and District Silver Band - Active c. 1920

Brynrefail Brass Band (Caernarvonshire)

BT Band - *See: Stockport Telephone Band*

Buchan Brass Band

Buckden Band (Cambridgeshire) - Reputed to have been one of the largest village bands in the country at one time. Active in 1922

Buckfastleigh British Legion Band (Devon)

Buckfastleigh Town Band (Devon) - Active in 1907

- Buckhaven Town Band** - Formed in 1905. Joined S.A.B.B.A. in 1911 and entered the Scottish third section in 1912. In 1913 they competed in the Scottish third section championship and came joint first with Penicuik, Penicuik held the trophy for the first 6 months and Buckhaven for the last six months. A run of good results came to a halt as the first world war began and suspended contesting until 1918. On 1st December 1917, 4 contests commenced, all of which were for charity, returning bands to contesting, Buckhaven were awarded prizes for best soprano, best tenor horn and best baritone. On 13th December 1919 Buckhaven were promoted to second section after a joint third place at the Scottish championships, then competed in the second section championships on the 20th and took 4th place with only one point separating the first four bands. By 1925 a fourth section was introduced because of ever rising numbers of bands and regional qualifying competitions meant that the top 5 east and west bands were to compete against each other at the Scottish championships for grading (Buckhaven were third and Wellesley Colliery were fourth in the east). In the 1927 second section championships Buckhaven won, and for the first time the association presented 25 bronze medals to the winners along with best instrumentalist Buckhaven's solo euphonium, to top it all off they were promoted to the championship section where they stayed for eight years. In 1937 they returned to the second section and the Second World War put contesting into limbo until 1945. On the 15th October 1945 Buckhaven launched into the Scottish championships and took 2nd place and until the 1950s Buckhaven were in and out of competition after the retirement of Charles Terris. They then started annual visits to the C.I.S.W.O. championships in Blackpool. They amalgamated with Wellesley Colliery Band in 1976 to form the Buckhaven & Methil Miners Band
- Buckley Engineers Volunteer Brass Band** - Formed in 1880. Known as the Mill Band as it rehearsed in the mill in Mill Lane, Buckley. It was still active in 1898 and won first prize at an Eisteddfod in Holywell.
- Buckley Hall Orphanage Brass Band (Rochdale)** - The orphanage opened in 1888. There was also a drum and fife band, and a choir at the home.
- Buckley Mill Band** - *See: Buckley Engineers Volunteer Brass Band*
- Bucknall Ex-Servicemen's Band (Staffordshire)** - Active in 1928, conducted by Mr Henshall.
- Buckrose Brass Band** - *See: Sherburn and District Brass Band*
- Budleigh Salterton British Legion Silver Band** - Active in 1933, when the bandmaster was C.J. Bedwell and the secretary H.J. Burch
- Budock Water Band (Carrick Cornwall)** - That there was a band under this title there is no doubt, but all that can be discovered is that it carried out two engagements in 1897, and that was that. Probably a makeshift band of players who wanted to earn a few extra pennies.
- Bulamwaal Band (Victoria, Australia)**
- Bulford Band (Wiltshire)** - Active in 1903
- Bullcroft Colliery Ambulance Band** - *See: Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band*
- Bullcroft Main Colliery Band** - *See: Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band*
- Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band (South Yorkshire)** - Active in 1927 and in the 1950s and 1960s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by J. Woods
- Bullcroft Welfare Band** - *See: Bullcroft Miners Ambulance Band*
- Bulli-Woonona Town Band (Australia)** - Active in 1910
- Bulmer Brass Band (Yorkshire)** - Active in 1840
- Bulwell Excelsior Prize Band (Nottinghamshire)** - "The Kimberley Baptist Church Sunday School banner was paraded through Kimberley's streets in June 1911 when the coronation of King George V was celebrated. All of the local churches marched behind the Bulwell Excelsior Prize Band after assembling on the cricket field. "
- Bulwell Harmonic Brass Band (Notts)** - Active in 1872
- Buntingford Silver Band (Hertfordshire)**
- Burbage Brass Band (Leicestershire)** - Active in 1853
- Burgess Hill Brass Band** - Formed in 1890, and was an active and successful band in the 1970/1980s, when its most successful Musical Director was Arthur Chapman, and the Band was very strong in contests. In the early 80's several of the senior players left to reform the then defunct Handcross Band and the fortunes of the band fell for several years. It amalgamated with the Haywards Heath Town Prize Silver Band in 1986 to form the the Mid Sussex Brass Band.
- Buriton Brass Band (Hampshire)** - Active around 1900

Burley & Ilkley Band (Yorkshire)

Burley Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1865

Burley Silver Prize Band - Rehearsed in the Township School in Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Burnage (Manchester) Band - Active in the 1970s and 1980s.

Burnage and District Band - Active in the 1940s to 1960s. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by W. Stopford.

Burnage Prize Band

Burnham and Highbridge Band - Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (3rd Section), conducted by W.S. Farr

Burnhope Colliery Band (County Durham) - Formed in the late 1890s and folded in the 1950s

Burnley and District Band - Active in the 1940s.

Burnley Artillery Band

Burnley Band - Active in the 1860s to 1890s

Burnley Catholic Brass Band - Formed in the late 1880s by John Rafferty and others.

Burnley Home Guard Association Band (Lancashire)

Burnley Mechanics Band - Active in 1854.

Burnley Police Band

Burnley Public Band - Active in the 1930s

Burnley Saxhorn Band - Active in 1854

Burnley Temperance Band - Formed in 1873. Active in the 1890s and competed in the Grand Shield in 1933

Burnley Temperance Prize Band - *See: Burnley Temperance Band*

Burnopfield and District Band - *See: Burnopfield Colliery Band*

Burnopfield Colliery Band (Newcastle) - Active between 1903 and 1939

Burnopfield Silver Band - *See: Burnopfield Colliery Band*

Burnopfield Silver Model Band - *See: Burnopfield Colliery Band*

Burnt Heath Band (Essex) - Formed in the neighbouring hamlet of Crockleford Heath in the early 1900s, it folded in the 1940s. For more details, see Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex, by David Cawdell.

Burnt Yates Old Band (Yorkshire) - Formed in the 1850s. It played on the green to mark the end of the Crimean War in 1856 and, in March 1863, went to Harrogate to celebrate the wedding of the Prince of Wales to Alexandra by playing on the Stray, although the performance was stopped by a snowstorm. It folded in 1885.

Burntisland Band - *See: Burntisland Burgh Band*

Burntisland Burgh Band - Active in 1906, and still active in 1960

Burntwood Temperance Silver Prize Band

Burradon Colliery Band (Newcastle) - Formed in the 1890s, had folded by the end of the 1960s

Burradon Silver Model Band - *See: Burradon Colliery Band*

Burrage Grove Board School Brass Band (Woolwich) - Active in the 1890s

Burry Port Town Band - Originally formed as Elliotts Smelting Works Band in 1896, it lasted until the 1930s, when it folded. A successor band was formed in 1972

Burslem Band - Active in 1880s

Burslem Co-op Band - Active in 1952

Burslem Imperial Band - Extant in 1930

Burslem Prize Band (Staffs) - Active in 1894

Burtle Band - Active in 1907

Burton (Newall) Band - Active in the 1970s

Burton Band (Burton-on-Trent) - Already active in 1897, conducted by Mr W. Twells, when the new Burton Silver Prize Band was founded

Burton Excelsior Band (Burton-on-Trent) - Formed in 1905 by Ernie S. Cox, a Burton fruiterer. Rehearsed at the Robin Hood Inn at that time. The band's uniform was very dark green with contrasting green piping on the trousers, tunic and cap. Ernie Cox conducted the band until the 1930s when Fred Adams took over the baton. Ernie Cox transported the band to and from engagements on the back of his fruiterer's delivery lorry. Gained seventh place at the Derby Festival on 22 August 1912, and competed in a contest run by the Daily Herald at Skegness, with 30 bands, using the test piece March of the Heralds. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s, on one occasion a second place was obtained. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor E. Booth (drawn

6 of 11 bands, they were not placed). The band folded at the outbreak of the Second World War.

Burton Excelsior Silver Band - *See: Burton Excelsior Band*

Burton Latimer Britannia Silver Prize Band (Northamptonshire) - Active in 1906

Burton Leonard Brass Band (Harrogate) - Active in 1889, 1908

Burton Pidsea Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in late 1800s

Burton Silver Prize Band (Burton-on-Trent) - Formed around 1897 by Harry Reynolds. Competed at Tamworth Castle in 1907, Crystal Palace in 1908, took sixth prize at the Derby Festival on 22 August 1912, and first prizes at Moira in 1913 and 1914. It also gained second prize at the Crystal Palace Preliminary Shield Championships around that time. Further Crystal Palace appearances were made in 1921 (sixth prize in the third section), 1923 (fourth prize in the second section, playing Mendelssohn's Ruy Blas against 26 other bands), and again in 1931. It broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1935 to great acclaim. The conductor was H.A. Reynolds and the band played PUNCHINELLO by Rimmer, LIGHT CAVALRY by SUPPÉ, the cornet duet PLAYMATES by Greenwood (soloists S. Parker and H. Gallimore), In the Twilight by Rimmer, The Harvesters' Country Dance by Cope, Gondoliers Selection by Sullivan, The Piper's Wedding by Kennedy Thayne, and Martial Moments by Winter. The band folded at the outbreak of the Second World War.

Burton Town Silver Prize Band - *See: Burton Silver Prize Band*

Burwash Brass Band (Sussex) - Musical director at one time was Anthony Spurgin, well known for his musical compositions for brass band and orchestra.

Burwell Band (Cambridgeshire) - From the 1850s Burwell had its own village band, after 1918 intermittently revived into the 1990s as the Excelsior Band

Bury Borough Band - Formed in 1848, took 4th prize at the first Bellevue contest in 1853

Bury Brass Band - *See: Ainsworth Brass Band*

Bury Fire Brigade Band - *See: Bury Public Silver Band*

Bury Public Silver Band (Lancashire) - Formed as Heap Bridge Brass Band in 1877 by members of Heap Bridge United Methodist Church, in 1881 became connected with the firm of Messrs. B. & G. Wrigley, woollen manufacturers. Began contesting that year and during the period to 1888 had won 14 prizes. A new set of instruments, value £400 and uniforms £120 were purchased in 1882. Known as 1st Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers Band (later the Band of the Territorial Army 5th Battalion) between 1891 and 1918. After the war, they reverted to the title of Heap Bridge Brass Band. Became Bury Fire Brigade Band in 1939, and reformed in January 1946 as Bury Public Silver Band. Records of the band, from 1885-1914, are held at Bury Archive Service

Bushley Brass Band (Worcs.) - Active in 1866

Busk Congregational Old Boys Band - Active in 1933

Buslingthorpe Band (Yorkshire)

Busman's Band - *See: Yorkshire Transport Band*

Busselton Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1914

Butterfield's Tank Works Band - Formed in 1945 at the Butterfield Tank Works, Shipley. "....at the West Riding Brass Band Society's contest at Doncaster, won the first prize in the selection section and the second prize in the march selection. Second prize in the selection section was Hade Edge Silver Band, Holmfirth, conducted by Mr Albert Robinson." (from the Telegraph & Argus of December 7th, 1952)

Butterfly Colliery Ambulance Band - Merged with Codnor Old Prize Band at some point.

Butterknowle Prize Silver Band (County Durham) - Active in 1887

Butterknowle Silver Colliery Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s, probably folded after 1945

Butterley Brass Band - Active in 1870

Butterley Colliery Ambulance Band - Active in 1930s

Buttershaw Mills Band (Bradford) - Active in the 1860/1870s

Butterworth's Vale Brassworks Band (Rochdale) - Active in 1918

Buxted Brass Band - Active in 1925

Buxted Silver Prize Band (Sussex) - Formed 1912 as Buxted Wesleyan Band, still active in 1935

Buxted Wesleyan Band - *See: Buxted Silver Prize Band*

Buxton Band - Disbanded after the Second World War

Buxton British Legion Band - Formed after the Great War and practiced in the Peak Buildings, Buxton. It flourished between the wars, but struggled during and after WW2 and finally folded around 1948/49.

Byers Green Brass Band (Co. Durham) - Active between 1919 and 1922

C.E.T. Band (Hexham) - Active in 1909

C.W.A. Brass - Formed in 1994 by the merger of Carrick Whitehouse Silver (CWS) Band and Agnes Street Band. Further merged with the Ashgrove Band in 2009 to form Carrick With Ashgrove Brass

C.W.S. (Manchester) Band - Formed in 1900 as the CWS Tobacco Factory Band, changed to CWS (Manchester) Band in 1937. It became the City of Manchester Band in 1985, finally disbanding in 1993. A group of workers from the CWS Tobacco Factory in Manchester got together to form a band in 1900, one which quickly made a name for itself on the concert and contest circuit. In 1931 the old Tobacco Band, conducted by J. A. Greenwood was awarded first prize at the Grand Shield Competition at the Crystal Palace. In 1946 the directors of the CWS changed its name to the CWS (Manchester) Band. In 1947 Fred Roberts from Brighthouse & Rastrick was offered the position of Bandmaster alongside their new professional conductor Eric Ball. In December 1947, at the age of seventeen, Derek Garside was invited from Brighthouse & Rastrick to be the Principal Cornet at CWS - a position he was to hold with distinction for the next 25 years. The first major success the new band had was at the British Open Championships at Belle Vue in 1948. In the Centenary British Open Championships of 1952 under the baton of Eric Ball, they were awarded the title of British Open Champions for the second time playing the Henry Geehl test piece 'Scena Sinfonica'. Alex Mortimer was appointed as Musical Director in 1954. Between 1947 and 1970 they took part in the British Open Championships in the Kings Hall, Belle Vue on 18 occasions and won it 4 times and were placed on 12 occasions. They took part in the Daily Herald National Brass Band Finals in London practically every year following their contest successes as North West Area Champions in 1955, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961 and 1962, which saw them crowned champions for the sixth time in eight years, also registering the area's first senior class of hat trick wins. With the exception of 1961 when they were led to victory by their bandmaster Tom White, they were conducted by Alex Mortimer. In addition they were runners-up at six area championship contests and placed sixth in 1970 in the World Championships. Prior to competing in the 1962 National Finals they had already collected 5 second prizes and 3 third prizes in twelve appearances at the senior finals. In the eight Edinburgh International Festival contests the band entered, they took 4 first prizes, 4 second prizes and, with the exception of 1953 when they were conducted by Jack Atherton, they were conducted by Eric Ball (1949/50/51/52) and Alex Mortimer (1954/55/56). The band took part in the National Festival Concert at the Royal Albert Hall in 1955, 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1968 and 1969. The band finally achieved their long awaited crowning glory on Saturday, 20th October 1962 when they won the Daily Herald National Brass Band Championships at the Royal Albert Hall with Musical Director, Alex Mortimer, playing Frank Wright's arrangement of Verdi's 'Force of Destiny'. A performance which is still talked about today - forty years on... An achievement they went on to repeat the following year in 1963 playing 'Belmont Variations' by Sir Arthur Bliss. The band toured throughout the United Kingdom and went on numerous continental tours, including Canada in June/July 1972 with Fairey Aviation Band, Black Dyke Mills Band and G.U.S. (Footwear) Band. Owing to Alex Mortimer's continuing ill health he was unable to go on this tour which meant Derek Garside the band's Resident Conductor then became Musical Director and took charge of the band on that tour. A few months prior to Derek's appointment the band had once again qualified for the national finals under the direction of what was to be Alex Mortimer's last appearance on stage at an area contest. Although Derek led the band through that summer it was 'Mort' who had found sufficient strength and determination to lead them for just one more time at the Royal Albert Hall playing Eric Ball's test piece 'A Kensington Overture' off number three but the results showed that it was not to be their year. In 1973 Derek led the band to qualification at the North West Area contest, ensuring they took part in the national finals once again. This was a memorable occasion for Derek on what was his first appearance at the Royal Albert Hall as Musical Director, leading them to second place

behind B & R. Under Derek's direction the band did well and was awarded first place in both 1975 and again in 1976 at the North West Area Finals - Derek had announced in advance of this performance that he would be leaving the band after the London finals. He was followed by Trevor Walmsley DFC as the last full time Musical Director of the band, followed by Frank Renton with Stan Whiteman as the Resident Bandmaster. Shortly before Frank arrived to take up the reins Maurice Handford the former Principal Horn player from the Halle Orchestra and Orchestral conductor took them for a short while. On Sunday, 3rd April 1977, at the Preston Guild Hall, conducted by Trevor Walmsley DFC the band could only manage third place at the North West Area Contest, which ended a run of twenty four successive appearances at the national finals in London. In 1985 the C.W.S. Board of Directors decided that a brass band was not the image the Co-op wished to promote in the future and made the decision the band would cease to exist - for the record the last appearance of the band was at Dobcross Band Club in 1985. Manchester City Council then took over the band which was renamed The City of Manchester Band, which finally folded in March 1993.

C.W.S. Tobacco Factory Band - *See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band*

Cable & Wireless Band (London) - Formed in 1940, originally for boy messengers, but included girl messengers during the War. In 1947 there were "7 lady members" of the band.

Cadbury Bournville Works Band - *See: Bournville Silver Band*

Cadfan and District Band (North Wales) - Active in 1948

Cadfan Silver Band (North Wales) - Refused the right to bear the title "Royal" in 1934

Cadnam Village Band (Hampshire) - Active in the 1920s

Caerau Silver Band - Active in 1921

Caergwrle Brass Band (Wrexham) - Active in 1891 & 1895

Caerphilly Silver Band - Active in 1907

Cairnie Colliery Band - Active in 1862 - Took part in a gala procession in Musselburgh on July 17th

Caistor Brass Band - *See: Caistor Town Band*

Caistor Town Band (Lincolnshire) - Formed in 1875, still active in 1905

Calder Vale Brass Band - Formed shortly before July 1862. In 1878 the conductor was William Hardman. It disbanded in the late 1880s and reformed in 1914. Probably renamed Calder Vale Subscription Band some time thereafter. It was still active in 1951 when they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton. Reported engagements included: Foresters concert in January 1864, Calder Vale, June 1876, At Woodplumpton, for the Druids, May 1877. Calder Vale, June 1878. Calder Vale Club Day, May 1880. Myerscough Club Day, May 1883. Churchtown and Garstang, May 1884. Calder Vale, June 1884. Garstang, May 1885. Whit Walks at Preston for the Catholic Guilds, May 1915. Garstang Peace Celebrations, August 1919. Garstang and District Agricultural Show, August 1919. Claughton Field Day and Peace Celebrations, August 1919. Whit Walks at Preston, May 1921. Whit Walks at Preston, June 1922. Calder Vale Band and Football Club, 1st Annual Ball at the Assembly Rooms, January 1929. Whit Walks at Preston, May 1929.

Calder Vale Subscription Band - *See: Calder Vale Brass Band*

California Works Band (Gomersal)

Callender's Cable Works Band (Erith, Kent) - Formed in 1898 as the Belvedere Baptist Temperance Band. This arose when some members of the Belvedere Salvation Army Band were given an ultimatum to cease playing their favourite march "Now or Never", which was a secular piece, or leave. They left and formed the Baptist Band, with J. Maycock as Bandmaster. They soon amalgamated with the Belvedere Military Band and were then renamed the Belvedere Excelsior Band, still with Maycock as bandmaster and E.H. Alder as conductor. In 1907 the entire membership was working for Callender's and they sought and won sponsorship from the company. The band was at its height in the 1920s with three second places in the National Championships and the British Open, together with several recordings and many broadcasts which maintained the high profile of the band through the Second World War. When Callender's Cable & Construction Company merged with British Insulated Cables in 1945 to form British Insulated Callender's Cables, the band became the BICC Band. The band was still honouring commitments to play for the BBC in December 1960 when the following month BICC decided to close down the band. When it disbanded, its library was purchased by the current Haydock Band, the players retained their instruments and the bandroom at the works was eventually bulldozed to the ground.

Callington Town Band (Cornwall) - Active in the 1850s, first recorded appearance in 1859 leading a procession at the Philanthropic Society's Festival. In 1886 the Band played at the opening of the first reservoir at Ashburton Farm, Florence Road. In July 1892 the Band provided the music on a steamer trip from Calstock with the Cricket Club. In 1895 the Band led the Church Parade of the Foresters, Oddfellows and Rechabites. In 1902 they played when Lord Compton unveiled a fountain in the wall of the Primary School. In 1911 they played at the celebrations in the town to mark the Coronation of King George the Fifth. In 1912 they played at the opening of the New Market Hall and Fountain. In 1913 they played at Callington Cricket Club Annual Fete (conducted by Mr J Taylor) and for Carnival Day and Bonfire Night. In 1914 they played in the afternoon and evening at a Boy Scouts Grand Fete at Haye, and a Band of Hope Fete at St Ive. In 1921 the Band played at the Callington Show, conducted by Mr G Buzza. In 1923 the Band headed the procession for the Town Fete and Show. They also appeared at Pensilva Festival, a Picnic at Castleleigh, Callington Hospital Fete, and the Cricket & Football Clubs' Sports Day, conducted by Mr James Jago. Mr Jago conducted the Band until 1932, when he retired. The band probably disbanded in 1933 as no further records of it appear. However, a successor band was formed in 1996 "after a thirty year gap", which implies the band possibly continued until the mid 1960s.

Calstock Band (Carrick/Cornwall) - The Calstock Band was playing publically from c1858 to the late 1920's. There engagements were of a very local nature and in 1887, as a reward for playing at the Calstock celebrations of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, they were given £4 and a free tea! The man who conducted them from 1920 to 1925 was known as "Old Bob Presron" and seems to have been looked upon with great affection both by band and public.

Calulu Band (Victoria, Australia)

Calverley and Greengates Band (Yorkshire)

Calverley Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1873. Named Calverley Prize Band by 1877.

Calverley Prize Band - *See: Calverley Brass Band*

Calverton Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1878 when the band played at the Calverton & District Floral & Horticultural Show on July 22nd. Conducted by Mr Morley, its concert programme was: Sympathy (R. Smith), Defence (J. Frost), Cavatina (Bellini), The Sea Lion (J. Wright), Rose of Love (R. Smith), Golden Sunbeam (H. Round), Killarney (T. Haigh), We Don't Want to Fight (J. Metcalf), Queen's Prize (H. Round), Every Land's My Home (Blair). The Band probably folded prior to 1914. From the Newark Advertiser, May 28 1902 - "The annual club feast in connection with members of the Ancient Order of Druids was held on Thursday last. The members marched in procession to the parish church, headed by the Calverton Brass Band"

Calverton Colliery Welfare Band (Nottinghamshire) - Formed in the late 1940s, early 1950s, with instruments provided by the Miners Welfare Organisation. Won the third section in the Eighth Mineworkers' National Brass Band Contest at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, in 1969. Disbanded in the early 1990s following the closure of the colliery.

Camberwell Silver Band (London) - Active in 1962

Camberwell Temperance Silver Band

Cambois Colliery Band (Northumberland) - Formed in the early 1900s and lasted until the 1950s/1960s

Camborne Royal Trophy Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1913

Cambridge Albion Band - Formed on November 18th 1921, at a meeting held at 17 Abbey Street, Cambridge. Those present were: D. Brown, Mr R.E. Austin (bandmaster), Mr D.J. Brown, Mr C. J. Brown, Mr H. Holder, Mr. F. Green, Mr. J. Barrett, Mr. H. Brown. It merged with the Cambridge Town Band in 1927, to form the Cambridge Town Silver Band. A report of the time states: "They proposed to buy a set of new triple silver-plated instruments made by Messrs Hawkes, London, with the now famous "Profundo" basses as played by the St Hilda Colliery Band. This would greatly improve the tonal qualities of the band; there was not another band in the Eastern counties with such instruments" For more details and information from the band's record books,

Cambridge Brass Band (New Zealand) - Active in 1901

Cambridge Heath Band - Active in 1920

Cambridge Railway Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Took part in a contest in Cambridge Guildhall in 1925 which it won to great excitement. "There was a furore of applause from the large audience present, and the bandsmen themselves

momentarily lost their heads in their enthusiasm. The dignity of the large hall, which had rung for well nigh two hours with the blare of brass instruments was quite forgotten. Hats were thrown high into the air and trombones and cornets waved to delighted friends among the audience."

Cambridge Railway Silver Band - *See: Cambridge Railway Band*

Cambridge Silver Prize Band - Active in 1945

Cambridge Town Band - Merged with the Cambridge Albion Band in 1927, to form the Cambridge Silver Band.

Cambridge University Volunteer Band - Active around 1885-92. G.H. Kirkup played the baritone during that period.

Cambusbarron Band - Formed 1882, could not contest for the first five years due to lack of proper instruments. In 1886 a subscription sale on Art Union principles realised £190 which enabled them to purchase the necessary instruments

Cambuslang Brass Band (Glasgow) - Active in 1895

Cambusnethan Band - Formed in 1870 and, up to 1886 when it amalgamated with Newmains Band, it had attended 18 contests netting 13 prizes worth £125 10s.

Camden Boys Home Band - The boys home in Regents Park Road, Camden, which was operating from the 1860s to the early 1900s, had a brass band. "... but the most exciting occupation of the boys was playing in the band. By all accounts it was an excellent band and it was a fine sight to see them going over Primrose Hill on Wednesday afternoons....From the prospectus we learn that twenty-five performers with their bandmaster could be engaged for afternoon garden parties, athletic sports and school treats at a charge of three guineas. They were hired for several sessions by the London County Council and the Zoo." It was still active in 1911

Camden Unity Band

Camelon Brass Band (Scotland) - It was formed in 1832 as a more sophisticated form of a Flute Band which had been formed in 1830 mainly at the instigation of Robert Smith. The Smiths had a long and distinguished association with the Band. The father maintained his connection for forty years and his son Robert was leader of the Band for about forty years and was closely connected with it for over fifty. On Friday 10th November 1907 a presentation was made in The Victoria Inn when Robert Smith was presented with a long service gold medal and a gold albert to mark his 52 years with the Band. In the Falkirk Mail of 16th November a poem appeared entitled "Auld Camelon Band", of which the first verse is: "There's Auld Camelon Band they're aye tae the fore; They started wi' flutes in the year'34, If you had only heard them their music you'd adore, ~ For always their number was less than a score, their auld flutes ha'e been turned into brass~ Three cheers tae the friends that gave them the cash, For we've all joined together to gi'e them a hand, and try and make good members tae the auld Camelon Band." The original founder had four sons all of whom played in the Band despite the fact only one of them, presumably Robert, could read music, he whistled the tunes and the others picked them up from this. Each of the sons had nicknames which were "Whip," "Radical," "Bit' and "8oosey." The latter name did not derive from an addiction to strong drink, but from the owner's predilection for musical instruments made by the famous London manufacturer of instruments of that name. In the programme for a Bazaar held at the beginning of the century to raise funds for the Band there is a brief sketch of the Band's history from which the following is an extract. "The chief industry of the village at that time was Nailmaking, and the Nailers, whatever other virtues and vices they possessed, could not be accused of closefistedness. To a man they assisted their musical brethren to accomplish their purpose. Out of their comparatively slender earnings they contributed so liberally that in a short time the Band was furnished with all the instruments then considered necessary, namely, Keyed Bugles, French Horns, Trumpets, Trombones, Ophicleide, and a bass instrument called "The Serpent." All these instruments, if we except the Trombone, are now obsolete." As a breakaway from the Camelon Brass Band, Charlie Wright, who once owned the Inn, formed the Wright Memorial Band. Mr Wright was a notable character in the area who resided in the first house in Blinkbonny Road. Each New Year' s morning he would come out and stand at his door and serenade the village with the tune "A Guid New Year to Ane and A' ." Still active in 1913, and also in 1928, conducted by George Smith.

Camelon Silver Band (Scotland) - *See: Camelon Brass Band*

Cameron Ironworks Band - *See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band*

Camerons Silver Prize Band - *See: Whitworth Band*

Camerton and Clifton Band (Workington)

Cammell Laird Band (Birkenhead) - Formed 1957, disbanded 1972. Originally conducted by Rex Mortimer, then James Scott, it gained success in contests through the 1960s, but was abruptly disbanded by the company in 1972. Tim Mutum recorded: The Cammell Laird Works Band was originally a combination of brass and reed. It was based in Birkenhead and all the players were employed by the ship building and ship repairing company of that name. Not surprisingly, it was formed to provide music for what is always the proudest moment of a shipyard's life, the launching of a newly built vessel. The band dates from 1957 but whether that was the year of its formation or when it went all brass is not clear. However, in 1958 Rex Mortimer became musical director in addition to his main role with Fodens Band. In that year they entered their first competition, at Blackpool, and were placed a respectable seventh. In 1959 the band secured the Fourth Section North West title, going on to win the National title itself in London. The start of a remarkable ascent to the very top echelons of British banding had begun. In 1960 James Scott, then principal cornetist at Munn and Felton's Band, was appointed bandmaster. James was at the peak of his playing career so this appointment was surprising. James says that he felt the time was right. In the spring of 1960 a letter arrived from the managing director of Cammell Laird asking if he would be interested in moving to become the musical director of the band. After a great deal of thought - it was a gamble with no guarantee of success - he decided to take the plunge, as his desire to conduct had to be met at some stage. He moved back north where he began what was to become a successful conducting career and, at the same time, gained valuable experience as a trumpet player with the major northern symphony orchestras. The first few months were not the success James Scott had hoped. The band was in the Third Section when he first joined them as bandmaster and Rex Mortimer was still professional conductor - James still thinks of it as his apprenticeship into the world of conducting. Rex stayed a couple years and then it was left to James and gradually they began to improve. In 1961 the band won both the Second Section North West Area and repeated their 1959 success by winning the National title in London too. Within four years the band had reached the Championship Section. James Scott attributed the success that followed to the fact that the membership of the band remained stable throughout the mid 1960s, with the exception of a couple of policemen who moved on through their police work. The band was a team. The band won the Championship Section North West Area for the first time in 1964 and James Scott led them to their first appearance in the National Finals later that year. Drawn 24th and last band to play on Gilbert Vinter's 'Variations on a Ninth' they played far beyond their expectations and took 4th place. A year later, they repeated their North West victory, going onto London where they were runners-up behind Fairey. Further visits to the National Championships in London followed, as the band added two further runner up placings in Blackpool plus a third in subsequent years. In 1966 they were again placed fourth, and although they failed to gain a place in the 1967 and did not qualify in 1968, in 1969 James Scott led them to sixth place. The band's final visit to the Royal Albert Hall was in 1970 after they won the North West Area for a third and final time. Despite the diluted field of rivals due to the World Championships, the band could not finish in the prizes. It was their last appearance at a major contest. The band's appearances at the British Open started in 1962 and ended in 1966 without them ever getting a mention in the prizes. By the early 1970s shipbuilding was in decline and the band's future became uncertain. In April 1972 it was tersely announced that the band had been closed down, the instruments and uniforms called in and future engagements cancelled. A few years later James Scott had this to say, "The firm didn't realise what they'd got - they were Philistines. Shipbuilding began to decline and they finished the band - said they couldn't afford to run it. It was very sad".

Cammell Laird Shipbuilding & Engineering Band - *See: Cammell Laird Band*

Campbelltown Methodist Christian Endeavour Brass Band (New South Wales, Australia) - Active in 1903

Campden Town Band (Chipping Campden) - James Walter (Jim) Pymment was the Foreman of the Guild of Handicraft Woodworking Shop and a good organiser. The Town Band in Campden was formed earlier than 1862, when there is a record of it playing for a wedding. The Guild arrived in 1902, and Jim Pymment took over the leadership of the Band in 1903, using the School of Arts and Crafts lecture hall at Elm Tree House for practices and being warmly

thanked in the end of Session reports for his attention and assistance. There is a photo of the band larking about in the garden of Elm Tree House at band practice. The Town Band was awarded First Prize for brass bands at the Madresfield Musical Competition in May, 1904. At the annual dinner in July, it was reported that an instrument fund was established and that monies gained from playing about the town most Saturdays was being collected to enable the Band to go to hear a Band contest at Crystal Palace in September. In 1905 the bandsmen were outfitted in new military style uniforms. The band continued into the 1920/30's, even though the musicians were not all Campdonians. It probably disbanded towards the end of the 1930s. Bandsmen in 1904 were: James Walter (Jimmy) Pymont (Band leader, Senior Guildsman, since 1894, Foreman of the Wood shop); Charley Downer (Guildsman since 1898, Metal Worker and blacksmith); Bill Thornton (Guildsman since 1894, Metal Worker and blacksmith); Arthur Pymont (son of Jim Pymont); Algernon Hathaway (Morris man, killed in 1915 at Dardanelles); Fred Hathaway (Morris man, elder brother of Algernon); Dennis Hathaway (leader of Morris men, eldest brother of Fred and Algernon); Bill Aston; Charley Aston; Frank Bennett; Fred Bennett (Stonemason); Noah Bennett; Jacky Webb; Charley Grove; Bill Harris; Fred Taylor; Gran Huckfield; Arthur Ernest Bunten (Guildsman since 1902, cabinet maker, played the lead cornet, half-brother of Jim Pymont); Charley Veale. List of some activities of the Campden Brass Band between 1862 and 1902, from the Evesham Journal: Oddfellows dinner (28-6-1862); Wedding (30-8-1862); Britannia Club Day (10-6-1865); OddFellows Day (24-6-1865); Britannia Club Day (26-5-1866); Britannia Club Day (15-6-1867); OddFellows Day (29-6-1867); Pic-Nic, Westington (31-8-1867); Britannia Club Day (13-6-1868); Oddfellows Day (11-7-1868); Annual Fete and Pic-Nic (11-7-1868); Penny Reading (13-2-1869); Gas Company Dinner (5-2-1870); Britannia Club Day (11-6-1870); Oddfellows Club Day (18-6-1870); Church Bazaar (6-8-1870); Spring Races (11-2-1871); Britannia Club Day (3-6-1871); Britannia Club Day (7-6-1873); Oddfellows Club Day (14-6-1873); Britannia Club Day (30-5-1874); Britannia Club Day (22-5-1875); Oddfellows Club Day (29-5-1875); Horticultural Show (11-9-1875); Britannia Club Day (10-6-1876); Oddfellows Club Day (17-6-1876); Jubilee Celebrations/ (25-6-1887); OddFellows Club Day (2-7-1887); Britannia Club Day (26-5-1888); Pic-Nic, Court House Grounds (2-6-1888); Sunday School Treat (28-7-1888); Corpus Christi Procession (29-6-1889); Britannia Club Day (31-5-1890); RC Church Opening (28-6-1890); Sunday School Treat (9-8-1890); Stroud Society Club Day (18-6-1892); Royal Wedding Celebration (8-7-1893); Corpus Christi Procession (2-6-1894); Sunday School Festival (25-8-1894); Stroud Society Club Day (15-6-1895); Sunday School Treat (23-5-1896); Friendly Societies Procession (25-7-1896); Sunday School Treat (21-8-1897); Sunday School Treat (5-8-1899); Benefit Nursing Association (16-9-1899); Stroud Society Club Day (16/06/1900); Baptist Sunday School Treat (14/07/1900); To Meet Returning Reservists (24/11/1900); Stroud Society Club Day (08/06/1901); Sunday School Treat (10/08/1901); Sunday School Treat (23/08/1902). The Campden Town Band continued in existence, but not quite continuously, until the 1950's. In 1930's it was called the Campden Town Prize Silver Band.

Campden Town Prize Silver Band (Chipping Campden) - *See: Campden Town Band*

Camperdown Jute Works Brass Band (Dundee) - *See: Camperdown Linen Works Brass Band*

Camperdown Linen Works Brass Band (Dundee) - Active in 1875

Campsie Band (Australia) - Active in 1909

Canal Ironworks Band (Shipley) - Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Canal Ironworks Silver Band - Active in the 1920s

Cannock Chase Colliery Band - *See: Chasetown Brass Band*

Cannock Chase Colliery Silver Prize Band - *See: Chasetown Brass Band*

Canon's Marsh Gas Works Band (Bristol) - Active in April 1864, when they gave a concert in the Broadmead Rooms

Canterbury City Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Canterbury Silver Band - Disbanded in WW2

Capel Band (Surrey)

Cardiff City Tramways Band - Active in 1926

Cardiff Corporation Tramways Band - Active in 1911

Cardiff Corporation Transport Band - Active in 1935 and 1948

Cardiff Mechanics Band - Active in 1892.

Cardiff Transport Band - *See: Cardiff Corporation Transport Band*

Cardynham Brass Band (Caradon/Cornwall) - This was a very "on/off" outfit that first appeared c1895, disbanded about 1898, reformed in 1909, disbanded again in 1928, reformed in 1930 but finally finished in 1933. A few contests were entered in 1914 under S Carne. It probably did not help matters when Bodmin Band, whilst attempting to form their band in 1927, invited the players of Cardynham to join them.

Carfury Brass Band (Penwith/Cornwall) - This band was certainly functioning from 1911 to 1914, but more than that is not known at present.

Cargo Fleet Ironworks Band (Middlesbrough) - Formed in the early 1900s and still active in the late 1940s

Cargo Fleet Steelworks Band (Middlesbrough) - *See: Cargo Fleet Works Band*

Cargo Fleet Works Band (Middlesbrough) - Active in late 1950s through to early 1970s

Carisbrooke Archery Brass Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1841

Carlisle City Prize Band - Original band formed in the 1850s but disbanded and reformed several times over the next century.

Carlton Britannia Brass Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1882

Carlton Iron Works Brass Band (Stillington) - Active in 1891

Carlton St Paul's Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1886

Carlton Temperance Band - Active in the 1930s

Carluke Brass Band - The constitution and rules of the band, from 1911, are held in Glasgow City Archives. Active in 1933

Carluke Silver Band - *See: Carluke Brass Band*

Carnforth Brass Band (Lancs) - Active in 1904 and 1920

Carnforth Iron Works Brass Band (Lancs) - Active in 1870

Carnoustie Brass Band - Active in 1880s

Carnoustie Burgh Band - Active around 1903

Carr Works Vale of Eden Band (Carlisle) - *See: Carr's Biscuits Works Band*

Carrick Amateurs Band - Founded in 1971 and amalgamated in 1985 with Whitehouse Silver Band to form C.W.S. (Carrick Whitehouse Silver) Band

Carrick Instrumental Band - *See: Maybole Burgh Band*

Carrick Whitehouse Silver Band - Was subsumed into the Agnes Street Band in 1994 to form C.W.A. Brass

Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade Band, 3rd - *See: 3rd Carrickfergus Boys' Brigade Band*

Carron Works Band (Falkirk) - Gained four Second Section placings in the Scottish Championships of 1896, 97, 99 and 1900. The band was associated with the local Carron Iron Works

Carrow Works Band (Norwich) - Active at least between 1870 and 1913. Sponsored by Colman's the mustard makers. The firm's owner, J.J. Colman, was a champion of new technology and installed the first private telephone line between his works in Norwich and the London office in Canon Street. In February 1878 Charles Noble, principal cornet with the band, played Gilbert and Sullivan's *Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes* down the telephone line to London, where a live audience gathered around the receiver. He was almost certainly the first bandsman to make a live broadcast. In 1873 they took second prize at the brass band section of the National Music Meeting at the Crystal Palace.

Carr's Biscuits Works Band (Caldewgate, Carlisle) - Active in the 1940s/50s

Carthorpe Excelsior Brass Band (near Ripon) - Formed in 1868

Casterton Brass Band (Australia) - In 1888 it combined with the Sandford Brass Band to become the Glenelg Brass Band.

Castle Eden Colliery Band '(1) (County Durham) - Active in 1850

Castle Eden Colliery Band '(2) (County Durham) - Formed in 1890 and still active in the 1950s. Probably folded soon after the colliery closed in 1959. A newspaper report from 1886 also has reference to the band.

Castle Howard Farm School Band

Castle Howard Reformatory School Band - Active in 1892. GW (Paddy) Berfert, formerly of the 10th Royal Hussars, was bandmaster before 1904. The boys were "always immaculately dressed in military style uniforms, their instruments polished to perfection".

Castleford Albion Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1856

Castleford Brass Band '(1) - *See: Castleford Albion Band*

Castleford Brass Band '(2) - *See: Castleford Old Band*

Castleford Half Acres Brass Band - Active in 1888

Castleford New Subscription Prize Band - *See: Castleford Temperance Band*

Castleford Old Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1880 to 1900

Castleford Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1885, 1888

Castleford Prize Band - *See: Castleford Primitive Methodist Brass Band*

Castleford Subscription Prize Band (Yorkshire) - *See: Castleford Temperance Band*

Castleford Temperance Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1891, 1900 and 1913. Later known as Castleford Subscription Prize Band

Castleside Band (County Durham) - Formed in 1906, and still active in 1920.

Castleside Brass Band (Blackhill, Co. Durham) - Active in 1901

Castletown Band (Isle of Man) - Formed around 1865 and no longer in existence. Conductor Paul Collister in 1888. A breakaway group from the band formed the current Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band in 1893.

Castletown Colliery Band (Sunderland) - *See: Hylton Colliery Band*

Castletown Rechabite Band (Isle of Man) - Took part in the celebrations for Queen Victoria's coronation in 1838, "At 11 o'clock, the members of the Independent Order of Rechabites (who celebrated their anniversary on this occasion), with the children of the various Sunday-schools of the town and neighbourhood to the number of about 1,000, assembled at the green, and walked in procession, accompanied by the Rechabite Band, to St. Mary's Church. The Rechabites retired to the Tent, at the Schoolhouse, where a plentiful supply of tea, buns, and beef, was provided; after partaking of it, the band and a few of the members again walked through some of the streets." Rechabite bands were formed in the Isle of Man very soon after the introduction of the Order of Rechabite, and no small part of the minute-books of the Order is taken up with purchases of instruments and arrangements for training adult and juvenile musicians. A Manx band took part in a great demonstration in Liverpool in 1839.

Catbrook & District Silver Band (Monmouth) - Active in 1970

Caterham Silver Band (Surrey)

Catherine Hill Bay Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1903

Catrine Bleaching Works Brass Band (Ayrshire) - Mr John Carson was Bandmaster in 1903

Catrine Brass Band (Ayrshire) - Robert Moore was the Bandmaster in 1903

Catsfield Brass Band (Sussex) - Active in 1933

Catshill Silver Band (Worcestershire) - 1951 - Bromsgrove - Catshill Silver Band delighted large audiences during concerts on the village recreation ground and at Rubery. It was the first time the bandsmen had worn their new uniforms of navy blue, piped with red, and military style caps. 1953 - Catshill Silver Band were seeking a bandmaster in the Bromsgrove Messenger's advertisement columns.

Cattal Amateur Brass Band (Preston) - Active in 1839, when it played at Garstang

Cattal Brass Band (Preston) - Active in 1878

Cattal Works Brass Band (Preston) - Active in 1867

Catteris Brass Band - Active in the 1920s

Caversham Band

Cawthorne Brass Band - Formed on 5th November 1873, later called Cawthorne Subscription Band. The Band then had a Band Room in the upper storey of the coach house at the Spencer Arms. It was well established by 1920 when it featured prominently in "Cawthorne Hospital Sunday", a musical festival in aid of Barnsley Beckett Hospital. The conductor at this time was W. Rusby. By the late 1940's after briefly disbanding during the war years, the Band was well established. Its conductor then was Ken Wood, who conducted the Band for many years and composed and arranged a great deal of music for the Band. Throughout the 1950's the Band was to be seen regularly at village events and by 1959 it was able to acquire its first set of uniforms. It was a set of uniforms obtained second hand from Dodworth Band. It disbanded in 1961. (a new band was formed in 1976)

Cawthorne Subscription Band - *See: Cawthorne Brass Band*

Ceirog Vale Band - Active in 1895 when it competed at a contest at Chirk, conductor Lloyd Morris

Celynen Band - Formed in 1888. A successor band, the Celynen Collieries Band, was formed in 1952

Central Hall Mission Band (Manchester) - Belonging to the Methodists Central Hall in the city.

Central Hall Prize Band (Manchester) - Active in 1910 and 1911 when it played in various parks in Salford.

Central Manchester Band (Manchester) - The band was formed with the instruments from the former Stevenson Box Works Band. They rehearsed in the Grove Hotel on Every Street, Ancoats, Manchester, then moved to the the New Inn on Cambrian Street off Bradford Road, Manchester in approximately 1963. In 1969 they moved into the Central Fire Station on London Road, Manchester, then moved into the Railway Mens Club on Store Street (beneath Piccadilly Railway Station), where they performed regular monthly concerts up until 1994/5. They finally disbanded around 1996/7. Records show they were prize winners in the Junior Cup at the Belle Vue Spring Festival in 1952. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by W. Allen.

Central Manchester Silver Band - *See: Central Manchester Band*

Ceramia Goldthorpe Colliery Band - *See: Yorkshire Main Colliery Band*

Cerrigydrudion Brass Band - Active in 1878

Cerryg-y-Druidion Brass Band - *See: Cerrigydrudion Brass Band*

Certified Industrial School Band (Manchester) - Active in 1910 and 1911 when it played in various parks in Salford. The Manchester Certified Industrial School, Ardwick Green, was founded (certified) in 1857 and closed in 1922.

Chadkirk Temperance Band (Marple)

Chadwick Memorial School Band (Newcastle) - Probably formed in the 1880s at this Roman Catholic school for boy offenders. The school closed in 1906.

Chagford Brass Band - September 1858 - Harvest Home celebrations at Cheriton Bishop. November 1859 & 1860 - Chagford & Drewsteignton Agricultural Association Meeting. June 1865 - Moretonhampstead concert. February 1874 - Moretonhampstead concert. November 1874 - Moretonhampstead concert at the Smethurst Schoolroom. August 1877 - Chagford Race Meeting. August 1879 - Chagford Temperance Fete. Active through the early 1900s. Presumed to have folded before or at the outbreak of WW2. During WW2 the instruments travelled about Europe, and were finally given to the local Primary School.

Chagford Town Band - *See: Chagford Brass Band*

Chailey Industrial Band (Sussex) - Played at Sheffield Park, July 30th 1900

Chain Bar Methodist Band (Manchester) - Amalgamated with the Moston and Beswick Band in the early 1980s.

Chalfont St Giles Band - Active in the early 1900s

Chalgrove Band - *See Chalgrove Temperance Band*

Chalgrove Temperance Band - Formed in the late 1800s, later known as Chalgrove Band. Folded in 1956. A successor band was formed in 1972.

Chalton Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1911

Chalvey Brass Band

Chalvey Methodist Band (Slough)

Chandlers Ford Brass and Reed Band - Active in 1913

Chandlers Ford British Legion Band - Active in 1925

Change Band

Chapel End Band. - Competed in a brass band contest at Bedworth in 1888

Chapwell Colliery Band

Chard Town Band - Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by C.E. Turner.

Charlbury Town Band (Oxfordshire) - Played at Cornbury Park on 7 August 1897

Charlecote & Hampton Lucy Brass Band - The earliest mention of the band is at Charlecote May Day Festivities on 26th May 1903. Mentioned in news reports for 1903 to 1911. The bandmaster in 1907 was Mr J.B. Thorpe. Last mention of the band is 13th January 1911.

Charlton and Guisborough Band - *See: Charlton Star of Hope Band*

Charlton Star of Hope Band (Guisborough) - Active in 1900 and 1907

Charltons Star Band - *See: Charlton Star of Hope Band*

Charmouth Brass Band (Dorset) - Active in 1908

Charnwood Brass - Formerly Loughborough Band? Merged with Leicestershire Co-operative (SMW) Band in 1999

Chasetown Brass Band (Staffordshire) - Formed prior to 1868, probably that of the colliery company. In the late 1870s it played at the athletic sports meeting and led processions. By 1885 it was known as the Cannock Chase Colliery Band. By 1893 it was performing at the Lichfield Greenhill Bower. Having won second prize in a competition in 1919, it became

known as the Cannock Chase Colliery Silver Prize Band and competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s.

Chasetown Temperance Band (Staffordshire) - Formed in 1897, and in the summer of 1899 it gave sacred concerts on Sundays on the dam of Norton Pool.

Chatham Borough Band - Active in 1938

Chaucer Street Mission Band - *See: Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band*

Cheadle Brass Band (Staffordshire) - Active in 1858

Cheadle Subscription Band (Staffordshire)

Chedgrave and Loddon Brass Band - Active in 1930

Cheetham Hill Prize Band - *See: Cheetham Hill Public Subscription Band*

Cheetham Hill Public Brass Band - *See: Cheetham Hill Public Subscription Band*

Cheetham Hill Public Subscription Band (Manchester) - Active in the 1960s and dates back to at least 1927, won the Second Section of the Daily Herald National Championships in 1966. Won the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by J. Jennings).

Chelmsford Brotherhood Silver Band - Active in 1938

Cheriton Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1905

Cherry Hinton Band (Cambridge) - Formed in 1880. It initially borrowed its instruments from the Fulbourn Hospital band, performing at harvest festivals and meetings of the Garden Society c. 1880-94. From 1902 the band practised in the parish room, newly opened for social activities. Although the band flourished in the early 20th century, winning prizes, it folded in the late 20th century.

Cherry Orton Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s. One bandmaster was Boss Pauley, owner of a wheelwright and undertaking business, who taught a number of local youths to play various instruments. This band was kitted out in a heavy uniform with silver braiding, and was much in demand throughout the district for various functions. Practice would take place in the wheelwright's shop on winter nights just lit by one or two oil lamps, and warmed by the dying embers of the forge. When the bandsmen complained that it was too cold for their fingers to feel the stops of their instruments, Boss Pauley would say, 'Alright Abide With Me and then bugger off'. The bandsman who beat the large drum was a larger short rotund figure who had difficulty seeing over his drum. He was once seen marching down Bridge Street alone, unaware that the rest of the band had turned down Albert Place. I folded some time in the 1930s

Chertsey Town Band (Surrey) - *See: Woking Brass Band*

Chertsey Town Silver Prize Band (Surrey) - *See Woking Brass Band*

Chesham Brass Band - *See: Chesham Town Silver Prize Band*

Chesham Town Silver Prize Band - First formed in the 1880s as the Chesham Brass Band, and was obviously much in demand in those early days. The band had, by 1907, become a Silver band. The next 20 years were surely the band's heyday; they were much in demand for shows, fetes, open air dances, and indeed, almost any gathering in the town and district. They entered competitions in Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Reading, where cups and medals for excellence were won, hence the word 'prize' being added to their title. (More information can be found in a chapter of Tales of Old Chesham by George Piggin, ISBN 0 948929 70 7). Records of the band from 1912-35 are held by the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, Aylesbury. Memories of Herbert Wingrove who has lived in Chesham for over 80 years - he remembers the band playing at major events in the town, in Lowndes Park and in the Broadway on Saturday afternoons when the Salvation Army were not playing there. The players were all male and had a smart uniform with peaked caps. They led the crowd at every football match and were a vital part of Chesham. Sydney McDonald was the conductor and a Mr Reading played the Last Post on the cornet at the Remembrance Day services. Herbert said he contributed to collections towards the upkeep of the band. They must have had 20 or 30 beautiful silver instruments of which none remain. Roderick John Macdonnell born 1876 died 1967, was bandmaster and/or conductor. He originally played and taught the cornet. He worked in a cycle factory and then the boot and shoe industry until he was 73, then he worked at Sundt plastics until his death. He studied music and played the cornet in various brass and silver bands. He taught music as an extra income, and his pupils included Harry Mortimer. He had to stop playing when he had dentures,

instead became a conductor and bandmaster. Played in and conducted the Chesham Town Silver Prize Band from 1914 until his death.

Cheshire Home Guard Band, 38th Battalion - *See: 38th Battalion Cheshire Home Guard Band*

Cheshire Lines Railway Band - Active in the 1920s/30s

Cheslyn Hay Prize Band - *See: Cheslyn Hay Victoria Prize Band*

Cheslyn Hay Star Band (South Staffordshire) - Formed before 1883 and was conducted by Mr Teddy Turner, the landlord of the White Lion on Chapel Square. This did not last long and some of the remaining members formed the Cheslyn Hay Victoria Brass Band in 1883.

Cheslyn Hay Victoria Brass Band - *See: Cheslyn Hay Victoria Prize Band*

Cheslyn Hay Victoria Prize Band (South Staffordshire) - Formed in 1883 by Mr Joseph Kingston together with three of his brothers. Teddy Turner from the Star Band was the conductor but it was only when he relinquished his position in favour of Joseph Kingston that the Victoria became established as a first class village band. With the decline of the Cannock Town Band it soon became the leading band in the district and consequently was in great demand at all the village and town festivals. At the Christmas Festive Season they would parade around the village playing the carol tunes composed by Cornelius Whitehouse but their fame also extended to the outer areas of the Chase, appearing at Brewood, Wheaton Aston and Shareshill. By now, as the old members left the band there was no difficulty in recruiting new volunteers and the band continued to progress under Mr Kingston's leadership until, on account of his advancing years, he was obliged to lay down the baton. Mr Thomas Holcroft then became conductor and the high standards of their performances were maintained until the First World War. It was during the period between the two wars that the band seemed destined for great honours. They strengthened their membership and engaged the services of a full time conductor in the personage of Mr Hart of Wolverhampton and a late member of the famous 'Bess o' the Barn Band'. Under his conductorship they were successful in gaining several awards of merit and the band took on the name of the Cheslyn Hay Prize Band. The progress did not last, however, for Mr Hart found a more lucrative position in the same capacity in Wolverhampton and from that time onwards the band gradually declined until it finally broke up. Reference from 1903 - "The Victoria Brass Band will play selections of music at the workhouse this Saturday afternoon. The inmates are sure to have a treat." Joseph Kingston started work at Wyrley Colliery when he was ten years old in 1866. Joseph retired in 1919 after working fifty-three years and he died in 1936.

Chester Bluecoat Band - Active in the 1970s

Chester Bluecoat Hospital Band - Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Chester City Band - Active in 1896 when it competed at a contest at Hawarden.

Chester General Station Band - Active in the early 1900s and also the 1920s through to at least 1928

Chesterfield and District Brass Band - *See: Chesterfield Brass Band*

Chesterfield Brass Band - Formed in the 1860s. In 1879, when it was reported that it was "celebrated for the numerous prizes it has earned in all the great contests" Later known as Chesterfield and District Brass Band, Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band. Merged with Ireland Colliery Band in the late 1980s to form Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Band.

Chesterfield Town and Old Comrades Band - Active in 1926

Chesterfield United Band - Active in 1872

Chester-le-Street Prize Saxhorn Band - *See: Chester-le-Street Saxhorn Band*

Chester-le-Street Saxhorn Band - Active in 1867 and 1879

Chester-le-Street Temperance Band - Formed in 1875, still active in 1920

Chester-le-Street Town Band - Active in 1899 and 1905

Chethams Hospital Boys Band (Manchester)

Chevington Model Band (near Alnwick) - Linked to Chevington Colliery, and active between 1914 and 1933

Chiddingly Brass Band (Sussex) - Formed in the 1890s, probably. Jim Coleman was the bandmaster in the 1930s. A member of the band remembered: "I joined the band when I was twelve. Practised the cornet in somebody's house. We used to be about 23 in the band then. We used to go to Tunbridge Wells and the Crystal Palace for contests. We could always get a second, but we could never get a first! Then after the War, Uckfield started up a band and they bought all the instruments. One thing from the old days was the Flower Show. It was so outstanding. You had a large marquee up in the field, with the Chiddingly Brass Band in

attendance. I don't expect there are many brass bands where the drummer would go along with his pipe resting on top of his drum!"

Chilcompton Brass Band - Active in the 1920s

Childs Hill (Silver) Prize Band - *See: Childs Hill Band*

Childs Hill Band (London) - "1914 - The Elstree Scouts put on a 15 minute display of bridge building, and the Child's Hill Prize Silver Band played throughout the day, and during a dance that started at 7.15pm and carried on until 10pm, when the day was wound up with a rendition of God Save the King." The Childs Hill (Silver) Prize Band was engaged to play in Roundwood Park for £100 for the season. This was repeated in 1931, but the Council were concerned that in the depression as many unemployed musicians should be employed as possible, and the engagement went to Harlesden & District British Legion Military Band in 1933.

Chilmark Brass Band (Wiltshire)

Chilsworthy Brass Band (North Cornwall) - An article in the Cornish Times of 1863 reads "CHILSWORTH BRASS BAND. The members of the Chilsworthy and Latchley "Brass Band" respectfully beg to inform the public generally, that they are now open to treat with all parties for further engagements, and having selected suitable music for all occasions, arranged by some of the best men of the day, (the same, being under the management of J.C.PURTOX, Esq, Plymouth), they hope as hitherto to give satisfaction to their employers. Applications to be made to MR W STENLAKE, Chilsworthy, Gunnislake, Calstock." A photograph of the 1907 band shows a well balanced band of 15 players. A non contesting band, the village of Chilsworthy can be found 2/3 miles west of Tavistock, near the Cornwall/Devon border. This is not to be confused with the Devon village of Chilsworthy.

Chilton and Windlestone Band - Active in 1934

Chilton Band - *See: Chilton Colliery Band*

Chilton Colliery Band (Sedgefield) - Active in 1906 and 1925

Chinley and Buxworth Band - Active in 1937

Chippenham Town Silver Band - Founded in 1891 and disbanded in 1953. In 1912, 17 of the 24 players worked at the Westinghouse Foundry.

Chipping Brass Band (Preston) - Active in 1844 when it played at Goosnargh. Active in 1884, when it played at Calder Vale.

Chipping Norton Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Active in 1900

Chislet Colliery Welfare Band (Kent) - Active in 1950

Chiswick Town Band (Middlesex) - Active in 1914 - John Thomas Sampson was then the secretary.

Chobham Band (Surrey) - Active in 1966. Pictures of the band are held in the Surrey Heath Museum.

Cholderton Prize Band (Wiltshire) - Active in 1910

Choppington Brass Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1869 and 1887

Choppington Colliery Band (Northumberland) - Formed in the early 1900s and active in 1913, also probably still active in the 1950s

Chopwell Colliery Band - Formed in the late 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in the 1950s

Chorley Silver Band - Formed in the 1890s? Folded in 2000. The name and property were subsequently taken over by the then Chorley Youth Band which had been founded in 1996

Chorlton Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1893

Chorlton cum Hardy Silver Prize Band - Active in the early 1900s. For more details

Chorlton cum Hardy Temperance Band - formed by the Wesleyan Band of Hope Committee in 1876, folded in 1879.

Chorlton Voluntary Band - Active in June 1888 when it played at the inauguration of the new lych gate and bells at Chorlton-cum-Hardy parish church.

Christ Church Band (Leytonstone) - *See: Leyton Christchurch Brass Band*

Christ Church Saxtuba Band (Derby) - Active in 1885

Christchurch Band (Bradford)

Christchurch Silver Band (Leyton) - *See: Leyton Christchurch Brass Band*

Christleton Brass Band (Cheshire) - Active in 1895

Christow Brass Band (Devon) - Founded in the 1920s and still active in 1935. Originally based at the Methodist's Chapel, it was run on a self-financing basis and played at local functions.

Christ's Hospital Boys School Band - Active in the early 1900s

Chulmleigh Town Band (Devon) - Active in 1893 and 1899 when William Parsons was bandmaster

Church and Oswaldtwistle Subscription Prize Brass Band - Active in 1885

Church Gresley Prize Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1899

Church Lads Brigade Band (St Stephens, Upton Park) - Active in the early 1900s

Church of England Brass Band (Preston) - Newly formed in 1844, it played for the Church of England School Sick Society procession on Whit Monday in Preston and on the following day at Goosnargh for the Amicable Sick Society.

Church of England School Band (Preston) - *See: Church of England Brass Band*

Church Stretton Brass Band (Shropshire) - Active in 1934

Churchdown Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Members had new uniforms in 1894

Churton Band (Cheshire) - Active in the 1920s and 30s, they had folded by the 1960s and remaining members joined the neighbouring Farndon Band.

Churwell Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1846 through to 1900

Cinderford Ark Mission Band

Cinderford Excelsior Band - Formed in the 1920s with the instruments of the old Ark Mission Band. The band broke up prior to World War 2. Another source has the band founded before 1897, and meeting at the Methodist chapel in Church Road, folding in the mid 20th century.

Cinderford Wireworks Band

Citizens (Peyone) Brass Band (New Zealand) - Active in 1908

City of Bendigo Brass Band (Australia) - Founded in 1862 as Northcott's City Band, renamed Flight's City Band in 1904, then Bendigo Municipal Band in 1921. Renamed City of Bendigo Brass Band in 1982. Amalgamated with Greater Bendigo Brass Inc. in 2011 to form the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band

City of Coventry Band - Formed in 1939. Achieved some success under Albert Chappell, amongst others, as well as a fine recording under their new name of Jaguar Cars (City of Coventry), under Ray Farr. The band folded when Jaguar discontinued their sponsorship.

City of Edinburgh Band - Known as Grassmarket Band until 1928. Still active in 1964

City of Hereford Band - Active in 1959 - (possibly same as Hereford City Band?)

City of Leicester Band (Leicester) - formerly Everards Brewery Band and Bond Street Working Mens Club Band, Bond Street Imperial Silver Band, Leicester Club and Institute Band (1933). Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by R. Jackson. It ran into difficulties around 1994 and decided to amalgamate with Barlestone Band in 1995, unfortunately after much effort by many of the players this didn't work and the combined band decided to call it a day at the end of 1996.

City of Leicester SP Constabulary Band

City of Leicester W.M.C. Silver Prize Band - *See: City of Leicester Band*

City of Manchester Band - *See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band*

City of Rochester Band - Active in 1957

City of Rochester Brass - *See: Strood Gospel Mission Silver Band*

City of Stoke-on-Trent Special Constabulary Band

City of Truro Band - Formed in 1853 as Truro Saxhorn Band. Won third prize at the Crystal Palace in the the Junior B section in 1924 - the first cornish band to win a prize there. Notable conductors of the band were Mr Tom Hubbard, Mr G.W. Cave in the 30s and Mr A.W. Parker. Folded some time before 1970. A successor band was formed in 1975

City of Wakefield Band - Active in 1954

City Royal Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1882

Clacton Brass Band (Essex) - Active in 1911 and through the 1930s, it probably folded before the current Clacton Band was formed in 1948.

Clanfield Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - The Parrott family made up a good proportion of the band at one time

Clapham Excelsior Band

Clapham Junction Brass Band - Active around 1880/1890

Clare Brass Band (Suffolk) - Active in 1862

Clarks Nichols & Combes Works Band - *See: Clarnico Works Band*

Clarnico Fire Brigade Band - *See: Clarnico Works Band*

Clarnico Works Band (Leytonstone) - Active in the early 20th century. Clarnico is an amalgamation of Clarks Nichols & Combes who used to have a sweet factory at Leytonstone in Essex. It was later taken over by Trebor Bassett.

Claverdon Village Band (Warwickshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Clay Cross Band - Active in 1866/7

Claygate Brass Band (Thames Ditton) - Active in the early 1900s

Clayton Aniline Works Band (Manchester) - Formed in December 1943, disbanded in 1956. They shared the bill with a young Julie Andrews in a charity concert at Belle Vue, Manchester on October 5th 1955.

Clayton Silver Band - Active in the 1910s, being conducted by Joe Dyson at one time.

Clayton Silver Prize Band - Active in 1907

Clayton Steam Sheds Band - Active in 1936

Clayton Subscription Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Clayton West and Emley Band - *See: Clayton West Band*

Clayton West Band (Huddersfield) - Active from the 1950s to the 1980s. Later known as Clayton West and Emley Band

Clayton West Brass Band (Huddersfield) - Active in 1894

Clayton-le-Moors Band - Active in 1875. On the 4th September 1882 the 30th Annual Brass Band Contest took place at the Belle Vue Gardens in Manchester. Of the 30 bands entered there was only 18 that put in an appearance one of which was the Clayton le Moors Rifle Volunteers Brass Band ~ this was their Greatest Achievement. The music required to play was a selection from "Il Seraglio" by Mozart which was arranged expressly for the occasion by Mr Charles Godfrey, the bandmaster of the Royal Horse Guards and the scores of which were supplied to the contesting bands, six weeks ago. The proceedings lasted over six hours. Several bands exhibited great ability, but on the whole, there was a falling off in the excellency of the playing. The first prize of £30 went to Clayton le moors Rifle Volunteers, surprising really when you hear the story ~ not only that they all received a gold medal each value of £3 but was presented an electro-plated "Echo" cornet of the value of £22. Ned Holditch was the principle cornet player and conductor of the Band. He coached the band for the Belle Vue contest and as was usual in those days they engaged Mr Alex Owen of Bessie of the Barn conductor. When they got to Belle Vue, Ned warned all the bandsmen to keep away from the marquees containing the bars and then they could easily win the contest. Apparently Ned's advice didn't apply to himself because when he went onto the platform to play the contest piece, Mr Owen accused Ned of being drunk of which he didn't deny the statement but told the conductor just before they started that the band would win and he would also collect the solo cornet prize. His predictions proved correct and Ned won a Silver Cornet trophy for first prize. When the band arrived back at Rishton they wanted to show off their "winnings" and sent round to Ned's for the prize he had won. He replied by sending back the pawn brokers ticket ~ for he had "hocked" in prize at "Uncles" and used the proceeds to get drunk. [Edward "Ned" Holditch was born Edwin Henry Holdship in Portsmouth, 1847]. Band was still active in 1925.

Clayton-le-Moors Rifle Volunteers Band - *See: Clayton-le-Moors Band*

Cleckheaton Brass Band - Commenced contesting in 1878 and over the next 10 years attended over 40 contests amassing prizes totalling some £400. Still active in 1896

Cleckheaton Temperance Brass Band - Minutes of the band, from 1886-99, are held by West Yorkshire Archive Service, Kirklees. The band was formed as the Nook Chapel Band in Cleckheaton, becoming the Cleckheaton Temperance Brass Band when it broke away from the Chapel.

Cleckheaton Victoria Silver Prize Band - Founded in 1849. Won the first South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, in Doncaster, on 29 August 1859 playing a medley from Verdi's "La Traviata". and took part in the second South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Nether Hall Park, Doncaster, on 25th June 1860. Active in 1903 to 1911. Achieved sixth place at the National Championships at the Crystal Palace in 1903 under the baton of Angus Holden.

Cleland Brass Band - Active in 1887 to 1899

Cleland Instrumental Band - Active in 1871

Clevedon Silver Band (Somerset) - Formed in the 1870s as the 5th Gloucestershire Royal Artillery Band. It entered a contest in Windsor Park in 1881 and played to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. Renamed Clevedon Silver Band in 1905, under the baton of Mr Fred Ware, it competed at the Crystal Palace in the 1930s. From the Clevedon Mercury c.1925, "The Clevedon Band, under the baton of Mr F Mogg, played a varied and well-chosen programme. Although small in number they are effective and have a sound idea of

the qualities requisite to render brass music pleasingly. They were heard to the best advantage in what were the most difficult items in their repertoire. The soloists played with true regard to phrasing, and gave a fine interpretation of the various songs. Mr Mogg, the conductor, was excellent in his rendering of 'Alas! Those chimes' on the cornet. The obligato passages were played with unusual restraint and feeling, the ensemble being perfect. The balance was perfectly maintained and the expression fully sustained but not unduly stressed. Mr Mogg has the band well under control, getting an instant response to his baton and he is to be congratulated on his work". The band folded at the start of WW2.

Cleveland Steelworks Band - Formed in 1888 and active through to the 1920s

Cliff's Band (Wortley)

Clifton Certified Industrial School Band (Cliftonwood, Bristol) - Active in the 1880s. The school was established in 1849. The object of the school was "to save lads from the streets when driven to them by the loss or misconduct of their parents, to give them a handicraft and to train them in honest principles". The brass band was under instructor Henry Miles, and 2 members of it had enlisted for the Band of the Scots Fusiliers and 1 for the Rifles Band. The Annual Report in April 1884 gave details of the activities of the school and a summary of the last 3 years. The average number of boys was 210 and during 1883 47 had been admitted. 10 were of the 1st class, 15 of the 2nd, 1 of the 3rd, 9 of the 4th and 3 transferred from other schools. Only 3 could read and write above the 2nd standard. Altogether over the 3 previous years 143 boys had been discharged. Situations had been found for 78 of these. 70 of them were doing well, 2 had been convicted, 1 was doubtful, 4 could not be trusted and 1 had died. 17 had been returned to friends. Of these 13 were doing well, 2 had been convicted and 2 could not be traced. 14 had gone to sea. Of these 12 were doing well. 1 had been convicted and 1 had died. 28 had emigrated. This was to Canada and situations were found for them by an agent. Of these 27 were doing well, 1 was doubtful. 5 had been discharged on account of disease. Of these 4 were doing well, 1 unknown. 1 had enlisted and was doing well.

Clifton Colliery Prize Band - Active around 1900 and also in the 1920s when it played at the Lenton (Nottingham) Flower Shows

Clipstone Colliery Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1938. Sponsored by Torque Tension Ltd in the late 1970s, still active in the late 1980s.

Clitheroe Brass Band - Active in 1889 and 1932

Cliviger Band

Clock Face and Sutton Manor Collieries Band - *See: Clock Face Colliery Band*

Clock Face Colliery Band (St Helens) - Active in the 1930s. Also known as Clock Face and Sutton Manor Collieries Band. Still active in 1964. Folded later in the 1960s, thought to have been a Championship band at some point

Cloughfold Band - Active in 1872

Clowes Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1894

Clowne Silver Prize Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1905

Clutton Brass Band (Somerset) - Active in 1926, when some of its members were engaged to help out the Downend Reed & Brass Band on Whit Monday. They were happy to be given ten shillings and six pence, plus meals and board, for a rehearsal and one engagement.

Clydach Band - Active in 1910 and 1948

Clyde Workers Band (Glasgow) - Active in 1928, conducted by W.H.P. McGowan

Clydebank R.C. Band - Active in 1928, 1933

Coal & Wagon Works Band (Radstock) - *See: Radstock Coal & Wagon Works Brass Band*

Coalbrookdale Brass Band - From the Wellington Journal and Shrewsbury News, 9th September 1905: - "Broseley Wood Potato Show - The second annual potato show was held on Saturday on Mr. M. Davies's premises, and was largely attended. The potatoes were of splendid quality. The room was tastefully decorated, and outside the premises hung a beautiful festoon containing a suitable motto. During the afternoon the Coalbrookdale Band discoursed an excellent selection of music, under the direction of Mr. G. Beardshaw" From the Wellington Journal and Shrewsbury News, 25th September 1909: "On Saturday the members of this band, presenting a neat and smart appearance in their new uniform, paid a visit to Broseley, and played a Choice selection of music in High Street. A collection was taken in aid of the funds." Still active in the 1930s.

Coalville Coronation Band - *See: William Davis Construction Group Band*

Coalville Ebenezer Band - *See: William Davis Construction Group Band*

Coalville Town Band (Leicestershire) - Active in the late 1800s

Coatbridge Town Band (Scotland) - Active in 1888, conducted by W.H. Cole, players mainly consisted of miners and ironworkers. Active in 1964, conducted by H. Thom.

Cobden Chadwick Band (Oldham) - Formerly known as the Zion Methodists Band from Lees, it amalgamated with the Lees and Glodwick Band to form Oldham Brass 97, in 1997

Cockermouth Borough Band

Cockfield Band - *See: Cockfield Prize Silver Band*

Cockfield Prize Silver Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s. Remained active through to the 1930s

Codnor Brass Band - *See: Codnor Old Prize Band*

Codnor Old Prize Band - Founded in July 1860 by Mr William Eyre (conductor) and his brother Joseph, it was for many years the only source of entertainment (apart from the annual wakes) in Codnor, and right royally they enlivened the village with their stirring music. The various chapels could always rely on the band on anniversary days to lead processions in the village and elsewhere, and at Christmas they would play hymns in front of the big house at Hall Farm. They also had a high reputation when they competed in numerous contests and won many prizes. It was at the height of its fame around 1905. Weekly practices were held at the Miner's Arms, the band-master and conductor being Mr William Eyre for a number of years. The band ultimately merged with the Butterfly Colliery Ambulance Band some time after 1918.

Codnor Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1894

Codnor United Band - Took part in the 44th Annual Temperance procession on Whit Monday in 1915. Starting from Somercotes, a sea of banners, flags and gaily decorated floats proceeded through Leabrooks and Riddings, gathering strength as it marched, and parading the village of Ironville before winding its way up to the Jessop Monument in Codnor Park.

Codnor Wesleyan Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1894

Coed Talon Brass Band - Active in 1928

Coedely (Rockwool) Band - *See: Coedely Colliery Band*

Coedely Colliery Band - Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (Champ. Section), conducted by W.J. Priday. Also known as Coedely (Rockwool) Band. Won the Second Section at the Eighth Mineworkers' National Brass Band Contest, at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, in 1969.

Coedpoeth Public Band - Active in the 1940s

Coedpoeth Silver Band - Formed by Joseph Wilcoxon (b. 1855), probably in the late 1890s. Active in 1910. Correspondence and papers pertaining to the band (1948) are held by Denbighshire County Council.

Cohens (600) Brass Band - Active in 1950

Colchester Excelsior Band - Active in 1905, when the bandmaster was W. Fisher

Cold Ash Brass Band (Berkshire) - Folded in the 1930s. A successor band was formed in the village in 2003

Coldstream Silver Band - Active in 1906

Coleford Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1864

Coleford Town Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed 1945, amalgamated with Yorkley Onward Band in 1994 to form Forest of Dean Brass.

Colinton Brass Band (Scotland) - Active in the early 1900s

Collinson's Brass Band (Preston) - Active in the 1840 and 1850s. In 1845 "the Oddfellows of the Pleasant Retreat Lodge met at the Exchange Rooms where a portion of the excellent Collinson's Band played". In January 1846 a fund raising tea party was held in the Exchange Rooms in aid of St. Ignatius's Boy's Schools. "Tea being over, the rooms were cleared for dancing and promenading. The band (Collinson's) strikes up, and a thousand twinkling feet are in motion, dancing without cessation, in every mood and measure". In June that year some 2,000 persons attended an afternoon's wrestling at the rear of the Dog and Partridge on Friargate. "Collinson's Brass Band was on the ground enlivening the assemblage with favourite airs in their best style". They played at a processing at Garstang in 1849, together with the Chipping Band. In August 1850 "Collinson's Band, together with the National School Band, walked in procession with some 1,570 workpeople employed by Horrocks, Miller and Co, as they made their way to Maudland Station to travel to Blackpool. On arriving at Blackpool the holidaymakers walked in procession, accompanied by the two

bands, to the beach where, in addition to having donkey rides and suchlike, a considerable number of lads and lasses enjoyed a merry dance on to the lively strains of Collinson's Band".

Coltness Brass Band - *See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band*

Coltness Iron Works Silver Band - Formed in 1898/9 and became First Section Scottish Champions in 1907, 1941-3, 1945 and 1949. Following a difficult period after the ravages of the 1914-18 War, the band regained its former level and glory during the 1930s and 1940s. Report from the Motherwell Times, Friday 14th. June 1901: "The New Masonic Halls - Laying the Memorial Stone. The procession which was marshalled at the Town Hall by Brother W. McKean, Provincial Grand Marshal, and which was the largest Masonic gathering ever seen in Motherwell, marched by the way of Clyde Street, Merry Street, Dalziel Street, Coursington Street, Park Street, Crosshill Street, Brandon Street and Muir Street to the Halls in Hope Street. The procession which was accompanied by Coltness Iron Works Band was witnessed by large crowds all along the route. When the front of the procession arrived at the building the ranks opened up to allow the Provincial Grand Officials to pass through, and to take up their position near the stone.Three cheers were then given, and the choir gave a spirited rendering of the "Hallelujah Chorus", after which corn was sprinkled on the stone, and the oil and wine was poured over it. The Coltness band then struck up the "Mason's Anthem" and other three cheers were given.....The ceremony concluded with the playing of the "Mason's Anthem", by the band, after which the Provincial Grand Officers returned to the platform, where they were greeted with three cheers by the brethren. Everyone joined in the rendering of "Rule Britannia", at the close of which the assemblage was photographed for the "Hamilton Herald" Supplement, by Mr. T. Johnston, photographer, Camp Street. Thereafter the company was again arranged in processional order, and proceeded by way of Muir Street, Milton Street, Calder Street, and Merry Street to the Town Hall, where the Lodge was closed in due form. The bands which accompanied the procession were the Coltness Silver Band, and the Motherwell Town Silver Band both of which more than maintained their reputation for first class music. Report from Livingstone, 17th September 1904: - The next item of importance was the laying of the Memorial Stone of the Public Library in Clyde Street. On this occasion there was a joint Lodge of St. John Dalzell, No. 406, and Lodge Livingstone St. Andrew, No. 573, with Brother Alexander Findlay, M.P., M.M. Lodge Irvine St. Andrews, No. 149, acting as Right Worshipful Master. The Office-bearers were selected from the R.W.M.s., P.M.s, Wardens and Brethren of both Lodges. The Brethren met in the Lodge-room, then paraded the principal streets (headed by the Motherwell Silver Band and Coltness Silver Band) In September, 1937, the 1st Bonkle Scout Troop celebrated its 25th anniversary. On Sunday a special "All Scout" service was held in the Scout Hut grounds. Neighbouring companies of Scouts and Guides paraded with the Bonkle companies. The address was given by the Rev. George Fraser, MA, Stoneyburn, a former minister of the church who was the first Scoutmaster of the troop. The praise was led by the Coltness Silver Band.

Coltness Silver Band - *See: Coltness Iron Works Silver Band*

Colwall Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active between 1905-1953

Colwyn Town Band - Active in 1949, and in 1951 when they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Colyton Brass Band (Devon) - Active in 1889

Colyton Excelsior Silver Band (Devon)

Combroke Brass Band - Played at the Newbold Pacey & Ashorne Coronation Festivities on 22nd June 1911, there were also earlier reports of this band. It is possible that the band was part of the Compton Verney Estate.

Combroke Brass Band - *See: Combroke Brass Band*

Combs Brass Band (Suffolk) - Active in 1933. The Bandmaster in 1953 was Maurice Laflin

Compstall Brass Band - Founded in 1850. Still active in the 1920s and disbanded sometime in the 1950s. Its last conductor was J Dearden. A band pavilion was erected by George Andrew for the use of the band in the grounds of the Athenaeum in Compstall in 1859. This bandstand was demolished during WW2.

Compstall Bridge Band - Active in the 1860s

Compstall Mills Band - Active in 1873

Comrades of the Great War Prize Band - Active in 1925

Comrades United Band (Leeds)

Congden's Shop Amateur Brass Band (North Cornwall) - Only one reference to this band has been found - when they appeared at a Temperance Festival in 1886. One does wonder if they were formed for this one event. The village called "Congden's Shop" can be found a few miles south west of Launceston.

Congelton Brass Band - Active in 1873

Congelton Old Band - *See: Congelton Brass Band*

Congleton Band - *See: Berisfords Band*

Congleton Town Prize Brass Band

Conisborough Band - Took part in the first South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Doncaster, on 29th August 1859, conducted by Mr Thickett

Connahs Quay Silver Prize Band (Chester) - Formed in March 1894. Its first secretary was T.H. Haswell (headmaster of St Ethelwold's School, Shotton) and the first conductor was John Griffiths of Buckley (formerly a member of the Flintshire Militia Band). The band played in early May 1894 to welcome John Rowden Freme back to Connahs Quay for his 21st birthday when he would come in to his inheritance of Wepre Hall & Estate and so become squire of Connahs Quay. It was still active in 1911 and 1948. Amalgamated with the John Summers & Sons Steelworks Band in 1972 to form the new Deeside Silver Band. The 1 July 1911 edition of the Chester Chronicle reported: "The participants assembled near Mollington Post Office at 12.30 precisely. The Rev. J.M. New formed them into a procession and they marched to the spot (on Townfield Lane) where the tree was to be planted. In advance came the Connah's Quay Silver Prize Band, and after the band walked Mrs and Miss Olive Frost (of Mollington Hall) followed by Parish Councillors wearing rosettes of white ribbon. Next came the festivities committees wearing their badges, then the children of the parishes carrying Union Jacks, and at the rear the residents."

Connells Sounding Brass (Ipswich) - Founded in 1982, then amalgamated with the Orwell Band in 1983, retaining its name. It amalgamated again, in 1985, with Ipswich Town Band, one more keeping the Connells Sounding Brass name. This band ultimately became the current Ipswich & Norwich Co-op Band following sponsorship by the Co-op in 1992 and being renamed the Ipswich Co-op Band.

Cononley Prize Brass Band (Keighley) - Formed in 1906, still active in 1951.

Consett Brass - *See: Morrison and Busty Collieries Band*

Consett Colliery Band - Active in 1931

Consett Gospel Temperance Silver Model Band - Active in the early 1900s

Consett Iron Company Band - *See: Consett Iron Works Band*

Consett Iron Works Band - Active in 1884, when it arranged a band contest in June that year. Formerly known as Blackhill Teetotal Band. Still active in 1896

Consett Mission Brass Band - Active between 1891 and 1936

Consett Temperance Band - Active in 1933

Consett Town Band - Formed in 1936

Constantine Band - Formed in 1848, shortly after the 'Wheal Vyvyan Mine' was opened. The first mention of a band in Constantine was in the Falmouth Packet and Cornwall Advertiser dated 18th July 1857. Around 1887 the band had a change of name, being referred to as The Volunteer Band. The explanation of this name appears quite simple, after the episode with Russia in the Crimea and the trouble with India at the time of the mutiny, it was decided the army might serve overseas in increasing numbers and that the army at home should be bolstered by a reserve force, many of whom played in the band. By 1908, after the formation of the Territorial Army, the Volunteer Band once again became Constantine Band. It is believed that when the Great War broke out the band became involved with the Territorials and joined them. When the war ended they once again reverted back to Constantine Band, and they were back in business playing at local functions like Regattas and Traditional Tea Treats. They disbanded sometime later. A successor band was formed in 1977

Conwy Band - Forerunner of the band which was "reformed" in 1972. Unknown dates.

Conwy Town Band - Formed in 1972. Disbanded 2007

Co-operative Society Prize Band (Burslem & District) (Staffordshire) - Formed in 1884 as a military band, transformed to all brass in 1920 and renamed Longton Town Band until change of name to Co-op in 1946

Cooper's Royal Brass Band (West Yorkshire) - Active in 1913

Copford Band (Essex) - Active in 1905 when the bandmaster was F. Neer, and probably was active in the 1890s also.

Copley and Skircoat Band (Halifax)

Copley Band - *See: Copley Mills Brass Band*

Copley Mills Brass Band (Halifax) - Active in 1853. Sponsored by Messrs. J. S. Ackroyd & Sons Mills in Halifax. It organised its own band contest in 1887. Was still active in 1896.

Copperfield Brass (Weston-Super-Mare) - Named after the road (Copperfield Drive, Weston-Super-Mare) in which the first bandmaster (Dave Tilling) lived. The band was formed in 1979 by Dave Tilling, Eileen and John Ludlow, after being approached by some students from Bristol University. They grew to a full band by 1980 and then started contesting. The band folded in the early 1990s. It rehearsed in Worle in Weston-super-mare initially and then moved to Congresbury (Somerset). Some remnants of it now exist in a band called Congresbury Brass. While it existed the band was pretty successful in 4th and 3rd Section competitions. It was a member of the SWBBA.

Copperhouse Brass Band (Penwith/Cornwall) - Copperhouse, close to Hayle, had a brass band for at least twenty years (1891-1911). They never attended any contests.

Coppull Subscription Band (near Wigan) - Formed in 1888 and merged in 2005 with the Standish Band to form the Coppull and Standing Band. An anecdote from the memoirs of William Halliwell, as related by Alan Littlemore: Mr Halliwell had a special affection for the Coppull Subscription Band, and one of his favourite stories (which he included in his memoirs 'Sixty Years with Brass Bands') concerns a certain Frank Smallshaw, who was for some time euphonium player with Coppull. Mr Smallshaw who was a native of Crawford village, near Upholland, interested himself in brass bands as a young man, and he played with various bands in the Wigan district. On going to live in Coppull his services were soon requisitioned by the local band, and in September, 1901, he won a gold medal for euphonium playing at a Darwen contest, beating the then famous Herbert Scott of the Besses o' th' Barn Band, and other equally well known. Now let me quote the personal account of this gold medal exploit of Mr Smallshaw from Mr Halliwell's memoirs. "An incident with an interesting sequel stands out clearly and pleasantly in my memories of Coppull Subscription Band's contesting efforts in 1901. The band had been successful in several in several minor contests, and decided to enter a contest at Darwen. This entry was considered to be a too ambitious venture of them, because brass bands bordering on the top class frequently completed there. Mr Richard Stead, a famous euphonium player of the Meltham Mills Band, was appointed judge. The test piece was H Round's "Songs of England", and included the "Pilgrim of Love" song as a euphonium solo. This solo was normally rather outside the scope of the band's solo euphonium player Frank Smallshaw - but he was a trier. Smallshaw could do quite well in the dashing music of marches, quadrilles and waltzes, but a beautifully quiet sentimental song, requiring a smooth, flexible, quiet tone, with delicate articulation was rather beyond his normal capacity as a player. The band's success depended on him, and in order to improve the quality of his playing I adopted the unusual method of securing from Smallshaw a pledge that during private practice, or with the band, he would play the solo very, very quietly until I gave him leave to open out and play freely. Smallshaw's quiet play mystified his fellow bandmen, and he had to face up to some bitter criticism and gibes from them,' Mr Halliwell goes on to relate, 'but he loyally kept his pledge to me. When the ban was lifted Smallshaw was a new man as far as that solo was concerned. At the contest he played beautifully, and Mr Richard Stead referred to his performance in the following words: "Euphonium cadenza a very artistic performance. Andante moderato...soloist plays beautifully, and with excellent taste - not overdone and Mr Stead awarded Smallshaw the medal for the best euphonium solo." "The sequel to this event", Mr Halliwell adds in telling the story, "was that Smallshaw brought the medal to me and said, 'Here Mr Halliwell, this is your medal, not mine.' Of course, I refused it and expressed a hope that we should win some more medals to keep it company. Smallshaw's reply was startling, 'There'll be no more - not for me - I'm stoppin' while I'm a good un.' And so Smallshaw went into honourable retirement from brass band contesting. Years later he visited the Belle Vue Championship Contest, and I had the opportunity of indulging a gentle "leg pull" by enquiring for the other medals." Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by R. Evans.

Corbetts Band - Active in 1899. A band formed and owned by Mr E.R. Corbett

Corby Beanfield School Band (Corby, Northamptonshire) - In 1981 the band had reached the 2nd section after winning the 3rd section finals in 1979 - one of the few school bands to reach this level. The conductor at the time was Donald Manning who also conducted the Kettering Citadel Band. The school closed several years ago and along with this the band.

Corden Street Mission Silver Band (Derby)

Corfe Castle Band (Dorset) - One of their instruments, an Ophicleide possibly, is on display in the Corfe Castle Museum.

Cornholme Brass Band (Todmorden) - Active in 1873, 1888 and 1908. Took part, with 9 other bands in June 1873, in the Third Todmorden Brass Band Contest. In July 1891, they came first in a contest at Belle Vue Manchester winning £20 and a cornet worth £12 12/-. They performed well at local and national contests in subsequent years. On 24th July 1875, they won the first prize - £25 and an instrument worth £15 15/- at the Grand National Brass Band Contest in Hawick. Mr E. Swift conducted the band at many events.

Cornsay Colliery Band - *See: Cornsay Colliery Silver Band*

Cornsay Colliery Silver Band (near Esh Winning, Durham) - Active between 1878 and 1907, also in the 1930s, and may have had a resurgence after WW2. Folded around 1950 and some surviving members joined the newly formed Esh Winning Colliery Welfare Band.

Cornsay Institute Band - *See: Cornsay Colliery Silver Band*

Cornsay Orchestral Band - Active in 1891

Cornsay Prize Silver Band - *See: Cornsay Colliery Silver Band*

Corrimal Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1910

Corrimal Citizens Band (Australia) - Active in 1920

Corris & District Band (North Wales) - Active in 1948. Was still in existence in the 1980s

Corris Brass Band - Active in 1869 and 1897

Cortonwood Colliery Band (Barnsley) - Active in the 1950/60s. Competed in the Senior Trophy, in 1962, conducted by M Thompson

Cosby Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1894

Cosby St Michael's Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1885, 1889

Coseley Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Cossall Brass Band (Notts) - Active in 1887

Cossall Colliery Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1889, when it performed at Ilkeston Flower Show. Active in 1894, when it rehearsed on Tuesdays at the Commercial Inn, with John Hunt, conductor; William Hardy, secretary (30 Norman Street, Cotmanhay)

Cossall Colliery Co.'s Brass Band - *See: Cossall Colliery Band*

Cotgrave Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1877

Cotgrave Miners Welfare Band - Active in the 1980s

Coton in the Elms Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Formed around 1910 with Harold Coates as bandmaster. Renamed Coton Silver Prize Band following successes at contests at Leicester and Belle Vue. Folded at the start of the Second World War.

Coton Silver Prize Band (Staffordshire) - *See: Coton in the Elms Brass Band*

Cottingham Band - Formed in 1859. Later known as Cottingham Prize Silver Band, then reverted to Cottingham Band. Folded in 2010.

Cottingham Model Brass Band - Active in 1902

Cottingham Prize Silver Band - *See: Cottingham Band*

Cottingham Wesleyan Band - It boasted an extensive repertoire. One of the highlights of their year was leading the annual Sunday School outing that continued right up until 1939. The band reformed for a short time after World War II.

Coundon Brass Band (Bishop Auckland) - Active in 1883

Coundon Star Band - Active in 1887 & 1889

Countesthorpe Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1868, with conductor Felix Gill. Raised £10 towards the new church clock. Conductor in 1894/1899 was Frederick Johnson

Coventry Colliery Band - Active in 1939

Coventry Silver Band - Active in 1912, when S.A. Dyche was conductor

Coventry Vauxhall W.M.C. Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Cowdenbeath Brass Band (Scotland) - In existence in 1917. Earlier name: Cowdenbeath Public Band. Later Longannet Colliery Band (Cowdenbeath). Active in 1948. Merged with Kelty & Blairadam Band in 1999 to form Kingdom Brass.

Cowdenbeath Public Band - *See: Cowdenbeath Brass Band*

Cowling Temperance Prize Band (Yorkshire) - Formed around 1897 and folded around 1954. Kenneth Smith was a member from 1945 to 1954, and his father and two grandfathers played in the band, and appear in a photograph of 1926. An article from the Craven Herald 1st July 1932. - "Mr. John Smith of no. 9 Middleton, Cowling, on Saturday attained his 84th birthday, which was celebrated by a gathering at his home by members of his family and friends. He also developed a liking for instrumental music, and became a well-known cornet player and brass band conductor. He was the solo cornet player in the first Cowling Brass Band, which had its headquarters in Winkholme. There are now only two surviving members of this band, Mr. John Smith and Mr. Edward Smith of Summerhouse Farm. The conductor of this band was Mr. Simm Redman, also a noted musician in his day. During his residence in Lothersdale, Mr. Smith formed a Brass Band, of which he was conductor, and on returning to Cowling also formed the present Cowling Temperance Brass Band, which he served as conductor for many years. From early youth Mr. Smith has possessed a remarkable facility for music writing. In the old days he often copied out parts for choirs when printed copies were too expensive to buy, and has done much work in the way of transposing music for brass bands. Some years ago he published a book of hymn-tunes, containing a collection of tunes which he had composed during his life, and this publication has been much in demand. Brass Bands in many parts of the country have played his hymn tunes, and he has had many letters of appreciation of his music, including some from abroad. The first of these tunes called "The Green" was composed on the village green at Cowling Hill when he was 20, and the last, appropriately named "Eventide", he wrote at the age of 80. He gave many of his tunes attractive titles derived from local place names, such as "Cowling", "Wood House", "Scar View", "West View", and "Gill Top".

Cowpen and Crofton Band (Blyth, Northumberland) - Formed in the 1890s as Cowpen Colliery Band, but was supported by both collieries. It was actively contesting up to 1986 when it folded shortly after the closure of Bates Colliery which had supported the band.

Cowpen and Crofton Workmen's Band - *See: Cowpen and Crofton Band*

Cowpen Colliery Band '(1) - Active in 1867, when it played at the launch of a new lifeboat at Blyth in May that year.

Cowpen Colliery Band '(2) - *See: Cowpen and Crofton Band*

Cowhill Band - *See: Upper Weardale Band*

Coxhoe Silver Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s, and supported by the Coxhoe Colliery. Folded in the late 1930s.

Coxhoe Temperance Band - Active in 1876 when it competed in a contest at Hartlepool on 6th June

Coxlodge & Hazelrig Colliery Band (Newcastle) - Active in the early 1960s when it rehearsed in the "Victoria and Comet" pub directly opposite the Newcastle Upon Tyne Central Railway Station.

Coxlodge Colliery Band - *See: Coxlodge Institute Band*

Coxlodge Institute Band (Newcastle) - Thought to have been formed in 1808, was an important feature in the social life of the area. It was particularly known for having provided the music for a ball held underground to mark the opening of Gosforth Colliery in 1823. On Christmas mornings in the early 1900s carols were played at various parts of the village, the last performance being at the Coxlodge Hotel where each bandsman received a 10s note and a free drink. The band folded in the 1950s.

Cradley Heath Band - Active in 1950

Cradley Heath Town Prize Band - Active in the 1920s/1930s

Cradley Heath Victory Brass Band - Active in the 1920s

Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd Band - Formed in 1949. Later renamed as the Moderna Blanket Works Band.

Cragg Vale Subscription Band (Yorkshire)

Cramlington Band - Active in 1877. Won a contest in North Shields, £10, conducted by Mr Wood

Cramlington Colliery Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1859 when it came second at a contest at Cramlington.

Cramlington Saxhorn Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1859 when it won a contest at Felton

Crane Moor and Stainborough Brass Band (Barnsley) - Active in the 1900s

Crane Moor Brass Band (Barnsley) - Active in 1872

Cranham Band - Extracts from MR J D Birchall's Diary referring to a Cranham band (Mr Birchall was one of the two Lords of the Manor to the village he lived nearby at Bowden Hall in

Upton St Leonards). "April 7th 1874 (Tuesday) - Invited 180 school children to tea and an entertainment in the grounds nothing could be more successful we obtained the service of the Cranham band. We had incalculable quantities of cake and bread and butter. (Cranham children were included)". "December 26th 1874 (Saturday) - Most Brilliant day we had the Cranham band to enliven us whilst we skated." From a village memoir: "Mr Clash one time publican at the Black Horse in the 1920's His band used to provide music for the regular dances held at the Institute in the village. The instruments were stored in his garage. However on one occasion a fight broke out and the instruments were used as weapons of war, most were so twisted or damaged that it was the end of the band, and thereafter bands from outside the village had to be brought in." There has been a regular feast in Cranham for very early times. Since before the First World War the feast became associated with the Holloway Society. The marching brass bands that accompanied the boundary beaters usually came from surrounding villages. This marching was later reduced and became a march through the village playing at stops on the way to the church for a service. Slowly this is a feature that has been lost due to the difficulty of getting a marching band. Today the Salvation Army band just comes to play at the service.

Crantock Brass Band (Restormel/Cornwall) - A mile or so south of Newquay, this band was in existence in 1888. This is the only reference found to an engagement. Not surprisingly, they were not a contesting band.

Craven Amateur Band - Active in 1863

Crawley Down Band - Active in 1904

Crawley Town Prize Band - Formed in 1861 and still active in 1935

Crawley Village Band - Active in 1905

Crawshawbooth Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Crediton Engineers Band (Devon) - Active in 1881

Crediton Town Band (Devon) - Active in 1862. Its fortunes were somewhat sporadic and lapsed, probably around the Great War. It experienced a great revival in the 1930s, when it became the tradition for the band to play at the April Great Market when drovers brought their cattle into the High Street for sale, but folded again in 1953. A successor band was formed in 1983.

Crescent Iron Works Band (Salford?) - Active in 1880

Crewe Locomotive Steam Works Band (Cheshire) - This band existed around the turn of the 20th century but little detail exist of them anymore. (Possibly the same as below?)

Crewe Squadron Band - Active in 1953

Crewe Steam Sheds Band (Cheshire) - Competed in the Grand Shield in 1936 and the Senior Cup in 1937. (Possibly the same as the Loco Steam Works Band?)

Crewe Temperance Silver Band (Cheshire) - Active in 1933

Crewe West End Silver Band (Cheshire) - Active in the 1940/50s - competed in the Senior Cup in 1949.

Crich Brass Band - Formed in 1884 by George Hawksley and others. One member, in 1902, was William (Bill) Barnes (George Hawksley's brother-in-law) who played BBb bass. Band was still active in the 1950s under the name of Crich United Silver Prize Brass Band.

Crich United Silver Prize Brass Band - *See: Crich Brass Band*

Crieff Town Band - Active in the early 1900s

Crigglestone Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1899

Crittalls Works Band (Braintree) - Active in the 1930s. Took part in the Colchester Carnival in 1937, conducted by AM Knight.

Crofthead Brass Band - Active in 1893

Crofthead Public Brass Band - Revived in 1893, it's demise was subsequently reported in 1901.

Crofthouse Brass Band - Formed in 1840, still active in 1896

Crofton Workmen's Band (Blyth) - Between 1959 and 1962 it rose from the 4th Section to the 1st Section in successive years, the first band to do so. It folded around 1983.

Crofts End Mission Band

Cromer Boys Band (Norfolk) - Formed in 1948. Merged with Sheringham Temperance Band in 1956 to form Cromer and Sheringham Silver Band

Crook Saxhorn Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1867

Crooke & Kirkless Band (Wigan) - *See: Standish Band*

Crooke & Kirkless Welfare Band (Wigan) - *See: Standish Band*

Crooke Band (Wigan) - *See: Standish Band*

Crooke Miners Welfare Band (Wigan) - *See: Standish Band*

Crookhall Bradley Band - *See: Crookhall Colliery Band*

Crookhall Colliery Band - Founded in 1924 as the Victory Pit Crookhall Colliery Band, led the championship tables in the North-East in the 1950s and 60s. Known as Crookhall Bradley Band in 1966/7. Following the colliery's closure sponsorship came from Patchogue Plymouth, a fibres division of the American oil company Amoco, and the band became the Patchogue Plymouth Amoco Band. The parent company were impressed with the band to the extent it took over the sponsorship and the band became the Amoco Band in around 1976. However it did not last and the band folded around 1980.

Crookhall Patchogue Band - *See: Crookhall Colliery Band*

Crosby British Legion Silver Prize Band - Competed in the Junior Trophy in 1962.

Crosfields Perfection Soap Works Band (Warrington) - Active in 1905

Crosland Moor Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Cross Gates Band (Yorkshire)

Cross Hill Brass Band - *See: Cross Hills Band*

Cross Hills Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1860 and 1870

Crossgates Brass Band - *See: Crossgates Instrumental Band*

Crossgates Instrumental Band (Fife) - Formed in 1865 or 1866 following a subscription fund being set up. Over £20 had been collected by August 1865. Active in 1877, 1880

Crossgates Public Band (Fife) - Active in 1897, conducted by R. Marsden.

Crossley Brothers Band - Active in 1943

Crossley Lads Club Band (Openshaw) - Joseph Frith was asked by Sir William Crossley, the founder of the Lads' Club, in 1892 to start a brass band there. He remained as it's bandmaster until 1922. He gave up 2 evenings a week and a Sunday afternoon for band practice. Highly successful, the band won many prizes in festivals and competitions.

Crossley Lads Club Brass Band (Openshaw, Manchester) - Formed by Joseph Frith in 1892. Active until at least 1922

Crossley's Carpet Works Band - Formed in 1950, wound up in 1969. Records of the band 1950-1969 held in Halifax Public Library. Tim Mutum recorded: The origins of the band date back to December 1949 when fifteen workers at the Crossley factory near Halifax and two others, provided the music for the firm's works carol service. From that nucleus the band quickly became established aided by generous support from the company, winning its first contest in 1951 - the Fourth Section Area contest. Like many a band it secured a quality conductor, this time in the shape of John Harrison who joined in 1952, and who became the driving force behind the band's subsequent successes. Harrison had conducted Brighouse & Rastrick although he was only musical director for a year, whilst his major playing success had been with Cresswell Colliery where he played cornet and soprano. He left Crossley in 1955 but returned in 1958. During the 1960s he continued to conduct Crossley until its demise, and from 1964, was also professional conductor for a time at Cory, commuting from Halifax. There was to be no further lower section Area titles for the band, but promotion through the sections meant that by 1953 they were competing in the Championship Section against the likes of Black Dyke and Brighouse. In 1955 Crossley Carpet Works Band were competing in the Nationals at the Royal Albert Hall, courtesy of coming runner up at the Yorkshire Area. Harrison, having left earlier in the year after the Area success, Willie Wood took them to the Final. It was the sign that the band had arrived in the 'big time', and help retain. Their new found status quality players such as Bernard Bygraves, previously of Brighouse and Black Dyke (and Ferodo as mentioned previously) were persuaded to join. Eventually, this led to a large reduction in the number of players employed by Crossleys, and by the early 1960s only about 20% of the band were employed by the company. Crossley was now a force in Yorkshire, coming third at the Area in 1959 and 1961, winning the title in 1962 and coming runner up in 1964. They were placed third at the Nationals in 1961, and in 1962 went one better finishing second to CWS (Manchester), beaten only by one of the truly great contest winning performances on Verdi's overture 'The Force of Destiny'. Their last appearance at London in 1964 saw them drawn 16 on 'Variations on a Ninth' - coming out of the prizes. Their first appearance at the British Open came in 1956, although the band had failed to win the Grand Shield in the previous few years. The 'one off' appearance under Willie Wood saw them finish out of the prizes, but they returned in 1962 (following their Area win) and were placed fourth. The band continued to appear at Belle Vue until 1968, but never again came in

the prizes. By 1969 the band had ceased contesting. It was overdrawn at the bank by £1,000 and only a few of the players worked for Crossleys. Furthermore, the parent - company at that time was in critical talks for a merger with a major rival. In its edition of 28th June 1969, British Bandsman reported that the band had been wound up by the directors who, through company press officer Willa Mooje, also stated that it was not company policy to create work for musicians.

Croswells' Brewery Band - Active in April 1886, when they were allowed to play one night per week at Walsall Arboretum on condition that there was no product advertising!

Crowborough Silver Band (Sussex)

Crowland Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1890

Crowle Adult School Brass Band

Crowle Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1871 to 1882

Crowle Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1887 & 1891

Crowle Town Silver Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in the 1930s/40s

Crown Farm Colliery Band - Active around 1920

Crown Point Brass - *See: Denton Original Band*

Crown Tube Works Band (Wednesbury) - Active in 1862, bandmaster W. Blandford. Also in 1886

Croydon Citizens' Labour Band

Cubbington Brass Band '(1) - Earliest mention of the band is at Cubbington Oddfellows anniversary on 31st May 1887. Mentioned in news reports from 1887 to 1897. Possibly folded around then, as a successor band was formed in 1900

Cubbington Brass Band '(2) - Formed in 1900 following the relief of Mafeking. Renamed Cubbington Excelsior Silver Band in 1904. Bandmasters: - 1907 George Carr, 1912 Fred Gilbert, 1923 F. Hickman. This Band continued until it disbanded in 1956, its last conductor was Johnny Buberle. The remaining players joined the Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band. A successor band was formed in 1995.

Cubbington Excelsior Brass Band - *See: Cubbington Brass Band (2)*

Cubbington Excelsior Silver Band - *See: Cubbington Brass Band (2)*

Cubbington Silver Band - *See: Cubbington Brass Band (2)*

Cubert Band (Restormel/ Cornwall) - They existed in 1897 and were probably formed just for the village celebrations of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Situated a mile or so south of Newquay, they also did no contesting.

Cudworth Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1856 through to at least 1905, and probably the outbreak of WW1. The Grimethorpe Colliery Band was originated in 1917 at the incentive of 7 ex-Cudworth bandsmen, Cudworth having recently disbanded. George Cook was bandmaster of Cudworth Band at one time, he died in 1932.

Culgaith and Temple Sowerby Brass Band - Bandmaster at one time was James Huddart, who was succeeded by Albert Kitchen.

Cullompton Town Band - Active in 1884 and also in 1913, when it performed in Wellington, Somerset - bandmaster: J.P. Rutey

Cumberland Artillery Band, 2nd - *See: 2nd Cumberland Artillery Band*

Cumbernauld Band - Active in 1928, conducted by H. Bennett

Cupar Town Band (Fife) - Active in 1933, and in 1964, conducted by D Campbell.

Cwm Town Band (Ebbw Vale) - Active in 1936, 1959 and the 1990s. Also known as Cwm Town Workmen's Band

Cwm Town Workmen's Band - *See: Cwm Town Band*

Cwmavon & District Band - Active in 1948

Cwmavon Copper Miners' Tin Plate Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Cwmbrian Subscription Brass Band (Monmouthshire) - Active in 1914, when Lewis Edwards was conductor (resident in Malpas Street)

Cwmllynfell & District Silver Band - Active in 1948. Competed in Welsh Championships in the 4th section in 1957, 1960 and 1961, conducted by E. G. Lewis.

Cwmmawr Brass Band - Played for the Professional Foot Races at the Mansel Athletic Grounds, Carmarthen in 1901, when they were conducted by T. Harris

Cwmmmer Colliery Band - Active in 1888

Cwmtawe Brass Band - *See: Morgan Cwmtawe Brass Band*

Cwmtwrch Brass Band - Active in 1890

CWS (Manchester) Band - *See: C.W.S. (Manchester) Band*

Cyclops Works Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1867

Cyfarthfa & Merthyr Municipal Band - *See: Cyfarthfa Band*

Cyfarthfa Band - Founded in 1838 by iron magnate Robert Thompson Crawshay, whose father owned the huge Cyfarthfa Works at Merthyr Tydfil. The original 1838 band was quickly disbanded as the players, who were mainly local, did not live up to the Crawshays' expectations. Professional, mainly English, players were imported and formed the basis of what was the arguably the first virtuoso brass band. It went on to great success in the contest field. "Christ Church, in Georgetown, Merthyr Tydfil, was completed in 1857, and consecrated on April 30th of that year. The Sunday of the consecration was a great day and many were invited to the Crawshay Castle for lunch. The famous Cyfarthfa Works Band, which had played at the great opening of the Crystal Palace in London (1851) played the services as there was no organ." The band won the Crystal Place Contest in 1860, playing Nabucco. Whilst they competed rarely, they still won the Welsh National Eisteddfod held in their home town in 1881. Some of the music and instruments from the band still exist, the instruments and pieces, in their original bound folios, are displayed at Cyfarthfa Castle, One such piece is the 'Tydfil Overture' written by the great Joseph Parry (he of Myfanwy fame) and probably the first specific, original brass band work. Following Crawshay's death in 1879, and the passing of the age of iron, the band declined. With no formal support the band limped on until 1908, when the local authority took over the band with a strict set of guidelines. It became the Cyfarthfa & Merthyr Municipal Band, which survived until 1928.

D Company Band, 2nd Volunteer Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment - *See: Rugeley Company Band*

Dagenham Brass Band - Active in the 1920s

Dagenham Silver Band - Active in the 1970s. Later known as Barking Concert Band

Daisy Hill Brass Band - *See: Daisy Hill Subscription Band*

Daisy Hill Subscription Band (Bradford) - Active in 1905 when Louis Allison took over as conductor. Also active in the 1940s and 1950s

Dale Abbey Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1869, 1887, 1896

Dalkeith & Westfield Trades Band (Midlothian) - Founded as Westfield Brass Band - it was in existence 1876, and also in 1892 when it led a procession to welcome a visit from William Gladstone. In 1904 the band changed its name to the Dalkeith & Westfield Trades Band in order to gain a wider support. That same year the band led a parade in honour of Winston Churchill. In 1905 the band received a grant from the town council after a vote. There's no trace of when the then band went out of being, but it must have been before 1911 as it didn't take part in various reported occasions thereafter.

Dalkeith Burgh Band (Midlothian) - Formed after the end of WW1 as the Westgate band. Changed name to Dalkeith Burgh Band sometime before 1929, as it led the Gala Day procession in that year, in the gap left by the earlier Dalkeith & Westfield Trades Band. It played at the local gala day crowning in 1953 in King's Park - the same day as the Queen's coronation. Merged with Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band in 1989

Dalry Brass Band - Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine. In October 1903 the Kilwinning Co-op Society's new £7,000 building in main Street was formally opened following a procession round the town comprising nearly 1000 persons and led by Dalry Brass Band. In January 1905, at a singing competition under the auspices of Dalry Silver Band, Miss Anniw Frew, New Street, Stevenston, was winner of the gold medal. In September 1905 the Dalry Silver Prize Band provided musical entertainment during the afternoon of the Grand Quoiting Exhibition Game, held under the auspices of Dalry Quoiting Club,

Dalry Silver Band - *See: Dalry Brass Band*

Dalry Silver Prize Band - *See: Dalry Brass Band*

Dalton Amateur Band - In January 1897 the annual meeting of the Dalton Town Band was held at the Wellington Hotel. Very soon after this meeting had taken place, there was some disagreement among the members of the band which made some of them terminate their association with the town band and start a band of their own. This was officially formed as the Amateur Brass Band at a meeting held in the Wellington Hotel in March 1897. Mr. A.

Baker was appointed as conductor of the new band which survived for many years, and frequently performed at concerts, parades, etc. A Baker later went on to conduct the Brotton Old Band, the Anaconda Copper Mines Band (U.S.A.), then to the Barrow Iron and Steel Works Band in 1921.

Dalton Glee Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1879. A small brass ensemble.

Danby Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1856, when the conductor was Mr Robert Duck

Dandenong Brass Band (Australia) - Formed in 1885 and amalgamated with the Dandenong Railways Band in 1895, disbanded in 1939

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Dannemora Prize Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1891

Dannemora Steel Works Brass Band (Sheffield) - Won the selection contest held in Doncaster at the Salutation Inn on 14 April 1900. Active in 1931. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by E. Foster. Active in 1965

Dannemora Steelworks Band - *See: Dannemora Steel Works Brass Band*

Dapto Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1910

Darcy Lever Band (1) (Bolton) - James Halliwell joined Darcy Lever Band at the age of 12 in 1853 and played with them for 15 years while their uniform was a Black Frock Coat, tall hat and white waistcoats. The band dispersed in 1874, where upon Mr Halliwell went as bandmaster to the 9th Lance Volunteer Band.

Darcy Lever Band (2) (Bolton) - In 1886 James Halliwell reformed the Darcy Lever Band and was bandmaster until the band dispersed for the last time in 1906. James Halliwell died in 1924. Several members of the Halliwell family played in the band

Darenth Home for Boys Band (Dartford) - Active in 1911

Darfield Brass Band - Active in 1863 to 1895.

Darfield District Band - Active in the early 1980s.

Darfield District Houghton Main Colliery Band - *See: Darfield District Band*

Darley Dale Brass Band - Formed on the 16th August 1880 and rehearsed in Wensley. The band was a typical village brass band, taking part in local traditions and events. Apart from a break during the Second World War, it continued until the early 1960's when the numbers in the band began to dwindle, and in 1965, the band admitted defeat and ceased to exist, selling all the instruments to the County Education Authority along with the music and all other equipment. A successor band was formed in 1984.

Darley Silver Band - Formed in 1901 as Darley Temperance Band. Seven of its members were of the Skaife family and five others were Housemans. Their first conductor was Redford Procter from Dacre, was in demand for agricultural shows around the district, for which in the early days it was necessary to hire a wagonette and horses for the journey. They played at annual village school fetes, and at the Darley Hospital Sunday Event on Stocks Green, local hospitals benefiting from collections at this event and others at churches and chapels. They led the procession through Darley at the Annual Rechabite Band of Hope Festival on Whit Monday, and were involved locally whenever there were national festivals, coronations, peace celebrations etc, and at many other local events, performing in their uniform of blue, red and gold. From 1932, the band rented a room in Wall, Square for their weekly practices. They kept going when many such bands disbanded, two members, Joe Furniss and J R Houseman, completing forty-five and thirty-eight years service respectively. Rename Darley Silver Band by the 1940s. When it was in a low period in 1936 Walter Aldon bought new uniforms to boost the morale. As with all the other bands it ceased to function during the war but re-formed in time to play for the opening of the Memorial Hall in 1947. The band merged with Summerbridge and Dacre Band in 1959

Darley Temperance Band - *See: Darley Silver Band*

Darlington Band - *See: Darlington Borough Band*

Darlington Borough Band - Active in 1930 and into the 1950s

Darlington British Railways Band - *See: Darlington N.E.R. Brass Band*

Darlington Forge Band - Active from 1921 through 1932. Newspaper report from April 1924 - "Opening of Darlington's new lake. With 3,000 people watching and Darlington Forge Band playing, the Mayor stepped ceremonially into a motor boat, which promptly failed to start."

Darlington Forge Company Band - *See: Darlington Forge Band*

Darlington N.E. Railway Band - *See: Darlington N.E.R. Brass Band*

Darlington N.E.R. Brass Band - Formed in the late 1830s and became all brass by 1860. Active in 1913 and through to 1948.

Darlington Philharmonic Band - Active in 1864

Darlington Saxhorn Band - Formed in 1858. From a newspaper report in 1862 - "Darlington Total Abstinence Society sponsored a new water fountain and it was ready for opening on June 10, 1862. Led by Dr Fothergill's successor as president, William Thompson, and the Darlington Sax Horn Band, the abstainers paraded from the Mechanics Institute, in Skinnergate, along Blackwellgate and High Row and up Bondgate to the fountain. There Mr Thompson, whose bankruptcy in the late 1870s allowed Darlington to acquire a vast chunk of South Park very cheaply, ceremonially drank the first glass of water from the fountain." Still active in 1876.

Darlington Sons of Temperance Brass Band - Active in 1879

Darlington Temperance Band - Formed in 1890 and still active in 1920

Darlington Volunteer Band - Active in 1904

Darnall Club and Institute Band - *See: Darnall Silver Band*

Darnall Silver Band (Sheffield) - Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Darnall W.M.C. Silver Band - *See: Darnall Silver Band*

Dartford Borough British Legion Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Dartford Borough Silver Band (Kent)

Dartford Silver Prize Band (Kent) - Active in 1911

Dartford Volunteer Silver Band - Active in 1903

Dartmouth Borough Band (Devon) - Active in 1939, when the Bandmaster was J. Courtney, and 1947. When it folded the equipment was passed on to the Kingsbridge Band. Some of the historic pieces, including a drum, were returned to Dartmouth Museum.

Dartmouth Town Band - *See: Dartmouth Borough Band*

Darton Main Colliery Band - Active in 1918

Darton Subscription Band

Darvel Brass Band - *See: Darvel Burgh Band*

Darvel Burgh Band (Scotland) - Formed in 1846 as Darvel Brass Band, adopted "Borough" in 1901. In 1879 it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Kilmarnock wood-workers. In 1935 it performed a concert at the National Government Fair held at Loudon Castle, on Saturday June 29th.

Darwen Borough Brass Band - Active in 1962

Darwen Borough Prize Band - *See: Darwen Temperance Band*

Darwen Rifle Corps Band - Active in 1867

Darwen Temperance Band - Formed in 1840 on strict teetotal principles. In the event of breaking a pledge of abstinence a member had to pay a fine of 2s, 6d, for the first offence, for the second offence he would pay 5s and the third time he was expelled. It is believed that a couple of the founder members had to re-mortgage their own houses in order to buy their instruments. At first the band had no rehearsal room and therefore they had to practise in various member's houses. Finally they were able to move to a bandroom in Foundry Street, Darwen. The band took part in the British Open contest in 1872. In 1901 the band changed from the Darwen Temperance Band to Darwen Borough Prize Band. The band struggled to survive due to the effects of World War I. Local rivals Pickup Bank Band gained the upper hand, partly due to backing from local firm Carus mills. Following World War II Hoddlesden also struggled to find players. In 1950 It was requested that both bands have a joint committee meeting to discuss the shortage of players. The conclusion was that both bands amalgamated to form the Darwen and Hoddlesden Silver Band.

Daubhill Temperance Band (Bolton) - Formed in 1924, the band packed up when most of the lads joined the forces in 1939. Three of the bandsmen, Billy Holt, Walter Price and Ralph McCarthy were killed in Japanese POW camps. It competed in the Senior Cup contest in 1937. From the Coventry Evening Telegraph, of March, 1954: "The brass band associations of the Evans family began many years ago in Bolton, where John Evans and his two brothers, all keen bandsmen, decided to form a brass band of their own. Under the title Daubhill Temperance Band, the Evans brothers gathered together a group of brass instrument players, several of them relatives. As time passed, the membership of the band

became more and more predominantly Evans, until eventually all its 24 players had either been born in, or married into, the family. Then, in 1936, John Evans' oldest son decided to move south from Lancashire to try his hand at a job in Coventry. He settled there with his family. Gradually, on his recommendation, other members of the family followed, until Bolton's Daubhill Temperance Band had to be abandoned due to lack of (Evans) membership. The pioneer of the family, who first came to Coventry, was killed during the war, but three of his brothers are still active players with Coventry Silver Band" One tale of this band is while carrying out an engagement in Rufford, the band was marching down a narrow country lane when a car came up behind the band and could not pass. After a while Mr J Evans signalled to the band to move to the side of the road, unfortunately the driver mistook this as a signal to pass and ended up with the drummer seated on the bonnet of his car! Mr Evans noted with a smile that the drummer never broke his beat!

Davenham Brass Band (Cheshire) - Active in the 1890s

Daventry and District Silver Band - Formed in the late 1940s by the amalgamation of Daventry Town Band, Long Buckby Town Band and Long Buckby Temperance Band

Daventry Town Band - Active until the late 1940s when it merged with Long Buckby Town Band and Long Buckby Temperance Band to form Daventry and District Silver Band

Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band (Colchester) - Formed in 1884 under the patronage of the works owner, James Paxman. The first bandmaster was Mr McQuade. Following the wane of the Paxman empire in 1908 the band folded.

David Brown Tractors Band - Active in 1941

Davidstow Temperance Brass Band (North Cornwall) - This band carried out engagements over a period of at least four years - 1872-76. Davidstow is a few miles north of Camelford.

Davis Derby Brass Band - *See: Derby Railway Works Band*

Daw Green Band (Dewsbury) - Active in 1856

Dawdon Band - *See: Dawdon Lodge Silver Band*

Dawdon Lodge Silver Band (Seaham) - Formed in the early 1900s. Rename Dawdon Band by 1931 - active in the 1950s and 1960s. Acquired a new set of instruments in 1962 at a cost of £2,500. Competed in the Junior Trophy in 1962.

Dawley Band - Active in the early 1900s. An old tradition in Dawley was a pig would be placed on a wall in the town to watch the old Dawley band marching by! Also known as Dawley Town Silver Prize Band. Still active in 1952.

Dawley Band (Telford) - Formed some time after the 1970s and was still active in the 1990s

Dawley New Town Band - Formed around 1961, with many players coming from the defunct Hadley Sankeys Castle Band. It later became Telford Band. Ceased in the early 1970s? after rising to 2nd section in the Nationals and section A in the Birmingham and District Association. The Band was formed under the baton of Ted Baldwin who eventually stood down to be replaced by a Denis Emery around 1969/70.

Dawley Town Silver Prize Band - *See: Dawley Band*

Daylesford & District Band (Australia) - Formed in 1862. Also known as Daylesford Amateur Band, Daylesford Borough Band. Folded in 1951

Daylesford Amateur Band - *See: Daylesford & District Band*

Daylesford Borough Band - *See: Daylesford & District Band*

Deaf Hill Colliery Band (County Durham) - Formed in the early 1900s and still active in 1947

Deaf Hill Colliery Miners' Welfare Band - *See: Deaf Hill Colliery Band*

Dean and Chapter Colliery Band (County Durham) - Formed prior to 1907, after the Dean and Chapter Colliery opened in 1904, and was still active in 1947

Dean Bank Band (County Durham) - Formed in the early 1900s, and was still active in 1915, but probably did not survive the First World War.

Dearham Church of England Band (Cumberland) - Active in 1892

Debenham Brass Band (Suffolk) - Active in 1887 to 1896

Debenham Volunteer Band (Suffolk) - Active in 1900

Deddington Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in the late 1800s

Dedham Band - Formed in 1899 and still active in 1906

Deighton Brass Band (Huddersfield) - Active in the 1860s and 1894

Deighton Mills Band (Yorkshire) - Competed in the Crystal Palace contest in July 1860, conducted by P. Robinson, playing a selection from "Ernani".

Delabole Temperance Band (North Cornwall) - This band, formed in 1864, became a very popular and successful group, changing its title in 1919 to Delabole Ex-Servicemen's Band and then to Delabole British Legion Band, this probably in 1921 on the formation of the British Legion . 1930 and they changed once again, this time to Delabole Silver Band. They were eventually disbanded c1953. Their known conductors were Mr Horne: J David Smith: WH Hawke: Mr Ough: B Parsons: John Males: Jim Avy: WB Williams and Leslie Prout who served them from 1933 until their demise in 1953. From 1928, under WB Williams, they began sporadic contesting, and whilst not achieving any notable results, the feeling today is that this was a very happy band.

Denaby Brass Band - *See: Denaby Main Brass Band*

Denaby Main Ambulance Band - *See: Denaby Main Brass Band*

Denaby Main Brass Band (Doncaster) - Active in 1871 to 1895

Denbigh Borough Band

Denby Dale Brass Band - Active in 1896 - also in the 1930s to 1960s

Denby United Silver Prize Band (Yorkshire) - Formed 1922

Denholme Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1873

Denholme Subscription Band (Yorkshire)

Denman's Head Band (Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1864 when it combined with the Scott & Limb's Band. It practiced in the Denman's Head Inn. At the time of the merger the players included: B Scott (conductor of Scott & Limb's), Jas. Handley, E. Dennis, S Cauldwell, H. Oscroft, E. Handley, S. Hall, W. Green, A. Caunt J. Naylor (well-known as "Spring"), W. Bryan, G. Scott S. Oldham, J. Searson, E. Limb, and Jos. Dennis (conductor of Denman's Head).

Dennison's Borough Band - *See: St Hilda Colliery Band*

Dennison's Family Band - *See: St Hilda Colliery Band*

Denshaw Brass Band - Denshaw Orchestral Band and Denshaw Reed Band both existed before 1900.

Dent Band (Yorkshire) - Active around 1900

Denton Original Band - The Earl of Wilton persuaded Thomas Baxendale to introduce the cotton trade into Denton, and as an inducement gave the land on which Mr Baxendale built in 1862 the Alpha Mill - so called because it was the first cotton mill in Denton. His generosity to the town, particularly to the United Methodist Church, was great. He formed a brass band at his works, which was known for a time as Baxendale's Band, but afterwards became the Denton Original Band. He built 47 houses opposite his mill, which he named Alpha Terrace. The Denton Original Band began its existence in 1859, its promoters receiving the generous support of some of the hat manufacturers and local gentry. The first headquarters were at Baxendale's, at the top of Taylor Lane, but after a short time they were removed to a room behind the Bowling Green Inn. The band has a wonderful record, the crowning triumph coming in London in 1900 when the Denton Band won the thousand guinea cup which was open to Great Britain and the Colonies. There were great rejoicings in Denton when the result of the Crystal Palace contest became known. The magnificent cup was kept at Denton Town Hall and security of 1,000 pounds had to be given for its custody. After this the band ranked with the highest class bands in the country and was in great demand in all parts. During the twentieth century the band maintained its reputation as one of the leading bands of the Manchester district. Following a fire in the Denton band room the band folded (according to a relative of a band member the band room may have been bombed in the second world war). Some items of the band are still in existence. The mace is still held by a former member - it is in the form of a solid silver bowler hat at the end of the mace to signify that the band was the hatters band (Denton being a hat making town). Later known as Crown Point Brass.

Deptford Borough Band

Deptford Brass Band - Active in 1863 and 1866 when it played at the Foresters' Fete at the Crystal Palace.

Deptford Central Hall Brass Band - Linked to the Deptford and Greenwich Mission, active from the early 1900s

Deptford Central Hall Silver Band - *See: Deptford Central Hall Brass Band*

Derby Borough Police Brass Band - Formed 1936, still active in 1952.

Derby Derwent Silver Prize Band - Formed in the 1920s

Derby Police Band - *See: Derby Borough Police Brass Band*

Derby Railway Iron Works Band - Active in 1864 when they led the company workers on a procession to the station, and thence to Buxton for a day's excursion.

Derby Railway Works Band - Active in 1959. Changed sponsor and became Davis Derby Brass Band in or around 1985, then amalgamated with Neville Brass to form Derwent Brass in 1992.

Derby Sax Tuba Prize Band - Active in 1889 and around 1900

Derby United Prize Band - Active in 1891 when it played at Etwall Horticultural Show

Derham's Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Deri Brass Band (Near Bargoed) - Active around the 1890s

Derwent Works Brass Band (Workington) - Active in 1892 when it took part in a concert with Workington Vocal Union Voice Choir. Band of the Tinsplate Works in Workington, it won a prize at a contest in the Crystal Palace in the 1890s, in the presence of Queen Victoria - one of the players, apparently, was not impressed with the Queen and said she looked like "any old washerwoman". The prize included a silver plate presentation cup on a black wooden base, and the conductor at the time was John Grayburn.

Deudraeth Brass Band (Wales) - The band was refused the right to bear the title "Royal" in 1923. Still active in 1949

Deudraeth Silver Band - *See: Deudraeth Brass Band*

Deveral Brass Band (Penwith, Cornwall) - There was a brass band existing in Deveral accepting engagements from 1897 to 1911. They did no contesting.

Devizes Town Band (Wiltshire) - Active in 1911, when Henry Snook was bandmaster. The last brass band in Devizes folded in the early 1980, to be superseded by a concert band in the late 1990s.

Devoran Brass Band (Carrick, Cornwall) - Devoran Brass Band was active from c1866 to 1888. In 1887 they played during a church service celebrating Queen Victoria's Jubilee, a type of engagement that was not usually trusted to a Cornish brass band of that time. The reason could well be because they were, at that time, most certainly one of the leading bands in the county, taking 1st place in the few contests they entered.

Dewsbury A1 Band (Yorkshire)

Dewsbury Band - Formed in 1850 and contested keenly over the next 20 years to 1870, entering some 107 contests winning 98 prizes value £1779 10s. 10d. Then, due to lack of good instruments it ceased contesting until 1887.

Dewsbury Old Band - Active between 1866 and 1891

Dewsbury Public Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1907

Dewsbury Rifle Corps Band - Active in 1861

Dewsbury Temperance Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1857

Diamond Street Brass Band (Cardiff) - Active in 1909

Dick Kerr Brass Band - *See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band*

Dick Kerr English Electrical Works Band - *See: Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band*

Dickinson's Silver Band (Hertfordshire) - *See: John Dickinson (Apsley) Band*

Dickleburgh Brass Band (Suffolk)

Didcot and Northbourne Silver Band - Formed in the early 1920s, probably disbanded around WW2. The area around the Didcot railway station in Station Road was truly the social - and commercial - centre of Didcot and Northbourne in the early twenties. This is where everybody met. The Red Triangle club and the area around it were known colloquially as the Wangle. Many activities were staged there, and it was open several days of the week; and run by a committee, composed mainly of railwaymen and their wives. In January 1925, a report issued by the Committee stated that it was... a hall let to all kinds of organisations; home to the Didcot Band..... The club was soon renamed the Didcot and Northbourne Social Club. In the early days as it was closely linked to the GWR, its twice-weekly dances were often to the music of the Swindon GWR Concert Band; they also gave concerts. The costs of hiring this and other bands, especially from Oxford, led eventually to the setting up of the Didcot and Northbourne Silver Band; Bandmasters were A.R. Faraday and Harold Bellamy.

Didcot and Northbourne United Band - *See: Didcot and Northbourne Silver Band*

Didsbury & Barlow Moor Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1882

Didsbury Brass Band - Took part in the Coronation Festivities held at Didsbury on June 22nd, 1911.

Diggle Band - Original band folded in 1927. (new band formed in 1996)

Dinas Brass Band - Active in 1895

Dingle Band (Liverpool) - Active in 1938

Dingwall Town Band (Ross) - Active in 1890

Dipton Brass Band - *See: Dipton Colliery Band*

Dipton Colliery Band (Newcastle) - Active in 1883 to 1886

Disley Band (Cheshire) - Active in 1850

Diss Brass Band - Active in 1833

Diss Town Band - Active in 1907

Ditton Brass Band (Widnes) - Active in 1887

Ditton Priors Brass Band - Active in 1894

Dixon Green Band (Bolton) - Active in the 1860s. Also known as Will Owen's Band, named after the conductor and founder who lived at the King's Arms on Plodder Lane, Farnworth. They had a series of falling outs over the division of the proceeds from their engagements and eventually several of the principal players including William Owen left and joined Barnes' Band.

Dobson & Barlow Ltd. Band (Bolton) - Active in 1930s and 1940s. The sponsoring firm were cotton machinery manufacturers. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by J.W. Hughes). They won 2nd prize at Walkden Prize Contest in 1931, they were also entered for a contest in Wigan in 1945 but were unplaced. Dobson and Barlow ceased trading in 1963. The band had disbanded previous to this date.

Docks and Marine Band (Southampton) - Active in 1930, when it took part in a massed concert with the Thornycroft Band and the recently formed Southampton Albion Silver Band. It was financed by the Docks Board and based in Southampton Docks where a number of the members were employed. After WW2 economies had to be made and the band was one of the things the Board decided should go. It was disbanded around 1949. Some of the members of this band, went to join Southampton Royal British Legion Band.

Dodworth Auxilliary Fire Service Band - Active in the 1940s

Dodworth Prize Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Records of the band, from 1887-1942, are held by Barnsley Archive and Local Studies Department

Dodworth's Band - Active in 1860s

Dolgelly Brass Band - Active in 1880 and 1928

Don Valley Working Men's Brass Band (Oughtibridge) - Active in 1927

Doncaster Borough Band - Formed in 1893, under the baton of David Cameron. Had folded by 1907

Doncaster Brass Band - Active in 1872

Doncaster Britannia Silver Prize Band - Active in 1930

Doncaster Druids Band

Doncaster Excelsior Silver Band - Formed in December 1909, the bandmaster, Mr Fox, emigrated to New Zealand in 1911

Doncaster Loco Band - Formed in June 1852 with £50 spent on instruments. Reported playing tunes around Doncaster at Christmas time in 1852 in a "very neat uniform". Celebrated an anniversary supper on 28 June 1853 with 66 persons present. On 5 June 1854 it accompanied the children of the Doncaster Plant Works school to Askern Spa on the occasion of the laying of the Plant School foundation stone. It did not survive much beyond this and did not have a regular bandmaster or musical director.

Doncaster National Union of Railwaymen Band - *See: Doncaster NUR Band*

Doncaster NUR Band - Active around 1928 until at least 1931, the National Union of Railwaymen's band played in Elmfield Park, Doncaster on 16 August 1931 under the baton of JW Ellis.

Doncaster Plant Works Band - *See: Great Northern Railway Plant Works Band*

Doncaster Railway Foundry Band - Took part in the first South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Doncaster, on 29th August 1859

Doncaster Temperance Band - Formed around 1898. Renamed Doncaster Temperance Prize Band shortly afterwards. Wound up in the courts as of 21st April 1902

Doncaster Temperance Prize Band - *See: Doncaster Temperance Band*

Donnington Wood Institute Band - Presumed to have been formed in the late 1800s and folding before 1900. In 1902, William Lawrence, a talented euphonium and violin player already with an excellent reputation, offered his services and the Donnington Wood Institute Band was resurrected. He became bandmaster and in September 1904 the band won the Quickstep contest at St Georges Wakes. They entered more competitions during the next few years, achieving several placings but never a first. In 1907 the band was catastrophically unplaced in a competition at Shrewsbury which led to William Lawrence appealing to his band to 'think musically'. They did. In June 1908 they won the County Championship and arrived home very late. The people of Donnington Wood were woken up by the band playing 'See the conquering hero comes!' as they strolled along the dark lanes back to The Bell. The band went on to win more competitions, including the County Championship an unprecedented four times in succession. St Georges Temperance Band made an official objection to the result of the 1910 competition but their appeal was rejected; in an act of mischievous jubilation, the Donnington Wood Band gave an impromptu performance at the crossroads in St Georges, rubbing salt into a very open wound. The rivalry between the (by that time) three St Georges bands and the Donnington Wood Brass Band continued for several years. The outbreak of the First World War brought an end to the Donnington Wood Brass Band. Many of its members perished during the war. The band was revived for a short time in 1924, again under the leadership of William Lawrence. He died in December that year and was buried in St Matthew's Churchyard. The band played him out. William's son, also named William, took up the reins of office and, despite another ten years or so of public appearances, things were never the same and the band eventually ceased to function. A last attempt to resurrect failing fortunes occurred during the 1940s under the leadership of Tom Dodd, without success.

Donnington Wood Silver Prize Band (Telford, Shropshire) - The band had ceased playing by 1961 and passed their instruments and library to Trench Secondary Modern School. The school had a Brass band for about 2 years but started to incorporate clarinets and a saxophone by 1963. The band carried out a number of public concerts and garden fetes outside of the school remit. The school band conductor was Derrick Ball.

Dorchester Prison Guard Band - Active in the early 1900s

Dore Brass Band (near Sheffield) - Active in the first half of the 20th century.

Dorking Town Band - Active between at least 1882 and 1956. In the Dorking Town Museum archives documents mention the band at an entertainment in 1882, open air concerts at the Rotunda, South Street and at Milton Heath, appearance in Dorking Town Day in 1956. The band played weekly in the bandstand in Dorking in the early part of the 20th century. There are also the "Recollections of Dorking Town Band pre 1939" by Jim Aslett, who joined the band in 1933 aged 18. In the book "Dickens' Christmas", a collection of articles either by Dickens himself or writers of the same generation, there is an item 'Singers from Afar' by Charles Rose and is headed 'This recollection of Charles Rose, a draper from Dorking in Surrey, who was born in 1818 and died in 1879, was published in book form in 1878 and looks back to a time ranging from the days of George the 4th to the earliest days of Victoria's reign (1830s)'. Included in the article is this 'The Dorking Town Band, which at that time favourably compared with the bands of the neighbouring places, heralded the season by playing for some nights previous to Christmas in front of the residences of the principal inhabitants.' and 'Christmas Day was ushered in by the ringing of the church bells and the strains of the band. The tunes of the latter were usually of a sacred character, but I remember the band playing on one or two Christmas mornings, forty or forty five years ago (1835?) the tune 'Get up! Get up! And put the Pudding in the Pot!'

Dorman, Long & Co. Works Band (Redcar) - Formed as Dorman's Works Band in the early 1900s, and still active in 1950

Dorman's Works Band - *See: Dorman, Long & Co. Works Band*

Dormansland Brass Band (Surrey) - Active in the 1950s

Dornoch Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Douglas Colliery Band (Scotland) - Active in 1928, 1933

Doura Brass Band - Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine.

Dove Holes Prize Band - Active in 1926

Dove Valley Brass Band - Active around 1910

Dover Town Band - Active between 1893 and 1910

Dovercourt Corporation Band - Active in 1912

Dowlais Brass Band (Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil) - Active in 1948

Downend Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol. In 1894 it took part in a temperance procession at Downend on July 11th.

Downhall Green Brass Band (Bolton) - Active in the 1930s

Dr Bell's School Band (Leith, Edinburgh) - Founded in 1926.

Drakelow Mission Chapel Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1912

Drax Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Records of the band, from 1927-1951, are held by York University: Borthwick Institute of Historical Research

Drefach Brass Band

Dreudraeth Brass Band (Merionethshire)

Drift Band (Penwith, Cornwall) - Reference to only one engagement can be found, and that was in 1895 playing at the Wesleyan Sunday school tea treat in St Buryan.

Drighlington & Adwalton Comic Prize Band - Active in 1911, when it brought up the rear of the procession at the Co-op Children's Gala in Drighlington, a special treat for all the children, aged 4 to 15, of the Drighlington & District Co-operative Society.

Dronfield Temperance Brass Band - Wound up in the late 1940s, known as Dronfield Temperance Brass & Reed Band in the early 1900s

Droxford Circuit Brass Band - *See: Droxford Methodist Band*

Droxford Methodist Band (Hampshire) - Active between 1910 and 1976

Dry Clough Band - *See: Ponden Band*

Dubbo Brass Band (Australia) - Formed in 1879

Dudley Colliery Band (Northumberland) - Formed in 1890. Changed its name to Hartley Main Colliery Band before 1939, but reverted to Dudley Colliery Band in 1947. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by K. Bond.

Dudley Colliery Excelsior Brass Band

Dudley Colliery Workmen's Prize Band - *See: Dudley Colliery Band*

Dudley District Band - Active in 1977 and the 1980s. Became Banks Brewery Band by the 1990s through sponsorship.

Dudley Excelsior Port Band - *See: Revo Works Band*

Dudley Port Prize Band - *See: Revo Works Band*

Dudley Temperance Band - Active in 1898

Dudley Workmen's Silver Model Prize Band - *See: Dudley Colliery Band*

Duffield Subscription Prize Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1935

Dufton Silver Band (Cumberland) - Active in the early 1900s

Duke Street Gospel Mission Band (Workington) - Active around 1910

Dulais Valley Silver Band - Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by Stanley Dodd

Dulverton Brass Band - *See: Dulverton Silver Band*

Dulverton Silver Band (Somerset) - In existence in 1870 as Dulverton Subscription Band, then Dulverton Brass Band. Silver Band title adopted in 1929

Dulverton Subscription Band - *See: Dulverton Silver Band*

Dumbarton Burgh Band

Dumfries Volunteers Band - Active in 1866

Dumfriestown Band

Dunblane Town Band - Active in 1909

Dundee Excelsior Band - Active in 1864.

Dundee R.N.V.R. Band

Dundee Trades Band - Practised in Dudhope Barracks

Dungworth Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1911

Dunham Woodhouses Band (Cheshire) - Active in 1930s to 1950s. After WW2 the bandmaster was Waclaw Piekarski, a Pole who had been a guard at the Dunham Massey P.O.W. camp. The band met at the Downs Hotel, Altrincham.

Dunlop Works Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1929. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Disbanded during WW2.

Dunnikier Colliery Band

Dunscar Works Band (Bolton) - They attended a contest in Bromley Cross arranged by the Eagley Band in 1888. The contest took the form of a quickstep from Eagley Bridge to the Spread Eagle Pub where the band secured a first prize of £1. Later in the day the bands played a Waltz and Polka, but unfortunately the band could not repeat its success of the morning.

Dunstable Borough Brass Band - Formed as the Dunstable Rifle Volunteer Band around 1860. The first bandmaster was Henry Farrer. It became the Dunstable Borough Band around 1864. In 1898 the bandmaster was George Franklin of Church Street. 1914, the bandmaster was Frederick Franklin, of 4 Princes Street. 1937, the conductor was F. Duncombe. The band did not survive WW2.

Dunstable Excelsior Prize Band (Bedfordshire) - Founded in 1865 as the Dunstable Temperance Band. In 1885 it amalgamated for a brief period with the Houghton Regis Band, to form the Dunstable Promenade Band. The bands split thereafter to go their separate ways again, the Temperance Band renaming itself as the Excelsior Band by 1898. In 1903/1914 - W. Dolman was the bandmaster, of Ickniel Street. It folded around 1963.

Dunstable Excelsior Silver Prize Band - *See: Dunstable Excelsior Prize Band*

Dunstable Promenade Band - *See: Dunstable Excelsior Prize Band*

Dunstable Temperance Band - *See: Dunstable Excelsior Prize Band*

Dunston Wesleyan Band - Active in 1907

Durham City Band - Active from 1899 to the 1930s

Durham Shakespeare Prize Band - Founded 1910. The band enlisted en masse in 1939 as the Band of the 11th Durham Light Infantry. All the instruments and nine bandsmen were left behind in the Dunkirk evacuation and two lost their lives. The band was reformed in England and went on to play across Europe during the War. It resumed its civilian status on demobilisation. As Durham Shakespeare Temperance Band it competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Probably folded in the late 1940s

Durham Shakespeare Temperance Band - *See: Durham Shakespeare Prize Band*

Durham Street Mission Band (Middlesbrough) - Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1931.

Durham Union Brass Band (County Durham) - Active in 1869

Durley Band - Active in the 1920s. Used to play in the "Little Yard" by the Sawmill on Sundays and were a reasonably large group in the 1920s, even if a number of the musicians, like bandmaster Edgar Adams from Bishop's Waltham, came from outside the parish.

Dyffryn Silver Band (Merionethshire) - Active in 1948

Dykehead Brass Band (Scotland) - Active in 1864

Dykehead Instrumental Band (Scotland) - Active in 1887

Dykehead Silver Band (Scotland)

E. R. Youth Band (Yorkshire) - *See: Hessle Youth Band*

Ealing Borough Silver Band (Middlesex) - Active in 1914 - Thomas J. Allen, secretary of 4 Alexandria Road

Ealing Central Band (London) - Active in 1945. The band was founded as a junior band to teach youngsters and gradually expanded, it was transferred to the next Borough of Southall as the Southall Brass Band because of lack of support from the Ealing Council. Dan Burgess was the conductor.

Ealing Fire Service Band - Active in 1941

Earl Shilton Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1880/82 with conductor J. Smith. James Lynes was conductor in 1893, when known as Earl Shilton Britannia Prize Brass Band. Henry Cook was bandmaster c. 1947

Earl Shilton Britannia Prize Brass Band - *See: Earl Shilton Brass Band*

Earl Shilton Excelsior Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1880s. Amalgamated with Earl Shilton Old Band around 1900 to form Earl Shilton United Band.

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Earl Shilton Silver Prize Band (Leicestershire) - Formed some time after 1918 - Secretary was Arthur Coley in 1936.

Earl Shilton United Band (Leicestershire) - Formed by the amalgamation of Earl Shilton Old Band and Earl Shilton Excelsior Band. It folded after the outbreak of WW1.

Earlestown Viaduct Band - Active in the 1900s and 1930s

Earls Barton Britannia Band (Northamptonshire) - Founded in the 1880s by Walter Reynolds.

Earls Barton Old Silver Band (Northamptonshire) - Active in 1914 - Charles Stewart, secretary. Still active in 1933

Earls Colne Band (Essex) - From their formation in 1880, the Earls Colne Band provided musical accompaniment for many local events, their final performance was in 1953.

Earls Colne Total Abstinence Band (Essex) - Active in 1895

Earls House Industrial School Band (Witton Gilbert) - Active between 1905 and 1914

Earlsheaton Band (Yorkshire)

Easington Colliery Youth Band - *See: Easington Public Band*

Easington Public Band (County Durham) - Formed in 1915 as Easington Colliery Youth Band, became the National Fire Service Band during World War 2 and thereafter Easington Public Band. Merged with Easington Colliery Band in 1956.

Easingwold Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1887

Easingwold Temperance Band - Active in 1899 when it played at a grand ball in Hushwaite. Isaac Fox was a cornet player and conductor and was band master of the band. When the band folded, sometime before 1930, he became conductor of the Easingwold Town Band.

East Benhar Instrumental Brass Band - Active in 1886

East Berks Brass Band - Active in 1959 andn 1961

East Berks Reading Silver Band - *See: East Berks Brass Band*

East Bristol Temperance Band - Active in 1933, when it took part in a festival of brass bands at the Colston Hall, Bristol.

East Clwyd Youth Brass Band - Active in the 1970s. It was formed in the county of the then Clwyd and the players were all pupils of various schools in the county. They usually practised at Ysgol Mold Alun, Maes Garmon and Buckley Elfed. In the summer of 1976 they toured in Germany and Holland, playing at several venues, including the forces theatre in Rheindarlen, Germany. The conductor at that time was Graham Jones, who went on to conduct various well known bands in North Wales.

East Compton Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1929 when it played at the Almondsbury Deanery Moral Welfare Association Garden Fete in Frenchay.

East Compton Prize Band - *See: East Compton Band*

East Dean Band (Sussex) - In 1877 the opening of a temperance hotel and hall in the town was disturbed by the playing of a band employed by a local publican.

East End Brass Band (Sunderland) - A number of men from the East End of Sunderland had the idea of forming a brass band and this was achieved in 1887. Many of the East End Prize Band were paying members but did not play instruments, they did, however, play football. The officials knew that by keeping the men together their interest in the band would be maintained. Therefore, they helped them form a football club: East End Black Watch. The title Black Watch did not have a local connection, a committee man thought "the name would encourage the players to succeed as had the famous Highland regiment." On April 19th, 1893 a game was played on the Town Moor between Black Watch and the East End Brass Band, with the referee in Chinese costume. A collection was taken during the match for the benefit of the band.

East Grinstead Band - Active in the 1870s

East Grinstead Town Band - Active in from 1900s to 1930s, at least

East Grinstead Volunteer & Town Band - Active in the 1890s

East Ham Borough Band '(1) - Active in 1908 - possible rival to Grangewood Silver Band at that time - although the latter was known as East Ham Borough Band at a later date.

East Ham Borough Band '(2) - *See: Grangewood Silver Band*

East Ham Silver Band - *See: Grangewood Silver Band*

East Home League Band (Reading)

East Howle Colliery Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1888

East Hull Prize Silver Band - Concert for the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children (Working Men's Committee) at East Park, Hull, Sunday 20th August 19xx [probably 1905 or 1911] from 3pm to 5pm. The programme was Mephistopheles (S. Douglas), Crown of Merit (C.W. Bennet), La Traviata (W. Rimmer), Excelsior, A Casket of Gems (H. Round), The Lost Chord (Sullivan), We Never Will Bow Down (Handel), Maidstone (J. Ord Hume). The Conductor was Mr W. Milsom.

East Kew Citizens' Band (Australia) - Founded in 1936, amalgamated with the Kew City Band to form the present-day Kew Band

East Kilbride Silver Band

East Kirkby Miners Welfare Band - Reformed in 1973 - which implies there was an earlier band. Conductor in 1976 was Roy Waters.

East Lancs Paper Group Band - *See: Radcliffe Borough Band*

East Linton Brass Band (East Lothian) - Active in the early 1900s. A. P. Walker was Bass Drummer in the band (as noted in his obituary in 1935)

East London Brass Ensemble - *See: Grangewood Silver Band*

East Markham Brass Band - Active around 1900

East Mendip Silver Band (Coleford, Somerset)

East Peckham British Legion Band - Took part in the Royal Tunbridge Wells & District Band Federation 27th Annual Band Festival (4th Section), 14th May 1955, gaining 2nd place and £5

East Riding Youth Band (Yorkshire) - *See: Hessle Youth Band*

East Stour Band (Dorset) - In the 1870s, members of the East Stour Band played around the district and at Christmas, performed carols. They would walk to Inwood House and play to Mr. Merthyr Guest. It was the custom of the butler to enquire who they were and the reply would come, 'East Stour Band', and for this they received half a sovereign. Four days later, they would pop down to the house again and this time the answer would be 'West Stour Band' for which they received another half sovereign. It was only a little white lie, if you remember that about a dozen members had walked ten miles to earn their coins!

East Stratton Brass Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1887

East Winch Britannia Brass Band (Norfolk) - Active in 1910

East Worcestershire Saxtuba Band (Droitwich?) - Active in 1857

East Yorkshire Brass Band - Active in the early 1920s

Eastbourne Brass Ensemble - During the early 1970's, there was a split away from the established Eastbourne Silver Band and a rival was set up under the name of the Eastbourne Brass Ensemble. This man responsible for the formation of the band was Harry Pearce. It was a non-contesting band. They folded prior to 1979.

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Eastbourne Postmen's Band - Active in the early 1900s

Easter Compton Band (Gloucestershire)

Eastern Counties Railway Brass Band (Stratford, London) - Active in 1857

Easterton Prize Silver Band (Wiltshire)

Eastington Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1895 and 1898 when they played at Painswick Flower Show

Eastleigh Railway Brass Band - Active in 1891 - linked to the South Western Railway Institute.

Eastmeon Brass Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1865

Eastwood Ambulance Band - Active in 1899. From the Awworth Parish Magazine, August 1903: "Revd Higgins talks about the Annual United Sunday School Treat. This year it was a great success, being blessed with fine weather. There was a short service in the afternoon at the Board School and Mr Bonner's field was used in the evening for games and recreation. It was enlivened by the Eastwood Ambulance Band which "discoursed sweet music" during the proceedings."

Eastwood and Greasley Ambulance Band - *See: Eastwood Ambulance Band*

Eastwood and Greasley Brass Band (Notts) - Active in 1887

Eastwood Mill Band (Keighley) - The mill was owned by Ickringills.

Eastwood Temperance Brass Band (Notts) - Active in 1887

Eaton (Truck Components) Band - *See: Kearsley St Stephens Band*

Eaton Farnworth Brass Band - Formed in 1990 by the merger of Eaton (Truck Components) Band and Farnworth Old Band. Merged with Walkden Band in 2004 to form Eaton Farnworth & Walkden Band

Eaton Ford Primitive Methodist Brass Band (St Neots, Bedfordshire) - Active in the 1890s

Eaton Transmission Gear Group Band - *See: Kearsley St Stephens Band*

Eaton Works Band - *See: Kearsley St Stephens Band*

Ebchester Band - Active in 1907

Ebenezer Chapel Band - *See: William Davis Construction Group Band*

Ebor Brass Band (York) - York, 1980s-?

Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band (York) - Formed 1883 as Chaucer Street Mission Band, later names were York and District Mission Band, York Excelsior Band. Merged, in 1952, with York City Brass Band to form the current York Railway Institute Band.

Ecclesfield Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1849, playing for the Stannington Whit Monday procession. Played a selection of their favourite quadrilles and airs at the Ecclesfield United Cricket Club opening match in 1860, conductor T. Brown. Mr Jubb was the conductor in 1871, playing at the Grenoside Flower Show in August and also in 1879 at the Chapeltown Floral and Horticultural Show, and also in 1884. Also known as Ecclesfield Old Band in 1872. They folded around 1985. July 1872 - Discord amongst Ecclesfield musicians: Thomas Jubb, file cutter, of Ecclesfield, was summoned for doing wilful damage to a drum, the property of Wm. Butterworth; moulder, of Ecclesfield, and others. John Jubb Sen., Wm. Joseph and John Jubb, George Hobson, and Samuel Bayles, all of the sFame place, were summoned for aiding and abetting. The defendants were also charged with committing a breach of the peace. Mr. Binney appeared in support of the information, and Mr Clegg defended. The complainant is the bandmaster of the Ecelesfield brass band, and some time ago a dispute took place between the members, which led to a certain number of them, including the defendants Jubb (father and sons), resigning and organising another band. The drum belonging to the band was in the possession of Jubb, senior, but was given up to the complainant on application. Considerable ill feeling existed between the rival bands. On Saturday, 22nd June, the complainant; with the other members of his band, were practising at the Travellers Inn, Ecclesfield common. They afterwards came outside the house, played several tunes, and then marched down the road. While near the door the defendants came up, and John Jubb was heard to ask Hobson if he would "jump on the drum." Thomas and William Jubb were observed to go along the hedge side, and when the band had gone a short distance a witness, named John Briggs, saw the defendant, Thomas Jubb, throw a stone at the drum, making a hole through one side of the parchment and cracking the other. The damage done was estimated at £2 15s. A row ensued, and several of the other defendants came up and, committed assaults upon two or three members of the band, and a most disgraceful scene followed... Twelve witnesses were examined for the complainant in support of these facts... For the defence it was contended that the drum did not belong to the complainant, as it was bought by subscription in 1858, in answer to the following appeal: "The Ecclesfield band of musicians are wishful to improve the practice of their music by giving a right effect to their musical strains, and in order to accomplish this object they are obliged to make an appeal to the gentry," etc. It was also stated that John Jubb, sen., had as much right as any one to the "musical instrument" as he had paid over the money and obtained the receipt from the maker. Several witnesses were called who swore that they did not see Thomas Jubb throw a stone.... At half-past three Mr. Clegg said he had nine other witnesses..... The Bench said they should not sit later than four o'clock, and as Mr. Clegg was of opinion that he could not finish the defence for the second part of the case in that time, an adjournment -until next Tuesday was agreed to.... Previous to this Mr. Binney withdrew the charge of aiding and abetting..... Mr. Atkinson hoped the retaining fee of the professional gentlemen in the case had been heavy, for they had been detained a very long time..... Mr. Chambers, who had been waiting all the forenoon in another case, said the fees of the other professional gentleman would require also to be very heavy.... Two cross-summons have been taken out, and will be heard next court day. The following week it was reported: Mr. Clegg now stated that two friends had met two friends from each party, and had proposed terms of settlement, which his clients were ready to accept, but the other side were not willing. Mr. Binney said the proposals were unreasonable, and his clients could not accede to them. Mr. Atkinson suggested terms of arrangement, and ultimately the summonses were all withdrawn on the defendants paying 25s., being one half the estimated amount of the cost of repairing the drum.

Ecclesfield New Band - Active in 1867 and 1872

Ecclesfield Old Band - *See: Ecclesfield Brass Band*

Ecclesfield Silver Band - *See: Ecclesfield Brass Band*

Ecclesfield Silver Prize Band - *See: Ecclesfield Brass Band*

Eccleshill Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1869 and 1870s. Bandmaster was James Norton.

Eccleston Band - Active at least as early as 1906, but folded after the Second World War. A successor band was formed in 1969

Eccleston Prize Band - *See Eccleston Band*

Echo Ryhope Colliery Band - *See: Ryhope Colliery Band*

Eckington United Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Eckington Works Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1888, attached to the local iron works.

Eclipse Band (Coalville) - Active in the late 1800s

Edge Hill (British Railways) Band (Liverpool) - Formed in 1885 as the Edge Hill Steam Sheds Band. Mike Hughes reports: "I conducted the band from 1970 until 1975. We gained 4th in the Championship Section in 1972 and won the area contest for WD & HO Wills in 1971. For many years the principal cornet player was Ken Tinsley who was cornet champion of Great Britain I think 3 times and solo champion once. The band quartet was champion of Great Britain in 1963 and came 2nd in 1971, 3rd 1972 and 4th 1973. Bill Yates conducted the band for many years and conducted them at the Albert Hall in 1961 & 1963 after gaining third place in the Area contest at the Free Trade Hall Manchester". Malcolm Looby reports: "I joined Edge Hill (BR) Band in 1976. The band rehearsed in one of the sheds in the sidings at Edge Hill, Liverpool on the corner of Combermere Street and Picton Road two nights a week and more (much more) often when approaching the date of a contest. It was a championship section band at the time and the band room had a few framed certificates on the wall - a big one I recall was from having played in the Championship Finals in 1966 I think, and another was a solo cornet certificate from the soloists competition at or around the same time. When I joined, the band had strong links with a couple of other 'local' bands (Camel Lairds which had folded a few years before and Fodens) with several ex-players of these bands coming to play with Edge Hill, and probably because of these connections we also had a couple of 'guest' conductors coming to rehearse the band occasionally - James Scott and Rex Mortimer. The conductor throughout my time with Edge Hill (BR) Band was Bob Dean. He had played with both Camel Lairds and Fodens. The band played in quite a number of championship contests - best placing was 8th a couple of times in the Areas at Preston Guild Hall. We didn't play in enough though, and it has to be said that we weren't quite good enough to stay in the top section - so the inevitable happened and we were relegated to the second section probably about 1980. We did OK in the second section, winning the last ever 2nd section contest at the Kings Hall, Belle View, and the same contest a year later (or a year before!) at Bolton Town Hall before it burnt down. We qualified for the Pontins finals in North Wales I recall also. With the break up of British Rail the band lost the little sponsorship it had and had to begin paying for rehearsal rooms. We had moved out of the sidings into what was a 'mothballed' hotel attached to Lime Street Station, and when that was made into a hotel again we went to rehearse in schools, the band then withered away." Stephen Roughley reports: "I played in the band from around about 1988-1992, eventually becoming principle cornet player with the band. By this time, it was no longer a contest band, but was still conducted by Bob Dean, with Roy Eaves (I think ex-Fodens) on euphonium or trombone. Many of the players at this stage were also from the Liverpool Schools Senior Brass Band. The band was meeting for rehearsals in Rail House, an office block to the side of Lime Street Station, in Liverpool. I think the band folded a few years later, and possibly was merged into the St Margarets school band, which Bob also ran."

Edge Hill L.M.S. Band - *See: Edge Hill (British Railways) Band*

Edge Hill Steam Sheds Band - *See: Edge Hill (British Railways) Band*

Edgeley Band - Active in the 1930s and 1950

Edinburgh Trades Band - Active in 1928, conducted by Alex Rae

Edlington N.U.R. Band (Doncaster)

Edmonton Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Edmonton Borough Band - Active in 1939

Edmonton Excelsior Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Edmonton Silver Prize Band - Active in 1928

Edmonton Temperance Silver Band - Active in 1923

Edmonton Town Brass Band (Middlesex) - Active in 1894/1896 - G Rochester bandmaster, Golden Fleece Pub, Lower Fore Street

Edmonton Town Military Band (London) - Active in 1909

Effingham Gas Works Band (Surrey) - Active in the early 1900s

Egerton Street Mission Band (Manchester) - Active in 1950

Egerton Street Wesleyan Temperance Band (Bolton) - Active in 1924. The chapel was situated on the junction of Egerton Street and Lorne Street and was consecrated in 1872. It is assumed that the band had ceased to exist prior to 1934. The Chapel was demolished in 1956

Egglestone Brass Band (County Durham) - Active in 1914 - Alfred Allinson, secretary

Egham & Englefield Green Public Prize Brass Band - *See: Egham Temperance Band*

Egham Temperance Band - Formed before 1895. Rehearsed at the Technical Institute, Egham Hill until moving to a former furniture depository on Band Lane in 1904. Renamed the Egham & Englefield Green Public Prize Brass Band in 1906, it amalgamated with Egham Town Band in 1919 to form Egham and District Band

Egham Town Band - Formed before 1895. Practised at the back of the Catherine Wheel Hotel, Egham High Street. Merged with Egham and Englefield Public Band in 1919 to form Egham and District Band

Eglinton Iron Works Band (Kilwinning) - Active in 1874. The ironworks was at Blacklands, Kilwinning, Ayrshire.

Ehenside Band (Cumbria)

Elan Village Brass Band (near Rhayader) - Active in the late 1800s

Eldon Colliery Band (Shildon) - Formed in the 1900s. Active in 1932, conducted by T. Collinson.

Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band - Formed before 1900, later known as Dick Kerr English Electrical Works Band in the 1920s and then later still, Blackburn's Steel Work's Band in the 1930s. Some press cuttings about the band: Preston Guardian - 13th April 1901. "There was a Gala at Penwortham on Easter Monday. The Electric Tramway and Tramway Carriage Brass Band arranged the gathering. The band, some 27 strong, arranged in brand-new uniforms discoursed selections and dance music with considerable skill". Preston Herald - 3rd September 1902, "Preston Guild Processions. In the Trades Procession there were: - Electric Railway and Tramway Carriage Works Band. The Catholic Guild procession contained: Electric Car Works Band (Preston). The Church of England Schools had: Electric Car Works (Preston) Brass Band." Lancashire Daily Post - 31st December 1917 "1,500 children were entertained at the Public Hall on Saturday 29th to coffee, buns and fruit tart. 3,000 nearly swamped the Dick Kerr Band and watched pictures provided by Frank Foster of the Marathon. The event was organised by the Preston Borough Police for the poor children's fund." Lancashire Daily Post - 5th May 1919. "Dick Kerr's Band. Yesterday DKB gave two performances at PNE ground. Bad weather kept the crowds away but the poor crowd enjoyed playing that has rarely, if ever, been excelled by a local band. Further concert on Whit Sunday." Lancashire Daily Post - 3rd July 1926: "Sat 17th at Rob Green Farm, Fishwick, Preston Conservative Gala (Preston parks are not available for political events.) programme included The Dick, Kerr Prize Band playing for dancing." Preston Guardian - 1st December 1934. "Preston Band's Quartet Success. A Quartet from Blackburn Steel Works Band (Ex Dick Kerr's) won the Rushworth and Draper's Shield at Liverpool on Saturday. T. Berry, Solo Cornet, A. Whitehead, Second Cornet, L. Beck, Solo Horn and J. Dixon, Euphonium".

Elmeston Colliery Band (Easington Lane) - Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1909

Elland C.E.F.A Youth Band - Active in the 1950s/60s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by W. H. Exley

Elland Edge Band - *See: Elland Upper Edge Band*

Elland Upper Edge Band (Yorkshire)

Ellesmere Port British Legion Band (Cheshire) - *See: Ellesmere Port Church Silver Band*

Ellesmere Port Church Silver Band (Cheshire) - Formed as a breakaway band from the Ellesmere Port Public Prize Band in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace contest in 1923 in the 3rd Section. Renamed the Ellesmere Port British Legion Band in the 1930s. Amalgamated with Ellesmere Public Prize Band in 1946 to form Ellesmere Port and District Band

Ellesmere Port Public Prize Band (Cheshire) - An earlier drum and fife band, which was formed in the 1870s provided the basis for the Public Prize Band, which was active by 1885. In 1902 W. Johnson was the secretary. Competed in the Crystal Palace contests in 1922 and 1923 in the 3rd Section. Also known as the Chapel Band. It amalgamated with Ellesmere Church Band in 1946 to form Ellesmere Port and District Band

Ellesmere Public Prize Band (Cheshire) - *See: Ellesmere Port Public Prize Band*

Ellesmere Road Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1874

Ellington Colliery Band (Lynemouth) - Active in 1914, but probably folded during the Great War.
A successor band was formed in Lynemouth in 1925.

Ellington Silver Band (Ramsgate, Kent)

Elliott's Metal Co. (I.C.I.) Band - Founded in 1896 as Elliott's Smelting Works Band. The band quickly established itself playing at local fetes and marches, raising money for both itself and worthy causes. One such example was a march for the destitute and unemployed people of Kidwelly, which raised about £8, a considerable amount of money at the turn of the century. The lifeblood for most bands is on the competing stage and this was as important in the 1920's as it is today. In those days the band had to make it's own way to contest venues by train. It was fortunate that the band's rehearsal room was in the Neptune buildings adjacent to the station. A distinct highlight was representing Wales at the Crystal Palace in London in the 1930s. Just before the outbreak of the Second World War the bands' fortunes took a turn for the worse and they disbanded.

Elliott's Smelting Works Band - *See: Elliott's Metal Co. (I.C.I.) Band*

Ellistown and Hugglescote Band (Leicestershire) - Active in the late 1800s

Ellmore's Can and Basket Works Brass Band - *See: Syston Silver Band*

Elmstead Market Band (Essex) - Active in 1910

Elmstead Market Wesleyan Methodist Band (Essex)

Elmwood Mills Band (Leeds)

Elsecar Band - Active in the 1930s

Elsecar Main Colliery Band - Active in the 1950s/60s. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.

Elsecar Prize Band - Active in 1946

Elsecar Subscription Band - *See: Elsecar Band*

Elswick Hopper Brass Band (Barton-on-Humber) - Active in 1893 and the early 1900s. Richard Weston, a member of Kettering Rifles Band, moved to Barton and joined the Elswick Hopper Brass Band playing Tuba. He worked for Elswick Hopper cycle manufacturer at Barton-on-Humber as a labourer in tube and sheet-metal working and brazing. In 1880 Fred Hopper had established a cycle repair business in a former blacksmith's shop in Brigg Road, Barton-upon-Humber. He went on from repairing cycles to manufacturing them. The business flourished and by 1905 it employed over 400 people. As the business grew it moved to larger premises on Marsh Lane. F. Hopper and Co. also had a large three storied building built on the corner of Holydyke and Brigg Road for offices. The wrapping and packing was done on Brigg Road ready for export. Early pictures of the office had the words "The Butterfly Cycle Company" emblazoned on the wall. The company had started exporting to places such as Australia, Japan, India and South Africa by 1912. Around 1913 the company acquired the Elswick Cycle company and the company became Elswick Hopper Cycle and Motor Company. In 1936 Elswick Hopper was quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Elswick Works Band - *See: Elswick Hopper Brass Band*

Elworth Silver Band (Cheshire) - Edwin Foden was one of the founders of this band in the later part of the 19th century, but the band was dissolved in 1902 after it demanded a fee of £4 for taking part in the local celebrations for the Coronation of King Edward VII. Following this, Edwin Foden reconstituted a band in its place, with new instruments, taking the name of his motor works - Fodens. The rest is history....

Ely City Band - Active in 1910

Emlyn Colliery Brass Band (Penygroes) - Active in the 1930s

Emma Colliery Band (Ryton) - Formed in the 1890s and was active through to 1938.

Emsworth Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Active in 1910.

Endon Brass Band (Staffs) - Active in 1864

Enfield Central Band (London) - Formed 1861, active in 1938

Enfield Town Silver Prize Band - Active in the 1920/30s. Merged with the North Middlesex Silver Band in 1949 to form Enfield Brass Band.

Enfield Volunteer Rifles Band - Active in 1865

English Congregational Church Brass Band (Caerphilly) - Active in 1908

Enniscaven Brass Band (Restormel, Cornwall) - Next door to St Dennis, they were formed sometime before 1933 and continued up to, and after World War 2. They did no contesting.

Their only conductor appears to have been a James Best, an ex baritone/trombone player from the St Dennis Band.

Epping Forest Military Band - Active in 1892.

Epping Town Band - Founded in 1894 by R.E. Rutland, an engine driver for the Great Eastern Railway. Many original bandmen were railway workers based at Stratford and the first bandmaster was Tom Smith, another railway worker, whose two sons both played in the band. The first secretary and treasurer was Charlie Hills whose son Sydney still lives in Epping and is a well known local historian. The bandmen each paid an entry fee of one shilling and subscriptions of threepence a week towards purchase of music. Monies earned by the band were either divided among the bandmen or put towards uniform purchase. Engagements were many and varied at this time and included playing at the local cycling and athletic club sports meetings, football matches and on the stage of the old town hall when it was used for roller skating. One of the most memorable engagements was an ice carnival on the lake at Coopersale House in February 1895 when the lake was illuminated by small fairy lamps and Chinese lanterns. Hundreds of skaters were entertained by the lady of the House, Miss Archer-Houblon and the carnival was enlivened by the band's music and a firework display. Other celebrations included frequent concerts in the market place and the two days of celebrations for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee in June 1897. The Epping Band folded in the the early 1920s.

Epsom Town Band - Active in 1918

Epworth Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Formed in 1873

Epworth Temperance Band - Active in 1845

Erchfont Brass Band - *See: Urchfont Prize Brass Band*

Ercol Furniture Company Band (High Wycombe) - Active in the 1970s

Erdington Children's Home Band - Active in the early 1900s

Erimus Works Band (Middlesbrough) - Formed in 1898 and still active in 1913.

Erith British Legion Band (Kent)

Erith Town Band - Active in the 1920s

Escomb Brass Band - Active in the 1920s

Esher Royal Brass Band - Active in 1887

Essex and Suffolk Brotherhood Brass Band - Active in 1950

Eston Junction Railway Brass Band - Active in 1862

Eston Miners' Old Brass Band (Middlesbrough) - Active in 1900, when it took part in the ceremony to lay the foundation stones of the Normanby Methodist Church on Saturday June 30th. Still active in the 1920s.

Eston Steel Works Brass Band (Middlesbrough) - Active in 1893

Etherley Silver Band (Bishop Auckland) - Active between 1903 and 1913

Etwall Brass Band - Active in 1852 and 1887. The band rehearsed in Ted Fowkes's father's workshop off Main Street (somewhere in the vicinity of the paper shop) and the drum was kept there among the coffins! The band performed all round the area from the mid 19th century onwards but it seems to have petered out in the 1920s or 30s.

Etwall Excelsior Brass Band - *See: Etwall Brass Band*

Euxton Brass Band - *See: Euxton Town Band*

Euxton Town Band - Active in 1849 and 1869/1872

Evenwood Colliery Band (County Durham) - Active between 1899 and 1937. Merged with the Hunwick Colliery Band at some point.

Everards Brewery Band (Leicester) - *See: City of Leicester Band*

Evesham Brass Band - Active in 1885 when it took part in a church parade on 4/4/1885

Evesham Wesleyan Mission Band - Active in 1906

Excelsior Juvenile Brass Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1876

Exeter Silver Band

Exmouth Subscription Band - Active in 1881

Exmouth Town Band - Active in 1887

Exmouth Training Ship Band - *See: Training Ship Exmouth Brass Band*

Eynesbury and St. Neots Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Eynsford Brass Band - Drum of the band still exists and is held by the Farningham and Eynsford Local History Society

Eythorne Band - Active around 1895, and died down to just one or two players by the 1950's, was revived in the 1960's and stayed at full strength until the late 1980's when it reduced in number to just 2 or 3 players. With the return to the village in 1999 of a couple of old members from the 1970's, the band was revived again in 2002 as ex band members reformed and taught their own children to play.

Fairbairn's Band (Leeds) - Founded in 1851. Active in 1855

Fairfield Band (Govan) - Instituted 1877. Conductor in 1888 was E. Baistow

Fairford Silver Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed around 1903. Folded in January 2009 - some of the band's instruments, including the original bass drum from 1903, and some of their trophies, were handed over to the Fairford Historical Society.

Fairwarp Brass Band - *See: Fairwarp Silver Band*

Fairwarp Silver Band (Sussex) - The band had its beginnings in the Ashdown Forest Temperance Band, founded by Frank T Ridley, who started a garage business in Nutley. It was based in the specially built bandroom in Old Forge Lane, Horney Common. The band was supported by Count Munster, owner of Maresfield Park estate from 1898 to 1914. The band split in 1911 when the Nutley members started their own band. After the War the band was started up again by mainly Fairwarp members, backed by Ventura P Misa, the then owner of Oldlands estate, and by the subsequent owner, Sir Bernard Eckstein. Eckstein established a trust, which enabled the band to purchase new uniforms and silver instruments. Previously called the Fairwarp Brass Band, the band seems to have been commonly known as Fairwarp Silver Band from this time. Many of the players were employed on the Oldlands estate. Records of the band, from 1905-1982, are held at the East Sussex Record Office

Faldingworth Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active between 1908 and 1915

Falkirk Burgh Band - Active in 1892

Falkirk Iron Works Band - Active in 1863

Falkirk Public Band - Active in 1933

Falkirk Trades Band - Active in the early 1900s. In a photograph of 1908 the title is "International Champions". This was quite a feat for the band as it was probably only in the second section at the time. One of several brass bands in the area, Falkirk Trades first appears in the Scottish Amateur Brass Band Association records in 1905 when it took second place in the third section contest. They filled the same spot in 1906 and three years later took fourth spot in the second section; were third in 1913; and won it in 1919. That was the last listing. On June 8, 1910 a meeting of the sub-committee appointed by the Town Council to confer with three members each of the Falkirk Burgh Military Band and the Falkirk Trades Band on the question of amalgamation was held on Tuesday evening in the Burgh Buildings. Councillor Muirhead (convener) presided, and the other members of the sub-committee, Treasurer Wallace and Councillor Sinclair, were also present. After a lengthy discussion, which mainly went to show that an amalgamation of the two bands was unpracticable and unnecessary, the meeting closed without coming to any finding on this subject.

Fallis' Brass Band (Idle) - Active in 1872

Falmouth Foundry Band - Active in 1885

Falmouth Town Band '(1) - Active in 1912 - headquarters at Rystie & Barber, 3 Waterloo Place. West of England Champions in 1938.

Falmouth Town Band '(2) - Formed in the 1950's, the band progressed to Championship Standard performing alongside Black Dyke Mills Band at the Royal Albert Hall in 1955. Folded in the 1960s

Falmouth Town Silver Band - Formed 1919

Fareham Brass Band - Active in 1919

Fareham Excelsior Band - Active in 1878.

Farndale Brass Band - Active in 1859 when it took part in the Lofthouse Grand Village Band Contest in November that year. It was conducted by Mr Potter, had 11 performers, and played Lucrezia Borgia by Donizetti and the test piece, Grand Parade March by Jones. Competed at the Douthwaite Dale contest in 1935

Farndale Silver Band - *See: Farndale Brass Band*

Farnham Excelsior Band - Active in 1892

Farningham Brass Band

Farningham Home For Little Boys Band (Kent) - Band run at an orphanage in Farningham. Travelled across Britain raising funds for the Home and making wider known the plight of similar homes across the country. Active in the 1880s and 1890s.

Farnley Ironworks (Leeds) Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1896

Farnley Ironworks Band - Active in 1866. At Winterton Agricultural show in 1903, Farnley Iron Works Band provided the programme of music.

Farnley Old Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1891

Farnley Temperance Band - Active in 1892

Farnley Temperance Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1860 to 1893

Farnsfield Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1858

Farnworth Amateur Band - Active in 1883 when they competed in the 1883 Belle Vue contest, coming third.

Farnworth and Kearsley Silver Prize Band

Farnworth New Brass Band - Active in the 1910s and 1920s

Farnworth Old (Barnes') Band - *See: Farnworth Old Band*

Farnworth Old Band - Formed in 1848 by Thomas Barnes, a mill owner, originally known as Band of the Farnworth Cotton Mills, later as Barnes' Band, Tapps Rifles' Band (c.1860), Farnworth Old (Barnes') Band, Farnworth Old Band, West Lancs Home Guard Band (during WW2), and Farnworth Old Band (to 1990) when it merged with Eaton (Truck Components) Band to form Eaton Farnworth Brass Band. For a full history of the band see: Walker, Matthew - The History of Farnworth & Walkden Brass Band - 2004

Farnworth Old Band (Lancashire) - Formed in 1848 by Thomas Barnes, a mill owner, and was still active into the 1930s

Farnworth Temperance Band - Active in 1894 when, under the Conductorship of Mr J Crossley, on September 1st, they "discoursed the following programme before a highly appreciative assemblage of the Public: March - The Battle and the Breeze (Wadson); Lancers - Merry and Wise (Harris); Fantasia - Pride of Ireland (Round); Valse - Valley of Ferns (Round); Anthem - Jerusalem my glorious Home (Mason)."

Farsley Brass Band (Leeds) - Active in 1890 to 1899

Farsley Old Band (Yorkshire)

Fartown Brass Band (Huddersfield) - Active in 1894

Fartown Brass Band (Leeds) - Formed in 1876

Fawr Silver Band - Founded in the 1870s. Its first bandmaster was Evan Davies, who had had previous experience with bands in South Wales. Evan Davies suffered from pains in his thigh, and he walked with a limp. When teaching the band to march he used to hobble along the schoolroom floor with one hand cupped round his lips, singing 'Tara-ra-ra' like a cornet. When the pain occurred he would stop suddenly and cry out, "O, my thigh!!" and so it went on: 'Ta-ra-ra-ra - O, MY THIGH!'. The Waun Fawr band was one of the ten that competed at Pwllthen in 1898 when a near riot broke out. Each band was to start from the Crown Hotel and march to the White Hall where they were to form a circle and play the march right through again so that the adjudicator, who was seated by an open window above them, could hear. Probably through faulty timing, the second band arrived at the White Hall before the first band had finished. Other bands followed closely, and soon there were five bands blowing furiously and creating a deafening noise as they tried to drown each other. A free fight followed and the instruments became weapons. Nobody won the competition as it was declared void.

Featherstone Silver Band - Active in the 1930s/40s

Featherstone Subscription Band - *See: Featherstone Silver Band*

Fechney School Band (Perth) - The Fechny Industrial School for Boys had a brass band in the late 1800s

Felindre Band

Felling Chemical Works Band - Active in the 1870s

Felling Colliery Band - Active between 1904 and 1920

Felling Temperance Band - Active in 1898

Felling Town Silver Band - Merged with Heworth Colliery Band at some point

Felton Brass Band - Active in 1887, when it organised a duet contest.

Feock Brass Band (Carrick, Cornwall) - Not a long history, they were known to be functional from 1882 to 1914. In the 1887 period they were conducted by John Chegwyn. After World War 1

they found that they were unable to continue, so they sold their instruments to Bleak House Band.

Fergushill Brass Band (Ayrshire) - Active in 1879, when it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Oddfellows Lodge, who had gorgeous banners illustrative of the objects of the Order, and the fantastic robes and head gear of the officials attracted no little notice. One member of the Fergushill Band was John Murphy. He was unmarried and lived with his father at 152 Five Roads. He was employed by Greig's, a building company, and died in 1916, aged 41, in France.

Ferndale and Blaenllechau Workmen's Band (South Wales) - Records held in the University of Wales (Swansea) include: Minutes 1923-1927; agreement 1927; note of payments to band members

Ferndale Prize Brass Band (South Wales) - Formed in 1881. Was associated with the Ferndale Colliery by 1895, and may have been so from the beginning. Its forerunner was the Blue Ribbon Band which used the Rhondda Hotel as its headquarters. In 1894 it came second in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr James Ryan. It was conducted by a Mr Powell in 1898. Their bandroom code of conduct included "You must be gentlemanly, civil and courteous". In 1927 Mr T M Powell led the band to success in at least one contest. It was still playing in 1948.

Ferndown Brass Band (Wimborne) - Was active in 1903

Fernmount Brass Band (Australia) - Was active in 1902

Ferntree Gully Band (Australia) - Folded prior to 1962 when its instruments and some ex-members formed the Croydon Brass Band with others from Lillydale Band

Ferodo Works Band (Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire) - Formed in 1951 at the behest of the management of the local Ferodo factory in Chapel-en-le-Firth. The founding members included the conductor Frank Moss (also conductor of the Chapel-en-le-Firth Band), Jack Allcock, Sam Allcock, Charlie Brindley, Bernard Bygrave, Solomon Clayton, Bill Fletcher, Alf Garlic, Jimmy Gregson, Harold Hill, Ted Holland, Jack Holmes, Jim Hulley, Alan Jackson, Jimmy Mycock, Jack Osborne, Walter Pearson, Norman Ringham and Alf Sellars. George Hespe, formerly of Sheffield Transport Band, became musical director in 1953 and led the band to victory at the British Open in 1955. The band folded in 1958 following the withdrawal of support from Ferodo. Tim Mutum recorded: An entrepreneur with the rather spectacular name of Herbert Froot formed the Ferodo Company in 1897. In need of a catchy brand name to move the company forward he rearranged the letters of his surname to coin the word 'Ferodo' and soon set about building his company organisation in Chapel-en-le-Frith in the Peak District of Derbyshire, by inventing everything from asbestos brake pads to the first bullet proof clothing. In 1951, at the behest of the management at the factory, a band was established - the Ferodo Works Band. The late Bill Skelton, one of the best horn players of his day, and who first went to Belle Vue in 1927, was one of the 'name' players in the band. He later said it was one of the happiest bands he played with. The company offered generous retainers and therefore attracted good players. In addition to Skelton, two former Black Dyke principals, Willie Lang and Bernard Bygraves joined the ranks, and Ferodo made its contest debut in Nottingham in 1952 under the direction of Fred Mortimer. That the management wanted the band to succeed became apparent with the appointment of George Hespe as Musical Director in 1953. Hespe was aged 53 at the time, and had served in the Army as band boy and bandmaster between 1914 and 1933. He then turned his hand to conducting brass bands and for a time he also played tuba in the BBC Northern and Hallé orchestras. Hespe's compositions included the march, 'Kinderscout', the trombone solo 'Melodie et Caprice' (sometimes anglicised to 'Melody and Caprice') and, most notably, the suite, 'The Three Musketeers', adopted as the test piece for the Belle Vue Championship in 1953. His impact was immediate - the band winning the Leicester Band Festival on Easter Monday. Bill Skelton recalled his impressions of Hespe: "He was a marvellous, considerate man with the welfare of all his bandsmen at heart. Everything was perfection. We were the busiest band in the country. When we toured the accommodation was all first class. It was a young band - I was one of the oldest in it - and we were very adaptable, we could play anything. Ferodo's contesting victories at the highest level were spectacular given the short life of the band itself. The band came 3rd at the Grand Shield in 1953, and went on to come runner up at the British Open the following year. The band qualified for the National Finals in 1954 too (after coming runner up at the Midland Regional) - coming 6th off the number 2

draw on 'Sovereign Heritage'. It was their only appearance at London. The startling success of their Open victory of 1955 seemingly heralded a new major contesting force, as in 1956 they added the prestigious Edinburgh Festival title. That was the high water mark though - fourth place at Belle Vue later that year was followed by their last appearance in Manchester in 1957 when they came out of the prizes. They were never seen at the contest again, although their winning performance of 1955 was later recorded. There is one other small story to relate about Ferodo's. Again it comes from Bill Skelton, who told of the night Mr Hespe couldn't make a rehearsal. "Young Elgar Howarth turned up. He was what you might call a whizz kid. I remember he asked me if I could give him a bit more - I always reckoned I had a big tone, you know, and he wanted more, so I really let rip. Startled the life out of him it did. The year was 1957. A year later the company disbanded the band for what was termed 'economic reasons'. The company had worked out that in seven years they had spent £70,000 more than the band had earned.

Ferry Hill and Dean Bank Band - Active between 1907 and 1935

Ferry Hill Temperance Band - Active between 1907 and 1911

Festiniog Silver Band - Active in 1928 and 1933

Ffynnongroyw Band

Figheledean & Netheravon Band - Active in 1906

Filey Brass Band - Active in 1905, when the leader was Ellis Wood, of 8 Victoria Avenue

Filey Prize Silver Band - Active in the 1970s and folded by about 1979. Its remaining members helped to form the Dennis Bayley Hunmanby and District Silver Band in 1979.

Filton Brass Band - Active in 1908 and the 1930s

Finchdean Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1911

Finchley Brass Band - Active in 1891

Finedon Dolben Prize Band - *See: Finedon Old Prize Band*

Finedon Old Prize Band - Founded in 1877 as Finedon Dolben Prize Band, later renamed the Finedon Old Prize Band. Played for the Duchess of Albany, on the occasion of her visit to Finedon in 1883. Played as part of the celebrations for the visit to Northampton of His Majesty King George V and Her Majesty Queen Mary on Tuesday the 23rd September 1913 - at Victoria Park and Bath Street Recreation Ground. On 1st July 1935, the band made a broadcast on the BBC Midland Region. Won the Grand Shield in 1957. Report from Finedon Parish Magazine in 1957: "And this years champions are the band that played at No 13'. These were the words that proclaimed Finedon Old Band winners of the Grand Shield, at the Spring Brass Band Festival of Great Britain held at Belle Vue, Manchester, on Saturday May 18th. Such was the reward for weeks of hard work and preparation by all the bandsmen and their conductor, Arthur Remington. The set piece was "Tintagel" by Dr Denis Wright who acted as adjudicator. Being awarded 190 points from a possible 200 speaks. Together with a magnificent shield goes a cash prize of £75 and an Illuminated Diploma, all of which will be presented by A.S.Felton, Esq., of the famous Munn and Felton Works Band, at a concert to be held at the Town Hall on Friday 31st. Mrs T. Neal, president of the band will preside, supported by Mr Geo Clarke, president of the club." The band was wound up in 1959.

Finedon Temperance Band - Formed in 1907 by the Curate the Rev. R.E. Ammand MA and supported by Miss Ellen Mackworth-Dolben. It was a rival band to the Finedon Old Prize Band, in fact, several people played in both bands from time to time. This band was wound up in 1914 and the instruments bought by the Old Prize Band.

Fingringhoe Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Finstock Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Played at Cornbury Park on 7 April 1888

Firbeck Colliery (Ambulance) Band (Rotherham)

Firs Lane Band (Manchester) - Competed in a contest in Leigh in 1884, organised by St.Joseph's Brass Band, at which they gave a "very poor performance". They were one of the bands that played at the opening of Leigh Town Hall in 1907. In August 1910 Mr.Holden gave permission for Firs Lane Band to give a concert on the Fair Ground in Twist Lane.

Fishponds Argyle Band (Bristol) - Active in 1933, when it took part in a festival of brass bands at the Colston Hall, Bristol.

Fishponds Brass Band - Active in 1904

Five B's Band (Coalville) - The "Best Blooming Band between Burton and Bagworth". (Burton on Trent and Bagworth were places on the Midland Railway on either side of Coalville). Active around 1900.

Flackwell Heath Silver Band - Active in 1925

Flamborough United Brass Band - Founded around the 1890s (perhaps when the old Artillery Band ceased to function), and it was certainly in existence in 1908, a time when Flamborough still had to rely on itself for most things including amusement and recreation. The new band was to have a life, with interruptions, of half a century or more and early members included Matthew Major, Mark Major senior and junior, Tanton Fell, Harold Marshall Jack Cowling (who with Matt. Bailey was among the first conductors), and G. Waud, not to mention Tom Woodhouse senior, an obvious choice for the bass drum being, I understand, built on even more massive lines than his famous son. Like its predecessor the band practised in the old Drill Hall (now Smith's Coal Depot), and it soon began to make itself useful in village concerts, socials, processions etc. It had its ups and downs of course even from the beginning, finance being always a problem for it had no wealthy patrons and so had to make its own way. Instruments and uniforms were a heavy charge on the funds and the minute books record a long succession of dances, concerts, and jumble sales held to raise money. More than once major items had to be bought on the instalment plan, and it must have been a happy moment when, at the Annual General Meeting in 1939, the treasurer, Mr. H. C. Marshall was able to report a balance in hand of over £10. Unfortunately he was obliged to announce his resignation at the same time owing to the nature of his work which would take him away from the village in the near future. A sad blow this, as Mr. Marshall had served the band well both as treasurer and player over a number of years. It was the custom, as another way of raising funds, for the band to tour the village at Christmas time, and the records refer to the purchase of music suitable for this purpose. Later it was decided to install electric light in the practice room, "provided that the owner of the building, Mr. Smith, had no objection and that payment could be made at the rate of 8d. per unit, all the members agreeing to contribute a penny per week to meet the cost.

Fleet Prize Band - Active in the 1900s

Fleet Silver Band - Active around 1930

Fleet Town Prize Brass Band - Active in 1934

Fleets Colliery Band - Active in 1937

Fleetwood British Legion Band - Active in 1936

Fleggburgh Brass (Norfolk) - Formed in 1991, renamed Norfolk Broads Brass in 1996. By 2001 it had amalgamated with its sister organisation, the Norfolk Broads Wind Band, to form the current Norfolk Broads Concert Band.

Fletching Village Brass Band (Sussex) - Formed c.1886

Fletton Victoria Prize Band - *See: Old Fletton Victoria Prize Band*

Flight's City Band (Australia) - *See: City of Bendigo Brass Band*

Flint British Legion Band - Active in 1948

Flint Town Silver Band - Active in the 1960s/70s

Flixton Brass Band - *See: Flixton Volunteer Band*

Flixton Volunteer Band - Formed in 1877, known as Flixton Brass Band from 1908, disbanded in 1933. Successor band formed in 1967.

Flockton United Brass Band (Wakefield) - Originally formed as a brass and reed band in 1838 and known as Flockton United. Reeds were dropped around 1878 and the band became brass only. It celebrated its centenary in 1938 but disbanded soon afterwards.

Flockton United Prize Band - *See: Flockton United Brass Band*

Flush Mills Heckmondwike Band - *See: Heckmondwike Flush Mills Band*

Fochriw Brass Band (near Merthyr Tydfil) - The first mention of Fochriw Brass Band was in Merthyr Express newspaper cuttings of 1887 when it was advised that, on 20 August 1887, the Fochriw Brass Band led the Fochriw Church Sunday School procession and played very well considering that they had only been practicing for 12 months. Therefore it may be assumed that it was formed in 1886. As a child in the 1950's I can recall the band coming around the streets of Fochriw on a Christmas Day and being told that after its disbandment, the instruments were kept under the New Hall stage. The newspaper reports are from 1887 to 1904 and it would appear that many honours such as 1sts and 2nds and gold and silver places were won by the band at eisteddfodau across the length and breadth of Wales. July 1893 - South Wales and Monmouthshire Brass Band Association, 3rd Annual Contest, Penydarren Park, Merthyr Tydfil - 2nd prize in second of two sections. 1894 - Caerphilly - Chief prize 1894 - Bridgend Eisteddfod (16 bands competing) - 2nd prize and Silver Medal 1895 -

Welshpool Eisteddfod - 2nd prize in the selection section 1896 - Merthyr Tydfil - 1st in the selection section, shared 1st in the march. Report: "During last 2 months band had won 7 prizes - 6 firsts" 26 August 1899 - Machen - 1st in marching section, 3rd in selection section 30 August 1902 - At the Dowlais Miner's Federation Demonstration, led by Keir Hardie MP, the Fochriw Band led the procession. The Demonstration was about the struggle over the sliding scale and 8 hour day for miners. 25 April 1903 - Abergavenny and East Monmouthshire Competition (9 bands competing) - 3rd in first section, 4th in second section 3 October 1903 - Report on year's performance to date. Prizes at: Cardiff, Abergavenny (2), Senghenydd, Rhymney, Pentre, Mountain Ash, New Tredegar (2), Merthyr Vale, Pontllytyn and Caerphilly. Although a class C band, they had taken prizes in all A, B and C classes. Mr David Phillips of Pontllytyn was the bandmaster in November 1887; Mr Dawson conducted the band at Machen on 26 August 1899; In March 1903 the conductor was Mr William Powell when the band was practicing for the forthcoming Abergavenny and Senghenydd contests. From the Merthyr Express, 26 March 1904, Presentation: Through the departure of Mr. David Jones for Rhymney, the Fochriw Brass Band has lost a most capable secretary. About two years ago, the Band was on the point of being disbanded. Then Mr. Jones was prevailed upon to undertake the duties of secretary, and so ably did he discharge his work that band was again, in a very short time, on a sound basis. Indeed, more contests were attended during the season, than in many other similar periods of the band's existence, and the numerous prizes captured have placed the band once more in an honourable position. A few weeks ago, a presentation committee was formed with Mr. Charles Payne as chairman, Mr. Daniel Jenkins as treasurer, and Mr. J. Pugh as secretary. On Friday evening last, a smoker was held, at which Mr. Jones was made the recipient of a handsome marble clock supplied by Messrs. Mappin and Webb. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. David Jones by the committee and members of the Fochriw Brass Band for services rendered as secretary, March 18th, 1904." The chair was taken by Mr. J. H. Jones, M.E., the genial president of the band. After a rousing song by Mr. Charles Payne, Councillor Thomas, in the course of an able speech, attributed the success of the past season largely to the interest taken in his work by the secretary. Two capital songs having been rendered by Messrs. W. S. Williams and T. Davies, the chairman, in a witty speech, made the presentation. Mr Jones suitably responded. Mr. W. J. Powell, the popular conductor, then spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Jones' services, and he was followed by Councillor Jones. A splendid programme of songs was now contributed to by Messrs. T. Shankland, J. Payne, J. Edwards, D. Jones, and W. S. Williams, whilst stirring speeches were delivered by Messrs. H. Evans, Brook House, and T. Roberts. Among the former officials of the band present were Messrs. James Evans, Howell Thomas and Jacob Jones. After the usual votes of thanks, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow." In August 1920 the conductor was Mr Hanney, and in June 1921 Mr Albert Mantle. The band briefly disbanded between 1928 and 1931, when it was reformed by Albert Mantle as Fochriw Silver Band. New silver instruments were purchased in 1932, followed by new uniforms in 1934 - A concert was held at the New Hall on Sunday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. The bandsmen appeared in their new uniforms. The chairman was Mr. Willie Adams Jones. The Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, played the following selections: "The Typhoon," "Dawn of Spring," "Country Life," "Echoes of Spring," "Royal Artillery," "Eventide." The band was assisted by Mrs. Marjory Humphreys, Pontllytyn, soprano; Mr. James John Lewis, Fochriw, tenor; Miss Megan Jones, Pontllytyn, elocutionist; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters. . After surviving through WW2, band had disbanded once again by 1951, and although they briefly reformed for the Festival of Britain celebrations, they seem to have finally disbanded shortly after 1953.

Fochriw Silver Band - See: *Fochriw Brass Band*

Foleshill Excelsior Brass Band (Coventry) - Active in 1912, rehearsed at Lockhurst Lane Assembly Rooms - J.P. Cantrill, bandmaster.

Folkestone Silver Band

Footscray City Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Merged with the Kingsville-Yarraville Citizens Band in 1961 to form the current Footscray-Yarraville City Band.

Footscray Municipal Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Founded around 1902, later known as the Footscray Municipal Military Band.

Footscray Municipal Military Band. (Melbourne, Australia) - See Footscray Municipal Band.

Footscray Temperance Band (Melbourne, Australia) - See Belgravia Brass Band

Fordham Band (Cambridgeshire) - Active between 1886 and 1896

Fords Band (Dagenham, Essex)

Forest Gate Brass Band (Cornwall) - This is the band referred to in the Illogen Band report above that entered a Redruth Contest. My first reference to this band is 1862. Later in the same geographical area was Forest Lane End Brass Band in operation in 1877. Then further reference is made to Illogen Broad Lane Band in 1889. There could have been bandsmen from any of these bands when the Illogen Military band was formed because it is on record that that band was started with men from the area that could already play.

Forest Lane End Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1877

Forest Row Band (East Grinstead) - Active in 1950

Forest Vale Ironworks Band (Cinderford) - Formed before 1869 (see below)

Forest Vale Wire Works Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed in the 1880s (see above)

Formby Brass Band - Active between the 1920s and 1950s. A successor band was formed in 1978

Forres Town Band - Formed prior to 1880, when John McKimmie was Band Master. Still active in 1907 when, under Bandmaster Shelton, played in Roysvale Park with the programme: march, 'In Camp', J. Ord Hume; walse, 'Flora', Haig; selection Scotch songs, E. Morton; barn dance, 'In Old Kentucky', J. Linter; overture, 'The Sentinel', H. Round; Lancers, 'Coronation Gems', E. Newton; march, 'Lochnagar', J.R. Hood.

Forth Brass Band - Founded in 1868, disbanded in 1988.

Foster's, Edward and Sons Band (Halifax)

Foundling Hospital Band (London) - Active in the 1920s

Foundry Brass Band (Penwith, Cornwall) - Engagements for this band can be found in 1885/86. Their first engagement, in 1885, was given an encouraging report in the local press, then in 1886 they played at a regatta in Falmouth, and that seems to be that!

Four Lanes Brass Band (Kerrier, Cornwall) - It was in 1888 that Four Lanes Brass Band entered their first contest, under Mr A Bartle. Most of their subsequent contesting was carried out under William F Floyd, their standard being that required of a Section 3 band. The results ranged from 1st to 4th but they were forced to disband in 1924/25. From 1910 to 1913 they managed to organise and run band contests that were reasonably successful.

Fovant Band (Wiltshire) - Active in the mid/late 1800s and competed in the 1930s. It continued through until the early 1970s when dwindling numbers caused the band to cease, with the remaining members joining the Shaftesbury Band which was in need of them.

Fowey Brass & Reed Band (Restormel, Cornwall) - This band was formed in 1905 and continued in fits and starts until 1919. They did change to an all brass combination. No contesting. The first conductor was a Mr J Cleaves. A band was formed in 1919 to celebrate the peace, but nothing came of it.

Fowey Town Band - Active in 1893 - "plays twice a week during the summer months on the esplanade"

Fowhope Brass Band (Herefordshire) - Active around 1895

Fownhope Brass Band (Herefordshire) - Active in 1895

Foxdale Brass Band (Isle of Man) - Active in 1888 - conductor George Johnson

Foxhill Bank Band - Active in the 1850s/60s

Foxhole Brass Band (Restormel, Cornwall) - Formed about 1896 and kept this title until 1909 when they adopted the name Foxhole Temperance Band. This carried on through to 1920 when they made the slight, but no doubt important change brought about by a slight feeling of hypocrisy, to Foxhole Silver Band. They started contesting in 1908 and whilst never rising above 2nd section, their results were quite impressive. From 1926 it appears that the only Cornish contest they entered was that at Bugle, and their best achievement was in 1934 when they took 2nd in Class B. John Morcom was their first conductor in 1896. He handed over (and stayed on as a player) to William H Juleff, who himself left in 1906 to take over the St Dennis Band. At this point there was a slight hiccup and the band ceased operations until John Morcom helped reform the band in 1908. He stayed in control until 1929 when the duties went to Albert John Morcom who carried on to the band's demise in the early 50's. Instruments and music were loaned to the Cornwall Education Authority then, in 1971, were returned to Foxhole as they now intended to form a new band. Harold Trethewey was the man attempting this resuscitation, but it was only short lived, and the final bell was sounded in 1973.

Foxhole Silver Band - *See: Foxhole Brass Band*

Foxhole Temperance Band - *See: Foxhole Brass Band*

Fraddon Coronation Band (Restormel, Cornwall) - Formed in 1910, this band kept its title until 1920 when it became the Fraddon Temperance Band. Its last recorded public appearance was in 1922. During its short lifetime it contested frequently, eleven appearances taking place from 1920 to 1922. The first conductor was A Bullock who was also involved with the Indian Queens Band. Then came William H Juleff who was also principal cornet of the St Dennis Band, and upon his moving on, the next, and last, was W Weedall.

Fraddon Temperance Band - *See: Fraddon Coronation Band*

Framlingham Town Band - Active in the late 1800s

Framwellgate Moor Colliery Band (County Durham) - Active in the early 1900s

Friarmere Brass Band - Active in 1852

Friary Brewery Band - *See: Friary Silver Band*

Friary Silver Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Was the works band of the Friary, Holroyd & Healy's Brewery, from Guildford. It was formed and financed back in 1922 by Friary's then head brewer, J.W. Huxley. He had noticed that there were employees who were lovers of music and with an ability to play. He therefore secured for them a set of second-hand instruments. Realising the popularity of the band and its potential, the directors then bought for the players a new set of silver instruments and new uniforms, and the services of a qualified bandmaster were secured. It soon established itself as a band of quality performances. Along with other works brass bands from up and down the country, the Friary Silver Band featured in regular monthly broadcasts by the BBC. The brewery owners no doubt saw this as some very useful national and, what's more, free advertising! During the summer months the band played regularly in Guildford's Castle Grounds while also providing the music there for Armistice Day services. It could also be seen and heard playing at garden parties at large houses in the area, generally to invited guests in the afternoon and then in the evening local people were invited to come and dance on the lawns. The band also played in London parks. Its best competition result came in 1936 at the National Finals held at the Royal Albert Hall, when it was placed third behind the Black Dyke and Foden bands. The musicians' uniform was navy blue with red and gold trim. For a number of years the bandmaster was David Aspinall, but in the late 1930s he was "poached" by Ransome & Miles Ball Bearings Ltd, to become bandmaster of their band. It's said that when he left he took some of the Friary Silver Band's best musicians with him. The Second World War was not far off, and when it came the band members went their separate ways and the band disbanded.

Friskney Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in the 1920s

Frittenden Band (Kent) - Active in the 1860s

Frizington Town Band (Cumberland) - Active in 1890s

Frome Town Band - Active in 1970

Frosterley Brass Band '1) (County Durham) - Active in 1890 - assumed to have folded before 1898.

Frosterley Brass Band '2) (County Durham) - Formed in 1898 and still active in 1933

Fulbourn and Teversham RBL Band - Founded in 1985. Disbanded in 2010

Fulbourn Hospital Band - Active in the 1880s

Fuller Mission Band (Kettering)

Fulstow and Thoresby Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Formed in 1864

Fulwell Band (Barkingside, Essex)

Fulwood Brass Band (Sheffield)

Fulwood Temperance Band (Sheffield)

Furnishing Trades Band (High Wycombe) - *See: Furniture Industries (Ercols) Works Band*

Furniture Industries (Ercols) Works Band (Buckinghamshire) - Active in 1914 and 1921

Fylde Ex-Servicemens' Liason Band - Formed in Blackpool around 1946, the first conductor was Henry Irving Mellor. They won several trophies, including one in a contest in Harrogate (c. 1948). H.I.Mellor composed a piece called "The Bandsman". They played regularly at Blackpool football ground in its good days. H.I.Mellor died in 1948, but the band continued after his death.

G.K.B. Steel Works Home Guard Band - Active in 1942

G.R. Turner Langley Mill Brass Band (Near Heanor, Derbyshire)

G.W.R. & Paddington Borough Silver Prize Band - Active in 1910

G.W.R. Institute Band - *See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band*

Gainford Saxhorn Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1880

Gainsborough Britannia Band - *See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band*

Gainsborough Britannia Works Band - Formed in 1878 at Messrs. Marshalls Ironworks, by John F. Cook and J. Vickers. At first it only numbered 8 or 9 members but quickly grew to 24 by 1882 when they entered their first contest at Droylsden. Hugh Whitham of Cleckheaton was appointed conductor and, together with new instruments bought through a subscription list, the band made their first inroads into the prizes. It competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Around 1950 the Band of Britannia Works, Gainsborough, became the new Lincolnshire champions in the annual brass band contest at Cleethorpes, beating Brigg Town Silver Band, runners-up for the last two years to the Grimsby Band, by four points. Grimsby was unplaced. Other bands taking part were from Cleethorpes, Horncastle, Kirton and Lincoln. When the sponsorship from Marshalls ceased in 1972, the band sought a new home, finding it at Spillers Ltd, in Carr Lane. It officially became the Spillers (Gainsborough) Band in 1973, and won the National Championships (Second section) in 1974. John Golland, the famous brass band composer, took up the conductorship of the band in 1976. The band folded in 1980 following the withdrawal of support from Spillers. [A detailed history of the band can be found in Marshall's of Gainsborough: from a local point of view. Vol. 1, The Trent Works and Britannia Band, by Susan and Sara Edlington, 1999. ISBN: 0953493415]

Gainsborough Rifles Band - Active in the 1880s

Galashiels Band - Formed around 1846 as a brass and reed band. Its first contest as a brass band was in 1888

Galgate Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1879

Galston Burgh Band - Started as a reed band in 1872, promoted by the Gauchalland Coal Company, but within a few years had converted to brass as the Galston Burgh Band. In 1990, it amalgamated with Newmilns Burgh Band and Loudoun Band.

Gamlingay Brass Band (Bedfordshire) - Active in the 1890s

Garboldisham Boys Brass Band (Norfolk) - Active in 1945-6

Gardner's Engineering Band - Based at L. Gardner and Sons factory at Barton, Manchester. They rehearsed Fridays and Sundays in the staff canteen. Active in the 1970s

Garilbaldi Brass Band (Jarrow) - Active in 1877

Garlinge Silver Band (Kent) - Successor to Garlinge Wesleyan Band and predecessor of Margate Silver Band

Garlinge Wesleyan Band (Kent) - Formed in the mid 19th century. Precursor to Garlinge Silver Band and Margate Silver Band. Known as Garlinge Wesleyan Silver Band in 1931

Garlinge Wesleyan Silver Band (Kent) - *See: Garlinge Wesleyan Band*

Garndiffaith & District Brass Band (Pontypool) - Active in the early part of the 20th century. Conducted at one time by James Samuel Griffin Flower, and his son Bert also played in the band. Still Active in 1934

Garsington Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1884

Garstang Temperance Band (Preston) - Active in 1839

Gartsherrie Silver Band (Coatbridge) - Active in the 1950s, was sponsored by Gartsherrie Ironworks, Coatbridge. Still active in 1964, conducted by J Wardlaw.

Garw Valley Silver Band - Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by W.T. Parker

Gatebeck Brass Band (Cumbria) - Active in 1865

Gateshead Borough Band - Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1938

Gateshead British Legion Band - Active in 1938

Gateshead L.N.E.R. Band - Active in 1932

Gateshead St Paul's Band - Active between 1898 and 1913

Gatley Prize Band (Cheshire) - Active in 1911 and 1925

Gawber Band (Barnsley) - Active in the 1940s and 1950s

Gawber Britannia Brass Band - Founded prior to 1886. Still active in 1936

Gawber Temperance Band

Gawthorpe Britannia Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1860

Gawthorpe Mills Band - Active in 1951

Gellionen Chapel Brass Band (near Swansea) - Active in the early 1900s

Germoe Brass Band (Kerrier, Cornwall) - Evidence of this band can be found in 1860 playing in Crowlas, then in 1875 in Camborne. So far nothing else can be found about them.

Gibson's Malton Amateur Brass Band - Founded in 1877 by John Gibson, of the Malton Rifle Volunteers, lasted until 1884

Gifford Hall Band - Active in 1937

Giggleswick Brass Band - The band amalgamated with the Settle Brass Band in 1952 to form the Giggleswick & Settle Band. In 1902 the band led the procession for the annual Band of Hope Festival in Long Preston - "The band played lively march music as the gatherers paraded through the village singing about the virtues of temperance." In some reminiscences of Christmas in the Dales there appears the following report - "...Brass bands toured the farms, with the bandsmen growing increasingly unsteady on their legs as they imbibed proffered drinks. The Giggleswick band travelled by train to Clapham station, from where they trudged through snow on a tour of villages and farms. By now, sozzled, they could not hold their instruments, let alone play. Instead, the bandsmen burst into song. Another time, bandsmen sipped hot punch at the Flying Horse Shoe, just across the road from Clapham railway station. Some punch remained when they departed for the one-and-a-half mile walk to the village, so they poured it into a trombone and sipped on t'road."

Gilfach Goch Silver Band - Active in 1907

Gill Street Methodist Band (Moston) - Active in the early 1960s

Gillingham Boys' Brass Band (Kent) - Active in 1913 - Henry Allen, bandmaster

Gillingham Town Band (Dorset) - Active in 1861, when they were engaged by the Gillingham Total Abstinence Society at a cost of 20 shillings plus tea. The Band was popular at the local Club days when the Friendly Societies, which were usually based at a Pub, held their annual parties called 'Club Days'. The largest one in Gillingham was the 'Red Lion Club.' They held their 'Do' on the second Wednesday in May and it was a tradition that all members planted their runner beans before going out. The Gillingham Town Band played an important part in the proceedings. They started out at the top of Wyke, outside the Brewery at 10am. To open the proceedings, the Brewery brought out beer in wooden buckets. Those that didn't have mugs knelt down on the ground and drank out of the buckets! The Band then led a procession through the town, all the members carrying garlands of flowers. They were expected to play all day, and later for dancing in the evening. The band folded prior to or during WW1. A successor band was formed in 1927

Gilsland Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Glamorgan Artillery Band - Active in the 1890s

Glapwell Colliery Band (Chesterfield) - Active in the 1930s. The colliery closed in 1974.

Glasgow Blind Asylum Band - *See: Royal Asylum for the Blind Brass Band*

Glasgow City Gospel Brass Band

Glasgow Corporation Gas Department Band - *See: Glasgow Gas Department Band*

Glasgow Corporation Transport Car Works Band - *See: Glasgow Corporation Transport Silver Band*

Glasgow Corporation Transport Silver Band - Formed in 1938 as Glasgow Corporation Transport Car Works Band. Still active in 1948

Glasgow Gas Department Band - Active in 1928, conducted by John Peckham, and 1933 when it took first place at a contest at Wishaw.

Glasgow Loco Works Band - Won first place in a contest held 1 December 1917 at Waverley Market, Edinburgh, in aid of Harry Lauder's Fund for Scottish Sailors and Soldiers.

Glasgow Townhead Brass Band - Active in 1863

Glasinfryn Brass Band (Bangor) - Active in 1878

Glasshoughton Coke and Chemical Works Band - Active in 1938

Glazebury Band (Manchester) - Competed in a contest in Leigh in 1884. Still active in the 1930s. Performed a concert in Stanley Park, Blackpool in 1932 as Glazebury Prize Band.

Glazebury Prize Band - *See: Glazebury Band*

Glebe Colliery Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1859 when it won a contest at Cramlington.

Glemsford Brass Band (Suffolk) - Active in 1893. A report in the Bury Free Press: August 4th 1894, Letters to the Editor - Sir, I have been looking at the bill concerning the Horticultural

Show at Glemsford and am surprised to find Haverhill band has been engaged instead of preference to our own band , etc etc. As the matter stands now the money will be given to "foreigners" who neither know or care whether the men are starving or not. Glemsford band is comprised of hard working men, just now most of the men have been working short time and the money which is their lawful right would come as a great boon to them, etc etc. Yours truly, Pro Bono Publico. Then later in the year: November 24th 1894 - On Friday evening a public tea organized by the Glemsford Band took place at the Plough Inn, Glemsford when about 61 people responded to invitations, after full justice was done to "good things" a "free and easy" meeting took place. 1st item on the programme was an overture entitled "the sleep of Dianna" given by the Band in a pleasing style, Mr Lawrence gave a song "muddled and mixed", Mr Leggett gave "after the fall", G.Crick gave "simple little pimple", David Ward of Foxearth gave the "educated bloke" "Bush Ranger in Ausrtralia" by C. Twinn, a duet by Middleditch and Twinn "old miller", C.Sore "mona, Miss M. Twinn "a soldier minstrel", E. Sore gave "swinging to and fro", the chairman "strolling in the sands" and "mother kissed me", Mr E. Game, "the club house", Mr W. Farrance "e dunno where ee are", Mr Eli Watkinson "when Jone's ale was new", Mr Sore gave "success to the football club". The band played the National Anthem and all dispersed home. On 19th December 1901, in a letter to her friend Minnie, Emma Savage wrote: The Glemsford band came the other night 10.30 we were all in bed we did not get up - they were so spiteful they banged on the knocker four times Nell barked but we refused to turn out of bed..

Glengarnock Iron Works Band (Glasgow?) - Active in 1882.

Glenrhondda Colliery Band (South Wales)

Glenrhondda Silver Band - Active in 1917 and 1955

Glodwick Band (Lancashire) - Formed in 1873, dwindled somewhat in the early 1900s, but arose again in 1935 as the Glodwick Prize Band. During this time they became known as the Shamrock Band for a while, following an incident at a St Patrick's Day celebration at the Free Trade Hall together with the Besses o' th' Barn Band, they mistook the shamrock laid on the tables as decoration for water cress and proceeded to eat it, much to everyone's amusement. The Glodwick Band Club was raided by the police in 1949, presumably for drinking after hours, and the band had to sell the instruments to pay the fine. Through a house to house collection and other public subscriptions the band managed to buy back the instruments from Thomas Reynolds & Sons (Manchester) and in recognition changed their name to the Glodwick Public Prize Brass Band in 1950. The band was renamed again in 1955 to become the Lees and Glodwick Band. It amalgamated with the Cobden Chadwick Band (formerly Zion Methodists Band from Lees in Oldham) to form Oldham Brass 97, in 1997.

Glodwick Prize Band (Oldham) - *See: Glodwick Band*

Glodwick Public Prize Brass Band (Oldham) - *See: Glodwick Band*

Glossop Volunteers Band - Active in the 1880s

Gloucester Wagon Works Band - Formed in the 1860s

Glynn Vivian Miner's Mission Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Godolphin Teetotal Band (Penwith, Cornwall) - Records of engagements in the local press can only be found for Helston and Penzance in 1855. It is doubtful that much else was carried out.

Golberdon Band (Caradon, Cornwall) - Golberdon - a village North West of Callington boasted a band that is known to have existed from c1860 to c1879. A quote from the Cornish Times of 1862 reads:- "The enlivening strains of the Golberdon Band quite counteracted the weeping humour of the skies." What can one say after that?

Golcar Band - Active in the 1870s

Golcar Subscription Band - Active in 1939

Golden Valley Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1900

Gold's Hill Saxhorn Band (West Bromwich) - Active in 1884

Goldthorpe (Ceramia) Band - *See: Yorkshire Main Colliery Band*

Goldthorpe Wesley Hall Silver Band - Active in 1933

Gomersal Band (Yorkshire)

Gomersal Mills Band (Bradford) - Formed 1942. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.

Gomersal Mills Prize Band - *See: Gomersal Mills Band*

Goodshaw Prize Band - Formed May 1867

Goodwick Brass Band (Wales) - Formed in the early 1900s, disbanded around the start of World War 2. From memories of Dai Miles - "Once upon a time, at the turn of the 20th century, in a small community in West Wales called Goodwick, there was a brass band. This group of stalwarts, many of whom had come to the area from Neyland when the Harbour was built, was in the charge of Mr Lake, the headmaster of the local school. Mr Lake and his brother worked in Emlyn Colliery in Ammanford and he played solo cornet in the Colliery Band. He first came here to work in Puncteston School and then became headmaster of the newly built Goodwick School and either took over, or formed the Band. Practices were held in a corrugated zinc hut at the old laundry cottages (long since gone) in Dyffryn . There was no electricity then and the hut was lit by oil lamps on the walls. If the practice was really good the flames would shoot up high and the euphoniums could easily put all the lamps out! Sometimes they used battery lamps but they cost 4s. 6d. each and 4d. for the batteries so there wasn't too much practice in winter! Mr Lake was a hard taskmaster and he would continually admonish them - "you play like a circus band"! The instruments were old, needed new corks, and "clicked" as they were played. "You're banging your instruments against your buttons again!" - a reference to their uniform, which was the G.W.R. jacket and a white paper band put round the hat. In 1914, when War broke out, the Band held a meeting and decided that those of the right age should join up as a Band. They did this and from Kinwell Park in North Wales they were transferred to France, back from the Front Line, where they were used as escorts. One particular day, it seems, they were having a quiet smoke between duties, when an open car came along with an officer and his driver. "Put your instruments in the car and come with me" the officer said. He gave them each a rifle and marched them away. They were scattered then to different regiments. At home the members left behind continued the practices and the Band re-formed after the War. Dai Miles, an old Band member, the source of all these tales, joined the Band in the 1920's and bought his cornet in a pawn shop in Bute Street, Cardiff for £1. Billy Jeff and Jack Evans did the repair work on the instruments. Vincent Johns was President of the Band. At Christmastime the Bandsmen would love to play outside his house. They would have beer brought out to them whilst Mr Lake would be invited in for a swig of something stronger. Vincent Johns would give £1 or £2 for the Band and would then ask them to play "one more piece and give it some drum"! The Band played everywhere. There were lots of sports and carnivals and there were ox roasts in the football field. One year at the ox roasting, they were raising money for St. Mary's Church Hall, which was being built then and they were paid £24.0.0. Then they played at Lower Town Carnival and Sports and were paid £24.0.0 for that as well! There used to be Carnival and Sports at the top of Stop and Call Hill. The Band would form by the Cunard (the fish & chip shop now) and would march up the hill, and then, despite exhausted lungs, would play for a while at the top. John Clement Bowen played the big drum for a bit. But he wasn't very tall and couldn't see over the top too well. One day they were leading the Carnival up Cambria Square to play there for a while, but John Clement Bowen went down Main Street instead, beating the drum as he went and someone had to run after him and haul him back. Their favourite march was the "Washington Greys" and they knew "The Chieftain" so well they could nearly play it without music! In fact, that was the piece they played the last time they ever marched in Goodwick - and also the piece the present Band played the first time they marched through Goodwick. They were great on dance music. They played waltzes, foxtrots, you name it, for the dances in the drill hall and the dances held on the green by the tennis courts on the Parrog on summer evenings. In 1935 they were practising day and night to get ready for the National Eisteddfod that was coming to Fishguard in 1936. They were to lead the Bards and Druids and Danny Jones, a cornet player, was to play the long trumpet. The snag was, he had to ride a horse whilst playing the trumpet. Llewellyn, the Grocer's horse - of a fearsome reputation - was elected to be the trusty steed! Danny Jones, clad in a green suit and boots and blowing the long trumpet, could not ride a horse and so was very frightened, Lewis Rennish who was leading the horse, in spite of a wide vocabulary and a big stick, could not control the poor terrified creature. "

Goodwins Silver Band - *See: West Bromwich Borough Band*

Goole Borough Band - Active in 1879 as Goole Town Band and Goole Brass Band. Conductor in 1889 was G. Duprey. Goole Times - Friday, September 7, 1951: "With its traditions reaching almost 70 years into the past, Goole Borough Band, facing an uncertain future, is making a determined effort to recapture its past glories and to add more successes to its championship

achievements which began in 1903 and ended in 1920 with a list of 45 prizes, 34 medals and four challenge cups." The band was "revived" in 1898, according to a note in the Goole Times of 7th October 1898. It disbanded sometime in the late 1970s early 1980s.

Goole Brass Band - *See: Goole Borough Band*

Goole Temperance Band - Active in 1848

Goole Town Band - *See: Goole Borough Band*

Goosey Newsholme Band (Keighley)

Gordon Institute Band (Liverpool) - Active in 1887

Gordon Memorial Home (for Destitute Boys) Brass Band (Nottingham) - Active from 1898 through 1915. The home was founded in 1885. It supported and trained 45 boys for industrial and other work. The boys were 10-16 years old and wore a uniform.

Gorebridge and Arniston Band (Midlothian) - Active in 1928, conducted by John Faulds

Goring Brass Band - Formed before WW1. As a Division 1 Band, its standard was very high. After the war, the Band re-started in 1925 and played on until 1939, but as war was imminent it proved impossible to carry on.

Gorleston Silver Band (Great Yarmouth) - Formed in 1954

Gornal Wood Excelsior Village Brass Band - Active in 1930, when it performed at Himley Park in August

Gornal Wood Saxhorn Band - Active in 1865

Gorse Hill Prize Band

Gorseinon Brass Band (Swansea) - Active in 1948

Gorton & Openshaw Old Band - Founded in 1857, still active in 1947

Gorton & Openshaw Prize Silver Band - Bill Booth (senior) was solo horn player until his death in 1946. His son, Bill Booth, took over the solo horn until his untimely death in 1948.

Gorton Silver Band - Formed in 1857. Folded in the 1990s? and the remainder merged with the Reddish Prize Band

Gosport and Fareham Mission Band (Hampshire) - Active in the 1890s

Gosport Silver Band (Hants) - Formed in 1968 as the brainchild of Alderman John Fairhall, a former Mayor of Gosport. While on holiday in Austria he heard a town band and thought that it would enhance the image of Gosport if it too had a town band. He put this idea to Gosport Borough Council, which supported him unanimously and made available a loan of £5,000 for the purchase of instruments, music and uniforms. The council also provided a rehearsal room. The Band's founder Director of Music was Cecil Brown, a retired Royal Marines Commissioned Bandmaster, who led and directed the Band until 1982. He was succeeded by Albert Hall, also a former Royal Marines Bandmaster. Albert was succeeded as Musical Director in April 2005 by Derek Jones and in September 2007 he was succeeded by Richard Sharp. In its early years the Band pioneered music on the Solent, playing on the Isle of Wight ferries on Sunday afternoons while they cruised from Portsmouth to Southampton Water. It was a feature of the welcoming scene when Princess Alexandria visited the town. When the Golden Jubilee of Gosport attaining borough status was celebrated, the Band shared the platform with the Central Band of the Royal Air Force at a gala garden party. It merged with Solent Concert Band in 2011 to form Gosport Solent Brass.

Gossages Soap Works Band (Widnes) - Active in 1882 when they played at Liverpool football ground, and in 1892 when they competed in an Eisteddfodd at St Helens. Still active in 1904

Gotham Temperance Brass Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1886

Gothenburg Brass Band (Sweden) - Formed in 1982, disbanded in 2007.

Goudhurst Brass Band (Kent) - In existence in 1887, probably founded by George Reeves in that year, as the Kilndown and Goudhurst Brass Band. By 1900, this had become the Goudhurst Brass Band and by 1926 the Goudhurst Prize Brass Band. It was still in existence in 1935.

Goudhurst Prize Brass Band - *See: Goudhurst Brass Band*

Govan Burgh Band - Active in 1933

Govan Colliery Band (Glasgow) - Active in 1856 and 1875

Graffham Brass Band (Sussex) - Active in 1907

Grampound Band (Restormel, Cornwall) - Known to have accepted engagements from 1875 to 1935 they changed their title after WW1 to Grampound British Legion Band. It does not appear to have attended any contests. The only conductors names discovered are Charles Mannell in 1899 and Percy Hill in 1935.

Grampound Town Band - *See: Grampound Band*

Granborough Brass Band (Buckinghamshire) - Active in 1885 when it played at a Liberal meeting in Winslow.

Grandborough Brass Band (Warwickshire) - Active in 1887

Grandholm Works Brass Band (Aberdeen) - Active in 1879. Attached to the Grandholm woolen mills

Grange Iron Works Brass Band (Belmont, Co. Durham) - One member was Alfred Agincourt Wright, who was presented with a silver cornet by the band inscribed with his name, the band name, and "in recognition of his valuable services rendered to that band". The iron works closed in the 1920s so it is presumed the band folded then.

Grangepans Brass Band [1] (Bo'ness) - Folded by the early 1870s, the instruments being sold to the new Armadale Brass Band established in 1873

Grangepans Brass Band [2] (Bo'ness) - Formed in 1900

Grangetown Steelworks Band (Cleveland) - Active in 1892.

Grangewood Silver Band - Formed in the early 1900s. Later known as East London Brass Ensemble, East Ham Borough Band, East Ham Silver Band in 1946, when it was based at the local Technical College which employed the Musical Director as lecturer. Renamed East Ham Borough Band in the 1950's players were attracted from further afield, leading to considerable improvement. By 1958 it was setting significantly new standards for the area and qualified for the National Finals for the first time. Subsequently the Band participated in the finals on numerous occasions gaining two top six placings. Reorganisation of the London Boroughs in 1965, which amalgamated East Ham, West Ham and North Woolwich, led to the name being changed once more to the Newham Band - in early years of the change being known as Newham (East Ham) Band. It amalgamated with the Aveley Band in 1995.

Grantham Brass Band - Active in 1851

Grantham Gospel Band - Active in 1905

Grantham Town Band - Active in 1947

Grasmere Brass Band - Active in the 1880s, taking part in the Grasmere Rushbearing festival.

Grassmarket Band - *See: City of Edinburgh Band*

Gravel Lane Methodist Band - Founded in the 1930's by William Bowen M.B.E (The honour was received for his work with poor people.) The band competed at the Crystal Palace in the 1930's and in 1956 won the regional contest and travelled to London to compete in the National Finals. Competed in the Senior Trophy, in 1962, conducted by H. Johnson. They also won several local contests including Buxton and Belle Vue. The band broke up in 1971.

Gravenhurst Village Band (Bedfordshire) - Active around 1895

Gravesend Brass Band - Active in the mid-1800s. Also known as Gravesend Town Band. Had some success in the Crystal Palace championships in the early part of the century. It added woodwind instruments and converted to a military style band some time after 1918.

Gravesend Silver Band - Active in 1910

Gravesend Town Band - *See: Gravesend Brass Band*

Grays Brass Band (Preston) - Active in the 1850s and through to the 1890s.

Grays Temperance Band (Essex) - Active in 1928. Originally called Grays Temperance Silver Prize Band, was in existence during the 1960s.

Grays Temperance Silver Prize Band - *See: Grays Temperance Band*

Grayshott Brass Band (Hampshire) - George Bernard Shaw was one of the founders of the Grayshott Brass Band in 1899 which, the Grayshott Magazine remarked, "could be a decided acquisition." The band continued for some years and regularly performed at the local flower shows, garden parties, Band of Mercy shows and similar events. In a list of the initial subscribers, of whom there were 40 subscribing a total of £40. 17. 6., Shaw appears as giving £10. Whether this Band ever scaled musical heights may be doubted, since, when four years later land was given for the purpose of building a Village Hall, the donor inserted, perhaps in order to protect owners of adjacent property, a restrictive covenant prohibiting any 'band practice' on the land. In 1904 the band were permitted to play at the new recreation ground at the junction of Headley and Crossways Roads, if they so wished, not more than two evenings in any week.

Greasbrough Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active around 1930

Great Bentley Brass Band (Essex) - Active in 1894. Also active in the 1930s. Bandmaster in 1934/36 was James Naylor and 1937/8 was JW Smith.

Great Bentley Homeguard Band (Essex) - Active during WW2

Great Brickhill Band (Bedfordshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Great Bridge Temperance Band (West Bromwich) - Active in 1866

Great Central and Metropolitan Band (London) - When Gladstone Park opened in 1901, brass bands were enjoying a period of great popularity. The group chosen to play at the park was the Great Central and Metropolitan Railwaymen's Band; a joining together of musicians from one-time rival bands. Initially the Local Government Board in Whitehall would not permit the band to be paid, so for some years the musicians were allowed to charge the public for chairs and programmes. Later the rules were changed and the band got a seasonal fee of £35 for the Sunday recitals, which was increased to a £50 when Thursday (early closing) performances were added by 1909. They retained their right to sell programs and charge for chairs. So popular were the concerts that the Council offered little resistance to the band's suggestion that a proper bandstand should be provided. On 28th February 1905 Robson was instructed to prepare a plan and estimates for a covered bandstand, and the next month his costing of £176 was agreed. The resulting rustic thatched structure, which was placed a little to the east of the baths, had all the hallmarks of a Robson special. In 1912 it was insured for £325 against fire. As early as 1910 the Council was considering providing electric lighting to the bandstand but it was not until 1945 that it was agreed that this should go ahead at a cost of £149. Many special events were supported. In 1911 the band gave a special recital to honour the coronation of George V (for which they were paid £15), a 'massed band concert' was permitted on Sunday 4th June from 3pm to 5pm, and in 1915 they organised dances on one Thursday evening per month during the season. The joint band entered many competitions, such as the annual Crystal Palace contests from 1904 onwards, eventually becoming the 'Great Central and Metropolitan Railwaymen's (Silver) Prize Band'. At the 1923 competition they won second prize. The band were to be regular performers at Gladstone Park until 1920 when they refused the Council's offer of £50 for Sunday concerts for the season and requested £6 6s per performance. The Council did not agree and engaged the National Union of Railwaymen (Neasden No.1 Branch) Orphan Fund Band in their place. In 1924 the Great Central & Metropolitan Silver Prize band were approached again but stated they were not prepared to do Sunday evening performances as they had a contract with London County Council (possibly for appearing in Queen's Park). Perhaps they had become too grand. By 1928 the birds had taken most of the thatch off the bandstand. The Council's Outdoor Committee recommended that it be tiled, as re-thatching costs would be prohibitive. The band provided music at the S. Smith and Sons (M.A.) Limited's Sports at Dollis Hill, Neasden in August 1923, and again in 1925.

Great Central and Metropolitan Railwaymen's (Silver) Prize Band - *See: Great Central and Metropolitan Band*

Great Clifton Prize Band (Cumbria) - Active in the early 1900s - conductor at one time was John Gilchrist.

Great Eastern Railway Cambridge Silver Band - *See: Cambridge Railway Band*

Great Easton Coronation Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1908/1916 - W.F. Haddon bandmaster & secretary.

Great Harwood Brass Band - *See: Great Harwood Subscription Band*

Great Harwood Subscription Band - Active in 1853 as Great Harwood Brass Band. Active in 1888, when it was described as "... is a good one, and whenever it appears in public it has none of that 'brassiness' of tone so distressing to those who have a sensitive diaphragm". In 1893 it won first prize at a contest in Skelmersdale (other bands placed were: 2nd, Leyland Subscription Band; 3rd, Ratcliffe Public Band; 4th, Pemberton Old Band; 5th, White-well Vale Band). Still active in 1900.

Great Harwood Temperance Band

Great Holland Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s. Renamed Kirkby Cross & Great Holland Brass Band a little later. For more details, see *Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex*, by David Cawdell.

Great Horkesley Band - Active in the late 1800s, but did not reform after the Great War.

Great Horton Band (Bradford) - Formed in 1877 and, over the next 10 years, attended 40 contests winning 30 prizes, value £300. Conducted by G.F. Birkenshaw at the Barnoldswick Contest in 1886

- Great Massingham Silver Band** (Norfolk) - Active in the early 1900s, when they were invited to play at Sandringham by the king after he heard them playing in Kings Lynn.
- Great Northern Loco Band** (Doncaster) - *See: Doncaster Loco Band*
- Great Northern Railway Plant Works Band** - Also known as the Doncaster Plant Works Band. Formed in 1856 and conducted by George Birkinshaw (father of the famous Black Dyke cornet player and celebrated by William Rimmer's march Viva Birkinshaw!). Its original composition was two sopranos, six cornopeans, two tenor horns, one baritone, three trombones, two ophicleides, one Eb bass bombardon, and percussion. The band won many prizes between 1859 and 1861 and played many arrangements and compositions of marches and waltzes by Birkinshaw. Including 3rd prize at Lincoln on 6 June 1859, and 1st prize, gaining £15, at Peterborough on 5 September 1859 (where the bandsmen had to "defend themselves physically against disappointed rivals afterwards!"), and 2nd prize at the contest at the Botanical Gardens in Sheffield in 1860. Renamed Doncaster Volunteer Band in 1859. Birkinshaw introduced his own brass band compositions in concerts given out of doors in the town: Festive Polka, Rouse Polka, the galop Spring Flowers, Pas Redouble, at least one march, a cornet trio and an arrangement for three cornets of "Lift Thine Eyes" from Elijah. In one 1859 Doncaster concert Birkinshaw conducted Jullien's Mary Ann Polka and French Quadrille. Birkinshaw left the band in 1865, but it continued successfully under the batons of J Redfern, S Wilson and Mr Salmon, until it disbanded when the Volunteers were absorbed into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Regiment in 1908.
- Great Western Colliery Band** (Hopkinstown) - Active in 1920
- Great Western Railway (Swindon) Band** - *See:*
- Great Western Railway (Swindon) Band** - The Musical Times in 1847 stated "In the large workshops of the Great Western Railway, at Swindon, a number of these men have combined to make a most excellent orchestra, seconded by the liberality and encouragement which seems to pervade the Company's arrangement at this village, for the benefit, improvement and amusement of their workmen." It was still active in 1893, but had folded by the early 1900s when a later Swindon band arose, also to be associated with the railway.
- Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Band** - Active in 1957
- Greater Bendigo Brass Inc.** (Australia) - Formed in 1998 as Greater Bendigo Concert Brass from the merger of Marong Municipal (Hopetoun) Brass Band and Strathfieldsaye Municipal Band. Renamed Greater Bendigo Brass Inc. in 2008
- Greater Bendigo Concert Brass** (Australia) - *See: Greater Bendigo Brass Inc.*
- Greenbank Band** (Caradon, Cornwall) - Formed around 1885, Greenbank Band carried on until c1900 when they disbanded to help form the Liskeard Borough Band. The only known conductor was John Mitchell.
- Greenbank Band** (Liskeard) - Formed in 1886
- Greenbank Foundry Brass Band** (Blackburn) - Active in 1884
- Greengates Band** (Yorkshire) - Active in 1855/1856 and also in 1896/1900.
- Greenhalgh's Band** (Lancashire) - Active in 1872 and also in 1907 and 1908, when it played at Calder Vale.
- Greenhithe Brass Band** (Essex) - Active in 1887
- Greenhow Hill Victoria Band** (near Pateley Bridge) - Formed in the 1860s. It is mentioned by Thomas Blackah in his poem of 1865 about the Feast: "The Nidderdale Rant" - 'And Victoria Band maks under t'tree/ A bonny racket.' Used to play in the Greenhow Chapel. When the Chapel got an organ, they could not play, which caused a great deal of trouble. The band was thought to be very good and was much sought after on festive occasions in the area. There were 17 in the band: Joe Mackwell (1st Cornet), John Green (2nd Cornet), Ann Green (Bass), Thomas Blackah (Bass Instrument), Richard Blackah (A horn going right round his body), Jossie Blackah (Bass Instrument), Maw Simpson (Single Bass), Will Green (Big Drum), Thomas Wilkinson Marshall (Little Drum), R Mackwell (A round instrument), Duncan Mackwell (1st Fiddle), Jackie Green (Double Bass), ? (Trombone), 4 others (String Instruments). Nathaniel Grainge ('Natty wey t'stick') was also in the band according to another source. It was still going strong in 1883, but ceased shortly after when the local mining industry collapsed.
- Greenhow Victoria Band** - *See: Greenhow Hill Victoria Band*
- Greenock Thistle Brass Band** - *See: 1st Renfrew and Dumbarton Artillery Volunteers Band*
- Green's Dye Works Band** (Leeds) - Active in 1872

Greensplat Band (Restormel, Cornwall) - Formed in 1913, the circumstances of WW1 interfered somewhat, and the band experienced problems with repayments on the instrument loan and so had to cease activities. Immediately after that little European disagreement was resolved they restarted their band life, which carried on until about 1935. Situated just outside the village of Bugle, for Greensplat bandsmen, contesting was an important activity from 1919 until 1930. R Hancock led the band from its inception to 1920. It is not known, at present, who was resident conductor from this point on but they did continue to contest, once under EJ Williams (sen) three times under a J Bassett (perhaps by coincidence, there was a J Bassett horn player who had finished playing with Foxhole Band - was this the same man?), and a couple of times by a G Attwood but in 1926 Charles H Baker became professional adviser to them, continuing for the next four years, after which Len Manhire took over until their demise.

Greenway Moor Band - Active in the 1930s to 1960s. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.

Greenway Moor Prize Band - *See: Greenway Moor Band*

Greenways Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1889 when it performed at a bazaar in Frenchay. In 1894 it took part in a temperance procession at Downend on July 11th. Also known as Greenway's Military Band

Greetland and West Vale Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1873

Gresford Colliery Silver Band (Wrexham) - Active in 1933

Gresham Brass Band (Surrey) - Active in the early 1900s, based in Old Woking, at the printing works of Unwin Brothers. They are known to have played at events in Send village and it is likely that some of the players lived in Send in houses built by the company. There seem to have been about 18 players. There is an archive of Unwin Brothers at the Surrey History Centre in Woking which may have some further information.

Gresham Press Brass Band - *See: Gresham Brass Band*

Griff Colliery Band (Nuneaton) - Active in the 1930s

Grimesthorpe Prize Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1905/06 when it won the Local Challenge Cup.

Grimsbys Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Originally formed with pupils of the old Harold Street school together with more experienced musicians.

Grindleton Brass Band - Active before WW1, but found itself short of players between the wars and amalgamated with Slaidburn Band, retaining the Slaidburn name. Slaidburn's instruments were used, but Grindleton provided the majority of players.

Grosmont Iron Works Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1880

Groves Mission Band (York) - Active since at least 1889, it disbanded in 1903 and members joined the new Rowntrees Cocoa Works Band

Groves Wesleyan Band - *See: Groves Mission Band*

Grundisburgh Brass Band (Suffolk) - The earliest known press report is the Suffolk Standard of August 1892, when the band played at a local show. In June 1893 they played at an open-air concert in the grounds of Grundisburgh Hall, and it was reported that "The programme was interspersed with items by the Grundisburgh Brass band, which shows considerable improvement since last year" Evidently the reporter wasn't a fan! Later that year, at a formal sit-down tea, it was reported that the band had 23 members, and the conductor, G. Walter Blackmore, (the village schoolmaster), and the bandmaster, Richard H Gladwell, were both presented with inscribed marble clocks, so the band must have been going longer than so far confirmed. In September 1892 it played at a Sale of Work at Grundisburgh House, in July 1894 and also in 1896 is entertained visitors to the Wherstead and Belstead Cottagers' Show. July 1898 saw the band in action at the Clopton Flower Show and also the Winesham Cottagers' Show. In February 1900 it gave a concert for the "Absent-minded Beggar Fund", raising £6 - this fund had been set up by the Daily Mail, using the popular poem by Rudyard Kipling as a focus for charitable fundraising during the Boer War. The band was still active after WW1.

Guisborough Brass Band - Active in 1859 when it took part in the Lofthouse Grand Village Band Contest in November that year. It was conducted by Mr Bannister, had 12 performers, and played Il Trovatore by Verdi. and the test piece, Grand Parade March by Jones.

Guisborough Priory Prize Silver Band - Formed in 1902 and still active in 1920

Guisborough Volunteer Band - Active in 1900

Guisseley Brass Band - Active in 1890. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by R. Stevenson.

Gunnerslake British Legion Band - *See: Gunnerslake Temperance Band*

Gunnerslake Silver Band - *See: Gunnerslake Temperance Band*

Gunnerslake Temperance Band (North Cornwall) - Formed about 1898, they quietly carried on with the usual engagements of the time, and after World War 1 became Gunnerslake British Legion Band, and later the Gunnerslake Silver Band. They were a non-contesting outfit. All that can be discovered regards conductors was that in 1937 Mr C Trewin finished and Mr W Westlake took over. It must have been soon after this that they folded up as I can find no more references to them after 1937. Also in the town of Gunnerslake was a Salvation Army Corps, complete with a band that carried out "outside" engagements at least in 1930.

Gunton Hall Silver Band

Gwennap Band - Truro City Band had disbanded in 1969 so was it a coincidence that the Gwennap Band, who were only five miles from Truro, started up at that same time, albeit under a different conductor? This was Rex Little who stayed with them until 1975 when they became the basis for a new Truro band. Rex Little stayed with this new band for about thirteen years.

Gwernaffield Brass Band - Active in 1899 and sporadically through the first half of the 20th century. A permanent successor band was formed in 1971 (Gwernaffield Silver Band)

H. Stevenson's Works Silver Band - *See: Hugh Stevenson & Sons Band*

Habershon Silver Band - Active in the 1960s/70s

Haddenham Silver Band (Buckinghamshire) - Active in 1905 and the 1970s

Hadleigh Town Band (Suffolk) - Active in 1958

Hafod Welfare Band (North Wales) - Active in 1958

Haggate Band - *See: Briercliffe Prize Brass Band*

Haggerston Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Haigh (Aspull) Band (Lancashire) - Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by J. Mather).

Haigh Band (Barnsley) - *See: Rothwell Haigh Band*

Haigh Band (near Wigan) - *See: Haigh Colliery Band*

Haigh Colliery Band (Wigan) - Formed in 1843, one of the first to use all brass instruments. Still active in 1873

Haigh Prize Band - *See: Haigh Band*

Hailsham Brass Band - *See: Hailsham Town Band*

Hailsham Town Band - Founded in 1901 and in 1948 amalgamated with the British Legion (Hailsham Branch) Band. Records of the band, from 1901-48, are held at the East Sussex Record Office. 1905/1911/1915 the secretary was George G. Guy

Hale End Xylonite Works Band (Hackney, London) - Formed in 1920.

Halesowen Town Prize Band - Active in 1899

Halesowen Town Volunteer Prize Band - Active in 1898

Haley Hill Band - *See: Haley Hill Sax Horn Band*

Haley Hill Sax Horn Band (Yorkshire) - Active in August 1859 when they played at the annual exhibition of the Haley Hill & New Town Allotment Gardeners' Society

Halifax and District Brass Band - Records of the band, from 1951-61, are held at the West Yorkshire Archive Service, Calderdale

Halifax Band of Hope Brass Band - *See: Halifax Victoria Band*

Halifax Borough Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1863

Halifax Brass Band - Active in the 1860s. Won the British Open in 1860 and 1861, conducted by J. Dewhurst and competed again in 1864.

Halifax Citadel Band - Active in 1918

Halifax Home Guard Band - Competed in the 1944 British Open contest.

Halifax Main Brass Band

Halifax Rink Brass Band

Halifax Temperance Band

Halifax Victoria Band - Originally the Halifax Band of Hope Brass Band

Halkyn Brass Band (Flintshire) - Active in 1899

Hall Green Euphonic Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1865

Hall of Freedom Silver Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1920

Hallas City Band (Australia) - Merged with Long Gully Miner's Band in 1889 to form Marong Municipal (Hopetoun) Brass Band

Hallelujah Crusaders Band (Kent) - Active in 1922

Hallelujah Mission Band (Motherwell) - Active in 1898

Halliwell Band (Bolton) - *See: Halliwell Prize Brass Band*

Halliwell Prize Brass Band (Bolton) - Formed in 1859, they originally took the name Jubilee Band, owing to their membership being from St Peter's Jubilee Sunday School. Some time before 1870 the band severed its ties with St Peter's and took the name Halliwell Band, in 1873 they played at the opening of the Town Hall. Halliwell Band disbanded during the First World War as 22 members signed up! Two were killed and three gained the DCM. A record that they were very proud of Sir Knowles Edge JP was a great supporter of the band in the early part of the last century. Evening News, July 21, 1904 - The attendance at the weekly band performance in Queen's Park, Bolton, on Wednesday evening did not reach its usual dimensions. The Halliwell Prize Brass Band occupied the kiosk and the programme was gone through with great credit to themselves. A melancholy interest was attached to the performance owing to the death of Bandmaster Range, late musical director of the concerts, and out of respect to the deceased's memory the band played the Dead March. Jack Wilson, who lived in Bolton from 1936 to 1951, said, "My Dad was conductor of Halliwell Prize Band, and worked until the war at Crossleys, who I believe made ropes and cables. Old man Crossley was chairman of the band, and when the war started most of the players were called up, and Dad went on munitions. The band never really recovered." The band played at church and chapel walking days, Field Days, Garden Parties, Rose Queens and for Christmas Carols. In Bolton there were the Trinity Sunday Walks of the Roman Catholics, the May Day parade of carthorses from the brewers and carriers, and that feast of entertainment the Royal Infirmary Carnival where jazz bands vied with brass bands. The leader in the 1930s was possibly a portly gentleman called Gregory, who lived in Olga Street, and the band met at the Peel Arms on Halliwell Road - whether to practice or drink is not known! At the time it disbanded in the early 1950s it practiced in St Paul's School. Another earlier member of the band was George Kay. He lived at 6 Saturn Street, attended Harvey Street Chapel and worked at Dobson & Barlow. He had three children, one son and two daughters. In February 1917 he enlisted in the North Staffordshire Regiment, sadly he was killed in May 1918, aged 40. The band at some point became the Halliwell Prize Brass Band [before 1904], what prize it won is not known but apparently it was jokingly said to be third prize when there were only three competitors. On Christmas morning they would start playing Hail Smiling Morn at the Ainsworth Arms and travel down Halliwell Road calling at other pubs en route. How far they got before they could no longer play is not recorded. The band latterly was sponsored by Henry Crossley (Packings) Ltd., and it would seem that when the band finished in the early 1950s the uniforms, instruments and music were stored by them, and then sold.

Halls Oxford Concert Brass - *See: Oxford Concert Brass*

Hall's Ropery Band (Barton, Cumbria) - Active in the mid 1880's. Very little is known about this ensemble other it was founded by the Ropery company

Halstead Town Band (Essex) - Active in 1902 - Richard Francis bandmaster, C.H. Gibbs secretary. 1914 - H.A. Adams bandmaster, H. Laurence secretary.

Halstead's Brass Band (Preston) - Active in 1882. Mr Halstead was landlord of the Britannia Inn, Friargate, Preston. The band won first prize in a contest at Barrow on August 7th 1882, winning a handsome silver cup and £7. At various recent competitions it had gained: Ten first prizes, five second prizes, two third prizes, and one fourth prize, amounting to over £300 in money; also seven side drums, three gold and one silver medal, one drum-major's staff, and a silver cup.

Haltwhistle Old Silver Band (Northumberland) - Formed in 1898. Disbanded August 2004. In its heyday, Haltwhistle Old Silver Band acted like the proud standard bearer for the town. It stood for musical accomplishment and, perhaps more importantly, community spirit. Some men devoted the whole of their adult lives to the band, meeting for rehearsals three times a week and frequently spending a fourth performing at events throughout the region. They were joined by their brothers and followed by their sons. Meanwhile, their wives concentrated on organising fundraising events to help cover the band's costs. So it is with heavy hearts that the last three members of the band have decided to call it a day. It has existed in name only for many years now, kept going by a hand-full of members who could

not imagine life without their regular music sessions. Now the writing is truly on the wall, though, because they have decided to put the old Band Room up for sale. Situated at the bottom of Comb Hill, the building has been home to the band since it sounded its first notes in the mid 1800s. Which is why the last three members * Jonty Bell, Tom Fletcher and Dryden Smith * are determined that the money realised by the sale will provide a lasting legacy in Haltwhistle. They will use it to set up a trust fund, which will be used to foster the musical ambitions of local people. They have requested that Haltwhistle Town Council runs the trust fund, which was unanimously agreed to by councillors during their latest meeting. Along with his fellow councillors, chairman Coun. Alan Sharp paid warm tribute to Jonty for the role he has played in Haltwhistle Old Silver Band for almost 80 years. Jonty was also well known across the district for his leading role in the Singing Waiters over 25 years. "I would just like to thank you on behalf of the town for all the hard work you have put in over the years," said Coun. Sharp. "You were a stalwart of the band. "You have done so much for the town, and I can safely say you are held in high regard for your devotion and commitment. "People have succeeded in bands and singing because of your hard work. "I think the trust will be a good thing for the future of Haltwhistle and for children who are interested in music." Coun. Graham Ridley added: "In the past, the band has done a great deal to bring on youngsters. "A lot of them got their first introduction to music through the band. "If the trust carries on that good work, it will be a good thing for the town. We will all be grateful to you for that." Jonty was just five years old when he was first introduced to band life. "I used to go along with my father * he was the conductor at the time," he said. "The band room was a wreck then. There was flooring in just half the room. "While the band was playing in that half of the room, I used to sit in the other half making pot-pies in the dirt. "I joined the band properly when I was eight years old." Jonty is now 84. His father, who was also called Jonathan, played the euphonium. Jonty played the E-flat bass, while his elder brother, George, played the cornet. It has been Tom Fletcher who has kept the band going in recent years, says Jonty. Known for his skill on the trombone, Tom stepped into the breach when the band needed a conductor. The remaining member of their stalwart group, Dryden, played the double-B bass. "At one time, every village had a band, such as Haydon Bridge and Bardon Mill," said Jonty. "The 1950s and 1960s were the heyday for us. "We qualified twice for the national finals of a competition run by the Daily Herald, and we travelled down to London. "We travelled all over the country during those days, and family and friends used to come with us. "We had a terrific social life. It was grand. "In the end, though, the interest in bands just fizzled out," The Band Room will be closed at the end of August (2004)

Haltwhistle Rifles Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1902 and 1947

Haltwhistle Volunteers Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1904

Ham and Petersham Brass Band (Surrey) - Active in 1902

Ham Mills Works Band - Active in the early 1900s

Hambleton Brass Band (Hampshire) - Active in the 1920s and 1980s

Hambrook Prize Band - *See: Hambrook Silver Prize Band*

Hambrook Silver Prize Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in the early 1900s, Played for Rogation open-air services on White's Hill Common (Frenchay) in 1927 and 1944. Played at the Winterbourne Sunday School treat on 25 August 1920. Gave a "delightful concert" at Winterbourne in 1926. "This was a huge success, and we hope very much that they will come again before the winter goes". Headed a procession of 150 Bristol Buffaloes for a wreath laying ceremony at Frenchay in 1927. Played at a Garden Fete at Watley's End, Winterbourne in 1928. Played at Winterbourne School Sports on June 17 1931 and were thanked for their efficient musical programme, given entirely without any fee. Played at Frenchay Fete in aid of Hambrook Hospital on July 14 1934. Jack Miles was for some years bandmaster of the Hambrook Silver Band - possibly in the 1930s-40s. Disbanded before 1974 when some ex-members joined the new Thornbury Band.

Hamilton Brass Band - Active in the 1930s

Hamilton Place Colliery Band (Bothwell)

Hammersmith Borough Band (London) - Formed 1927

Hampstead Prize Silver Band - Active around 1910

Hampstead Temperance Band - Active in 1895

Hampton Hill Brass Band (London) - Active in the early 1900s

Hamstead Colliery Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1894

Hamsteels Colliery Band ‘(1) (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1938.

Hamsteels Colliery Band ‘(2) (between Langley Park and Cornsay, Durham) - Formed in 1950, rehearsed in the Drill Hall in Quebec, which had a special room known as the "band room" for the practices. It was, according to one account, still active after the pit closed in 1958. But it probably folded not long after that.

Hamsterley Brass Band (County Durham) - Active in Formed in 1891

Hamsterley Colliery Band (near Newcastle) - Formed in 1898. A newspaper report also has it active in 1896

Hamworthy Engineering Works Band - Active in 1970 when they won the Badman Challenge Cup at a Southern Amateur Bands Association contest. Still active in 1977.

Handcross Band (Sussex)

Hanging Heaton Band - Active in the 1980s

Hankham and District Brass Band (Sussex) - Active in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The band met to practise in the school. Sadly the most promising of the young bandsmen left home to seek employment elsewhere, and World War 1 took a heavy toll of the remainder.

Hanley Excelsior Band - Active in 1890 and the 1930s

Hanley Town Band - Active in 1889

Hanslope Band (Buckinghamshire)

Hanwell Band - Formed in 1892. In the autumn of 1891 some people had the idea of starting a public brass band and hoped to raise enough funds to purchase instruments. An announcement appeared in the Middlesex County Times on May 7, 1892 stating that a band was being formed and a committee had been formed. Among these was a Mr Williams, who was the bandmaster of the Hanwell Asylum Band. It said the personnel would be mainly professional bandsmen, but a junior band would also be formed. An appeal was made to the 'Gentry and Traders for help to buy the instruments'. The landlord of the Viaduct Inn made a room available for the band's weekly practice, which no doubt was good for business with a few pints being bought by the thirsty musicians at the close of the evening. The response from the general public was good, new instruments were bought and the band made its first public appearance at Hanwell Broadway under the baton of Mr Williams in 1892. The first full concert took place during evening service at the Union Church in late February 1893. The programme included the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. The band were fortunate to secure the services of Mr W Woods, who was experienced in competition work in the north of England, and so entries were submitted to take part in various brass band competitions. Uniforms were obtained and victories came, so the band changed its name to The Hanwell Prize Band to signal these successes. After winning first prize in a contest at Tottenham in 1913, the name was changed again to The Hanwell Silver Prize Band. During the Great War, many of the bandsmen joined the forces and the band was suspended, but in 1918 steps were taken to restart it under the conductorship of Reg Bravington. Hanwell Urban Council granted the use of Elthorne Park for a Brass Band Festival, which was a great success both musically and financially, for funds raised enabled the band to buy a full set of silver-plated instruments. More wins were secured and the band were invited to broadcast by the BBC, took part in a concert at the Prince of Wales Theatre and appeared with Gracie Fields in the film Look Up and Laugh, which was made at nearby Ealing Studios. The band's proudest boast was that they had entertained 40,000 people at one appearance. This was at a match at Brentford between the home team and Arsenal at Griffin Park, where the band played for two and a half hours. They also took part in the Brentford and Chiswick Carnival in September 1960. The band went on to take part in the national brass band contest at the Royal Albert Hall. In January 1979, the Middlesex Chronicle announced that a forthcoming concert at Cranford School would be the last under the present name. The band had agreed to sponsorship by the Roneo Vickers Office Equipment Group and it would be renamed the Roneo Vickers Band. The band was also known as the Roneo Alcatel Band during this period and eventually folded around 2001. Some of the players joined Capital Concert Brass, of West London. [Details by Eddie Menday, from notes by Charlie Brighton, ex-conductor of the band]

Hanwell Silver Band - *See: Hanwell Band*

Hanwell Silver Prize Band - *See: Hanwell Band*

Hanwell Town Prize Band - *See: Hanwell Band*

Harborough Amateur Band - *See: Harborough Band*

Harborough Artizans Band - *See: Harborough Band*

Harborough Band - Formed in October 1862. In the Harborough News of 5 Sep 1863 there is a report of the Harborough Amateur Band beating the Cricket Club (at cricket!). A later Harborough band, still active, was formed in 1897 after this one disbanded sometime in the late 1880s/ early 1890s. Also known as Harborough Artizans Band during this period

Harborough Volunteers Band - Active in 1880 - the Volunteers in Market Harborough were formed in April 1880. Probably created from the Harborough Amateur Artizans Band

Harden Beck Band (Yorkshire)

Harden Brass Band - *See: Harden Mills Band*

Harden Mills Band (Bingley) - Active in 1855 to 1868

Hardwick Colliery Silver Prize Band - Active in 1928. Hardwick Colliery became Holmewood Colliery after nationalisation.

Harefield Asbestos Works Band (Middlesex) - Active in the late 1880s - formed by employees of the United Asbestos Company, which operated in Harefield from 1882.

Harland & Wolff Liverpool Band - Active in 1924

Harlech Band - Formed in 1925 and disbanded sometime later. Successor band formed in 1985

Harlech Brass Band - Formed in 1845 and disbanded sometime around WW1.

Harlesden Band - Active in 1937

Harling Saxhorn Band (Norfolk) - Active in 1875

Harlow Band '(1) (Essex) - There was a brass band in the village of Harlow, (now Harlow Old Town), in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Contemporary photographs show the members in full uniforms: high collars lots of buttons and complete with flat caps. The band did not survive the Great War.

Harlow Band '(2) (Essex) - Around 1959-1960, an ex-army musician, Harry Crossley, had the idea of starting a brass band in Harlow. He invited other ex-army musicians with whom he had contacts to form the nucleus of the band (together with local musicians). They in turn were attracted to the prospect of employment at the factories being built in the New Town. Harlow Council provided a grant for a set of silver and blue concert music folders (which are now in the possession of the current Harlow Brass Band). The band began well and for some while performed in and around Harlow. However, it didn't become fully established, probably because of a shortage of new young players to provide continuity and disbanded in the early 1960s

Harpenden Band - Active in 1970

Harpole Excelsior Brass Band (Northants) - Active in the early 1900s

Harpur Hill Piggery Band (Derbyshire) - Was formed in the village of Harpur Hill in 1946, first marching in the Victory parades. It was a "comic" brass band, numbering at its greatest up to 40 musicians, most of whom seemed to have been very talented bandsman from top-section bands, like Fairy's, Ferodo, Cresswell Colliery etc. having retired from full time banding. It was led by Ike Dunn and folded soon after his death in 1951. They played for dancing, gave concerts and marched in a miscellany of parades in Derbyshire, Cheshire & Staffordshire.

Harpur Hill Silver Prize Band (Buxton) - Formed before 1900, it finally folded in the early 1960's. Its conductor at that time was Roy Orritt, who took over the baton from his father, Harry Orritt,. Harry was a noteworthy soprano player, before taking up the baton and he returned to the cornet ranks when he handed over to his son. The soprano player by then was Jimmy Bossley. Some players played with more than one band. e.g. Tom Pickford who was the best double bass player in the Peak District and who played with Harpur Hill, his village of domicile and also Dove Holes for many years. He also played with the Harpur Hill Piggery Band. Similarly, Jimmy Bossley also played with the Piggery Band. They were provided with free practice room facilities, as was also Peak Dale Band, by the principal employer in the district, I.C.I. (Lime Division). The grave footstone of Harry Orritt d. 18 March 1955, aged 63, reads: "In memory of Harry Orritt who gave faithful service to Harpur Hill Band for many years. Remembered by past and present officials, player and members"

Harpurhey and Moston Public Subscription Band - *See: Harpurhey and Moston Silver Prize Band*

Harpurhey and Moston Silver Prize Band (Manchester) - Founded as the Harpurhey and Moston Public Subscription Band sometime before 1900. The Bevan name became associated with the Band when Reece Bevan joined in 1905 as a euphonium player. The band disbanded at the outbreak of the 1914 war and was reformed in 1919 by Reece Bevan, who became its leader, bandmaster and Drum Major. It was formed as a private company by 10 members

who donated 10 pounds each from their services gratuities to purchase instruments etc.. It had a strict rule that all shareholders must take an active role in the Band either as a player or official. The Band included five of Reece Bevan's sons. In 1930 the Band purchased the bandroom in Factory Lane, Harpurhey. Reece Bevan was Secretary of the Manchester and Districts Amateur Brass Band Association for over 20 years, and was a pioneer of the Brass Bands Association. Reece Bevan lived at 31 Leyland Street, Harpurhey. At the time of his retirement from the band at the age 74, Reece's five sons plus four grandsons were active members of the Band, together with a further 20 members. The band used to march for the local churches at Whit Sunday etc. and play in the Bigart Hole Clough band stand on Sunday evenings. A junior band was formed in 1950. J. Bevan conducted the band in the Senior Trophy contests in the early 1950s. The band finally disbanded in the late 1950's . Bevan playing members were - sons: Harold, Jack, Jim, Bill, Eric, and grandsons: Eric jnr. Clifford, Arthur, ?. Clifford went onto be a member of the Temperance Seven and a Doctor of Music, Eric Jr. was a member of the East Lancashire Regimental Band serving in Germany

Harpurhey Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1906

Harraby Hill House Brass Band (near Carlisle?) - The house was originally St Cuthbert's Workhouse, built in 1809. On the creation of the Fusehill Union Workhouse in 1863, Harraby Hill remained for children. The Harraby Hill Workhouse School closed following the 1870 Education Act. By 1901 it was an Industrial School. The band, apparently, was ended by the start of the Great War.

Harrison's Printing Works Band (High Wycombe) - Formed in 1936

Harrogate Borough Band - Formed around 1900 and disbanded in 1939.

Harrogate Silver Prize Band - *See: Harrogate Temperance Band*

Harrogate St John's Ambulance Band

Harrogate Temperance Band - At a Town's meeting on 8th June 1888 it was decided to have a free subscription band in Harrogate. The residents of Harrogate subscribed to provide a permanent brass band, appointing J. Sidney Jones, bandmaster of the Leeds Rifles, as its conductor. The band gave its opening concert in the Montpelier Gardens on 16 July 1888. Changed name to Harrogate Silver Prize Band in the 1930s and, after a hiatus during World War 2, finally disbanded in 1956.

Harrogate Volunteer Band - Active in 1887 to 1895

Harrow Green Crusaders Brass Band (Bury St Edmunds) - Active in the early 1900s

Harrowbarrow Band (Caradon, Cornwall) - This band seems to have been in existence between 1906 and 1909. In 1907 they played for a Friendly Society procession at Linkinhorne, then in 1908 they performed at a sale of work in Stokeclimsland and the next day at a Harrowbarrow fund raising event in aid of the local football team and band funds. That same evening the band played for dancing. I can find no record of who conducted them and they certainly did not indulge in any contests.

Hartford Motors Concert Brass Band - Active in 1988

Harthill Band (Lanarkshire) - Formed in 1872

Harthill Band (Yorkshire) - On June 3rd 1871 the Whit Monday processions were headed by three Benefit Societies. The Golden Ball Club was headed by the Band of the Worksop Rifle Volunteers, and on reaching Wheat Sheaf, the Wheat Sheaf Club fell in and was headed by the Harthill Band. Subsequently both Clubs joined the Abbey Sick and Friendly Society, the whole forming an interesting procession, and were marched to the Abbey Church where a very appropriate service was preached by the Reverend E.Hawley.

Hartlepool (West) Operatic Band - Formed in 1851 and still in existence in the late 1940s

Hartlepool Borough Band - *See: Hartlepool Temperance Band (2)*

Hartlepool Excelsior Band - Active in 1870.

Hartlepool Old Boys Band - Active in 1921

Hartlepool Operatic Band - *See: West Hartlepool Old Operatic Prize Silver Band*

Hartlepool Prize Band - *See: West Hartlepool Borough Band*

Hartlepool Public Prize Band

Hartlepool Temperance Band '(1) - Active in 1896, when it won second prize in a contest at Wharton Park, Durham, conducted by Mr Holdsworth

Hartlepool Temperance Band '(2) - Formed in 1899, became Hartlepool Borough Band in 1900 and was still active in 1914

Hartley Main Colliery Band - *See: Dudley Colliery Band*

Harton Colliery Band - Formed around 1842. Competed in the Morpeth Band Festival in 1873. Folded around 1878. A successor band was formed in 1911 when the colliery adopted the players of the Tyne Dock Temperance Band to form Harton Colliery Band, now currently known as Westoe Band.

Hartshead Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in the 1860s. They rehearsed at the Grey Ox Inn.

Hartshead Moor Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1876

Harwich and Dovercourt Excelsior Band - Active in 1883.

Harwich Church Lads Brigade Band - Active in 1912

Harwich Excelsior Band - Active in 1884.

Harwich Town Silver Band - *See: Harwich Town Temperance Band*

Harwich Town Temperance Band - Formed in 1921. Changed its name to Harwich Town Silver Band in 1923, and Harwich Town Band in 1933 (so reed could be included). Did 2 trips to Holland and Belgium in 1935 for Philco Radio Company. Internal problems saw a lot of members leave in 1936 although the Band soldiered on until 1941, when most of its instruments and equipment were lost during an air raid on Harwich.

Harwood Brass Band (Harwood-in-Teesdale) - Active in 1897 when it played at the Langdon Beck Show in September

Hasland Prize Silver Band - "Our village also had a prize silver band and this was linked in a way with our Wesleyan chapel, owing to the fact that the primitives had a 'pipe organ and proper pews' and that the Wesleyans had a harmonium. On the occasion of the Sunday School anniversary, members of the local band would be invited to 'help with the music' and any local violinist, 'cellist, clarinettist etc. would also come along."

Haslemere Institute Band - Active in the early 1900s. After losing members in the Great War, it amalgamated with the remaining players of the Haslemere Town Band.

Haslingden Borough Prize Band - *See: Haslingden Temperance Band*

Haslingden Borough Temperance Band - *See: Haslingden Temperance Band*

Haslingden Temperance Band - Instituted in April 1884 and began contesting in 1887. In that first year entered 8 contests, winning 6 prizes totalling £52 10s. Later renamed Haslingden Temperance Prize Band, it became Haslingden Borough Prize Band in 1922 and eventually merged with Helmshore Public Prize Band in 1972 to form the current Haslingden and Helmshore Band

Hastings & St Leonard's Band

Hastings & St Leonards Gospel Temperance Band - There is mention in the local papers of them playing at churches and events, but I have yet to trace anything listing the membership, or the coming or going of the band. The local museum has nothing on them. They had certainly ceased to exist well before WW2, long before Sussex Brass came into existence. Among the tenor horn players is my wife's great-grandfather George Jeffery, who also played in the Hastings 1 (later Hastings Citadel) Salvation Army band. Caleb, one of his sons and my wife's great-uncle, was the bandmaster and went to prison when the Salvation Army were persecuted for holding open air services on the beach. If you've seen "Brassed Off" when Pete Postlethwaite is in hospital and the band play outside wearing their miners helmets, Brighton Congress Hall SA band actually cycled out to Lewes and played hymn tunes by the light of carbide cycle lamps outside the prison to keep Caleb's spirits up. He wore his Bandmaster's uniform to prison before he had to change into prison clothing. One of George Jeffery's other sons Tom (my wife's grandfather) was the bandmaster of Hastings 2 (Silverhill) band. I have quite a collection of Hastings SA band photos spanning the years.

Hastings Borough Band - Merged with Pevensey Silver Band in 1968 to form Sussex Brass

Hastings Gas Board Band - Active in 1867

Hastings Southern Railway Band - Active in 1928.

Hastings Town Band - Active between 1893 and 1900

Hatfield Peverel Parish Brass Band - Active in 1891

Hatfield Regis Boys Brass Band - Formed during WW2 by Gilbert Hutchin.

Hatherleigh Brass Band (Devon) - Active in the 1880s

Hatherleigh Methodist Band (Devon)

Hatherleigh Temperance Band (Devon) - Active in the 1880s

Hatherleigh Volunteers Band (Devon) - Formed around 1860 and disbanded before 1909

Hathern Brass Band - *See: Hathern Foresters Band*

Hathern Foresters Band - Formed in 1866. Later known as Hathern Brass Band, Hathern Old Brass Band (to 1894) and finally Hathern Old Prize Brass Band. Amalgamated with Hathern Prize Band in 1917 to form the current Hathern Band

Hathern Old Brass Band - *See: Hathern Foresters Band*

Hathern Old Prize Brass Band - *See: Hathern Foresters Band*

Hathern Prize Band - Formed in the 1860s. Hathern Old Prize Brass Band in 1917 to form the current Hathern Band

Havant Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Active in 1897

Havant Town Band - Active in the 1930s

Haverhill Co-operative Silver Band - Formed in 1920, still active in 1945

Haverhill Shepherds Brass Band - Active in 1911, when it played at the Cavendish and Pentlow annual flower show.

Haverton Hill Silver Band '(1) (Stockton) - Formed in 1898 and folded in the late 1940s/early 1950s

Haverton Hill Silver Band '(2) (Stockton) - Reformed in 1971 and folded prior to 2000.

Hawarden Brass Band - Active in 1896 when it competed at a contest at Hawarden.

Hawkesbury Upton Harmonic Society Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Played at the annual tea party in the village, conducted by Mr J Bickerton, in August 1864

Hawaby Silver Band (North Yorks) - Active in 1887, playing at Mr & Mrs Tancred's Silver Wedding in Helmsley. Merged with Bilsdale Brass Band some time after 1909.

Hawthorn Junior Band (Melbourne, Australia) - The band was formed by the senior Hawthorn Band in the late 1950's and disbanded in the early 1970's. It then reformed in 1990 and gradually disappeared in the latter part of 1998/9.

Hawthornden Band (Otley) - Active in the early 1900s. Formed by Mr Henry Dacre.

Haxby Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1841

Hay Mill Works Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1880

Haydon Bridge Band (Northumberland) - Active between the 1890s and 1947

Haydon Bridge Saxhorn Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1864

Haydon Bridge Silver Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1984

Hayes and Harlington Silver Band - Formed 1929 as Hayes Prize Band. Another source quotes the original name as the Botwell Brotherhood Band. Following the London Borough changes it became Hillingdon Band in 1974. The conductor at one time was Phillip Sparke the composer, they had a few successes and made it into the top section. Later known as Hillingdon Borough Band and then Denham Brass, it merged with the John Laing Hendon Band in 1998 to form the Denham Hendon Brass Band.

Hayes Prize Band - *See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band*

Hayes Silver Band - *See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band*

Hayfield Brass Band [Derbyshire] - Active around 1900

Hayle Town Band (Penwith, Cornwall) - There was a town band in operation in 1858 through to sometime after 1891 when it disappeared. By 1908 there was a reformed town band. This is known as there was a Mr Head, a band cornet player, who took part in a solo contest at Newquay, representing the Truro band, and it would seem that the band was back in business under a Mr M.A.C.Trebilcock, attending to the usual run of Sunday school and Band of Hope tea treats. During the 1914/18 Great War, Hayle Band continued to function despite a "Hayle Military Band" being formed by one Harry Robins, a man who was conducting St Agnes and Perranporth bands before and after his sojourn at Hayle. After WW1 they took on the title Hayle Comrades of the War Band, then Hayle Town Band on then on to Hayle Silver Band. In 1925, John Tanner, who had been conducting the St Ives Band, took over. There was, later, a C Williams conducting and in 1938 the Welshman Beth H David came along. Apart from an appearance in 1912, contests were mainly carried out from 1925 to 1938. During this period one 1st is recorded, their results being mainly placings. WW2 saw the demise of the band and it was not until 1973 that a new band was formed in Hayle. To find out more, they do have their own excellent website on IBEW.

Haylocks Band (Enfield) - Active in the early 1900s

Hays Mill Brass Band (Ovenden) - Active in 1847 - attached to the Hays Mill belonging to Thomas Taylor & Son.

Haywards Heath Town Prize Band - Originating from a brass and reed band formed in the 1880s by George Hilton, the Brotherhood Band, it was reformed after WW1, in 1922 as the all-

brass Haywards Heath Town Prize Silver Band. The band was renamed Haywards Heath Town Band in 1978. Support fell off over the next few years and the band amalgamated with Burgess Hill Brass Band in 1986 to form the Mid Sussex Brass Band.

Haywood Borough Band - Active in 1884

Hazel Grove Brass Band - Formed in 1850, played at all the anniversaries in the town during the reign of Queen Victoria. They had a tradition of playing every Christmas Day, for 100 years, at the local Liberal Club. The band represented the same Sunday School in Ashton-under-Lyne at 50 consecutive Whit Marches. In 1950 the band folded, partly due to the closure of a local factory which employed many of the players and also housed the rehearsal venue. Some members joined with the new Mirlees Blackstone Works Band which was formed in 1949. A successor band was formed in 1992

Hazel Grove Silver Band - *See: Hazel Grove Brass Band*

Hazell Watson & Viney Brass Band - *See: Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band*

Hazells (Aylesbury) Printing Works Band - Band of Hazell, Watson & Viney Ltd. (printers and binders, Aylesbury and London). Active in 1909. Performed a broadcast on the National Programme from 6.45 to 7.30, Saturday evening, January 28th 1939. Some notes from Jan Unsworth - "My great grandfather, William Smith, was involved with Hazell's Printing Works Band for 40 years, 16 of those years he was Bandmaster, until his retirement in 1934, he was also an employee of Hazell's for 49 years. During his leadership the Band won many cups and trophies and gained success at leading band competitions. The outstanding achievement was in 1932 when, at Hanwell, they were placed second in the Championship section, and my great grandfather was awarded a gold medal as the best amateur conductor. Music was always the outstanding interest in his life. He had been the bandmaster of the Volunteers' Company Band, and the Bucks Territorials Band and, in the days of the Comrades' Orchestra, he acted as its conductor. His son, Aubrey Smith, my grandfather, was also a very talented man and played many instruments, trumpet, piano, accordian, drums, bugle, cornet, My grandfather also had his own band, Aubrey Smith's Dance Band, and continued playing with Hazell's Printing Works band after my great grandfathers death."

Hazelmere Band

Heacham and District Band - Active in 1938

Head Wrightson Works Band - *See: Yarm and District Band*

Headington Silver Band (Oxfordshire) - In August 1928 1,000 miners and their families from Newport, Monmouthshire, came to Oxford, and sailed downstream from Folly Bridge to Sandford Lock, where they disembarked and joined in community singing, supported by the Headington Prize Silver Band.

Heald's Green Brass Band - Active in 1890s

Healey Hall Amateur Brass Band - *See: Healey Hall Band*

Healey Hall Band (Whitworth, Lancs) - Became defunct and was wound up in the courts as of 18th June 1884. It amalgamated with the Whitworth Vale Band shortly afterwards. It was connected with the woollen mill in Healey Dell. It played for special services in Healey Church, and for concerts and dances in the grand ballroom of Healey Hall.

Heamoor Brass Band (Penwith, Cornwall) - Heamoor Brass Band was performing at the usual run of engagements from the 1860's through to about 1935. In 1909 they were conducted by a J C Matthews and in 1934 by H P Richards. They took part in two local contests, one in Camborne and the other at Redruth. At Camborne they played in Section 4 and came 3rd, then at Redruth, conducted by Charles H Baker, in Section 3 they were unplaced but in the Junior Section they came in 3rd playing the march "The Old Warrior" and won £1.

Heanor Church Temperance Band - Active in the early 1900s through to at least 1918

Heanor Church Temperance Prize Band - Active in 1894

Heanor Miners Welfare Band - Active in 1926, when it entered the Spondon Contest, conducted by F. Beecroft

Heanor Old Prize Band - Active in 1894

Heanor Town Band - Active in 1897

Heap Bridge Brass Band - *See: Bury Public Silver Band*

Heart of England Band - Active during the 1980s and early 1990s. Also known as Hyundai Heart of England Band, and PMG Heart of England Band.

Heath & Reach Band - Active in the 1950s.

Heaton Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1857 and 1862, playing in Peel Park, Bradford

Heaton Congregational Band

Heaton Mersey & District Band - Active in 1937

Heaton Sunday School Brass Band - Active in 1873 when it headed up 800 members of the Bleachers and Finishers' Association in a procession to celebrate the Prince of Wales visit to Bolton in June that year.

Hebburn Colliery Band - Formed in 1874, (another source states 1860), the band won the Crystal Palace National Championships in 1904, conducted by Angus Holden. The band's victory tour however displeased the colliery management to the extent that some men were dismissed from the pit on their return. Folded sometime between 1920 and 1939. A newspaper report in December 1907 states: "The Hebburn Colliery Band did much by its fine playing to brighten the colliery village on Tyneside. But it had the misfortune to win the £1,000 challenge trophy at the Crystal Palace two years ago. Outside engagements poured in, and proprietors felt that they were not justified in supporting the band when it so seldom played in the village. So they withdrew their support and the band has been given up. This is not a pleasant story."

Hebburn Harmonic Band - Active in 1907 and 1937

Hebburn Town Band - Formed in 1874 and still active in 1915.

Heckington Old Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1863 when it played at the Helpringham Harvest Home Festival, in September that year. Also in 1866 when it led the Oddfellows parade at Fulbeck.

Heckington Temprence League Band (Lincolnshire)

Heckington Town Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1924 when it took part in Heckington Feast. In 1933 a new honorary conductor, Mr W Bangay, was appointed. Amalgamated with Sleaford Town Band to form Sleaford and District Band, probably in the late 1940s?

Heckmondwike Albion Band - Active in the 1850s and 1860s. Took part in the Second South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Nether Hall Park, Doncaster, on 25th June 1860.

Heckmondwike Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1860

Heckmondwike Flush Mills Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1860

Heckmondwike Old Band (Yorkshire)

Heeley Brass Band (near Sheffield) - Active in the first half of the 20th century. "My dad and his brothers and my cousins all played in the Heeley Brass Band and if the Dore band were playing a special fete or sports day they used to go and play with them to augment their numbers. They always travelled from Heeley Station to Dore and Topley Station by train and then walked up Dore Road to the village."

Helland Band (Caradon, Cornwall) - Formed about 1890 they kept up a fairly busy life until 1927 when what was left of them became the nucleus of the Bodmin Town Band. In their earlier days they were conducted by George Bailey who went on to conduct St Blazey & District Band until the day of his retirement. A R. Symons conducted the Helland Band before and after World War 1. No contesting was ever carried out.

Helmshore Prize Band - *See: Helmshore Public Prize Band*

Helmshore Public Prize Band - Formed in the 1870s, it eventually merged with Haslingden Borough Prize Band in 1972 to form the current Haslingden and Helmshore Band

Helsby Brass Band (Bolton) - Had 8 members, under the conductorship of Mr E Helsby. They played at the Olympia Skating Ring each Saturday and were report as rendering excellent music at the first Rumworth Reservoir Regatta in 1882.

Helsby Family Brass Band (Bolton) - Formed around 1895. On a Sunday afternoon there was a large family gathering at one of the family's houses, when someone said 'Well. There are enough of us, why not form a band of our own again!' They sent a hat round and the collection amount to 4 shillings and 6 pence. They went to see an instrument firm, where they struck a deal and 13 Helsby's and a drummer started a band. Another tale told is one day while carrying out a Church procession in Farnworth one wit called out in excited tones, 'Hello Helsby there, I say Helsby!' Every member looked round on hearing his name called, causing a temporary breakdown in the performance. In about 1912 the family became scattered across the country and this was the end of the band. Many of the family members went on to play in other local bands, notably one, Mr Thomas Helsby, became conductor of Eagley Brass Band.

Helton Band (Cumbria) - Active in 1913

Hemington Brass Band (Somerset) - Active in the 1880s

Hemsworth Colliery Athletic Club Brass Band (Wakefield) - Active in 1932

Hemsworth Colliery Band (Wakefield) - Active in the 1940s/50s

Hemsworth Old Brass Band - Active in 1900. Bandroom was the King's Head Inn, Hemsworth, Wakefield.

Hemsworth Saxhorn Band (South Yorkshire) - Active in 1875

Hendersons Brass Band (North East) - Active in 1887 when it led a procession for Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations in Jarrow - "June 21st this being Jubilee Day the town of Jarrow and surrounding district celebrated the day in right loyal style. Upwards of 7,000 children gathered at the educational centres to be regaled with buns, spice loaf, milk and tea. The masters attended the little folks and mistresses of the schools assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen volunteers as waiters. After the tea the children prepared to start for the Recreation Ground where sports and entertainment were to be provided for them. Before the start was made each child received a present of a Jubilee Mug. On each of them were portraits of the Queen representing her in 1837 and the present year.. Each mug bore the words "Jubilee 1887 Jarrow on Tyne". The tea finished the young folk set off in two processions one headed by Hendersons Brass Band and the other by the Tyne Dock and Jarrow Temperance Band. "

Hendon Band - Formed in 1956, later known as John Laing (Hendon) Band. Within just eight years, under the direction of Donald Morrison, they were upgraded to 'Championship' Section rating. They enjoyed many contest successes, appearing in the national finals at the Royal Albert Hall on many occasions and also making regular appearances on BBC radio programmes. It merged with the Denham Band in 1998 to form the Denham Hendon Brass Band.

Hendon Central Band - Active in 1962, when it competed in the Senior Trophy, conducted by D.M. Morrison

Hendon Silver Band - Formed in June 1938

Henfield Town Band (Sussex) - Active between 1890 and 1914.

Hensingham Band of Hope Brass Band (Cumbria) - Active in 1893

Hensingham Temperance Band - *See: Hensingham Band of Hope Brass Band*

Henwood Band (North Cornwall) - Henwood Band was in action from c1858 to c1868, generally playing around North Cornwall. Nothing is as yet known of their conductor(s), but it is known that they did not partake in contesting.

Heptonstall Amateur Brass Band - Active in 1881

Heptonstall Band - Active in 1885. Held a social evening at White Horse Hotel, Heptonstall, on 14th February 1891

Hepworth Iron Works Brass Band - Active in 1896 and 1940

Hereford Band

Hereford City Band - Active in 1938

Herland Cross Band - The only reference to this band is of them leading a large and impressive procession celebrating the end of the war with Russia in 1856. By this date they were almost certainly a "brass band". The event took place in Marazion but they were almost certainly an ad hoc band (all established bands would have already been booked in their own towns for an event such as this), so there is no mention a leader.

Herne Bay Town Band - Active around 1928

Herodsfoot Band (Caradon, Cornwall) - Another band where only one engagement has so far been found. In 1870 they played for their local Bible Christian Sunday school anniversary procession and tea treat. And that appears to be all.

Herstmonceux Brass Band - Active in 1902 when it rehearsed in the Elm Coffee Tavern, Windmill Hill

Hessle Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1860 when it played at a celebration for the Hull Rifle Volunteer Corps at Hesslewood on 28 July, 1860. Also in 1870 at a similar event at Kingston Lodge, Hessle on August 11.

Hessle Church Brass Band - "Reconstituted" in 1896

Hessle Royal British Legion Band (Yorkshire) - Formed in the early 1900s as Hessle Halcyon Band. It later became the Scarrs Shipyard Band under which name it remained until the 1914-1918 war. Then it became known as the Hessle Victory Military Band and included woodwind instruments. During the 1939-1945 war the instruments were loaned to the home guard. When the home guard was disbanded in late 1945, the band started again under the

name of Hessle Band. Changed its name to Hessle Royal British Legion Band in 1947. Finally disbanded around 1990.

Hessle Youth Band (Yorkshire) - Formed in February 1954 by Mr Hill, it gave its first concert on 27th July 1954. Later named the E.R. Youth Band, it had reverted back to Hessle Youth Band by 1973.

Heswall Brass Band (Wirral) - Active in 1883

Hetton Colliery Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1914.

Hetton Saxhorn Band (County Durham) - Active in 1878

Hetton Silver Band (Co. Durham) - Founded on April 1st 1887 by three members of a public house band. They invited local musicians to a meeting in Hetton Union Street Methodist Church School. Their first conductor was Mr W Straughan - a violinist and trombone player. Between then and 1907 the band won numerous local contests but their real success began in 1908 when they won both the Durham and Northumberland Brass Band championship and the English and Scottish International Contest. In 1912 they won the Grand Shield at the Crystal Palace contest. The band had strong links with the Mining Industry and played for the Eppleton Miners Lodge in the Durham Miners Gala. In 1914 the band won the 2nd section at Belle Vue in Manchester, and in 1926 made a radio broadcast in 1926 from Newcastle Radio Station. It again won the 2nd Section at Belle Vue in 1947. In the 1970s and 1980s it moved up from the 4th section to play in the Championship section. In 2009 the remaining members of the band amalgamated with Broughtons Brass Band to form the Durham Miners Association Brass Band. The Hetton Band Hall, now redundant, was offered to Beamish Museum which plans to remove the hall from its present site and rebuild and restore it to its former glory at Beamish Museum.

Hexham Church of England Temperance Band - Formed in the 1890s, renamed as Hexham Excelsior Band by 1905, it folded in the 1950s

Hexham Excelsior Band - *See: Hexham Church of England Temperance Band*

Hexham Excelsior Town Band - *See: Hexham Church of England Temperance Band*

Hexham Mechanics Band - Active in 1877.

Hexham Saxhorn Band - Active in 1859

Hexham Union Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1864, when they played at the Hexham Flower Show in September

Hexham Volunteers Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1864, when they played at the Hexham Flower Show in September

Hexthorpe Brass Band (Doncaster) - Formed in 1892

Heytesbury Band (Wiltshire) - Active in 1905

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Heywood Borough Band - Active in 1885

Heywood Old Prize Band - Active in 1900. Heywood Advertiser, May 1945: "On Tuesday morning, it rained to some purpose, and it looked as if there was to be a damper on the day's proceedings, but fortunately it cleared for the impressive scene in the Market Place in the afternoon. Here a very big crowd assembled and was regaled with a programme of music by the Heywood Old Prize Band, under Bandmaster H Wilson. At 3 o'clock there was perfectly relayed the Prime Minister's sonorous declaration that peace had come to Europe, the big assembly listening in complete silence, breaking into spontaneous applause as Mr Churchill ended his address." Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by H. Smith.

Heywood Rifles Band - Active in 1885

Heywood Volunteers Band - Active in 1883

Hibernian Brass Band (Maesteg) - Active in the 1920s

Hickleton Brass Band (South Yorkshire) - Active in 1863, conducted by G. Kitching

Hickleton Colliery Band (South Yorkshire)

Hickleton Main Colliery Band - Active in the 1920s. Successful in competitions in the 1940s and 1950s. Herbert Batty was a cornet player with the band. During this period some other details were - Patrons: Lord Halifax, Col. Warde Aldam, Mr D Griffiths, MP. Chairman: H. Batty, 44 Queen Street, Goldthorpe. Secretary: J. Sutcliffe, 116 High Street, Goldthorpe. Winners of over £2000 in prizes. Winners Belle Vue 1946, runners up 1947. Winners at Guisboro' 1949, Barton on Humber 1949, Eckington 1949, NCB Contest at Sheffield in 1950. They wore smart uniforms, green tunics with gold facings, black trousers.

Hickleton Main Subscription Silver Prize Band - *See: Hickleton Main Colliery Band*

Hicks Mill Band (Carrick, Cornwall) - Again a one engagement band, this time in 1880 playing in St Day for the Primitive Methodists Sunday school treat.

High Crompton Public Brass Band (Shaw, Oldham) - Active in 1933

High Foresters Brass Band - *See: Barnet Town Silver Band*

High Land Band - Active in 1933

High Lane Silver Band (Stockport) - Active in 1924

High Spen Colliery Band (Co Durham) - Active in the early 1900s

High Wycombe Band - *See: High Wycombe Saxhorn Band*

High Wycombe Borough Band

High Wycombe Excelsior Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

High Wycombe Furnishing Trades Lock-out Band - *See: Furniture Industries (Ercols) Works Band*

High Wycombe Home Defence Band - Active in 1919

High Wycombe Saxhorn Band - Active in 1874 to 1893

High Wycombe Sons of Temperance Band - Active in 1908

High Wycombe Town Band - Formed in 1925 as a military band, then reformed in 1948 as a brass band. Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950.

Higham Brass Band (Barnsley) - Active in 1872 to 1876

Higham Ferrers Town Band (Northamptonshire) - Active in 1910

Higham Victoria Band (Barnsley)

Highams Park Silver Band (Chingford, Essex)

Highclere Band (Hampshire) - Active in the 1890s. Merged with the East Woodhay Mechanics Band (or, as it was possibly then known, the St Martin's Brass Band) in the early 1900s

Highcliffe Brass Band (Dorset)

Highfield School Band (Bradford) - Highfield Secondary Modern School.

Highgate Mills Band (Clayton, Bradford) - Active in 1864 to 1866

Highgate Salvation Army Band - Active in 1903, when its leader was J H Kichenside

Highgate Silver Band - Active in 1903, the band made a trip to Guernsey in 1919 which was reported in the local press and of which some postcards exist. An article in the "Star" of 1919 mentions that the band had taken over as the band of the Middlesex RAMVC 'two years ago'. Articles in the Press and the Star mention a bandsman Wreford Devoto. He was born in Yeovil, and in 1901 his father, Louis, was described as a salvation army officer. Three Devotos were players in the staff band of the New York Salvation Army, who are believed to be William Devoto, son of Louis and brother of Wreford, and his sons. The visit to Guernsey started on 6th June 1919, under the guise of the band of the Middlesex Royal Army Medical Corps, under the direction of Lt. J. H. Kichenside, and they were engaged for five two-hour performances in Candie Gardens over the Whitsuntide Holiday of 7-9 June, 1919. Admission was sixpence on Saturday, fivepence on Sunday and Monday, and chairs could be had for a shilling. They received an excellent review in the paper of Monday 9th, although on Saturday afternoon they had played "we regret to write, before a comparatively small attendance of the public". Back home, the Woodman Inn, at the junction of Archway Road and Muswell Hill Road, was owned by landlord Charles Ramsay who took over in the 1840s and didn't retire until the 1890s. In 1884 it was still surrounded by trees and fields, and was little changed from when it was a coaching inn. It was refurbished c.1920, and at that time was still a waiting point for carters who waited for a carter coming in the opposite direction so that each in turn could take advantage of the extra horse when surmounting Muswell Hill. The Highgate Silver Band used to play outside of Saunders the florist, opposite the Woodman Inn every Sunday morning. Subsequently became the Arsenal Football Club Band, which was active in the 1930s.

Highgate United Silver Prize Band - Active in 1921 and 1930

Highley Brass Band - Formed around 1900, later known as Highley Colliery Band, and sometimes as Alveley Colliery Band. It was disbanded in 1967 when the mine closed. It is believed its first conductor was a head pit surveyor called Horace Lloyd, who also owned Lloyds shop in High Street. The Highley Mining Company began trading in 1877 and soon became a profitable enterprise. It was taken over by the National Coal Board in 1947 and employed over 1,000 men at its peak. A new band of the same name was formed in 1993.

Highley Colliery Band - *See: Highley Brass Band*

Hightown Band (Yorkshire)

Hignett's Tobacco Works Band (Liverpool) - Active in 1893

Hilgay Brass Band - Active in 1896, possibly earlier. It is thought that the band was formed by a few men working on the land for the local farmers. The Rev Canon Beechy seems to be a prominent name in the early days of 1896-1899 also the Rev G MacDermott. In the early 1900's the band was to be renamed as Hilgay Excelsior Band and, despite surviving both world wars, it folded in 1961. A successor band, Hilgay Silver Band, was formed in 1972 using some of the original instruments a few of the old players.

Hilgay Excelsior Band - *See: Hilgay Brass Band*

Hill Top Methodist New Connexion Brass Band (Eastwood, Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1894

Hillgrove Bands (New South Wales) - Hillgrove, New South Wales, is a town located 557 kilometres NN East of Sydney and 32 Kilometres east of Armidale in the New England region of New South Wales. Gold was discovered in Hillgrove in 1866 and full scale mining commenced in 1880. At its peak, 1898, Hillgrove had a population of around 3000, more than neighbouring Armidale. During its peak years Hillgrove could boast 2 brass bands, namely McMahan's Hillgrove Band and the Hillgrove Municipal Band. McMahan's band had a nucleus of 7 McMahan brothers and is the band commonly known as the Hillgrove Band. Little is known of the municipal band other than its existence and the odd engagement. It is impossible to say when the Hillgrove (McMahan's) Band was formed, somewhere between 1880 and 1890, but it was fully in existence by 1897 when they won a contest in Tamworth. In 1898 the Hillgrove Band was placed 2nd to E.T. Code's Melbourne Band at an Intercolonial Contest at Launceston Tasmania. In 1899 the band competed at an Intercolonial Contest, at Bathurst New South Wales in the 1st Class section, but were unplaced. They did however manage 2nd in the march contest. Both Hillgrove bands were still in existence in 1900 and combined to play at a ceremony celebrating the incorporation of the town. By the early 1900's the population of Hillgrove began to decline along with the fall in gold prices. By 1921 gold mining had ceased and both bands had long disappeared. Antimony mining was started in 1969. The population of Hillgrove is currently in the vicinity of 200 whereas Armidale, their former rival town, is now a large city with a population nearing 40,000. Band activity began in Armidale and nearby Glen Innes around the time of Hillgrove's demise.

Hillhouse Temperance Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1886 & 1888

Hilliers Brush Manufacturing Band (Wells, Somerset) - Active in the late 1800s

Hillingdon Band - *See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band*

Hillingdon Borough Band - *See: Hayes and Harlington Silver Band*

Hillingdon Church Temperance Prize Brass Band (Middlesex) - Active in 1905 and still flourishing during WW1

Hillsborough Silver Band (Northern Ireland) - Formed in 1885. Amalgamated with Reid Memorial Band in 1990 to form Downshire Brass

Hilton and Marston-on-Dove Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in the 1890s

Hinchcliffe Mill Band - *See: Hinchcliffe Mill Band*

Hinchliff Mill Brass Band - *See: Hinchcliffe Mill Band*

Hinchliffe Mill Band (Holmfirth) - Formed in 1872, folded in 2000. Legend has it that in the early days a pig used to be borrowed from a farmer and placed on a wall to listen during rehearsals. If the pig remained quiet and contented the bandsmen took it they would do well at their forthcoming concert. Grunting was a sign that the chances of winning a prize were not good at all. Harry Haigh, who joined in 1918 and was bandmaster from 1938 until 1970, followed in his father's footsteps. At different times he had two uncles, a brother and three cousins playing alongside him in the band. His grandfather was a founder member of the band. There was a hiatus during the Second World War, when the exodus of players into the armed forces led to a temporary merger with Holme Silver Band. Following the band's demise in 2000 a charity was founded, with money raised by selling the band's assets, to help music-makers living and working in the Holme Valley. It is the Hinchliffe Mill Brass Band Music Charity.

Hindley Prize Band - *See: Hindley Subscription Band*

Hindley Public Band - The second band in the town and was probably, for a time, the more successful of the two. Being a mining area several players graduated to more successful colliery bands including several to Bickershaw Colliery in the 1940's. Hindley Public

disbanded in the late 1950's. (It is believed that Teddy Gray and Harry Mather both graduated from Hindley Public) Only 2.5 miles from Wingates in one direction and a similar distance to Bickershaw in another, both Hindley bands found it very difficult to retain their better players.

Hindley Subscription Band (Wigan) - Became Hindley Prize Band in the late 1960's and following a brief period of success went into decline and was disbanded in the early 1980's

Hindmarsh Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1912 and 1954

Hingham and Watton Band (near Norwich) - Active in the 1900s

Hingley's Silver Prize Band (Dudley) - Active in the late 1800s. This was the works band of the chain and anchor company owned by N. Hingley & Sons Ltd, which was famous for making the anchors for the Titanic ocean liner.

Hinkley Mills Band (Leicestershire)

Hinkley Town Band - Active in 1904

Hirwaun Brass Band (Hirwaun near Aberdare) - Formed around 1925, still active in 1948

Hirwaun Town Band - *See: Hirwaun Brass Band*

Hirwaun Welfare Band - *See: Hirwaun Brass Band*

Histon and Impington Band - Folded in 2006 and merged with Waterbeach Brass

Hoddesdon & Broxbourne Silver Band (Hertfordshire) - Active in 1907 and 1914 - C.W. Belsham bandmaster, F. Salmon secretary. Edwin Dixon treasurer

Hoddesdon & Broxbourne Town Band - *See: Hoddesdon & Broxbourne Silver Band*

Hoddesdon Town Band - Active in 1935

Hoddlesden and Pickup Bank Band - Active in the 1920s. Had some backing from the local Carus Mill in Hoddlesden. Also known, at various times, as Pickup Bank Subscription Prize Band, Hoddlesden Shepherds Brass Band and Pickup Bank Band. After World War 2 it struggled to retain players and merged with the Darwen Borough Prize Band to form Darwen and Hoddlesden Silver Band.

Hoddlesden Shepherds Brass Band - *See: Hoddlesden and Pickup Bank Band*

Hodgsons Recreational Club Silver Band - Formed around 1930, obtaining instruments from the recently disbanded Beverley United Prize Band. It lasted until 1938, by which time it had become a brass and reed band. When it disbanded, its instruments went to the National Fire Service in Hull and then on to the Army Cadet force in Beverley in 1945. The instruments were then passed on to the Cadets at Sutton Airfield and subsequently mysteriously disappeared.

Hoggarths Works Band (Preston) - Active in the 1950s. In the 1980s was renamed as the Warburtons Bakery Band.

Hoggett's Saxhorn Band (Darlington) - The Hoggett family were well known in Darlington for their music and bands

Hogsthorpe & Chapel St Leonards Silver Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in the 1920s

Hogsthorpe Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in the 1900s

Hokitika Brass Band (New Zealand) - A Hokitika Brass Band is known to have begun practicing in 1865, however the band's minute book gives 15 February 1869 as the date of the inaugural meeting of the Hokitika Brass Band. It existed until at least 1874

Holbeach Town Band - Active around the 1900s - disbanded well before the 1970s when the current band was formed.

Holbeck Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1889

Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band (Millom)

Holborn Schools Band (Mitcham)

Holdens Silver Band (Adelaide, South Australia) - Active in 1905, supported by Holdens Coach Builders.

Hollingworth Brass Band

Hollingworth Mills Brass Band - Active around 1900

Hollins Mill Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1877

Hollinsclough Silver Band - Active in the 1920s. A successor band was formed in the 1960s

Hollinwood & District Band - Active in the 1930s

Hollinwood United Brass Band - Active in 1893 when it gave two grand concerts in the Foxdenton Hall Pleasure Gardens on May 14th. Conductor was George Blackwell, Soprano cornet - Hamlet Hilton, Solo cornet - J.T. Bolton, Solo Trombone - A. Rollinson, Solo Euphonium - Robert Holt.

Holloway Hall Brass Band - Active in the 1900s

Hollybrook Boys' Band (Southampton)

Holm Mills Band - Active in the 1870s

Holme Mills Silver Band - Active in 1914, founded around 1885?

Holmfirth Silver Prize Band - Active in 1923

Holmes Hull Tannery Band

Holmes Mills Prize Band (Rotherham) - Active in the 1930s to 1960s. Played at the Wickersley Silver Jubilee celebrations on May 6th, 1935. Also the King Edward VII School sports day on 24 March 1945. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by W. Hargreaves.

Holmfirth Saxhorn Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1855. It was attached to the Holmfirth Mechanics Institute.

Holmfirth Temperance Band (Yorkshire)

Holt Brass Band (Norfolk) - Active in 1892 - Arthur Preston was bandmaster

Holy Cross Band (Liverpool) - Active around 1900

Holy Cross Croy Silver Band (Croy, Lanarkshire) - Active before WW1, when Henry Fortyn was bandmaster.

Holyhead Brass Band - Active in 1875 to 1890, when the conductor was J. Ellis

Holyhead Town Band

Holywell Row Silver Band (Suffolk) - Founded in 1875 by Matthew Haylock, and disbanded around 1935

Home Charm Paints Thornhill Band - *See: Thornhill Band*

Honiton Brass Band (Devon) - Formed as a brass and reed band in the late 1800s as Honiton Volunteers Band. Converted to brass in 1904 and renamed Honiton Brass Band, it folded at the outset of WW1.

Honiton Silver Prize Band - *See: Honiton Town Brass Band*

Honiton Town Brass Band (Devon) - Formed after 1918. After entering contests and winning a prize at Barnstaple, the band re-badged itself as the Honiton Silver Prize Band and continued to flourish. In 1939, the band joined the Territorials, as part of the Devonshire Regiment. Its members were called up for war service and the town band folded.

Honiton Volunteers Band - *See: Honiton Brass Band*

Honley Brass Band (Huddersfield) - Active in 1894

Hoo Silver Band (Rochester, Kent) - Formed in 1890 as Hoo St Werburgh Brass Band. At one time its members were six members of the Simmons family, five Poynters, three Mathias, three Peck, two Beech and two from the Lee family. Tylden Reed recalls his time in the band: "I played in the band in the late 50s to the early 60s when the band was disbanded. The band contested for many years at the Areas in London and at Tunbridge Wells, Bell Vue, Reading and others with much success. The band was lucky to first have the renowned Eric Ball and later Prof. Walter Hargreaves from the Royal Marines School of Music Deal as its professional conductors. The band regularly played in the London parks and band stands in the south east of England. Annually we spent a weekend at Lingfield in Surrey at the invitation of Lingfield Band. We gave several concerts including at the racecourse and outside the old 'lock-up'. In the early sixties we accompanied 'The old Contemptables' (1st WW veterans) from Kent to the Mennin Gate and toured the cemeterys. The tour was filmed, with Allan Wicker, by BBC 'Tonight' programme and was shown on 11/11 that year. We were also members of the 4th Btn. The Buffs and played the last post under the Mennin Gate, the first time anyone other than the local fire brigade had ever done so. We took two uniforms with us!"

Hoo St Werburgh Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Hood Green Band (Barnsley)

Hook Brass Band

Hook, Odiham & District Band (Hampshire)

Hopetoun Brass Band (Australia) - *See: Marong (Hopetoun) Municipal Band*

Hopkins, Gilkes and Co. Works Band (Middlesbrough) - On July 21, 1865, William Randolph Innes Hopkins married Everald Catherine Elizabeth Hustler at St Mary's Church, Acklam, and a lavish reception was held at the hall owned by the bride's father. The Hopkins, Gilkes and Co. Works Band played, flags flew from public buildings, and at the Ironworks shots were fired from miniature cannons.

Hopton Perserverance Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1863

Horley Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1895, playing at the Steeple Aston Fete.

Horley Temperance Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1890

Horley Town Band (Surrey)

Hornchurch Cottage Homes Band - Active in 1897

Hornchurch L.C.C. Childrens Homes Band - Active in 1938

Hornchurch Village Band - Active in 1910

Hornsea Brass Band - Formed in the town in 1856

Hornsey British Legion Band

Hornsey Rise Brass Band (London) - Active in 1885, when it sent a letter on Feb 18th to the Alexandra Orphanage stating: "Dear Mr. Finch, We should be very pleased to offer our services for amusement of the young children at the Alexandra Orphanage. I asked Mr. May, your engineer, on the subject and he wished me to write to you. We take the Champion Journal which contains most of the popular music. Trusting we shall be able to meet your approval. I am your obedient servant, J. Edwards, Sec."

Horringer Brass Band (Suffolk) - Active in disbanded in 1898

Horsforth Brass Band (1) - Active in 1855/1856

Horsforth Brass Band (2) - Active in the 1970s. Amalgamated with Leeds City Band to form Horsforth Leeds City Band in the 1980s

Horsforth Subscription Band - Active in the 1920s/30s

Horsham Town Band (Sussex) - Formed in 1861. Active in 1891 - William Garman, bandmaster, of 6b Denne Road. Another band, Horsham Recreation Silver Band, was formed in 1900, later becoming the current Horsham Borough Band. The fate of Horsham Town Band is not known.

Horsley Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Amalgamated with Nailsworth Silver Band in 1948 to become the Nailsworth and Horsley Silver Band. The band reverted back to the Nailsworth Silver Band name sometime in the early 1970s.

Horton Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1892

Horwich L and Y Band - Formed in 1889 by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, three years after the opening of the new Locomotive Works in Horwich. Although a 'crack' team of players was put together in 1912, they never seem to have reached the same heights as the RMI Band. The band had been disbanded by 1930.

Horwich Old Prize Band - Formed around 1875 and made its rehearsal room above the Co-operative Hall. Their first public engagement was a Church procession through the village. The band had only learnt one tune by this time and repeated this tune over and over during the two mile course of the procession. The band enjoyed its most successful period from 1900 to 1914, winning third prize at the Crystal Palace in 1906 and winning the September Belle Vue Contest in 1910. With the formation of the Horwich RMI Band they lost several key players in 1912 and then sadly lost 12 bandsmen during the Great War. The band was never to regain its height and had disbanded by 1950.

Horwich Old Public Brass Band - *See: Horwich Old Prize Band*

Horwich Railway Mechanics Institute Band - *See: Horwich RMI Band*

Horwich RMI Band - Directors of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company were dismayed by the lack of success by their band, The Horwich L and Y Band. So in 1912 the Chief Mechanical Engineer George Hughes suggested holding auditions for new players. Only one member of the original band was successful in retaining his place, the rest of the band was obviously slightly upset by this outcome and decided to form their own band under the umbrella of the RMI. Therefore the Horwich RMI came into being in late 1912. Success was to come quickly; in 1915 the band came second to Foden's Works Band in the Spring Belle Vue contest. Later that year several of the Foden's players were sacked after a strike at the factory. The majority of these players joining the RMI band, the following year they beat Foden's to second place. Their height came in 1922, winning the Crystal Palace 1000 guinea trophy making them champions of Great Britain. Something that the L and Y Band would never achieve. Mr Riley, the band secretary, put together an ingenious method of raising funds in the early days of the band. A membership scheme was started whereby 360 employees of the L and Y Company would have a small deduction made from their wages; in return they received two tickets to three summer concerts, this scheme continued right into the 1930's. In 1953 the Bolton Evening News ran a series of articles again on the Brass Bands of Bolton. RMI featuring in one of them, the then band secretary a Mr Hill, stated that

times had been hard but they were on the up. The band had disbanded by the late 1950's. The Bandstand at Horwich Works recreation ground was built in 1907 and was used by the works' brass band for concerts.

Houghton Colliery Band (Houghton-le-Spring) - Formed in the 1890s and folded around 1939.

Houghton Lane Band (Preston) - Active around 1850, when it performed at the Preston Whit Walks.

Houghton Main Colliery Band (Yorkshire)

Houghton Regis Band (Bedfordshire) - Formed in the 1850s and played in a "rural festival" in 1856.

In 1885 it amalgamated for a brief period with the Dunstable Temperance Band, to form the Dunstable Promenade Band. The bands then split once again. It was still active, as the Houghton Regis Band, in 1894

Houghton-le-Spring Town Band - Active in the early 1900s

House of Dickinson Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Howarth Public Band - Active around 1910

Howarth Public Subscription Band (Yorkshire)

Howden Colliery Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1900

Howden Excelsior Band - *See: Howden-le-Wear Band*

Howden-le-Wear Band (County Durham) - Formed in 1898 and still active in 1934. Briefly renamed Howden Excelsior Band before reverting back. A bandstand was brought from Newcastle Northeast Exhibition 1929 and erected at the bottom of a tree covered bank side in Jubilee Park (originally called Howden Plantation) The location gave people a perfect view of the bandstand and all the famous bands that played there. (Remains of foundations can still be seen). Mr George Brown took his role as band steward very seriously. Dressed in a tail suit, top hat and white gloves, he made announcements and took requests from the audience

Howden-le-Wear Temperance Model Brass Band - *See: Howden-le-Wear Band*

Howley Silver Band - Active in 1968

Hoxton Dye Works Band (London) - Active in 1873

Hoxton Market Brass Band - *See: Hoxton Market Christian Mission Silver Band*

Hoxton Market Christian Mission Silver Band (Shoreditch, London) - Formed 1882. In the London blitz of 1940 all the band's equipment (72 instruments and 60 uniforms) were destroyed.

Hoyland Town Silver Prize Band (South Yorkshire) - Formed in 1889 as the Rechabites Brass Band

Hucknall British Legion Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Hucknall Excelsior Band - *See: Hucknall Excelsior Silver Prize Band*

Hucknall Excelsior Silver Prize Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1889. In 1915 - Joseph Harrison secretary & bandmaster, of Annesley Road. *See also: Hucknall Temperance Prize Band for some related information*

Hucknall Excelsior Temperance Prize Band - *See: Hucknall Excelsior Silver Prize Band*

Hucknall Old Band

Hucknall Silver Prize Band - *See: Hucknall Temperance Prize Band*

Hucknall Temperance Prize Band - Formed in 1885 and started at the Butlers Hill, Cavendish Street, Primitive Methodist Church. (Newark - June 29, 1898] - "The annual festival of the children's Sunday School Union took place on Thursday and proved a single success. The weather was fine, and from many windows and standards flags floated and bunting was displayed. The sides of the market were lined with vehicles full of folk who were anxious to view the annual spectacle, and pedestrians made a deep fringe round the market square. While the schools assembled, the Newark Borough Band and the Hucknall Temperance Prize Band entertained the crowd with melodies. Over 2,000 children sang a selection of hymns before they moved off in procession with their teachers for a parade through the town." (Newark - March 2 1898] - "The town was considerably enlivened on Saturday by a visit from the Hucknall Excelsior Temperance Prize Band which accompanied the Hucknall football team. The band played from the GN station to the Market-place and afterwards down to the Muskham Road Ground. In the Market-place at night the band gave an admirable concert the music being listened to and enjoyed by several hundreds of people. The band is a noted prize-taking combination and there were about 30 performers. They pitched in the corner of the Market-place nearly opposite Chain-lane and played a selection of pieces with the feeling and expression that has made them the winners of many contests."

In 1904 Sam Taylor was the conductor, as he was also in 1915 by which time the band had changed its name to the Hucknall Silver Prize Band.

Hucknall Tokard Prize Band

Huddersfield Catholic Band (Yorkshire)

Huddersfield Friendly and Trades Band (Yorkshire)

Huddersfield Princess Street Mission Band (Yorkshire)

Huddersfield and Upper Agbrigg Brass Band

Huddersfield Borough Brass Band - Active in 1894

Huddersfield Fire Brigade Brass Band - Active in 1892, 1905

Huddersfield Home Guard Band - Active in 1943

Huddersfield Rifles Band - Began contesting in 1887

Huddersfield Subscription Band - Active in 1939

Huddersfield Temperance Brass Band - Active in the 1880s, when it received donations from Sir William Ramsden. Also in 1894.

Hugglescote & Ellistown Band (Leicestershire) - Active in the 1920s. Was conducted by Mr W. Burton in 1939.

Hugglescote & Ellistown Silver Prize Band - *See: Hugglescote & Ellistown Band*

Hugh Stevenson & Sons Band - Active in the 1940s

Hull British Oil and Cake Mills Band - *See: British Oil and Cake Mills Band*

Hull City Brass Band - Edward Pearcey was Bandmaster in 1913

Hull Druids' Brass Band - Active in 1859 when it performed a concert with the Barton Ropery Band in Barton Temperance Hall.

Hull Kingston Cotton Mills Band - Formed in mid-1855 with sixteen performers on saxhorns. "Mr Browne of Silver Street was the music superintendent, and on a march through the town the band was well received."

Hull Orphan Sailors Childrens Brass Band - Active around 1910.

Hull Railwaymen's Band - Active in 1954

Hull Silver Prize Band - Active in the early 1900s. Mary Newton notes: "My father, Harry Cook, played in the Hull Silver Prize Band. He played the cornet. This was in the years before the first world war, and my eldest brother who was born in 1908 was their mascot when he was about ten or eleven. My father was at the Battle of the Somme and shell shocked. I am the last of his children. I remember seeing a photograph of the band taken in a waggonette - they must have been going on a day out."

Hull Sons of Temperance Prize Band - Active around 1910, when the conductor was C. Norman and Band Secretary H. Roe. Played concerts in East Park at 3pm on Sunday June 26th 1910, and in West Park at 3pm on Sunday July 17th 1910, in aid of the Hull & Sculcoates Dispensary Working Men's Committee, where the programme was: Vigilant - J. Farrell, Gems of England - Rimmer, Andante from C Minor Symphony - Beethoven, Memories of the Past - Rimmer, Senator - G. Allan, Sandon - T Allsopp, In the Twilight - Rimmer, and Robert Devereux - Donizetti.

Hull Temperance Brass Band - *See: Hull Sons of Temperance Prize Band*

Hull Waterloo Band - Active in 1930. Played a concert in East Park on 16th July 1916, conducted by Charles Norman, a cornet player.

Hull Waterloo Prize Silver Band - *See: Hull Waterloo Band*

Hulme Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1889

Hulme Public Prize Band (Manchester) - Active in 1914, when it presented a silver baton to Sam Myers.

Hulme Public Silver Prize Band - *See: Hulme Public Prize Band*

Hulme Temperance Band - Active in the 1930s

Hulton Brass Band - Formed in 1975 when the Walkden Junior Band broke away from Walkden Band. They rehearsed at a local Church and seem to have initially done well. The band received sponsorship from Agecroft Colliery for a short time, changing its name to Agecroft Colliery Band. Unfortunately the venture seems to have lasted only about six years and the band folded in the early 1980's.

Hunmanby Brass Band - Active in 1851. Amalgamated with the Hunmanby Silver Band after 1918.

Hunmanby Mitford Brass Band - Active in 1905, bandmaster W. Raylor

Hunmanby Silver Band - Active before 1880. After the 1914-18 Great War, a prominent local business man, Sir Dennis Bayley supplied a full set of musical instruments and uniforms,

and the band was renamed the Dennis Bayley Hunmanby Silver Band, which also combined with the Hunmanby Brass Band of the time. It folded around 1959.

Hunningham School Band - Active in the 1930s.

Hunslet Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1861, 1869, 1893

Hunslet Leather Works Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1857 - competing in the contest at the Hull Zoological Gardens

Hunsonby Brass Band (Cumbria) - Active in the 1880s

Huntingdon Town Band - Folded around 1911, or soon afterwards. Their instruments were given by the town council to the Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion Band in 1916.

Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion Band - *See: Old Fletton Victoria Prize Band*

Hunwick Colliery Band (Middlesbrough) - Formed in the 1890s. Merged with the Evenwood Colliery Band at some time. Also known as Hunwick Silver Band and competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Probably folded in the 1950s.

Hunwick Silver Band - *See: Hunwick Colliery Band*

Hurlford Brass Band - Active in 1879, when it headed a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accommodated on raised seats on a lorry, which was drawn by three powerful Clydesdales, and profusely decorated with evergreens.

Hurst Brass Band (Tameside) - Active in 1915 and 1933

Hurst Prize Band - *See: Hurst Brass Band*

Hurworth Saxhorn Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1866

Husthwaite Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1888

Husthwaite Old Brass Band - *See: Husthwaite Brass Band*

Huthwaite Prize Band - Active in 1925

Hyde Borough Band - Active in 1893. 1900 ? "..... The procession was led by a group of mounted policemen and they were followed by the Hyde Borough Band and the Mottram and Broadbottom Band. 1931 - Twenty-one-year-old Frances Lockett, of Hyde, was voted the town's first cotton queen. She had a civic reception in her honour and more than 20,000 people turned out to welcome her. Frances was also taken through the streets, which were decorated with flowers and ribbons, in an open landau carriage drawn by four bay horses. Mounted police led the procession and she was followed by the Kingston Mill Band, a troupe of Morris dancers, more than 300 workers from Newton Mill, members of the Hyde Lads Club, 40 cars and the Hyde Borough Band.

Hyde British Legion Band - Formed after 1945

Hyde Original Band - Active in 1933

Hylton Colliery Band (Castletown) - Formed in the 1900s, active through 1911. Renamed as Castletown Colliery Band at some point. Probably did not survive the First World War.

Hylton Colliery Silver Band - Formed in 1949, renamed Monkwearmouth Lodge Band (aka Wearmouth Colliery Band) in 1980, folded in 2000.

Hymac Ltd Band (Rhymney) - *See: Hymac Rhymney Band*

Hymac Rhymney Band - Active in 1969 when conducted by Richard Nash. Won the Welsh Regional Championships (3rd Section) in 1976. Also known as Rhymney Silver Band.

Hythe Band (Essex) - Active in 1905 when the bandmaster was A. J. Barber

Hythe Excelsior Military Town Band

Hythe National Reserve Band - Active in 1913

Hyundai Heart of England Band - *See: Heart of England Band*

I.C.I. (Alkali) Band (Winnington, Cheshire) - Formed in 1923 as Winnington Boy Scouts Band, then Winnington Lads' Club Band in March 1936. Adopted ICI (Alkali) name in June 1936

I.C.I. Recreational Band (Grangemouth, Scotland) - *See: Scottish Dyes Band*

I.O.R. (Independent Order of Rechabites) Band (Geelong, Australia) - Founded in 1891, folded in 1911, following troubles which started at a contest in 1908 when four of its members were reported for drinking. The instruments and uniforms were used to start the present day Geelong West Band in 1911

I.O.R. Rescue Tent Brass Band

Ibstock Excelsior Brass Band - Active in 1897 when it organised a brass band contest at the Ram Hotel grounds in Ibstock, on Saturday August 21st 1897. The test piece was "Gems of

Victorian Melody". Some records of the band are held at The Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland

Ickleton Band (Saffron Walden) - Active in 1909

Ickringill's Brass Band (Keighley) - Formed by James Ickringill, a Victorian businessman and church founder, owner of Eastwood Mill, Keighley and Legrams Mill, Bradford - also created local Boys & Girls Brigades.

Ideal Boilers & Radiator Works Band - Active in 1939

Idle and Thackley Brass Band - Active, at least, from 1898-1943

Idle and Thackley Public Band - *See: Idle and Thackley Brass Band*

Idle Brass Band (Yorkshire) - *See: Idle Conservative Brass Band*

Idle Conservative Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1868 to 1875

Iford Brass Band (Sussex) - Operating during 1930s and 40s at least, when the conductor was Frank Geisler. Born in Belgium, he lived in Christchurch, Dorset and was very active with bands around that area of the South coast. He conducted Iford Brass Band and he also played Eb Bass.

Iford (St John Ambulance) Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Later renamed Iford Silver Prize Band

Iford Old Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Iford Silver Band - Active in 1928

Iford Silver Prize Band - *See: Iford (St John Ambulance) Band*

Iford St John Band - *See: Iford (St John Ambulance) Band*

Iford Town Band - Active in 1900, when it opened the Grand Fete & Gala held in the Central Park, Iford on Saturday 16 June 1900.

Ifracombe Rechabite Band - Active in 1895

Ifracombe Town Band - Active around 1906

Ilkeston Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887

Ilkeston Excelsior Brass Band - Active in 1886

Ilkeston Main Brass Band

Ilkley Brass Band - Active in 1875 to 1900

Ilkley Prize Band - *See: Ilkley Brass Band*

Illogan Bands (Kerrier, Cornwall) - There was an Illogan Brass Band in operation in 1863 and they took part in a contest held in the Redruth area under their conductor Mr U Bosanko. The next time I hear of a band in Illogan is when the Rev Harry Oxland was appointed to the village and promptly formed a band finding musicians from Bridge, Illogan Highway and the village itself. Despite calling the band the Illogan Reed and Brass Band, they were allowed, for a couple of years, to take part in the local brass band contests, but their real local fame was enhanced in 1909 when they travelled to London for the Crystal Palace Military Bands contest and came seventh. They changed their title just after this to the Illogan Military Brass Band which strikes me as unexplainable as they had always, from day one, been a "military band", meaning a full complement of woodwind instruments (including a bassoon) and eventually french horns instead of tenor horns. The band was taken over in 1926 by Con Oxland, son of the founder, but they were forced to disband in 1939. From all the newspaper accounts of this band, they were well on a par with the Camborne Town Band, so therefore deserve a mention in these archives.

Illogan Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1892, playing at the East Penwith Horticultural Show.

Illogan Broad Lane Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1889, 1890

Illogan Silver Band (Cornwall)

Ilmington Brass Band

Isley United Brass Band (Berkshire) - Active in 1920

Immingham Brass Band (Lincolnshire)

Ind Coope & Allsopp Silver Band - Formed in 1950, the players working in the brewing industry as drivers, transporters, brewers and bottlers.

Ind Coope Burton Brewery Brass Band (Burton-on-Trent) - Formed in 1981 by Eric Johnson, it enjoyed good contest successes, culminating with Midlands Third Section Champions in 1985. The band folded in 1995

Independent Order of Good Templars Band (Lesmahagow) - Formed in the 1880s and disbanded in 1932 - when the instruments were disposed of, the proceeds of the sale provided the funds for the first Lesmahagow Old Age Pensioners' "treat".

Independent Silver Band (Mt. Vernon, Illinois, USA) - In existence between 1884-1889.

Ingatestone Open Brotherhood Silver Band (Essex) - Active in 1954

Ingledeu's Band (Leeds) - Active in the 1860s

Ingledeu's Model Band (Leeds) - *See: Ingledeu's Band*

Ingleton Brass Band - Active in 1898

Inglewhite Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in May 1890, when it played at Calder Vale.

Ingrave & East Horndon Brass Band (Essex) - Active in 1909

Inkpen Village Band (Berkshire)

Innerleithen and Traquair Brass Band

Intake Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1871

Inverbervie Town Band (Aberdeenshire)

Inverclyde District Band (Greenock) - Folded some time in the 1990s

Inverkeithing Burgh Band - Active in 1928, conducted by W.A. Allison. Folded after WW2, revived in 1958 for about three years

Inverness Silver Band - Formed in 1920, appealed for instruments and uniforms in 1921. Its first public appearance was at the Great Musical Fete in the Northern Meeting Rooms, together with choirs of 700 voices. It became free of debt in 1922, had its first AGM in 1923. Secretary, Mr A Ross, a railway worker, retired in May 1924. William Grant, bandmaster, resigned in August 1924. Bandmaster in April 1925 was Mr G Scotland, followed in June by a crisis when "Numbers of the committee take little personal interest. No effort to recruit young musicians. A good band is sorely needed in Inverness. The first consideration is a good bandmaster. Those who know about the Silver Band will not tell us what is wrong. There is something far wrong with the band which cannot keep its own engagements." At the 1927 AGM, George Smith Laing was in the chair. "Last year was the most successful since the band's inauguration. 40 appearances. In 4 cases the band was paid. 10 members under tuition. Compliments to Bandmaster MacConnachie." Folded in 1936, and the instruments were loaned to the Inverness District Asylum.

Ipswich City Band (Australia) - *See: Ipswich City Vice-Regal Band*

Ipswich City Vice-Regal Band (Australia) - Founded as Hancock's Band in 1890, and after name changes to Town Band andn City Band, it became the Vice-Regal Band in 1904. Trophy won in Toowoomba (Harston Cup). Later donated to the Queensland Band Association as a prize for the 'A' Grade Selections in memory of Will Jones who was secretary of the Ipswich City Vice-Regal Band Association from 1912-1944.

Ipswich Gas Company Band - *See: Ipswich Gas Works Band*

Ipswich Gas Works Band - Founded in 1865, conducted by Walter Parker, entered a contest at Woodbridge in 1866. Still active in 1886

Ipswich Town Band - Amalgamated with Connells Sounding Brass (Ipswich) in 1985.

Ipswich Town Band (Australia) - *See: Ipswich City Vice-Regal Band*

Ireland Alloys Band - Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Ireland Colliery Band - Formed in the 1880s. Merged with Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band in the late 1980s to form Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Band.

Irlam Brass Band - Founded in 1882. Later known also as Irlam Brass Band Blue Ribbon Army, Irlam Public Band (1920s-1999) and Irlam Silver Band until its demise in 2009. In the 1880s there was a great Temperance Movement, attached mostly to a religious organisation, which spread throughout the North of England. It was known as the Blue Ribbon Army. There was an establishment at Patricroft. On Saturday, 13th May, 1882, Irlam Brass Band led this Army from Patricroft, along Liverpool Road and Worsley Road, Winton, to Eccles Market Cross and from there they went to the Co-op. Hall, where a Meeting was held. Afterwards a concert was given to a packed audience. On the following Wednesday, the members of the Patricroft Blue Ribbon Army opened a Mission in Irlam Parish School room. To give you an idea of the size and popularity of this event, about four hundred and fifty people were conveyed from Patricroft and assembled at the Irlam Toll Bar (near the present-day Co-op. Margarine Works). Thee they walked in procession to the school headed by Irlarn Brass Band with their. Blue Ribbon banner. By the 12th of June, 1882, a branch of the Blue Ribbon Army had been formed in Irlam. On this day, the Irlam Brass Bond, who were all members of the Blue Ribbon Army, led the procession displaying a splendid new silk banner. In 1883, Irlam Brass Band needed funds and so a grand concert was held in the school room on March 3rd. The Band took a prominent part in the programme. It is

reasonable to say that the first Band Contest to be held locally took place on the 17th July, 1886. It was staged by Irlam Brass Band on a field near Irlam Railway Station. Prizes amounting to £36.00 were given. Eight bands competed. Mr. Gaggs of Manchester was the Judge. Rawtenstall came first. Stretford second, Audenshaw third and Hollinwood was fourth. Even in those far off days the weather was unfavourable, but nevertheless the Irlam Brass Band played for dancing in the evening. Throughout the 1890 period the Temperance Bands were very active. They competed with the Public Houses in their offerings of musical entertainment. One of the most noteworthy musical events in the history of Irlam and Cadishead happened in 1909., when King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra paid a brief visit to the district. Before the arrival of the Royal motor procession, St. John's Band, Irlam Village Brass Band and Cadishend Brass Band all provided a musical interlude. In the 1920's Irlam Brass Band practiced in the old Fustian Cutting Shop at the side of the Ship Hotel. In the 1980s they had a Band Room on Liverpool Road, Irlam, situated between the children's playground and the local Police Station. The Band moved to this location in February, 1926. Building materials for the erection of this Band Room were donated by Mr. George Thomas, J.P., of Irlam Hall. Irlam Brass Band gained first place in Dawson's Musical Festival in 1925. This was held in Warrington.

Irlam Public Band - See: *Irlam Brass Band*

Irlam Silver Band - See: *Irlam Brass Band*

Iron Church Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1882

Irthlingbough Town Band - Active in 1957

Irwell Bank Band - See: *Irwell Bank Prize Band*

Irwell Bank Prize Band - Formed in 1875 by the Irwell Bank Congregational Church. The band was very successful throughout its lifetime. Mr E Gittins was bandmaster from the formation of the band to 1906. In 1906 a newspaper article in the Farnworth Journal showed the band was thinking of setting up its own headquarters in Farnworth. As that was were the majority of the players came from. Whether they managed to purchase a bandroom in 1906 I don't know, but in 1926 they moved to new premises in Peel Street, Farnworth. In 1929 a notice appeared in the local newspaper announcing that the effects of the band and the appointments of their band club were to be sold by auction. The band had been in financial difficulties for some time and the pressure of a creditor led them to go into voluntary liquidation. 19 instruments, drum, 21 uniforms and a large library were sold to Bedford Sunday School for £62 and 10 shillings. Other lots included a pianoforte, stools, whist tables, floor coverings, glasses and a full-sized billiards table with all accessories. It seems they had been living the high life! The band gave their last concert on Bradford Street recreation ground in April of 1929.

Irwell Colliery Band - Active in 1925

Irwell Forge Band (Bury) - See: *Ainsworth Brass Band*

Irwell Old Band - Active in 1912 and 1932. Won a 50 Guineas Challenge Shield at the National Championships at the Crystal Palace in 1913, the shield being presented to the band at Pendleton Town Hall by John Henry Iles, the contest director.

Irwell Old Prize Band - See: *Irwell Old Band*

Irwell Springs (Bacup) Band - Formed in 1864 under the baton of G. Law. The band rose to prominence in the early years of the 20th Century under a number of professional conductors including Edwin Swift, Alexander Owen, William Rimmer and William Halliwell. It won the National Championships in 1905, 1908 and 1913 and the British Open in 1905. Disbanded in 1960. In the minutes book of Irwell Springs Band, when the first players were being recruited, is the entry - "NAME: L. Hey, CHOICE OF INSTRUMENT: Aught."

Irwell Street Mission Prize Band (Salford) - Formed in 1893.

Irymple Brass Band (Sunraysia area, Australia) - Founded in 1907, merged with the Stubbs Band in 1909 to form the present-day Mildura District Brass Band

Isham Brass Band (Northants) - Active in 1882

Isleham Band - Formed in 1903. A news report from July 1904: "Isleham band furnishes a striking example of what can be accomplished by steady and determined work. It was only formed a year ago but has become an important and appreciated institution. Its members have had to work hand and faced their first public performance on the occasion of the Harvest Festival last October with trepidation. Recently they have given short open-air sacred concerts on the green on Sunday evenings after the services at the various places of worship. It is to be hoped that their success will stir up the inhabitants of other villages,"

Isle's Hanham Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Islington Green Youth Club Brass Band - Active in 1969

Islington Prize Band - Active in 1936

J.L.B. Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1934.

Jack Guy's Skipton Mission Band - *See: Skipton Properties Band*

Jaguar Car Works Band - Active in the late 1950s and early 1960s

Jaguar Cars (City of Coventry) Band - *See: City of Coventry Band*

James' Foundry Company Brass Band (Walsall) - Active in 1865, when they played at the Cottage Hospital Gala in August.

Jamestown & Vale of Leven Silver Band - Active between 1890-1931

Jarrow Borough Band - Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1935.

Jarrow Brass Band - Active in 1866

Jarrow British Legion Band

Jayess (Queensbury) Band - Formed in the early 1980s. Merged with the Jayess '87 Band to form the Yorkshire Co-operatives Band in 1998

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Jervis Band (Jarrow) - *See: Palmer's Prize Band*

Jewish Lads' Brigade Brass Band (Manchester) - Active around 1912 and the 1930s

John Dickinson (Apsley) Band (Hemel Hempstead) - Formed in 1888, earlier known as Dickinson's Silver Band, consisting of employees of the paper makers John Dickinson & Co of Apsley. The Company eventually withdrew their support, and the band changed its name to the Hemel Hempstead Band, in recognition of the support extended to them by the Borough Council. This continued until sponsorship was gained from Atlas Copco Compressors Ltd, becoming the Atlas Copco (Dacorum) Band. In August 1986 the band amalgamated with the Berkhamsted and Boxmoor Band to form the Atlas Copco Band. 1932 - Chipperfield, Hertfordshire. The RAOB had chosen to come to St Paul's Church for their annual Sunday Festival. The assembled brethren represented a large number of lodges from quite a wide area and, in spite of the threatening weather, the group numbered just one short of a hundred. The group assembled in the Church Institute (now the Village Hall) at 3 p.m. and paraded through the village led by Dickinson's Silver Band. At 4 p.m. a service was held in the church. Following this, they processed to the war memorial, led by the cross-bearer, vicar and choir and a wreath was laid there. The finale was most impressive. A senior brother ordered the circle of men to link arms and on the command 'Count', each member in succession called out his number in the chain up to 99. The band played Handel's 'Largo' and the line broke up and dispersed.

John Laing (Hendon) Band - *See: Hendon Band*

John Summers & Sons Steelworks Band (Chester) - Amalgamated with the Connahs Quay Silver Prize Band in 1972 to form the new Deeside Silver Band

John Thompson Works Prize Band (Wolverhampton) - Active in 1920s through 1940s. In the 20s and 30s it was known as the Band of the 6th Battalion South Staffs Regiment. After WW2 it was known as the John Thompson Works Band.

John Waddington Band - *See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band*

John White Footwear Band (Rushden) - Formed in 1954, disbanded in 1957. Made its broadcasting debut in 1955 with a concert relayed from the Parish Rooms in Higham Ferrers, George Thompson conducting.

Jones & Crossland Band

Jubilee Band - *See: Halliwell Prize Brass Band*

Junction Street Sunday School Band (Derby)

Junction Works and Victoria Tube Works Band (Wolverhampton) - Active in 1862

Kaikorai Brass Band (New Zealand) - Active in 1904

Katanning Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1950

Keal Cotes Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active around 1910

Kearby Social Brass Band (Netherby) - Active in 1908

Kearsley Public Band (Manchester) - Active in the 1920s and 1930s

Kearsley Silver Band (Manchester) - *See: Kearsley St Stephens Band*

Kearsley St Stephens Band - Formed in 1869. In December 1867 the Parish Notes of St Stephen's Church record that "On December 17th a miscellaneous entertainment, in aid of the School Fund was given by gentlemen amateurs, who most kindly and spontaneously offered their services. The managers of the School tender them their hearty thanks". The next mention is the following Whitsun. "On the 5th June 1868 the Whitsuntide procession was headed by the Royal Hulme Brass Band and 'our own drum and fife band". In May 1869 it was minuted, "A brass band is also being formed, which has met with such liberal support already from the above Schools as renders it certain that success will attend all of its promoters. The following are the subscriptions already received: Mr Blair Esq - £10; Clifton and Kearsley Coal Company - £7; Wm Tonge - £4 and 4 shillings; Wm Welsby - £3 and 15 shillings; Wm Jones - £3 and 15 shillings; Mr Steward - £1; Mr Johnson - £1; Mrs Baker - 11 shillings and 6 pence; Mr Joseph Grundy - 10 shillings; Mr D Taylor - 10 shillings; Mr Charles Hollows - 5 shillings; Mr Dennis Lever - 5 shillings; Mr James Grundy - 5 shillings; Mr Richard Edwardes - 5 shillings; Mr Barnet Fyles - 5 shillings." Further subscriptions were made in July and a Tea Party was held on the 16th August. Were an audience spent an 'unusually pleasant evening'. In September of 1869 it was noted that the brass band contributed very largely to the entertainment of the Wakes Tea Party. Soon after the band was founded they appointed an aptly named Mr Blower as their first musical instructor. The band changed to Kearsley Silver Band sometime during the 1940's. In 1951 they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton. In 1961 disaster struck the band, there was a blaze at the bandroom destroying the entire music library of the band and several instruments. The band was already in debt and the band treasurer said that they were facing a total bill of £900 for repairs and replacement of instruments, there was 'no hope' for the future existence of the band. Band President Robert Smith was more upbeat however, saying 'we have a lot of young members. With their enthusiasm I am sure we shall overcome this setback'. The bands saviour took the shape of Eaton Truck Components on Worsley Road North. Eaton agreed a sponsorship deal with the band and with a lot of hard work and the help of other local bands, chiefly Walkden Band who lent them the use of several instruments and a big street drum, the band managed to pull through. They changed the bands name to Eaton Works Band and moved into the works canteen for rehearsals. Also known as Eaton (Truck Components) Band and Eaton Transmission Gear Group Band. Due to falling numbers of players they merged with Farnworth Old Band in 1991 under the new name of Eaton Farnworth Brass Band.

Kedleston Street Brass Band (Derby) - Active in the early 1900s. Secretary - F.W. Lewis of 43 Sherwin Street; Bandmaster - T.A. Bailey

Kegworth Brass Band - Active 1887 and also in the late 1920s and 1930s

Keighley Brass Band - Formed in the 1840s by Benjamin and William Marriner, owners of the Greengates Mill. Two euphonium players around 1900 were Myles Riley and Herbert Riley. In a competition of bass players at the Crystal Palace in 1861 (the prize being a sonorophone contre-bass in E flat, with rotary valves), five players entered the lists, and the prize was eventually awarded to a bass player of the Keighley Band, who played a double B flat trombone of his own invention. The Manchester Guardian said: "This portion of the competition greatly excited the risible faculties of the assembly. The unwieldy instruments, the gruff and deep tones they emitted, the elephantine gambols they were made to execute, and the earnestness of the players, made the scene irresistibly comic." They competed in the Barnoldswick Contest in 1886. The band was still active around 1980.

Keighley Mariners Band - *See: Keighley Brass Band*

Kelbarrow Brass Band - Active in the 1920s/30s

Keld Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Kellaway Prize Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Kellingley Colliery Band (Knottingley) - Formed in June 1981 from a small nucleus of former Lofthouse Colliery Band members. The band then progressed, providing musical opportunities for the youngsters of the mining community.

Kelso Silver Band - Active in the 1950s

Kelty & Blairadam Band (Scotland) - Formed prior to 1895, when they won the Second Section in the first Scottish Championships, conducted by John Gladney. Over 8,000 followers of the 22 competing bands attended this event which was held in Edinburgh's Waverley Market. Facilities in the market were primitive. There was no seating. Bands performed standing in the ring used by the cattle auctioneers with spectators on stepped terraces. The major advantage of the venue was its proximity to Edinburgh's main line railway station. Most bands and their supporters made their way to the Championships by train, the railway specials to the Championships being the first organised railway excursions to any event in Scotland. The Kelty & Blairadam Band merged with Cowdenbeath Band in 1999 to form Kingdom Brass.

Kelvedon Hatch Brass Band (Essex) - Active in the early 1900s

Kempston Town Band (Bedfordshire) - Active in 1905

Kendal Borough Band - On Saturday July 19, 1912, to celebrate the Co-op jubilee, nearly 3,000 children took part in a parade through the town, starting from New Road and finishing in Town View Field. The Morecambe Silver Band met the special trains at Kendal Station and the children were marched to New Road, where a procession was formed with the younger ones being carried on charabancs and lorries. "Once tea was served, the adults were admitted to take part in the festivities and, during that period, the Kendal Borough Band played "pleasing selections" of music. Active until at least 1941

Kendal Mechanics Band - Active in 1853.

Kendrick's Pride of the Village Saxhorn Band (West Bromwich) - Active in 1866

Kenilworth Town Band - Active in 1902. Folded at the end of 1954 when most of its players transferred to Leamington and formed the Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band being joined by a few members of Cubbington Band and Bishops Itchington Imperial Band.

Kennedy's Swinton Concert Band - *See: Swinton Concert Brass*

Kensington Silver Band - Active in the 1950s

Kensworth Brass Band (Bedfordshire) - Formed in 1919 by Francis Domino Bowles, of 'Bleak Hall' in the village, who bought all the instruments and uniforms, and trained the players. Performed on Studham Green in 1920. The band continued until the late 1930s when it folded.

Kent Brass (Maidstone) - Active in the 1970s and 1980s. Rehearsed at the Fountain pub in Barming, near Maidstone. Kent Youth Brass also existed.

Kent's Works Silver Band (Luton) - Still active in the 1970s, they were attached to George Kent Ltd. (electrical components) factory. Went on to become Longland Brass, named after the association with Ted Longland. The band survived into the 1980's. They eventually became High Town Brass because they rehearsed in an area of Luton called High Town.

Kepston Q Fab Whitburn Brass Band - Active in the 1990s

Kernow Brass (Cornwall) - The word "Kernow" is a word in the Cornish language that means "Cornwall". A group of bandsmen decided to form a new Mid-Cornwall band in 1981. Instruments were purchased and rehearsals began under the baton of Stanley Penhaligon, he being taken over by Mike Faro. In 1983 a new conductor was appointed, Alan Slaughter, a Royal Marines musician. He stayed until 1994 when Mike Faro came back to fill in until a more permanent person could take on the job. That person was David Pope, who now conducts the Bugle Band. Kernow Brass contested almost from day one, with the last competitive appearance being in 2000 at the Bugle Festival. They do appear to have had a successful 20 years so why did they disband? Probably because they never had a home of their own, and the way modern bands function, this need is extremely important.

Kerse Brass Band (Ayrshire) - Active in 1879, when it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Oddfellows Lodge, who had gorgeous banners illustrative of the objects of the Order, and the fantastic robes and head gear of the officials attracted no little notice.

Kettering Rifles Band - Active in 1910, when the Bandmaster was T.R. Preston and the Secretary, E.R. James

Kettering Town Band - Active in 1898. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Kettering Town Prize Band - *See: Kettering Town Band*

Kettering Victoria Mission Band - *See: Victoria Mission Band*

Kettle Brass Band (Fife) - Active in 1876

Kew City Band (Australia) - Founded in 1890, amalgamated with the East Kew Citizens' Band to form the present-day Kew Band

Keynsham Town Band - Formed in the early 1900s, but disbanded in 1975 (replaced by new band in 1980). Records of the band, covering 1912 to 1948, are held at the Bristol Record Office.

Keyworth Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1925

Kibblesworth Colliery Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1947. Probably folded in the 1960s

Kidderminster Brass Band - Formed in 1980, folded somewhere around 1990.

Kidderminster Excelsior Band - Active in 1869

Kidderminster Old Band - Active in 1869.

Kidderminster Saxhorn Band - Active in 1869

Kidlington Silver Band - Active until 1992 when it merged with Oxford Concert Brass to form Kidlington Concert Brass

Kidsgrove Band - Active in the 1870s

Kidsgrove Excelsior Band - Active in 1874. In 1876 brass band competition was held at the beautifully wooded grounds of Oxley Manor, Wolverhampton. Crowds of people lined the Stafford Road to see the event and a jolly time was had by all, thanks to the benevolence of the owner of land, the M.P. Alexander Staveley Hill. After the prize giving, won by the Kidsgrove Real Excelsior Band, the entertainments went on into the evening with "Old English pastimes", and dancing. The band competed in the British Open in 1934

Kidsgrove Real Excelsior Band - *See: Kidsgrove Excelsior Band*

Kidwelly Brass Band (Carmarthenshire)

Kilbarchan Brass Band - Active in 1883

Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Brass Band - Active in 1904, when the members of the Band presented their leader, Mr Andrew McCallum, with a silver mounted baton. Mr James Houston presided at the ceremony and Mr James Fyfe made the presentation.

Kilburn Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1902

Kilburne Colliery Band (Derbyshire) - Played at the annual tea meeting at the colliery in August 1862

Kildwick Brass Band - Attained 4th place at a contest in Keighly on 1 September 186, competed in a contest at the Wakefield Agricultural Show on 24 August 1867, and also at a contest at the Craven Agricultural Society, Skipton, on 30 August 1867. Took part in the Friendly Societies' Gala at Keighley in 1907.

Kilkhampton Brass Band (Cornwall) - Kilkhampton can be found about 5 miles north of Bude and from 1866 to 1890 their band was certainly carrying out engagements in the North Cornwall area. Whilst there are many references to their activities, not once is a conductor mentioned. They did no contesting.

Kilmarnock Laigh Kirk Band - The band's records, 1855-1877, are held in the Ayrshire Archives

Kilndown and Goudhurst Brass Band - *See: Goudhurst Brass Band*

Kilnhurst Alliance Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1882.

Kilnsey Band (Yorkshire)

Kilsyth Brass Band - *See: Kilsyth Town Silver Band*

Kilsyth Burgh Band (Scotland) - Formed in 1936 by the amalgamation of the Kilsyth Public Silver Band and the Kilsyth Town Silver Band

Kilsyth Miners Welfare Band (Scotland) - Active in 1948

Kilsyth Public Silver Band (Scotland) - Merged with the Kilsyth Town Silver Band in 1936 to form the Kilsyth Burgh Band

Kilsyth Town Silver Band (Scotland) - Active in 1928. Merged with the Kilsyth Public Silver Band in 1936 to form the Kilsyth Burgh Band

Kilve Band (Somerset) - Active in 1909

Kilwinning Brass Band - Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine.

Kilwinning Iron Works Band - Active in 1872, when they participated in the celebrations for the opening of the new Orange Hall in Irvine.

Kineton Brass Band (Warwickshire) - Active in the early 1880s.

King Cross Band (Halifax) - Active around 1900-1920. In 1905, their band room was next to the Trafalgar Inn, Halifax.

King Cross British Legion Band (Halifax)

King Cross Prize Band - *See: King Cross Band*

King Sutton Temperance Brass Band (Northants) - Active in 1886

King's Cross Band - *See: King's Cross Subscription Prize Brass Band*

King's Cross Mission Brass Band (Charlotte Street) - Active in the early 1900s

King's Cross Subscription Prize Brass Band - In 1911 the band was refused the right to bear the title "Royal". Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s as King's Cross Band

King's Dyke and Whittlesey Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

King's Hall Silver Band (Hull) - Active in 1910

Kings Heath Band (Birmingham) - Assisted the newly formed Shirley Town Band in engagements in the early 1920s. Believed to have gone out of existence in the 1950s.

King's Lancashire Military Convalescent Hospital Band (Blackpool) - Active around 1915

Kings Langley School Brass Band (Hertfordshire)

Kings Lynn Imperial Silver Band - *See: Surrey Street Mission Band*

Kings Lynn Police Band (Norfolk) - Active in 1880s

Kings Lynn Railway Band - Active around 1910

Kings Nympton Band (Devon)

Kings Somborne Temperance Band (Hampshire) - Active in the 1890s and 1935

King's Sutton Brass Band - Active in the late 1890s

Kingsbridge Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Kingsbridge Subscription Band (Devon) - Robert Carter, of Garden Mill, later Shindle Mill, was said to be Bandsmaster, late 19th century. He was also a solo cornet player at concerts in Kingsbridge Town Hall.

Kingsland Brass Band (Holyhead) - Active in 1890, conducted by W. Roberts

Kingsley Band (Staffordshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Kingston Amateur Brass Band (Hull) - Active in 1864, conductor Mr. Acey. Still active in 1877

Kingston Band (Ferring, Sussex)

Kingston Brass Band (Devon) - Active in 1908

Kingston Brass Band (Dorset) - The village had a band, paid for by the Third Earl of Eldon, lord of that manor.

Kingston Brass Band (Hull) - *See: Kingston Amateur Brass Band*

Kingston Cotton Mills Band (Hull) - *See: Hull Kingston Cotton Mills Band*

Kingston Lisle United Brass Band (Berkshire) - Active in the 1900s. Documents relating to the band are in Tom Brown's School Museum, Uffington

Kingston Mills Band (Cheshire) - Based at a cotton mill in Hyde, Cheshire, and formed by the mill owner, Henry Clayton, commenced contesting in 1872 and, by 1888, had won many prizes including a hat-trick at the British Open in 1885, 1886 and 1887 under the baton of John Gladney. By 1890 it was earning fabulous sums from its contesting and concert giving. It fell upon poor times after 1901 and, after the Second World War, a nucleus of the remaining members formed the Hyde British Legion Band. In 1896, the secretary was Thomas Ogden, and in 1902 it was John Knowles. A picture of the band shows it with a drum stating "1837-1897" implying the band was formed in 1837.

Kingston Mills Prize Band - *See: Kingston Mills Band*

Kingston Park Brass Band (Hull) - *See: Kingston Amateur Brass Band*

Kingston Unity Brass Band (Leeds) - Active in 1895 and 1900

Kingsville Brass Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Founded in 1910. Amalgamated with the Yarraville Citizens Brass Band in 1921 to form the Kingsville-Yarraville Citizens Band

Kingsville-Yarraville Citizens Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Founded in 1921 by the merger of Kingsville Brass Band and Yarraville Citizens Brass Band. Merged with the Footscray City Band in 1961 to form the current Footscray-Yarraville City Band.

Kingswood & District Band (Surrey)

Kingswood & Hanham British Legion Band - Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950.

Kingswood (Bristol) Band - *See: Kingswood and District Band*

Kingswood and District Band (Bristol) - Formed in 1958. Later known as Potters Wood Kingswood Hill Bristol Silver Band (1960s), Kingswood (Potters Wood) Silver Band (1966), Bendix Kingswood Band (1976-2006), and Kingswood (Bristol) Band (to 2007). It amalgamated

with the Albion Dockyard Silver Band in 1966 and then with the Bristol East Band in 2007 to form the Bristol East and Kingswood Band.

Kingswood Evangel Mission Band - *See: Kingswood Evangel Prize Silver Band*

Kingswood Evangel Prize Silver Band (Kingswood, Bristol) - Formed in 1881 to aid the work of the local Salvation Army, but when required to sign the SA Band Rules, in 1888, they declined and formed the Evangel Mission Band instead. Took part in the Winterbourne Carnival in 1923. Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950. Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships, conducted by W.S. Smith.

Kingswood Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1884

Kingswood Reformatory School Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1894

Kingswood Town Band (Bristol) - Active in 1933, when it took part in a festival of brass bands at the Colston Hall, Bristol.

Kington Temperance Band (Kington Magna, Dorset) - Active in the 1860s - engaged by the Gillingham Total Abstinence Society

Kinneil Colliery Silver Band - Active in 1958, when it competed in the Glasgow Charities Contest, winning the "Second Section Cup" and coming third in the open contest, playing "New World Symphony" by Dvorak.

Kippax Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Active in 1889

Kirkaldy Trades Band - Active in 1905

Kirkburton and Netherthong Brass Band - Active in 1873

Kirkburton Brass Band (Huddersfield) - Active in 1894

Kirkburton Old Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1821

Kirkburton Temperance Band (Yorkshire)

Kirkburton Victoria Band (Huddersfield) - Active in 1866, 1871

Kirkby Colliery Band - In 1927 the miners of Summit Colliery, Kirby-in-Ashfield, offered to pay a bond of one old penny per ten working men to help develop a band once more (following the demise of the earlier Kirky Silver Band. A deal was agreed with the colliery owners and the band was on its way again but this time as a 'colliery band'. During the 1930s the band began to contest in the 4th Section. A third place in the national finals ensured promotion to the 3rd Section. In 1940, however, the band closed down as a result of the Second World War. Many of the players, being colliery and railway men, had extra work due to the war effort and others were lost on active service. Instruments were put into storage for safe keeping. In 1944 the instruments were returned as the war came to an end. With the nationalization of the coal industry came the formation of the 'Coal Industry Social and Welfare Organisation' (CISWO) which promoted contests for mining bands and helped spread the news that the brass band movement was a worthy institution. Luckily, the Summit miners realized what potential they had close to home and in 1949 they were presented with their own band room. In 1962 the band folded. A successor band was formed in 1970 following the closure of the Summit Colliery itself in 1969. *See also Kirkby Silver Band*

Kirkby Cross & Great Holland Brass Band - *See Great Holland Brass Band*

Kirkby Old Band - Active in 1953. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor Angus Holden (drawn 11 of 11 bands, they were placed first)

Kirkby Silver Band - In 1887 the Butterley Brick Company purchased land in Kirkby and the main pit shaft of the 'Summit Colliery' was sunk. The mine survived for 82 years, finally closing in 1969. In 1897 a band known as the Kirkby Silver Band was formed and its members consisted mainly of surface workers and office staff from the mine. Those who worked underground were given 'free time' for rehearsals and band engagements. Rehearsals were held at the local Tabernacle Church on Lowmoor Road. The band broke up in 1924 and very little memorabilia exists from that time.

Kirkby Stephen Silver Band - Active in the 1870s

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Band - *See Kirkby Silver Band . See also Kirkby Colliery Band*

Kirkcaldy Band - Active in 1894

Kirkcaldy Trades Band - Active in 1885 when they were placed third in the first recorded Brass Band Contest in Scotland, which took place at Wemyss Castle Estate near Kirkcaldy, Fife in July 1885. A first prize of £40 and a travel grant of £10 was enough to lure the champion band of England, Besses O' Th' Barn from Lancashire to compete. Besses Band won the

contest and also won the subsidiary event, a March Contest, for which they received another £2. Alloa Burgh Band were placed second and the Kirkcaldy Trades Band third.

Kirkham Subscription Prize Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1910. From the obituary of Joseph Kirby, who died in March 1910: "It is with the most profound regret & sorrow we record the death of Mr. Joseph Kirby of Freckleton St., Kirkham, which sad event took place at the Moss Side Fever Hospital. Ever since it became known of the dangerous character of the disease with which he was afflicted, there were numerous anxious inquiries day by day, by a host of friends in the town and surrounding districts. When the sad news was announced on Saturday, it cast quite a gloom over the whole community, and where ever there were two or three gathered together, it became the sole topic of conversation. The deceased had for several years, been one of the most prominent members of the Kirkham Subscription Prize Brass Band, and was one of the best trombone players in the country, having won prizes at Blackpool, Wigan and elsewhere. The interment took place in the churchyard of the Kirkham Parish Church, the remains being borne to their last resting place by members of the band. The bells at the Parish Church were muffled. It was at the express wish of Mr. Kirby that the band did not play at the funeral, but it is stated they will render sacred selections at the graveside on Sunday afternoon. "

Kirkheaton Band - Active in 1867 and 1883

Kirkhouse Foundry Band (Carlisle) - Active in 1859

Kirkless (NCB) Band (Wigan) - *See: Standish Band*

Kirkstall Brass Band (Leeds) - Active in 1853, 1866 and 1905

Kirkstall Forge Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1887

Kirkstall Prize Band - Active in 1870

Kirkstall Tannery Band (Yorkshire)

Kirkwall Town Band (Orkney) - There are references to the Kirkwall Town Band in The Orcadian archive as long back as 1890 when the conductor was a Mr Robert (Bob) Spence who was a popular local figure and proprietor of the Kirkwall store "Cumming and Spence.". The minutes of the Kirkwall Town band's meetings for the years 1929 - 1954 are in the Orkney Archive. From research there it is clear that the band at that time had the instrumentation of a traditional brass band but with the addition of clarinets. The band stopped during the years of the Second World War and the instruments given over to the Kirkwall Branch of the Salvation Army. There were moves to reform the band in 1945 and by January of 1947 the band began again. There is a letter in the archive from Capt. Chas. A. Geleit of the Salvation Army Headquarters in London thanking the band for the use of their instruments during the war years, which allowed visiting servicemen to come and blow. There are records of concerts as late as 1957 but sometime after that date the band stopped. The band's minutes, 1945-1951, and a file relating to the Band, 1927-1954, are held in the Orkney Archives. A successor band was established in 1973.

Kirriemuir Town Band (Angus) - It should be placed on record that there was once a Brass Band in Kirriemuir although little remains of its history. In the late 1800s Kirriemuir had plenty musical activity in which the Volunteer Band "alternating between Brass and Flute as the spirit moved" played an important part. The Bandmaster was James Lamb, the oldest of three brothers "all noted bandmasters", the other brothers being associated with Forfar and Brechin bands. "Circumstances arose in 1903 which led to the Volunteer Band being dispensed with" according to published documents available to the writer. It was, however, replaced by the Town Band consisting of a "full compliment" of twenty-four players, funds being raised by public subscription. The Band was successful at the time having played in the streets and public parks during the season and eventually being granted permission to give Sunday concerts. It was "reconstructed" in 1928, whatever that means, and managed to stay active until 1934. After two years during which efforts were made to get the Band going again some action was needed. The Kirriemuir Free Press of 4th June 1936 records that a meeting was to be called by Provost Doig with the object of winding up the band and placing its assets in trust. On July 2nd the same newspaper announced that the Kirriemuir Town Band had been formally wound up. One player, Alan Reid, (the writer's first teacher when he joined Forfar Instrumental Band) came to Forfar at once. The following year he is credited with organising a concert in Kirriemuir in which Forfar played a major part. Since then players from Kirriemuir have found a home in Forfar and the Forfar band has played a part in the musical life of Kirriemuir. Way back in the 1960s the Kirriemuir instruments, mostly

in a rather sorry state, were "lent" to Forfar, who paid for the repair of those that were useable as reserve or learner's instruments. As recently as 1999 the remaining assets of the Kirriemuir Town Band were ceded to Forfar Instrumental Band. Forfar continues to welcome players from Kirriemuir and plays there several times a year.

Kirton Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1906

Kiveton Park Band - *See: Kiveton Park Colliery Band*

Kiveton Park Colliery Band (Rotherham) - Active around 1890/1900

Knapp's Silver Band (Clanfield) - The band was formed of workers at the Knapp's Foundry Works. Active in 1910

Knighton Brass Band - Active from the early 1900s and folded before WW2. A successor band was formed in 1945

Knightswood Brass Band (Glasgow) - Active in 1887. Also in in 1928, 1933, conducted by John McBride

Knightswood Silver Band - *See: Knightswood Brass Band*

Knottingley (Bagleys) Glass Works Band - Also known as Bagley's (Bottle Works) Brass Band (?)

Knowle Brass Band (Solihull) - Formed in 1904.

Knowle Green Brass Band (Lancashire) - Originally formed by young men working at White Carr Mill in 1872. The Band used the schoolroom for practices from 1889 and in 1891 requested a reduction in the rent, which was 1/- per week. The Church meeting decided that if the band became a temperance band they could use the room free, if not they would have to continue to pay 30/- a year. The decision was not recorded but years later in reports of school treats and annual field days the Preston Guardian was still referring to Knowle Green Brass Band so presumably it did not change. In 1902 the Preston Guardian reported it as playing at a Knowle Green social which raised £10 towards the cost of a piano. In June 1911 they played in Longridge for the Coronation celebrations (George V and Queen Mary). After 1913 there seems to be no further mention of the band - presumed to have folded before or during WW1.

Knutsford & Alderley Band - Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.

Knutsford Temperance Band - Active in 1896 when it competed at a contest at Hawarden.

Knutton Forge Prize Band - Active in 1886, when it competed at Eastham, Liverpool, conducted by Joseph Lewis.

Kokatahi Band (New Zealand) - First formed in 1910 at the old Kokatahi Hotel. Two years later the hotel burned down and the records of the formative years of the band were lost. The band existed until at least 1970

Krumlin Mills Band (Halifax) - Active in 1936

L.A.V. (Chorley) Band, 3rd - *See: 3rd L.A.V. (Chorley) Band*

L.M.S. Band (Stockport) - Active in 1930s - 1950s

L.M.S. Manchester Band - Active in 1895

L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band - Active in the 1930s and 1940s. Pre-war the Geff Benson was musical director of the band, which was based in Cornwall Street, Openshaw. Also possibly known as LNER (Manchester District) Silver Prize Band - under which name they were a prizewinner at the Leicester contest on 5th March 1938, and also winning a deportment prize at a contest in Salford in May 1930. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by J. Hall. *See also, possibly, Gorton & Openshaw Prize Silver Band*

L.N.E.R. (Manchester District) Silver Prize Band - *See: L.N.E.R. (Gorton) Works Band*

L.N.E.R. Works Silver Band (Shildon) - *See: Shildon British Railways Band*

Lady Boswell's Brass Band (Auchinleck) - Active in 1879, when it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Free Gardeners lodge.

Lady Windsor Colliery Band (Glamorgan) - Active in 1948 and 1959

Lamberhurst Village Band (Kent) - Active in 1884 with Walter Bayley as bandmaster

Lambeth Borough Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Lambeth Borough Silver Band - *See: Lambeth Borough Band*

Lambley Robin Hood Brass Band - Active in 1875

Lambton Saxhorn Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1866

Lamington Brass Band (Scotland) - Active in 1857

Lanark Rifle Volunteers Band, 1st - See: *1st Lanark Rifle Volunteers Band*

Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Loco Works Band (Horwich) - Active in 1905

Lancashire Battalion Home Guard Band, 32nd - See: *32nd Lancashire Battalion Home Guard Band*

Lancashire Brass Band - Active in 1979

Lancashire Constabulary Band - Formed in 1964 and still active in the 1980s, they rehearsed at Hutton, Preston.

Lancashire Fusiliers Association Brass Band - Active in 1975, but folded before 1997, when six drummers from the band formed the core of a new Fusiliers' Association [Lancashire] Band and Corps of Drums - which is active today.

Lancashire Home Guard Band, 48th - See: *48th Lancashire Home Guard Band*

Lancashire Rifle Volunteers (Bacup) Band, 4th - See: *Bacup Old Band*

Lancaster Borough Band - Active in 1864. In 1912 Robert Redhead was foreman & bandmaster, of 55 Willow Lane. Played at Garstang in May 1885

Lancaster Brass Band - See: *Lancaster Borough Band*

Lancaster Town Band (Blaina) - See: *Blaina Band*

Lancing Band (Sussex) - Active in 1919

Landrake Band (Cornwall) - To the West of Saltash, Landrake Band were busy from 1876. In 1907 they were led by Edgar Panter and in 1928 by Lewis Goard. It does appear that they were still active in 1939 as there is a report of them performing at a local sports day. During WW2 they got a band together in 1943 for a local carnival, then a few engagements in 1944 and by 1945 they do seem to be back in business under the direction of A Davey. Then they rapidly went through new titles (eg Landrake Band: Landrake Working Men's Band and Landrake Brass Band) and all in 1945!. Soon after this they disbanded. I can find no record of any Cornish contests attended. A sideline is that in 1952 their instruments were raided by a group of schoolboy "musicians" for a local event. One of these "players" commented that the only tune they knew was "Jingle Bells" so for the next two hours they pretended to play and hummed, loudly, this one song over and over again. For this they won the "Tableaux Hunorous" prize, so I suppose that it could be argued that the band did win a competition at least once. Their practice room was in the old Liberal Club.

Langcliffe Brass Band - At the turn of the century Langcliffe, Giggleswick and Settle had brass bands, here it was a group of men largely from the Chapel community. Bob West played the cornet, his brother Fred the euphonium and Alf Farrer came down from Stainforth when they were short of players, likewise Tom Marsden, were members. Jimmie Fox beat the drum, which when not in use was hung up on a nail in the school. The rest of the instruments were kept in the loft above the stables at the Hall (along with the bier). The Band always played round the Big Tree on Christmas morning, went home for dinner and then out again to go round the big houses, so Langcliffe families did not see much of their menfolk on Christmas Day. In the end enthusiasm waned and some men left to join Giggleswick band although Alf Hocking tried to keep Langcliffe going by recruiting youngsters. Dick Middleton was one of these but on the second time he turned up it was announced that the band was 'disbanded'. This would be about 1938 as they played for the Jubilee and Coronation celebrations.

Langdale Band - Active from before 1900 until around 1960. It probably ceased for some years during WW2, but it was revived around the time of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

Langham Labour League Band (Essex) - Active in 1871 and 1876

Langholm Brass Band - Active in 1880s

Langholm Temperance Band - Disbanded around 1927. The instruments were sold to the Annan Town Band for £105

Langley Mill Brass Band (Notts) - Active in 1887

Langley Park Band (County Durham) - Known to be in existence in 1921 when they received their 1st full set of CISWO instruments. Folded in 2004.

Langley Park Colliery Band - See: *Langley Park Band*

Langley Ploughmaker's Band (Warwickshire) - The works band of the W.J. Hillson, Swan Foundry iron works in Langley/Claverdon. Formed around the 1860s

Langsett Road Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1891

Langtoft Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1859

Langton Matravers - A band existed in the village in the second half of the Nineteenth Century. The instruments were bought by Mrs Frances Serrell, a rather eccentric but philanthropic widow

who lived in Durnford Manor House, situated in the very centre of the village. In the village museum there is a photo of her Band-Master in his uniform and the names of several known Members. They also possess the Band-Master's silver Cornet, which was a gift from Mrs Serrell, an E flat Clarinet and two brass instruments used in the band, though they are now in a rather sorry state. They are of the Tenor Horn/Tuba variety. The Band folded when Mrs Serrell died in 1889

Langwathby Band (Cumbria)

Langwith Colliery Institute Silver Band - Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor A.S. Grant (drawn 1 of 11 bands, they were placed 3rd)

Langwith Miners Welfare Band - Active in 1964 (conducted by G.H. Thorpe). Competed in the Grand Shield in 1962.

Lanner & District Silver Band - Formed in the 1890s and disbanded in 1902. Another band of the same name formed in 1965

Lansil Works Band (Lancaster)

Laporte Industries Band - Disbanded in 1993?

Largo Silver Band (Fife) - Active in 1933

Larkhall Brass Band (Lanarkshire) - Active in 1888 and 1900

Larkhall Silver Band - *See: Larkhall Brass Band*

Larne Town Silver Band - Folded before 1962, when its instruments were obtained by the 1st Larne Old Boys' Association Silver Band

Lassodie Public Band (Fife) - Active in 1928, conducted by W.A. Allison

Launton Brass Band (Bicester) - Active in 1861

Laura Brass Band (South Australia) - Active in 1907

Laurieston Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Lavender Hill Temperance Band - Competed in the 1901 contest at the Crystal Palace on July 10th. H. T. Embury was one of the players. Competed in the 4th Section National Finals in 1902.

Laverton Temperance Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1909, when it gave a concert at Laverton Village Hall, conducted by Mr Round, for the Farm and Garden Produce show.

Layer de la Haye Band - Active around 1910. For more details, see *Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex*, by David Cawdell.

Layer de la Haye Methodist Church Band - Active in the early 1900s

Layorthorpe Mission Band (York) - Active between 1891 and 1897

Lazey United Temperance Brass Band (Isle of Man) - Active in 1894 - conductor D. Senogles

Lazonby Temperance Brass Band (Cumbria) - Active in the 1890s/1900s

Lea Mills Prize Band - Competed in the British Open and other contests from 1893 to 1910

Leadbeater and Scott's Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1891

Leadgate Colliery Band - *See: Leadgate Workmen's Band*

Leadgate Mission Brass Band (County Durham) - A Wesleyan Mission band, Active in the 1870s, 1891, and also from 1903 to 1934

Leadgate Saxhorn Band (County Durham) - Active in 1886 when it led a procession during the strike at the South Medomsley Colliery, still active in 1891

Leadgate Workmen's Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1931

Leadhills Silver Band - Active in the early 1900s

Leamington Mechanics Band - Active in 1887.

Leamington Priors Town Band - Accounts of the band, from 1897-1900, are held at Warwickshire County Record Office

Leasingbourne Colliery Band - Formed in the 1900s and was disbanded when the workers were transferred to the Dean and Chapter Colliery.

Leasingthorne Colliery Prize Band (Coundon) - Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1937

Leasington Colliery Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1914

Leatherhead Silver Band

Lechlade Town Band - Active in 1910

Lee Moor and Stanley Silver Prize Band - Active in 1913

Lee Mount Band (Halifax) - Active in 1901. In 1905 rehearsed at Old Lane, Halifax.

Lee Mount Prize Band - *See: Lee Mount Band*

Lee Mount Subscription Brass Band - *See: Lee Mount Band*

Leeds (Smiths) Band - Active in the 1850s

Leeds Central Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1899

Leeds City Band '(1) - Active in late 1950s and early 1960s. Probably a continuation of the Leeds City Royal Artillery Association Band.

Leeds City Band '(2) - Active in the 1970s. Amalgamated with Horsforth Brass Band to form Horsforth Leeds City Band in the 1980s

Leeds City Brass Band - Active in the late 1890s, when it was conducted by Squire Firth. A report from 1898 states: "Squire Firth was born at the well-known musical place of Queensbury, near Bradford on June 12th, 1865. His father, Mr. Greenwood Firth (b. 1832), is one of the oldest bandsmen at the present day, and played Trombone with the famous Black Dyke Band for 23 years, and is playing at the present time. Whilst very young our subject was put to learn music under the talented Cornet Soloist and teacher, the late G. F. Birkinshaw, and at the age of 15 started playing Solo Cornet with the Great Horton Brass band. He made very rapid progress as a Cornet player, and began solo Cornet contesting, winning several money prizes, and also a Besson Cornet at Thurlstone, near Penistone, against most of the noted Cornet players. He was engaged to play Solo Cornet with the Earby Brass Band, for which he played two years, after which he had an engagement with the Lindley Brass Band. He followed his position as Solo Cornet player for twelve months, and afterwards, was re-engaged as solo cornet player and bandmaster for two years. He next took charge of Skipton Brass Band as bandmaster, and it was during his stay with the band that Mr. Firth began to make a name for himself, taking the band in 1895 to the Champion Contest at the Agricultural Hall, London, and scoring fifth prize. In 1896 they attended Nelson and Carlisle contests, and secured third and fourth prizes respectively, and also numerous other prizes. Towards the end of 1896 the Leeds City Brass Band, from amongst 13 applicants, engaged Mr. Firth, and the marvellous success that has been attained by this band under Mr. Firth's direction speaks splendidly for his abilities as a teacher. Mr. Firth is also very clever with the pen and scores all his selections. He has several more bands under his care, and will, without doubt, bring them to the front, if they will only be guided by him. Mr. Firth, being formerly in the hotel business (he was landlord of the Wheatsheaf Inn in Skipton), has now given it up, owing to the demands made upon his services for teaching, and also his solo cornet work. His eldest son, Edwin Firth, was solo cornetist with Foden's Band, and killed in France in WW I while serving with the London Artists' Rifles."

Leeds City Commercial Club Band - Active in late 1960s and early 1970s. Probably a continuation of the Leeds City Band

Leeds City Royal Artillery Association Band - Formed 1949

Leeds Clarion Band - Active in 1899

Leeds Corporation Band (Yorkshire)

Leeds Engineers' Band - Active in 1882

Leeds Excelsior Temperance Band (Yorkshire)

Leeds Forge Band - Instituted 1882 by the head of the Leeds Forge Company, Samuel Fox one-time Mayor of Harrogate. Members were originally all workmen in the Leeds Forge Company's Works. The practices took place in the Forge every Sunday from 10.30 to 12.30, with several others held during the week. The players were equipped with two sets of instruments, two sets of uniforms and full rehearsal accommodations. Fox was very ambitious and offered gold medals and further funding if they could beat Besses o' th' Barn Band. They began contesting in 1886 and made a very successful start with high placings in the British Open. Following changes in management at the Forge the band was disbanded in 1892 with all instruments and equipment recalled.

Leeds Joppa Band (Yorkshire) - Active in the 1850s. Conductor in 1856 was Charles Wilby

Leeds Milburn Band (Yorkshire)

Leeds Model Band - *See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band*

Leeds Police Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1899

Leeds Postmen Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1889

Leeds Railway Foundry Band - Flourished in the 1850s

Leeds Socialist Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1896

Leeds Temperance Band - Flourished in the 1840/50s and undertook a four-week season of concert in Scarborough in 1847 for ?60. Repeated the season in 1848/9 also. Played at Boroughbridge in 1906

Leeds Tramways Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1911

Leek British Legion Band - Active in the 1930s to 1950s

Leek Harmonic Brass Band - Formed in 1867 and held Friday evening concerts in the market place during the summer. May have also been called Leek Promenade Band in 1873.

Leek Promenade Band - See Leek Harmonic Brass Band

Leek Temperance Band (Staffordshire) - Active in 1896/1904, W. Hough bandmaster & secretary. In 1912 Stephen Godwin was bandmaster and Henry Head secretary.

Leek Volunteer Band (Staffordshire) - Active in the 1880s. They gave open air concerts to large audiences in Leek Market Place on Monday evenings in the summer, as well as leading local processions.

Lees and Glodwick Band (Oldham) - *See: Glodwick Band*

Lees Brass Band (Oldham) - Founded in 1840

Leicester Borough Workmen's Band - Active in 1899.

Leicester Club and Institute Band - *See: City of Leicester Band*

Leicester Corporation Gasworks Band - Active in 1891-1896, conductor was C.V. Palmer. From the Ayleston Road gasworks in the town.

Leicester Highfield Brass Band - Wound up in the courts as of 10th February 1902

Leicester Imperial Band - Active in the early 1900s and 1920s. Also known as Leicester Imperial Prize Brass Band. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor S. S. H. Iliffe (drawn 3 of 11 bands, they were placed 4th). Still active in 1964, when conducted by A. Anderson.

Leicester Imperial Prize Brass Band - *See: Leicester Imperial Band*

Leicester Ivanhoe Band - Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor C. A. Anderson (drawn 5 of 11 bands, they were not placed)

Leicester Midland Railway Workmen's Band - Active in 1899.

Leicester Special Constabulary Band

Leicestershire Co-operative (SMW) Band - Merged with Charnwood Brass in 1999

Leicestershire Volunteers Band - Active in 1879 when it was directed by J Smith

Leigh (Lanes) Band - Active in 1930

Leigh Bedford Band - *See: Bedford (Leigh) Band*

Leigh Borough Band - *See: Lowton Silver Band*

Leigh British Legion Band - *See: Leigh Silver Band*

Leigh Silver Band - Formed in 1920, it disbanded in December 2001. Formerly known as Leigh British Legion Band. Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by H. Foxwell).

Leighton Buzzard Band (Bedfordshire)

Leighton Buzzard Temperance Band

Leighton Ironworks Band (Utttoxeter) - Active in 1910. The band was supported by Samuel Bamford, the owner of the Leighton Ironworks (which was established in 1871 in addition to the Bamford Ironmongery business founded in 1845). The band was later known as the Bamford Military Band

Leiston Works Brass Band - Active in 1862 - associated with the Richard Garrett & Sons engineering works, which made steam tractors and cast and machined metal products.

Leith Silver Band - Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Lelant Brass Band (Cornwall) - Hayle is the nearest larger town to Lelant, and in 1905 they decided to form a band under James Maddern. He stayed until 1911 when the leadership was handed over to John Tanner. EC Wills took over in 1914 and promptly left in 1915 to go to Redruth Band. The band closed down during WW1 but reorganised when that bit of unpleasantness was over. About 1931 F Gregory took over and stayed until 1942 when strange things began to happen. In 1942 they were reorganised under the new title Lelant United Services Band, still under F Gregory who, because of this second disagreement with Germany, was now in the National Fire Service (NFS). This lasted until 1943 when the Home Guard (Dad's Army) was formed and Lelant's instruments were loaned to the 14th Battalion Home Guard (St Ives) Band, now under the baton of Bandmaster Coombe. The Lelant Band - civilian - reappears in 1945. Their contesting was confined to 1911 - 1914, their best result being achieved at a St Dennis contest in 1913 when they entered the second section playing "Village Bride" and winning £5 for their 2nd placing. After WW2, with the exception of victory parades, nothing more can be found. At one time the band kept their instruments in the Primitive Methodist Chapel "beneath the gallery that was then in place by the entrance".

Lelant Downs Brass Band (Cornwall) - In the St Ives/Hayle area, the Lelant Downs Brass Band sounds like one of these makeshift bands for a one-off gig. In 1888 they played for the Ludgvan Wesley Sunday School Festival and the press report leaves one in no doubt there could not have been any learners performing.

Lemington Glass Works Prize Band (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Lench's Excelsior Works Band - Active in 1924

Lennox Mill Brass Band (Lennoxtown) - Active in 1884

Lenton Alliance Brass Band - Active in 1877

Lenton Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1909

Lerryn Band (Cornwall) - There is news of a Lerryn Band playing at the Peace Celebrations of 1919. This could be a band formed just for that event as I have no further information on them.

Lerwick Brass Band (Shetland) - Active between the 1890s and 1920s

Leslie and District Brass Band (Fife) - Formed in 1913. They acquired new instruments which were held in trust by the council. In 1928 was conducted by Charles M. Terris

Leslie Brass Band (Fife) - Active in the 1880s/1890s. Folded in 1897 and their instruments were put into the town council's care.

Leslie Silver Band - *See: Leslie Town Band*

Leslie Town Band (Fife) - Active in 1933

Lesmahagow and District Public Miners' Welfare Band - Started in 1927 as an offshoot of the Independent Order of Good Templars Band and was known simply as the Public Band, but the need for a regular source of funds brought association with the Miners' Welfare club. Due to dwindling public support and the lack of players of the right calibre, it was found necessary to wind up the band at the start of WW2. During its brief history, the Public band had reached the Premier grade and had achieved nation-wide recognition following its successes on the contest field and radio broadcasts on the BBC. When the band disposed of their instruments they donated the proceeds of the sale of their instruments to the Nursing Association to buy the district nurse's first car. The band trophies, which dated from the contests held in the village in the twenties, saw the light of day once more when the Lesmahagow Highland Games were inaugurated in the late nineteen fifties. The 'Nethanvale Cup' is awarded to the best Lanarkshire pipe band in Grade Three and the 'St. Machute' trophy to the band second in Grade Three. The Vale of Nethan Pipe Band, which came into being in 1953 as an off-shoot of the Boys' Brigade band, quickly rose to prominence under the firm leadership of Pipe Major Archie Templeton and drum-tutor Jim Macintyre but later fell into obscurity with comparable rapidity. However, on the third Saturday of June each year, the Highland Games remains a popular date in the pipe band contest and sporting calendars as a reminder of the golden age of bands in Lesmahagow Parish.

Lesmahagow I.O.G.T. Brass Band - Active in 1907

Lesmahagow Independent Order of Good Templars Band - *See: Lesmahagow I.O.G.T. Brass Band*

Lesmahagow Public Band - *See: Lesmahagow and District Public Miners' Welfare Band*

Letchworth Town Band - Active in 1938

Leven Town Band (Fife) - Active in 1918-1971

Leven Valley Brass Band (Cumbria)

Levenshulme Brass Band - Active in 1888

Leverton Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in the 1920s

Lewes Temperance Mission Brass Band - Active in the 1890s

Lewes Town and Volunteer Cinque Ports Band - *See: Lewes Town Band*

Lewes Town Band (Sussex) - Formed around 1840 as the Lewes Town and Volunteer Cinque Ports Band. The band played at regular local functions throughout the 20th century including concerts at the Town Hall, civic events, church parades and Armistice Day, local band contests and at the annual Lewes Bonfire ceremonies with one of the bonfire societies. In the 1950s the band provided two men to play state trumpets as heralds at the Sussex Assizes. Past conductors include Mr Emmler and Mr Gates (19th century), A K Tappin (1904-1948), F Austin and F Lockwood (variously, 1948-1950), Squadron Leader T D Atkinson (c1950-). Records of the band, from 1914-1950, are held at the East Sussex Record Office

Lewington Glass Works Band (Newcastle) - Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1947, probably folded in the 1950s

Lewington Yamaha Band - Active in the 1980s

Lewis Merthyr Workmen's Institute Band - Active in 1951

Lewisham Brass Band

Lewisham Silver Band - Active some time between 1918 and 1939

Leyburn Band (North Yorkshire) - Formed in 1841, folded in 1994. A new band, Leyburn Centenary Band, was formed in the town in 2003

Leyburn Saxhorn Band - *See: Leyburn Band*

Leyland Brass Band - Active in 1855 to

Leyland British Legion Band (Leyland, Lancashire)

Leyland Parish Church Band (Leyland, Lancashire)

Leyland Subscription Band - Formed in 1881. In 1893 it gained second place in a contest in Skelmersdale

Laysian Methodist Mission Brass Band (London) - Founded in the 1890s. Active between 1903 and 1924 - (minutes exist in the London Metropolitan Archives)

Laysian Mission Band - *See: Laysian Methodist Mission Brass Band*

Leyton Borough Silver Band (London) - Active before WW2. Also known as Leyton Silver Band. Still active in the 1960s.

Leyton Christchurch Brass Band - Active before WW2

Leyton Silver Band (London) - *See: Leyton Borough Silver Band*

Leytonstone Excelsior Band - Active in the 1900s

Lichfield City Band - Formed in 1910 and survived until 1937. A new Lichfield City Band was formed in 1985

Lichfield Volunteer Band - Active in 1905

Liddesdale Temperance Band (Scotland) - Active in 1964, conducted by D Johnson

Lifton Brass Band - Active in 1936

Lightcliffe Band (Yorkshire)

Lighthouse Brass Band - *See: Lighthouse Silver Band*

Lighthouse Silver Band (Walthamstow, East London) - Disbanded in the 1950s

Lightwater Brass Band (Surrey) - Photographs, a jacket worn by one of the bandsmen and part of a tea service issued with the band's name on it are held in the Surrey Heath Museum.

Lilleshall Collieries Prize Band - *See: Lilleshall Colliery Brass Band*

Lilleshall Colliery Brass Band - Originally St George's Temperance Band and renamed following the colliery sponsorship in 1907, when the company bought the band many new instruments and a set of new uniforms. Name changed to Oakengates Band? in 1962 when the council helped financially. The band folded in the 1970s.

Lillydale Band (Australia) - Folded prior to 1962 when its instruments and some ex-members formed the Croydon Brass Band with others from Ferntree Gully Band

Linacre Wesleyan Mission Silver Band (Litherland) - Active in early 1900s

Lincoln City Band - Active in 1919, A. Cox was bandmaster (of 24 Pond Street)

Lincoln Excelsior Brass Band - Active in 1887, and 1897 when John Elvin was secretary

Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band - Active in 1890s to 1920s. Won 2nd prize and the Daily Telegraph Cup, in the Crystal Palace Championships in 1920.

Lincoln Ironworks Band - *See: Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band*

Lincoln Malleable Ironworks Silver Band - *See: Lincoln Iron and Steel Works Band*

Lindenow Band (Victoria, Australia)

Lingdale Ironstone Miners' Band - *See: Lingdale Silver Band*

Lingdale Silver Band - Formed in 1851 as Lingdale Ironstone Miners' Band. Later known as Lingdale Silver Band, Lingdale Silver (ICI Chemical Products) Band (from 1986). Merged with Yarm & District Band in 1998 to form Lockwood Band

Linkinhorne Parish Band (Cornwall) - The village of Linkinhorne can be found between Callington and Launceston. They, the villagers, formed a band in 1887/88 and by 1890 they were fully kitted out with uniforms - all eleven (plus bass and side drums) of them. By 1910 their uniform had changed completely and very smart they look too. By now they had 15 players. In 1907 J Doney took over the leadership of the band and probably stayed with them until the end which appears to be about 1921.

Linlithgow Town Band - Report of it disbanding in 1899. Another report of it (or a successor band) being active in 1903

Linton Colliery Band (Morpeth) - Active around 1904

Lisburn Silver Band (Northern Ireland) - Formed in the early 1920s and merged with Lurganure Silver Band in 1993 to form Garvey Silver Band

Lisburn Temperance Band - *See: Lisburn Temperance Silver Band*

Lisburn Temperance Silver Band - Active in the 1950s/60s

Liskeard Borough Band - Formed in the 1890s

Liskeard Temperance Band - Formed in 1901

Lismore Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1909

Lister Silver Band (Dursley, Gloucestershire) - *See: Listers Social Club Band*

Listers Social Club Band (Dursley, Gloucestershire) - The engineering company, R.A.Lister & Co Ltd., had its own military band and also brass band at one time. The latter was also known as the Lister Silver Band, which was active during the 1960s

Litherland Prize Band (Liverpool) - Active in 1926, but folded, probably after WW2. It reformed sometime in the 1960's under W.E. (Billy) Pugh and played in the area until it ceased to exist in the late 1970's. Although never a large band, it had a youth section, again led by Billy Pugh. A number of the people who started there are still active these days.

Little Bowden Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1884 - possibly related to the Syminton's soup powder factory in Little Bowden. May be the same band as "Symington's Brass Band"

Little Gaddesden Brass Band (Berkhampstead) - Active in 1903

Little Ilford Tabernacle Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s, when the conductor was Harry Jones.

Little Lever Temperance Band - Formed in 1896 by the Church of England Temperance Society. All the bandsmen paid a subscription of 2 pence per week to be a member. Within a few years they had become successful on the contest scene and were able to add Prize to their name. The band initially rehearsed at St Matthew's Church, but later moved to their own bandroom in Back Lever Street. It was commented in 1935 that the band was in low waters financially but the bandsmen made up for this in their enthusiasm. At this time it was customary to divide the engagement fee half and half between the band and the bandsmen, most bands did this as a source of beer money for the men. It disbanded in the 1940's.

Little London Band (Leeds) - Active in 1887

Littleborough Reach Brass Band - Active in 1909

Littleborough Temperance Band

Littledean Brass Band - Active in 1843. A band organized by temperance supporters played at a horticultural show in the village school in 1865

Littlehampton Sacred Brass Band - Formed in the 1880s as a drum and fife band by George Sainsbury who moved to Littlehampton from Fawley in Hampshire. By 1895 it had converted to a full brass band. Eventually, Sainsbury left England and went to live in Canada where he set up the Weston Boys Brass Band. Some time before 1925 the band was renamed Littlehampton Town Band and later converted to a concert band lineup with woodwind instruments, eventually disbanding in 1952.

Littlehampton Town Band - *See: Littlehampton Sacred Brass Band*

Littleport Town Band - Active in 1925 when it took part in a procession, with the Cambridge Albion Band, collecting for Addenbrooks Hospital.

Liverpool Amateur Band - Active in the 1860s

Liverpool Brass Band

Liverpool Corporation Passenger Tramways Band - Active in 1934 to 1937

Liverpool Corporation Passenger Transport Band - Active in 1958 to 1962

Liverpool North End Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Liverpool Orphanage Band - Active in 1932

Liverpool Postal Band - Active in 1898

Liverpool Reformatory School Brass Band - Active in the late 1800s. The Liverpool Juvenile Reformatory Farm School, Mill Lane (now Winwick Road), Newton-in-Makerfield, was operational between 1850 and 1900. Abel Jones, who lived in Earlestown from 1861 until his death in 1886, was the band's conductor. As an aside, it is interesting to note that a certain delinquent, sent to such a school at the age of 12, would never have otherwise had the

opportunity to learn to play an instrument, became world famous. This school was the New Orleans Home for Colored Waifs - he was Louis Armstrong.

Liverpool Socialist Brass Band

Liverpool Victoria Brass Band - Active in the 1890s

Liverpool West Derby Band - Active in 1967

Liversedge Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1889

Livingston Brass Band - Merged with Broxburn Public Brass Band in 2004 to form Broxburn & Livingston Brass Band

Lizard Band (Cornwall) - "THE RIVAL BANDSMEN OF MENEAGE. Or He Who Collars a Man and Gets Knocked Down is Served Rightly." This was the heading in the "Cornishman" newspaper of 1888 when reporting an assault case heard at the West Kerrier petty sessions. Roughly what happened was that there was a festival held in St Keverne and the Porthalla Band were engaged to provide the music. St Keverne Band had usually played at this event, but not this time, although several of their members turned up for a day out.. The Lizard Band had had the nerve to bring their instruments but were not allowed to perform. During an interval, whilst Porthalla Band were having their tea, Richard Jose, John Tiddy and Mr Chiddock, all Lizard Band members, were laughing together and jeering at bandsmen of the other two bands. William Scobie, of St Keverne Band, remonstrated with them, upon which Jose grabbed Scobie by the collar. Scobie floored him with a punch to the side of the head rendering him unconscious for several minutes. End of fracas. The court dismissed the case and each party had to pay their own costs, estimated at being not less than £3. The Good Old Days!! Apart from that, Lizard band seems to have been active only in the early 1880's.

Llan Ffestiniog Band - Founded around 1864. Between 1883 and 1895 won prize money to the value of nearly £ 300 in competitions in Porthmadog, Barmouth, Dolgellau, Llanrwst, Llanfairfechan, Corwen, Rhyl, Bala and Caernarfon.

Llanberis Band - Founded in 1886 by a Mr Ayres, an Englishman who had made his home in Portdinorwic. The instruments of the defunct Llanrug band were still in storage in Cinch Ddu, but through Mr Ayres' efforts they were transferred to Llanberis. This band was controlled from the Vaynol Estate who owned the instruments, and it was not until 1894 that Llanberis managed to get instruments of their own and function independently. These were second-hand instruments which were bought for £30 but it was soon realised that the band could never make progress with instruments in such poor condition. A few years later Dr Mills Roberts came to take charge of the Quarry Hospital. He was a keen musician and it was mainly through his enthusiasm that a Volunteers' Band was formed in the village in 1902. A young bandsman of exceptional talent, Thomas Williams (Twin Bach) was chosen as bandmaster. Several others gave many years of devoted service to the Llanberis hand; notably Owen Evans (Now Ilan) the postman; a line bass player who used to 'boom-boom' his way on his daily rounds, walking in strict march time and climbing with his bundle of letters to the scattered smallholdings of Gwaun Cwm Brwynog on the slopes of Snowdon.

Llanddulas Silver Band - Active in the 1940/50/60s. The band played at Gwrych Castle on Sunday's in the summer. As Terry Jones recalls: "The band was very much a family affair, my Taid Dafydd Jones was the band master, my father Glynne Jones played trombone, Uncle Stanley played cornet and cousins Elwyn Roberts and Merfyn Hughes also played."

Llandilo Band - Active in 1907

Llandoverly Brass Band - Active in 1886

Llandrindod Wells Temperance Band - Active in 1890s. Disbanded around 1950.

Llanerch-y-medd Brass Band - Active in the 1880s/1890s, it was conducted by William Thomas (b.1820) for fifty years!

Llangefni Silver Band - Active in 1933

Llanhilleth Brass Band - Active in 1900, when it was conducted by Frederick James Hayes

Llanrug Royal Brass Band - Disbanded around 1886. A report in 1888 records the formation of a successor band: "The Llanrug Royal Brass Band has been well known in North Wales for many years, and during that time they were successful gladiators on the field of contest, and won for themselves a far-famed name and many a worthy victory at band contests held in different parts of England and Wales. But, to our sorrow, this band was disbanded about two years ago, and since then the melodious strains of the old and highly respected company who gladdened many a heart in this romantic neighbourhood have disappeared. But the quarrymen of this musical locality could not rest on their oars; and, to remedy the loss, a

meeting was convened, and a committee formed as follows: Rev. T. Jones, rector (chairman); Mr J. Williams, Buarth (treasurer); Rev. D. Collwyn Morgan, curate (secretary); and Mr R. J. Pritchard (bandmaster). Negotiations were entered into with the noted firm of Messrs Besson, London, for the purchase of an entirely new set of instruments. A number of musical enthusiasts offered themselves, and were formed into a band, under the old name, and under the conductorship of a member of the old band and a noted cornet player. The efforts of the bandmaster have given perfect satisfaction to the members of the band and committee, and are highly appreciated in the parish. He has won already a victory, and deserves the praise of all for the very high state of efficiency of his band, The old band was one of the finest in North Wales, and we entertain such hopes of the new company and able conductor that we expect to record more victories and better laurels for them than the old band ever won. A grand concert was given lately in aid of the band fund, the Rev. T. Johns, rector, took the chair. There was a crowded audience, and a handsome surplus was left, At Llangefni on Easter Monday the band carried away the prize and the silver medal with great credit to themselves. They were highly complimented by the adjudicator on their almost perfect rendering of the "Hallelujah Chorus" the test piece. Last. Thursday the band was invited to play at Portdinorwic on the occasion of Mr Assheton Smith's wedding. The pieces played were rendered in good style and taste, and were highly appreciated and loudly applauded by the hundreds of people present"

Llansaint Silver Band - Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by E. Charlton

Llansaint Temperance Silver Band - Active in 1908

Llansilin Band - Folded around 1960

Llanstephan Brass Band (S Wales) - Active in 1895

Llantrisant Town Band - Formed in the 1920s with players from Beddau, Cross Inn and Tynant. It rehearsed in the Cross Keys, before moving to the former jail house below the Town Hall. The bandmaster was John M. Thomas of Tynant. The euphonium player, Daniel Williams (Dan the Band), became conductor in the 1930s and they performed in the demonstration marches of 1934. It perished during World War II and the last performance was at the Armistice Parade in Beddau.

Llanwarne Brass Band - Active in 1876, with Mr. Benjamin Court as bandmaster

Llay Colliery Welfare Band (Wrexham) - Active in 1933. Disbanded in 1967 - with instruments and equipment going to the Point of Ayr Band

Llay Institute Band (Wrexham) - *See: Colliery Welfare Band*

Lloyd and Foster's Axle and Tyre Band (West Bromwich) - Active in 1866

Llwycoed Silver ay Colliery Welfare Band (Wrexham) - Active in 1933. Disbanded in 1967 - with instruments and equipment going to the Point of Ayr Band

Loanhead Ex-Service and Burgh Band (Loanhead) - Formed after 1918 and disbanded at the start of the Second World War

Lob Mill Brass Band - *See: Lobb Mill Band*

Lobb Mill Band (Hebden Bridge) - Active in 1876

Lochhead and Victoria Band (Scotland)

Lochore Colliery Band (Scotland)

Lockeridge Prize Band (Wiltshire) - Amalgated with the Overton Mission Band in 1934 to form Kennet Vale Silver Band

Lockerley and District Silver Prize Band (Hampshire) - Originally a temperance organisation formed by Isaac Pritchard, organist at Lockerley Hole Baptist chapel in about 1880

Lockwood Band - Active from the 1940s to the early 1990s. Also known as Lockwood (Jos Lumb and Son) Band, early 1980s, and Lockwood F. Drake Fibres Band, late 1980s

Loddon Town Band - Founded in 1907 - it met in a small band room near the Fox and Hounds pub in Loddon. It folded in the 1950s and gave the instruments to the then new Loddon Secondary Modern School. A successor band was formed in the 1960s.

Lofthouse and Middlesmoor Band - Active in 1919

Lofthouse Colliery Band - Active in the 1950s. Folded in the 1970s.

Lofthouse Saxhorn Band - Active in 1859 when it took part in the Lofthouse Grand Village Band Contest in November that year. It was conducted by J Walker, had 10 performers, and played Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. and the test piece, Grand Parade March by Jones.

Loftus and Skinningrove Brass Band - Active in 1881

Loftus Brass Band - Active in 1876 to 1900

Loftus County Modern School Band - Active in the 1960s

Loftus Iron Works Band (Stockton) - Founded in the 1900s and still active in 1913

Loftus Mines Brass Band - *See: Loftus Brass Band*

London & North Western Carriage Works Band (Crewe) - *See: London & North Western Railway Crewe Works Band*

London & North Western Railway Band

London & North Western Railway Crewe Works Band - Active in the 1910s and 1920s.

London & North Western Steam Shed Band - Active in 1879

London & South Western Railway Band - Active in the 1900s

London Great Central and Metropolitan Band

London North Western Garston Docks Prize Brass Band

London Victoria Amateurs Band - Active in 1861

London Works Brass Band (Smethwick) - Active in 1867

London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Signalmen's Brass Band - Active in 1891 when it regularly played in Battersea Park.

London, Midland and Scottish Band - *See: L.M.S. Band*

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Long Buckby Home Guard Band - Formed in 1939 by the merger of Long Buckby Temperance Silver Prize Band and Long Buckby Town Band. After the war, it merged with the Daventry Town Band to form Daventry and District Silver Band.

Long Buckby Temperance Silver Prize Band - Played as part of the celebrations for the visit to Northampton of His Majesty King George V and Her Majesty Queen Mary on Tuesday the 23rd September 1913 - at Far Cotton. It merged with Long Buckby Town Band at the start of WW2 to form the Long Buckby Home Guard Band.

Long Buckby Town Band - Active WW2 when it merged with Long Buckby Temperance Band to form the Long Buckby Home Guard Band.

Long Buckley Town Band (Northamptonshire) - Active in 1900

Long Downs Brass Band (Cornwall) - Long Downs is situated about 5 miles North West of Falmouth and in 1881 a band of that name played at a Wesleyan Sunday school procession and tea treat in Porkellis. At present no more is known about this group either before or after this event.

Long Eaton Temperance Prize Band - Active in 1892

Long Gully Miner's Band (Australia) - Formed in 1864. Merged with Hallas City Band in 1889 to form Marong Municipal (Hopetoun) Brass Band

Long Itchington Excelsior Band - Active in the early 1900s

Long Itchington Silver Band - Active in 1905

Long Lea Band

Longannet Colliery Band (Cowdenbeath) - *See: Cowdenbeath Brass Band*

Longbridge-Deverill Band (Wiltshire) - Active in 1940s

Longford Star Band - Competed in a brass band contest at Bedworth in 1888

Longridge Prize Band - Active in 1911

Longsight Steam Sheds Band - Active in 1869/70

Longton Borough Band - Active in 1874.

Longton Brass Band (Preston) - Active in 1872

Longton Prize Band (Stoke-on-Trent) - Active in 1888

Longton Saxhorn Band (near Stoke-on-Trent) - Active in 1851

Longton Town Band - *See: Co-operative Society Prize Band (Burslem & District)*

Longton Victoria Brass Band (Stoke-on-Trent) - Active in 1888

Longtown Brass Band (Cumberland) - Active in 1910 when Jas. Bell was secretary. In 1914 the secretary was William Bell

Longwith Band - Competed at the Crystal Palace in 1920

Looe Town Bands (Cornwall) - Looe does have a history of "on/off" bands, starting with the Volunteer Artillery Band (1865-1907). Even this unit, on several occasions, had no band. Even so, from 1907 to 1912, there does appear to be two bands in town, the Artillery and a town band, probably because most players played in both bands. Certainly the town band, in 1907, were efficient enough to play such items as the overture "Tancredi". A photo of the band of this period shows 24 players, among whom were five clarinets and one

flute/piccolo. An impressive size for a Cornish band of this period. The town band was led by AR Mitchell. After 1912 nothing can be found of an active band, though there are several attempts to reform between the wars - all to no avail.

Lord Lawson School Brass Band - One of the most successful school brass bands, active in the 1970s. It unfortunately folded once its conductor Mr Bruce Wigham left, in 1986.

Loscoe Miners Welfare Silver Band (Derbyshire) - Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Lostock Industrial School Band (Bolton) - For a time one of the teachers at the Industrial School took to teaching the boys music and formed a band. The band was short lived around the 1900's.

Lostock Junction Brass Band (Bolton) - Active in 1902, when they headed a procession through Chew Moor.

Loudon Brass Band (Cardiff) - Active in 1910

Loudoun Band - Originally consisted of players from Loudoun Academy Band but became a separate organisation in 1974. In 1990, it amalgamated with Newmilns Burgh Band and Galston Burgh Band

Loughborough Borough Prize Band - Active in 1897. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by C.B. Fisher.

Loughborough Brass Band - Active in 1847, 1858

Loughborough Town Silver Band

Loughor Excelsior Brass Band - Formed in 1873. Disbanded 1918. The Loughor Excelsior Brass Band was formed under the baton of William Dennis in 1873. Very little is known of those early years, but the band would have featured prominently in the entertainment of the villagers and at ceremonial functions, funerals, outdoor marches and concerts. A balance sheet for 31st December, 1902 mentions that new silver plated instruments had been bought for ?318 from Messrs. Boosey & Co. Military Band Instrument Manufacturers, Regent Street, London. The officers were obliged to pay the amount in full within three years. In the summer of 1903 under the baton of Mr. Bleddyn Dennis, the band earned itself the title of a Silver Band Prize. Competing at Llanelly, the Loughor players emerged as winners of the prestigious Challenge Shield of the West Wales Association. Each summer at the Loughor Regatta, the Silver Band was always present to provide suitable music of an entertaining nature. With the outbreak of the War in Europe in 1914, Mr. Bleddyn Dennis joined the Swansea Police Band, to become its conductor, but left in 1912 for New Zealand. The trenches of France denied the village of its young men, who joined the Welsh Regiments as infantry men. Thus after 1918 enthusiasm waned and the organisation folded. The drum and sticks were preserved until 1938 when they were given to the Salvation Army Band in Gorseinon.

Loughton Excelsior Brass Band (Essex) - Active in 1892, to at least 1905. They would perform at the drinking fountain at the corner of High Road and Station Road, Loughton.

Louth Mission Band (Lincolnshire)

Low Moor Brass Band (Bradford) - Active in 1849 to 1860

Low Moor Ironworks Band (Bradford) - Active in 1857

Low Moor L.M.S. Band - Active in 1933

Lowca Brass Band - *See: Lowca Colliery Band*

Lowca Colliery Band (Whitehaven, Cumberland) - Active in the 1890s

Lower Annandale Band (Annan) - Active from 1830s to 1850s at least

Lower Ince Temperance Band - Active in 1965

Lowerhouse Mills Band (Burnley) - Active in the 1920s/30s

Lowerplace Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s.

Lowestoft Brass Band - Active in 1855

Lowestoft Railway Silver Band

Lowton Silver Band - Formed in 1865. Their practices were in the Jolly Carter Inn at Lowton. When the Railway Inn was built at Robin Hood, the band moved into new headquarters behind it and practised there for over 50 years. During this time the name was changed to Leigh Borough Band. New headquarters were bought in 1956 and the name was changed back to Lowton Silver Band. The band broke up in 1965 due to a lack of players, but a trust was set up in the hope of it being reformed. Tom Burke was a member of Leigh Borough Band and in 1904 was promoted to 1st cornet player. He won a silver medal for his cornet playing.

Loyal St George Brass Band - *See: St George's Brass Band (Bristol)*

Luddenden and Luddenden Foot Subscription Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1891

Luddenden Old Band - *See: Oats Royd Mills Brass Band*

Ludgvan Band (Cornwall) - Back in 1850 the local Wesleyan Sunday school procession was headed by "the well known Ludgvan Band of Musicians". At this very early date, especially for Cornwall, I would hazard a guess that this was not a brass band but it very soon became one. It seems to have carried on until 1889, then twenty years later a Ludgvan Brass Band, under R T Williams re-energised, but for how long is not clear. Certainly in 1921 the band existed under the baton of Mr R Taylor, the band sporting 15 players. What happened after that is another Cornish mystery.

Ludlow Town Brass Band (Shropshire) - Active in 1910 and the 1920s

Lumbfoot Band (nr Haworth) - Active in the late 1850s, when members of the Ponden Band joined it. At that time the Lumbfoot Band consisted of fifteen or sixteen young men, most of whom worked in the mill, and Messrs. Butterfield Brothers let them have the dining room to play in.

Lumley (6th Pit) Colliery Band - *See Lumley Colliery Band*

Lumley Bethel Band - c. 1970

Lumley Colliery Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Won the Cassell's Shield at the Crystal Palace in 1928. Still active in 1964, but folded later in the 1960s.

Lumley Colliery Silver Prize Band - *See Lumley Colliery Band*

Lumley Temperance Band (County Durham) - Active in 1899

Lumley Town Band (County Durham) - Active in 1928

Lurganure Silver Band (Northern Ireland) - Lurganure Silver Band originated from Hull's Hill Accordion Band which met at Hull's Hill Mission Hall, Moira Road, Lisburn, in 1935. In 1951 the members felt that a change was needed and the decision was taken to change from accordion to silver. Around the early 1950's, at Christmas, the Band visited numerous homes in the locality to entertain them by playing carols. In so doing, money was raised which went to-wards presents for the children at Lissue Children's Hospital, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn. This was an event which started at Bradbury's Corner and continued, by foot, to Cockhill Corner. It took place for a number of years until road and traffic conditions endangered the safety of members. It is well known that the band had an exclusively male membership, but in 1978 ladies were finally admitted after much discussion and deliberation among their male counterparts. It merged with Lisburn Silver Band in 1993 to form Garvey Silver Band

Luton Alliance Brass Band - Active in 1879, when they advertised for a Solo Cornet player, annual salary £20.

Luton Public Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Luton Wesleyan Central Mission Brass Band

Lycett Mission Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Lydbrook Excelsior Band - Earlier known as Lydbrook Morgan's Band in the 1880s, renamed as the Excelsior Band in 1900. Merged with other bands in 1923 to form Lydbrook Silver Band

Lydbrook Morgan's Band - *See: Lydbrook Excelsior Band*

Lydbrook Tin Plate Works Band - Active in 1882.

Lydford Town Band - Active in 1895

Lydiard Millicent Band (Wilts) - Active in 1913

Lyme Regis Town Band - Disbanded in the early 1950s. (new band formed in 1981)

Lyminge Silver Band - Active in the 1930s. The band stored its instruments in the hall of the Methodist Church, which was completely destroyed by a direct hit in World War II, and all instruments lost, which must have been a bitter financial blow.

Lymington Borough Band - *See: Lymington Town Prize Band*

Lymington Borough Military Band - *See: Lymington Town Prize Band*

Lymington Brass Band - Active in 1840 through to 1871

Lymington Temperance Band - *See: Lymington Town Prize Band*

Lymington Town and Temperance Band - *See: Lymington Town Prize Band*

Lymington Town and Volunteer Band - *See: Lymington Town Prize Band*

Lymington Town Band - *See: Lymington Town Prize Band*

Lymington Town Prize Band (Hampshire) - Founded in 1883 as Lymington Town and Volunteer Band. In 1885 it became A Company 4th Voluntary Battalion Hampshire Regiment Brass

Band. Later known as Lymington Town Band, then Lymington Town Prize Band. Still active in 1911 when Arthur Percival Cooper Hewitt was the secretary. Still active in 1938.

Lymm Public Band - Active in 1932

Lyneham Band - Active in 1911

Lynemouth Colliery Band - Amalgamated with Newbiggin Colliery Band at some point.

Lynn Original Brass Band - Formed in 1854, disbanded in 1866

Lynn Working Men's Saxhorn Band (Kings Lynn) - Active between 1854 and 1866. Josiah H Reddie was a founder member.

Lysaght's Orb Works Brass Band (Newport) - Formed under Bandmaster Jack Marsh when the men returned from the Great War, and the first parade was at the reunion at Somerton Park in 1919. Mr. A. Leyshon (late of New Tredegar and Cwm Prize Bands), who has a lifetime experience of first-class contesting was placed in charge in 1924, since when the band has been known as "The Newport Popular Band" and are regularly engaged for the important events in Monmouthshire and adjoining counties. Their repertoire consists of the works of all the great masters and they can be guaranteed to give a programme suitable to any occasion. Mr. Fred Pugh and Mr. Brad. Shergold are the only members who were members at the time of its formation. Mr. Owen Davies has been the Hon. Secretary for the past seven years. As reward for perseverance and success, Mr. W. R. Lysaght has presented them with a very comprehensive Coronation gift of new instruments and uniforms. (Report by Owen Davies, Band Secretary, 1937)

Lysaght's Steel Works Brass Band (Scunthorpe) - *See: Normanby Park Steelworks Brass Band*

Lytham British Legion Band - Active in 1936

Lytham Volunteer Band 2nd East Lancs Regiment - Active in 1897

M. S. & L. Railway Brass Band - *See: Manchester, Sheffield & Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band*

M.T.T. Band (Hackney, South Australia) - Active in 1925

Mabe Brass Band (Cornwall) - (sometimes known as Mabe Burnt House Band) were a band typical of their time. Found three or four miles North West of Falmouth, we know they were formed just before 1882 by a Mr Rapson (jun), later disbanded then reformed in 1911 ready for the Coronation. Who conducted them at this stage is not known but after WW1, in 1919, J Thomas was appointed to conduct. In 1931-32 they had H Jenkins who handed over to W H A Starke, who was relieved in 1933 by C A Dawes who gave the job back to W H A Starke in 1934, who in turn handed it all back to C A Dawes in 1936. In 1938 he gave the baton to the bands' 1919 conductor Mr J Thomas. They carried out regular contesting in the 30's, the best result being taken at Falmouth in 1936, playing the 4th section test "The Spirit of Youth." A 1933 photo shows a band with a healthy 21 players.

Macclesfield Town Band - Active 1915 to 1968

Machynlleth Town Band - Active in 1927

Madeley Brass Band (Shropshire) - Active in 1860

Madeley Silver Band (Shropshire)

Madeley Town Band - The Band led the Broseley Friendly Society Parade, in aid of the Hospitals in 1906. From the Wellington Journal and Shrewsbury News, 25th September 1909: "Broseley Hospital Sunday - After the church service the Madeley Town Band gave a selection of music on the Memorial Green, as well as the Jackfield Band." The old Three Horseshoes pub in Madeley Market Square was the largest pub in Madeley, and was the headquarters of the Madeley Band. In 1911 the Madeley Town Prize Brass Band was refused the right to bear the title "Royal"

Madron British Legion Band (Cornwall) - This band, a mile or two from Penzance, occupied the scene from about 1930 to 1939. Contesting seems to have happened only in 1933 under their then conductor, Mr A P Richards, during which, at Redruth Contest, they came first for Department.

Maerdy Silver Band - Active in 1930s

Maesteg Band - Active in 1911 and 1948

Maiden Newton Brass Band - Active around the 1870s/80s

Maidstone Borough Brass Band - Active in 1909

Maitland Brass Band (Australia) - Made their debut at the Maitland show in 1881. They "performed creditably giving promise of future excellence". They disbanded in the 1890s. A successor band was formed in the early 1900s

Maitland Municipal Brass Band (Australia) - Formed in the early 1900s. Winners of the 'C' grade trophy at a 1929 competition held in Perth to mark Western Australia's centenary. They were also victorious in the 'D' grade of the Tanunda band competition of 1927.

Malling Town Band - Active in 1938

Malmesbury Town Band - Formed prior to 1877, when it led the procession to the new station to meet the inaugural train. In 1945 its instruments were sold. A successor concert band was formed in the town c.1990

Malpas Town Band - Active from 1919 to 1940.

Malton Amateur Brass Band (North Yorkshire) - Formed by John Gibson in 1877 and folded in 1884.

Malton and Norton Saxhorn Band (North Yorkshire) - Active in 1858

Malton Brass Band (North Yorkshire) - Active in 1896

Malton Brass or Mixed Wind Band (North Yorkshire) - Active between 1837 and 1855

Malton Messenger Saxhorn Band (North Yorkshire) - Founded in 1857 by Henry Smithson, proprietor of the "Malton Messenger" newspaper. Made first public appearance on 16th October that year conducted by Mr Milburn of Leeds. In August 1858 played in Longster's Orchard, Malton accompanying dancers at the Malton Regatta. Some of the original bandsmen included Will Foster, Hardwick Spurr, John, George and Thomas Leefe, John Morrit, John Stamper, John Bull, Tindal Clarke, John Hudson, Robert Taylor, Bob Piercy and Tom Allison. In 1860 the band was conducted by Mr Jennison of Norton and was renamed the Malton Rifle Volunteers Band. John Gibson became conductor in 1862 and served until 1877, when he left to form his own band, Malton Amateur Brass Band. The band was then conducted by JF Drake until Gibson's return in 1884. In 1887 a revolt among the band led to a mass resignation from the Volunteers and the band was restyled the "New Malton Town Band". JW Marshall was conductor of the band in 1899 and the band was still in existence in 1902.

Malton Rifle Volunteers Band (1) - *See: Malton Messenger Saxhorn Band*

Malton Rifle Volunteers Band (2) - Formed in 1894 until it disbanded in 1899

Malton Temperance Band (North Yorkshire) - Formed in 1899 by William Gibson, with eleven players, including Tom Banks, Jack Haykings, Ernest Cartwright and Tom Tate Smith. In 1900 the band announced that it would henceforth be known as the Malton White Star Band - which still exists today.

Malton United Brass Band - Founded in 1857 by William Turner. Active in the 1860s, conducted by Welford Gibson

Malvern Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1877 to 1882. Also known as Malvern Recreation Brass Band

Malvern Imperial Band (Worcestershire)

Malvern Mechanics Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1879.

Malvern Recreation Brass Band - *See: Malvern Brass Band*

Malvern Tramways Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Although not strictly speaking extinct, as it is still in existence as Stonnington City Brass, this band's heydays in the 1920s, following its formation in 1911, is worth recording here. Contest record: 1912, won all events in the A.N.A. Competition, Collingwood. 1913-14, winners A.N.A. Competition. Winners of all events Chamber of Manufacturers Contest. Second Prize South Street Ballarat. 1915, Ballarat, tied for First Prize Grade A Championship. Winners Highest Aggregate and Boosey Shield, value 75 guineas, Second Quickstep. 1917, Winners of all events A.N.A.A. Championship, Melbourne. Also O'Brien and Down Cup, value 100 guineas, for Highest Aggregate. 1918, Winners A.N.A. A Grade Championship, Melbourne, and winners of Grand Final for O'Brien and Down Cup, value 100 guineas, for Highest Aggregate. 1920, Winners South Street Championship A Grade and Boosey Shield, value 50 guineas. 1921, Winners South Street Championship A Grade and Boosey Shield, value 50 guineas - Second Year. 1922, Winners A Grade Championship, Ballarat, 3rd successive year and Grand Final, Boosey Shield, value 50 guineas, Highest Aggregate. In 1924 the band embarked on a World Tour. Also in 1924, during the visit of H.M.S. Hood to Melbourne in March, "The entertainment began at 2.15 with a recital by the Malvern Tramways Band, renowned as 'the

champion brass band of the Commonwealth'. The Age suggested that their recital would give the public 'the opportunity of comparing and contrasting the all-brass band with the military band'. Originally, it had been intended for the Malvern men to provide a musical escort as the massed bands from the Hood, Repulse and Delhi proceeded to the Ground. However, it was not 'found practicable to arrange' for this, so the idea was dropped. It was a fortunate move. The afternoon was 'a day of sunshine, coloured parasols and summer dresses' that drew a massive crowd of eager visitors to the Hood and the other ships at Port Melbourne. The bandsmen were unable 'to get through the dense mass of people' at the pier. As a last resource, mounted police had to clear the way. When this was done, the bandsmen made with all speed for the MCG. Thus, for once, the navy was late. In the meantime, the musical flag was kept flying by the Malvern Tramways Band. Once they arrived 'by motor', the sailors provided 'a fine program ... and every item of the bands won applause' from the crowd of 24000. At the end of the day, with gate receipts totalling £820, the Lord Mayor (and Melbourne Cricket Club member), Councillor William Brunton, expressed his appreciation to the bandmasters. " 1911 - Celebration of Malvern being proclaimed a City: "Crowds of visitors, from neighbouring suburbs, came to see the display. From half-past six o'clock until half-past eight o'clock the trams, and trains, were overcrowded. On the tram cars the passengers were seen to be hanging precariously to the sides of the cars. The night was a bitterly cold one, but the adverse conditions did not affect the spirits of the people, exhilarated as their spirits were, by music of the Malvern Tramway Band, the Prahran Band, the St. Kilda Band, the Kilties' Band, and the St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage Band. The units of the crowd, estimated at 40,000, were well content to have formed one of those abroad to see the sights, in the streets, on this memorable night, in the City of Malvern."

Malvern Wells Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1895

Manaccan Band (Cornwall) - I have a record of a William Martin playing for Manaccan Band from 1873 - 1888. This is the only proof that I have that this outfit existed at that time. The other mention I have is in 1942, during WW2, when what was left of the band nipped across to help Gweek Band play at the Gweek Hospital Sunday. Manaccan has a most convoluted history starting off as Manaccan Band, then joining with St Martin Band in the 20's, then going it alone again for a while, then St Martin joining Manaccan sometime after 1926, remaining under the Manaccan title until their demise in 1946.

Manchester and Salford Postmen's Band - Active in 1883, when some of its members played at the funeral of John Leah, trombonist in the Pendleton Brass Band.

Manchester C.W.S. Tobacco Factory Band - See C.W.S. (Manchester) Band

Manchester City Police Band - Active in 1880s

Manchester Civil Defence Band - Active in 1945

Manchester Corporation Tramways Band - Active in the 1930s

Manchester Jewish Brass Band - Began as an activity of the Jewish Working Men's Club. Active in the 1910s/20s. Bandmaster was Mr Nolan in 1913

Manchester Victoria Brass Band - Active in 1851

Manchester, Sheffield & Lincolnshire Railway Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1892

Manea British Legion Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Manningham Brass Band (Bradford) - Active in November 1885 when it entertained the 7,000 crowd at the opening of a new stand at the Carlisle Road ground of Manningham Rugby Club. They were conducted by W. Atkinson at the Barnoldswick Contest in 1886. Later, in 1896, it serenaded the 8,000 crowd prior to the vital Rugby League game between Bradford City and Hull on 18 April.

Manningham Temperance Band (Bradford) - Active in 1894

Manningtree Brass Band (Essex) - Took part in Great Bentley Brass Band Contest on 18 April 1938.

Manningtree British Legion Band - *See: Manningtree Brass Band*

Manor Colliery Band - Active in the 1970s

Mansfield Brass Band - Active in 1856 to 1886

Mansfield Colliery Silver Prize Band - Led the 44th Annual Temperance procession on Whit Monday in 1915. Starting from Somercotes, a sea of banners, flags and gaily decorated floats proceeded through Leabrooks and Riddings, gathering strength as it marched, and parading the village of Ironville before winding its way up to the Jessop Monument in Codnor Park.

Mansfield Excelsior Band - Newspaper report from 25 May 1900: Celebrations for the relief of Mafeking included the display of Union Jacks outside shops, the wearing of patriotic favours by almost everybody, the playing of patriotic tunes in front of the Town Hall by the Mansfield Excelsior Band around 10pm, followed by an impromptu late-night

Mansfield Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Active in 1894

Mansfield Temperance Brass Band - Active in 1899

Mansfield United Brass Band - Mansfield Reporter - newspaper report from 6 July 1877: "Roller Skating Rink The Mansfield United Brass Band was also present and contributed much to the pleasure of the proceedings by playing a selection of dance and operatic music." As well as providing a skating area, the rink had another area where other entertainments took place. It opened on 24 June 1876 and closed sometime in the latter part of 1881. Band still active in 1884

Mansfield Woodhouse Brass Band - Active in 1861

Manvers and Barnburgh Band (Rotherham) - Competed in the Grand Shield in the 1940s - probably linked to the previous Manvers Main band and the twin collieries of Manvers and Barnburgh.

Manvers Main Colliery Band (Wath-on-Deerne, Rotherham) - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Mapplewell Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1851 and 1871

Marazion Town Band (Cornwall) - 3 to 4 miles east of Penzance, Marazion overlooks St Michael's Mount. In 1867 they were active, playing at the opening of a public building in Penzance. Later, in 1875, travelling to Redruth, they took part in a Temperance Fete. Not much more is heard about them until the run-up to WW1 and most unusually, they were active all through WW1 and WW2. The cessation of hostilities in 1945 also seems to have heralded their own end. Who conducted them in those very early days is not known; however, all during WW1 Alfred Floyd conducted (he had conducted the Marazion Artillery Volunteers from about 1909). 1919 - 1928 was the era of R J Berryman, he being relieved by George W Cave, who stayed just for two years (Cave had started his conducting career in about 1922 and became a most respected Cornish conductor, even conducting Coventry City during WW2). Edwin J Williams came for a year (1930/31) and he was taken over by Welshman Beth David, who stayed with the band until their demise in 1945. During WW2 he was also conducted the St Keverne Home Guard Band. He died in 1946, aged 76. From 1928 to 1935 the band entered various Cornish contests. Section 4 netted five 1sts, 4 2nds. and 6 3rds. Section 3 brought in one 1st, four 2nds, and one 3rd. A brief sojourn into Section 2 saw them awarded one 3rd. Their best musical period was, without a doubt, the mid 1930's.

Mardy Workingmen's Brass Band (Glamorgan) - Active in 1904

Marehay Brass Band (Ripley, Derbyshire) - Active in 1899

Marine Brass Band (Holyhead) - Active in 1890, conducted by R. Rowlands

Mariners Band (Keighley) - *See: Keighley Brass Band*

Market Deeping Brass Band - Formed in 1891

Market Drayton Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Market Lavington Prize Band (Wiltshire) - Gained 3rd place in a contest at the West Lavington Flower Show in August 1913, with the South of England Temperance Prize Band (1st place, conductor Mr. John Green), Chippenham Silver Prize band (2nd place), and Gorse Hill Prize Band. The adjudicator was Mr. J. G. Jubb of Manchester.

Market Rasen Town Band - Active in 1880s it eventually disbanded in 1939. A successor band was formed in 1966

Market Weighton Reformatory Band - Active in 1910

Markfield Band - *See: William Davis Construction Group Band*

Marks Tey Brotherhood Band - Active in the 1930s, the band folded during WW2. For more details, see Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex, by David Cawdell.

Marlborough Place Mission Brass Band (St John's Wood) - Active between 1885 and 1903

Marlborough Silver Town Band - Records of the band, from 1895-1948, are held at Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office

Marley Hill Colliery Band (Gateshead) - *See: Marley Hill Silver Prize Band*

Marley Hill Silver Prize Band (Gateshead) - Formed in 1890. One of the founder members was John Bewick, a colliery blacksmith. He was born at Highfield near Hexham in 1856 and

came with his parents to Old Sunnyside in 1860. At the age of 12 he began work in the engine sheds at Andrews House colliery where he stayed for 6 months before serving his apprenticeship as a blacksmith. He subsequently worked for 57 years in this trade for J .Bowes & Partners. Still active in 1939, the band rehearsed in Sunnyside.

Marong Municipal (Hopetoun) Brass Band (Australia) - Formed in 1889 by the merger of Long Gully Miner's Band and Hallas City Band. Merged with Strathfieldsaye Municipal Band in 1998 to form Greater Bendigo Concert Brass

Marriner's Band - Formed in the 1840s by the worsted mill owner WL Marriner, in Keighley, the band competed in the 1861 Crystal Palace contest with the alternate name of "the Band of the 35th Rifle Volunteer Corps" and won the Sydenham Cup. In the 1862 contest they were styled WL Marriner's Private Brass Band, and used two flugel horns in their line-up. Subscriptions were collected from the members in the early years. They won the Daily Mirror Cup at Crystal Palace in 1909 and were incorporated into Keighley Borough Band in 1914.

Marriner's Juvenile Band (Keighley) - Active in 1866, when won fifth prize, and £2 in a contest at the Keighley Agricultural Show in September 1866.

Marriner's Mill Band - *See: Marriner's Band*

Marsden Colliery Band (Whitburn, Sunderland) - Formed in the 1850s as South Shields Temperance Band, it folded in 1930 and its instruments were bought by Dinnington Colliery Band.

Marsden Colliery Prize Band - *See: Marsden Colliery Band*

Marsden Secondary School Band - *See: Marsden Senior School Band*

Marsden Senior School Band - Active in the 1930s/50s

Marsden St Andrews Band (Whitburn) - Formed in 1930 by some bandsmen from the previous Marsden Colliery Band, probably did not last beyond 1939

Marsden Union Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1830

Marston Valley Band - Records of the band, from 1951-56, are held at Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service. Linked to the local brick making industry. The band had a meteoric rise from the 4th Section to the Championship Section in successive years.

Martland's Brass Band (Preston) - Active in the 1850s. Some quotes from the Preston Guardian: "3rd June 1854 - ... met at the White Bull Inn, Myerscough ... and hearing a cheeting tune or two from Mr Martland's brass band, of Preston". "18th June 1853 - Great Eccleston Club Day - on Monday last, the members of the Prosperity Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows held their anniversary at the lodge-house, Black Bull Inn, Great Eccleston. At nine o'clock the members formed in procession, headed by Martland's celebrated sax-horn hand (from Preston)"

Martland's Saxhorn Band - *See: Martland's Brass Band*

Martley Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1881 to 1891

Martley Foresters Brass Band (Worcestershire) - *See: Martley Brass Band*

Martock Band (Somerset) - Founded by 1889. Active around 1912 - disbanded in the 1920's.

Maryport Silver Band - Active in the 1930s/40s

Maryport Town Brass Band - Active in 1891 when it took part in a concert with Workington Vocal Union Voice Choir

Massingham Crown Brass Band

Masson Mill Brass Band (Matlock Bath) - Active in 1894

Master's Brass, The - *See: Strood Gospel Mission Silver Band*

Matlock United Silver Prize Band - Active in 1914. Possibly related to the current Matlock Band?

Matlock Volunteer Rifles Band - Active in the 1860s

Maungatapu Maori Brass Band (Taurang, New Zealand) - Formed in 1895

Mawgan Band (Cornwall) - Mawgan can be found near Helston, but very little can be found about the band. There is an 1857 report of them playing at the Porthleven Regatta, and later, in 1870, appearing at a Sunday school anniversary in the Lizard. Then nothing until, of all dates, 1943, when a Mawgan Band played at a garden fete under the direction of a Bandmaster Williams. A late 19th century photo shows a band of seven players under Thomas Eplett. No contests were ever attended.

Mawnan Band (Cornwall) - South of Falmouth, Mawnan Band seems to have functioned from the 1880's through to 1935, with a note in a local newspaper of 1936 bemoaning the fact that there is no longer a Mawnan Band. There is a record of only one contest attended - that at

Falmouth in 1884. This was a one section contest and Mawnan came in third. The only mention of a conductor is found in 1905 when the name John Opie is recorded.

Maybole Burgh Band (Ayrshire) - Originally Maybole Carrick Band, then Carrick Instrumental Band. In 1867 the band instruments were taken from the local bandsmen, because they would not attend practices, and given to the Volunteers who formed a band among its members, and although for a time it was factually a military band it was always considered the Maybole band. About the turn of the century the instruments were returned to the Council and the Maybole Burgh Band came into existence before the first World War. It won many competitions under the leadership of Mr. Shaw, the Bandmaster, and played in the town and district for many years until, again through lack of young people attending practices, in the 1950s the Council took over the instruments and stored them away and the town was left without a band. It was hoped some townsmen interested in band music would come forward and another band be formed but this was not to be and, as the instruments were deteriorating in storage, the council sold them. By coincidence the council purchased scarlet and ermine robes for the Provost and Bailies about the time the instruments were sold and it was the ribald belief of many ratepayers that the council had robbed the band to robe their civic heads and that it was the sale price of the big drum which went to buy the Provost's cocked hat.

Maybole Carrick Band, - *See: Maybole Burgh Band*

Mayfield and District Band (Sussex)

McKiernan Group Band (Accrington) - Active in the 1970s

Medomsley Cottage Homes Band (Deaf Hill, County Durham) - Cottages built by the North Eastern Railway. The band was formed in the 1900s.

Medstead Band (Hampshire) - Active around 1905. The Band's activities were suspended for the first world war and then resumed. Band members are thought to include Dick Licence and Mr. Poole the drummer. The Band was under the auspices of the Medstead Friendly Society.

Meersbrook Band (Sheffield) - Active in the 1960s

Mevagissey Town Band (Cornwall) - An attempt was made in 1867 to form a band when it was reported that "many young men enrolled", and attempts were made to raise cash for a band fund. No more is heard after this. A band was formed to assist in the celebrations of the coronation of George VI and forever after they were officially titled The Mevagissey Coronation Band. This band was formed because of the enthusiasm for bands of one man, Samuel Rowe, a local music teacher, who does seem to have conducted a band in Mevagissey during WW1. Samuel Rowe's name keeps popping up due to his many attempts to form bands in Mevagissey. He even stored all the old instruments in his house.

Melbourne Baptist Band (Derbyshire) - Formed in July 1899

Melbourne Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Existed as early as September 1845, when they played to celebrate Lord Melbourne's arrival at Melbourne Hall, and in 1856 when they celebrated the end of the Crimean War. In 1860 they were commended at the great National Brass Band Contest at Crystal Palace. The Band was on the verge of signing up to sail with a ship to the Baltic in 1855, when wives and girlfriends intervened at the last moment and stopped them. A member of the Melbourne band once joined the travelling band that accompanied Wombwells Menagerie, a kind of Victorian "zoo on wheels". The band probably disbanded around WW1.

Melbourne Town Prize Brass Band

Melling Band (Lancashire) - Centred on Melling Pottery and was made up mainly of pottery workers.

Mellor Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1891

Mellor Brook Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1887

Melsonby Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in the late 1800s, through to at least 1937

Melton Mowbray Wesleyan Band - Active in the 1900s

Melton Saxhorn Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1856

Membury Silver Band (Devon) - Active in 1936

Merbein Brass Band (Sunraysia area, Australia) - Founded in 1918

Mere C.E.T.S. Brass Band (Wiltshire)

Mere Rechabite Band (Wiltshire) - Active in the 1860s - engaged by the Gillingham Total Abstinence Society

Mere Town Silver Band (Wiltshire) - Records of the band, from 1924-1987 are held by Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office

Merrymeet Band (Cornwall) - This outfit was also known as the Menheniot Band. One supposes that Merrymeet and Menheniot, villages to the east of Liskeard, both sent players to the band. There is no doubt that this band operated before WW1 with a compliment of about 17 men, a goodly number for those days. No contests were entered for, and names of conductors cannot be found.

Merryston Brass Band (Coatbridge?)

Merstham Baptist Mission Band (Surrey) - Active in 1904

Merthyr Vale Silver Band

Messrs. Philips & Co. Brass Band (Tean, Staffordshire) - Active in 1896, this band was connected to the Philips Silk Mill at Tean, where they made red ribbon, among other products, and which was the origin of the phrase "tied up in red tape".

Metal Trades Council Works Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1925

Metheringham and Dunston Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1905 when the band heralded the football teams onto the field in a match. The music played for the home team was "See the conquering heroes come", while they then played the opponents, Washingborough, in to "The Dead March" from Saul

Methley Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Methley Prize Band - *See: Methley Brass Band*

Metropolitan Brass Band (London?) - From the News of the World, 12th September 1886: Railway Servants' Fete and Gala - Yesterday afternoon, the first annual fete and gala of the Metropolitan Railway Company's employees was held in a field near the Metropolitan Railway Station at Harrow, lent by Mr Atkins. The entertainments comprised an Old English Fair, athletic sports and a firework display. The Metropolitan Brass Band and the Willesdon Brass Band played selections of music. There was a large attendance.

Metropolitan Works Band (Wolverhampton) - Band from the Cammell works. Note from local newspaper in 1927: - "Masses in harmony at the Molineux: After a hard week at work what better way to relax at the weekend than by tickling the tonsils with a little community singing in the open air at Wolverhampton's Molineux Grounds in January. Swanee River, Land Of Hope And Glory and There's A Tavern In The Town, echoed across the streets as townfolk raised their voices accompanied by the prizewinning Metropolitan Works Band, under the direction of Joseph Lewis and Harold Casey. Before hitting the high notes, the singers were given a few helpful hints by Mr Lewis. He emphasised that everyone must join in and they must all sing together. He told the gathering that he wasn't using a baton because the crowd wouldn't see it. Instead, his associate Harold Casey, would give the necessary "physical jerks" to help the singers harmonise. Printed on the Community Singing sheet were instructions to "take a deep breath" and hold it. According to Mr Lewis the gathering must sing with the breath HELD to make more sound - and they must not get out of step with the singing. Mr Lewis promised the crowd that if they got into a mess he would blow a whistle for them to stop. Presumably if they were still holding their breath they would be in no fit state to singalong-a-Lewis. " Still active in 1938.

Mevagissey Band (Cornwall)

Mexborough Plant Band (South Yorkshire) - Formed in the 1860s, reformed in the 1880s and still active in the 1890s. It was based with the Mexborough railway works for the Manchester/Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway - later the Great Central Railway.

Mexborough Railway Band - *See: Mexborough Plant Band*

Mexborough Town Band (South Yorkshire)

Micheldever Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s. It continued practising in June 1914 for the Hospital Sunday Parade. Subsequent village events seemed to have used other bands, so the Micheldever Band probably folded during or after World War I.

Micklefield Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1904 and the 1980s

Mickleover and Radbourne Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887

Mickleton Band (County Durham) - Formed in the early 1900s and still active in 1931

Mickley Tyndale Temperance Band (Northumberland) - Formed in 1899 and still active in 1947

Middlesbrough (Dovecot) Brass - *See: Yarm and District Band*

Middlesbrough Artillery Band - Active in 1887

Middlesbrough Borough Silver Prize Band - Formed in 1901 as the Middlesbrough Trades Band.
Still active in the 1950s

Middlesbrough National Reserve Band - Active in the 1930s

Middlesbrough Temperance Band - Formed in 1898

Middlesbrough Trades Band - *See: Middlesborough Borough Silver Prize Band*

Middlesmoor Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Formed in the 1850s and folded sometime in the 1860s.

Middleton Home Guard Band - Active in 1942

Middleton Junction Public Band - Active in the 1930s

Middleton Perserverance Band - Active in 1882, when it competed in a contest at Kersley, Bolton.

Middleton Victoria Silver Prize Band (Middleton by Wirksworth, Derbyshire) - "We had then the Middleton Victoria Silver Prize Band, around thirty men and youths were in it and Joe Sam Spencer, who lived two doors below me, used to train the new starters how to play a cornet or other instrument. He was the conductor of the band and of our chapel. At the last Sunday School Anniversary he conducted he said it was the best singing he had heard for some time. Middleton Band was well known years ago and used to play at the Baseball Ground when Derby County Football Club played at home, several friends used to walk round the ground at half time with a white sheet collecting money for band funds." Won the Spondon Contest in 1926, conducted by H. Holmes. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by F. Boylin. In 1964 it amalgamated with the Brassington Band and Wirksworth Band to form the BMW band, practising at Wirksworth.

Middleton Wesleyan Temperance Band (Middleton Cheyney, Northants) - Active in 1908

Middleton-by-Wirksworth Band - Active in 1937

Middleton-in-Teesdale Band - Active in 1887 and 1910

Middlewich Centenary Band - Active in 1951 when they won the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Midhurst Amateur Band (Sussex) - Active around 1920

Midhurst Town Band (Sussex) - Active around 1905, and through to at least 1961.

Midland & South Western Junction Railway Band (Cirencester)

Midland Railway Brass Band (Derby) - Active in 1858

Midland Railway Servants' Brass Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1899

Midsomer Norton Brass Band - Active in 1881 to 1895

Midsomer Norton Old Band - *See: Midsomer Norton Brass Band*

Milburn's Band - Active in the 1850s

Milburn's Model Band - Active in the 1900s

Mildura Methodist Church Brass Band (Sunraysia area, Australia) - Founded in 1906

Mile End Band (Essex) - *See: Myland Band*

Miles Platting Mission Band (Manchester) - Active during the 1930s and 1940s

Miller and Richard's Brass Band - Active in 1899 in Prestonpans

Millgate Amateur Brass Band (Facit, Rochdale) - Active in 1885. Wound up in the courts as of 14th February 1921

Millom Wesleyan Mission Band (Cumberland) - Active in 1889

Milltown Silver Band (Belfast)

Millwall Iron Works Band - Active in the 1860s, associated with the Millwall Iron Works, Ship Building & Graving Docks Company Ltd.

Milnathort Brass Band (Perthshire) - Conductor at one time was David Carmichael

Milngavie Brass Band - Active in 1863

Milnrow Public Band (Rochdale) - Active in 1930

Milnsbridge Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1857

Milnsbridge Socialist Band - Active in 1933

Milnwood Brass Band (Bellshill, Scotland) - Active in the late 1890s and early 1900s. Also known as Milnwood Colliery Band. Was conducted by John McCubbrey, who was considered the doyen of Scottish bandmasters at the time of his death. He was a pupil of Professor Hardy of Glasgow Conservatory who was, in turn, a pupil of Franz Liszt. The band was Brass Band Champion of Scotland in 1902. At some point it apparently was also known as the 2nd Lanarkshire Royal Engineers Band.

Milnwood Colliery Band - *See: Milnwood Brass Band*

Milton & Ashley Temperance Band (Hampshire)

Milton Brass Band (Great Milton) - Active in 1884

Milton Brass Band (Milton Malsor, Northants) - *See: Milton Malsor Band*

Milton Malsor Band - Active in 1906 and in the 1940s? During the Second World War the BBC broadcast a series of talks by "Mr Middleton" on the Home Service encouraging people to grow their own food in support of the Government's "Dig for Victory" campaign. Middleton was the first celebrity gardener, and during the war years nearly 3,500,00 listened to his popular and practical broadcasts. Edith Sharp remembers listening to those talks well and she tells how each year a Produce Show would be held in Milton with Mr Middleton attending and talking to his audience through the different sections. Milton Brass Band provided the music on these occasions. One year the village denizens were gathered round their radios to listen-in. The band struck up, and for a time everything was fine. Then one or two wrong notes crept in. The playing got worse and worse until the piece ended in uproar. What had happened? Well the band were playing out of doors and a sudden breeze sprang up lifting the loose sheet music off the players' stands. Determined not to let anyone down, the bandmen pluckily kept playing without their music with the inevitable result.

Milton Temperance Brass Band (Milton under Wychwood) - Active in 1893

Minchinhampton Town Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed in 1860, it played in and around the Cotswolds until it folded in the mid 1920s. A brief history of the band is available in the booklet - History Of Minchinhampton Town Band by Trevor G. Picken (1977). Minutes of the band (1882-1893) are held in the Gloucestershire Archives.

Mirboo North Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1904

Mirfield (British Railways) Brass Band (West Yorkshire) - Formed 1946

Mirfield Baptist Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1899

Mirfield Old Band (Yorkshire)

Mirfield Silver Band - Active in the 1950s

Mirlees Blackstone Works Band - *See: Mirlees Works Band*

Mirlees Works Band (Hazelgrove, Stockport) - Formed in August 1949, disbanded in 1980. Also known as the Mirlees Blackstone Works Band.

Mitcham and Wimbleton Gas Company Band - *See: Berkeley Teetotal Society Band*

Mitcham Band (Australia) - Formed in 1878 and rehearsed in the Mitcham Institute. The band functioned until the Tee Tulpa Gold Diggings were found in 1887, when it disbanded and all the members took their instruments and other property with them and disposed of them in any way they wished.

Mitcham Gas Works Band - *See: Berkeley Teetotal Society Band*

Mitcheldean Town Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed in the 1890s and folded in 1914. An earlier band was in existence in the village around 1843

Mitchell's Main and Darfield Band (Yorkshire)

Mixenden Brass Band - Headed the procession at the laying of the foundation stone of Ogden Water reservoir near Halifax, in August 1854

Moderna Blanket Works Band (Halifax) - *See: Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd Band*

Moel Tryfan Brass Band - *See: Rhosgadfan Brass Band*

Moeltryfan Silver Prize Band - *See: Rhosgadfan Brass Band*

Moira Colliery Band - Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor Jas. Astle (drawn 7 of 11 bands, they were placed 2nd)

Mold Green Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1855

Molesey Brass Band - *See: Molesey Mechanics Band*

Molesey Mechanics Band - Active in 1891 and also in 1892 when, resplendent in their new uniforms of blue and gold, then were playing raising funds for Molesey Hospital

Molinnis Band (Cornwall) - Only one engagement can be found for this band, playing for a Sunday school in Luxulyan in 1875. As it was for the local Sunday school it is likely that friends got together to help on the festivities, making it a one off appearance.

Molland Brass Band (Devon) - Active around 1900

Monk Bretton Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1895 to 1899

Monk Bridge Iron Works Brass Band (Leeds) - Played at the celebrations for the laying of the foundation stone for the Holbeck Mechanics Institute, in March 1858

Monkland Brass Band (Gympie, Australia) - Active in 1904

Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band (Midlothian) - Formed in 1918, it was then registered as a competing band in 1921 as "Prestonlinks Colliery Silver Band". Early bandmasters/conductors include John Hay, a well-known name in the music 'industry'

locally, whose son Ian (who was taught in the band) went on to become a professional musician and Head Teacher of Music at Preston Lodge High School. The pit closed in the early 1960's. The band then became known as "Prestonpans & District Silver Band" until the sponsorship from the Monktonhall Colliery came along. Merged with Dalkeith Burgh Band in 1989

Monkwearmouth Colliery Band - Active in 1858 and 1871

Monkwearmouth Lodge Band - *See: Hylton Colliery Silver Band*

Monmouth Battalion Band, 3rd - *See: 3rd Monmouth Battalion Band*

Monotype Works Band (Redhill?) - A Monotype Band featured in a film made in 1958 of the Brockham Green Medieval Festival.

Monsanto Chemical Works Band - Active in 1951

Monsanto Silver Band (Wrexham)

Montrose Brass Band - Active in 1899

Monway Iron Works Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1873

Moon's Mill Brass Band (Higher Walton, Lancashire) - Active in 1884

Moor Row Old Brass Band (Cumberland) - Founded in 1871. Active in 1897, when they held a picnic at St. Bees on Easter Monday. "On Sunday January 30, 1902, under the leadership of Mr. Benn, the band played suitable sacred music through the streets of Moor Row. The selections which were appreciated by the villagers, included the "Dead March in Saul." This was played as a mark of respect to Private W. R. Nicholson who died of enteric fever in South Africa." In March 1903, a social gathering promoted by the committee of the band was held in the Board Schoolroom. "There was a very large attendance and the event was of a highly satisfactory character in every way. The object of this gathering was to raise funds to renew and repair the instruments."

Moorswater Brass Band (Cornwall) - Moorswater, a few miles west of Liskeard had a band that received some publicity 1880/81. In that short period they carried out several engagements, but no Cornish contests. It is probable that their conductor was a man called Bray. Active in the early 1900s

Morchard Bishop Brass Band (Devon) - Active in the early 1900s

Mordialloc Brass Band - *See: Mordialloc City Band*

Mordialloc City Band {Australia} - Formed around 1915, and known as Mordialloc Brass Band in the early 1990s shortly before the band converted to a jazz orchestra

Moree & District Band (Australia) - Formed in 1888, disbanded - ? A successor band was formed in 1947.

Moreton Post Office Brass Band - Active in 1910

Moreton-in-the-Marsh Band - Active in 1924

Morfa Brass Band - Active in 1890

Morgan Cwmtawe Brass Band - Active in 1894 when it took second prize in the Bangor Eisteddfodd.

Moria and Donisthorpe Band

Morland Moderna Band - *See: Moderna Blanket Works Band*

Morley Borough Band (Yorkshire)

Morley Brass Band - Formed in 1848 from the earlier Morley Reed Band. Ceres Jackson was one of the band's greatest players. Jackson was an orphan boy brought up at the New Inn, Churwell. Those who played with him said that his tongue was like a snake and he could 'triple tongue' with ease, this is a rare accomplishment which is essential if greatness is to be achieved. Jackson was the cornet soloist when the Black Dyke Band toured America 1906/1908. During the late Edwardian period he was in constant demand as soloist in the great 'Messiah' performances. Once in the Coliseum at Leeds, where Dame Clara Butt and David Hughes were performing before an audience of 3,000, his rendering of The Trumpet Shall Sound, so electrified the company he had to take ten curtain calls. He was engaged later to conduct local bands but his impatience with those less talented than himself made him disliked. The Morley Band for over 70 years was a power in the competitive field and won many prizes. Harry Castle was the last permanent conductor, Arthur Hopwood the principal cornetist. The year before the band was taken over by the British Legion they won the West Riding Band Contest at Knottingley Town Hall, when they were conducted by Bernard Behrens of the Black Dyke Band.

Morley Juvenile Excelsior Brass Band - Formed by Mr Jim Isaacs in 1910. Mr G.E. Baines was the patron of this group of youngsters. They performed many times in Dartmouth Park and gave concerts in many other towns in the West Riding. The band disbanded in 1914 after the start of WW1.

Morley Parrock Nook Anthem Prize Band (York) - Active in 1906

Morley Prize Band

Morley Textile Band - Active in 1938

Morpeth Borough Brass Band - Active in 1901 (when a silver matchstick holder was presented by the band to J.W. English)

Morpeth V.B.N.F. Band - Active in 1889

Morris Concert Band - *See: Morris Motors Band*

Morris Motors Band - Formed in 1924 from employees of Morris Motors it grew from its recreational beginnings to become a leading band under the guidance of Harry Mortimer. Founded as part of William Morris' welfare drive, it soon started entering national competitions, winning the Crystal Palace Grand Shield in the 1930s. A signature tune, The Morris March, was written for them by Beresford, which is featured on a programme of 1926. The band was temporarily disbanded at the beginning of the Second World War, reviving in 1943 to play to workers in the factory canteen. Between 1946 and 1955 the band went from strength to strength under the leadership of its inspirational conductor Harry Mortimer, becoming one of the country's leading brass bands. During its long career, the band made over 500 radio broadcasts and several television appearances, also performing at folk dances, in music halls and in park bandstands. Changed name to Morris Concert Band round 1972-3 and back to Morris Motors in about 1979. Some reminiscences from Stephen Bourne, who played for Morris Motors in the 1970's and early 80's: There were strong ties to the Ercol Furniture Band throughout this time through the resident Conductor Walter Rees who was musical director for Ercol and also with Witney Sliver Band through Peter the baritone player, who conducted Witney. Whenever Witney or Ercol did a gig you could guarantee a fair numbers of Morris Players would be amongst them. I travelled to and from London in the car with Harry Mortimer (or HM as he preferred) every Monday and Wednesday for rehearsal in the band room at Morris Factory. We did many concerts as part of the famed "Men O'Brass" mass bands of Fairey, Fodens (or City of Coventry for a while) and Morris. There are still a number of recordings of this massed band around today. Morris Motors last appeared in the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall in 1981, when the Test Piece was Blitz (I still remember learning it - unpleasant - give me some Vinter or Ball any day). We regularly appeared on "Friday Night is music night!" live from the Golders Green Hippodrome on Radio 2. Robin Boyle from Radio 2 who compared the show was a friend of HM's. As a result HM managed to get him to comper the British Open, then held in Belle Vue Manchester. I was an official in those days, responsible for taking lunch to the adjudicators and organising distribution of programmes. The Open contest was stopped for an hour between bands because of an IRA bomb threat, I think in 1978 (I could be a year out) but continued afterwards. I do remember the challenge of keeping the adjudicators out of the way. The demise of the Morris band occurred in Harry's later days. The motor works had offered jobs and time to rehearse to players during the bands heydays (50's and 60's) and there was a strong Welsh Mafia in the band (or "tafia" as it became called). By the late 70's band though, moving to Oxford to work in the now stricken car industry was not a very attractive proposition. Around this time, and certainly until 1980, there were still no women in the band and, believe or not, no women were allowed on the band bus. This was true at Fairey and Fodens too. I remember the shock when City of Coventry came to their first Men of Brass with women in the band. In 1981 the first lady joined Morris' and the "old guard" were unhappy about it. Funny now to even think about such a World just 28 years ago.

Morrison and Busty Collieries Band (Annfield Plain, County Durham) - Formed in the 1920s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Renamed as Consett Brass in 1974.

Morrison Busty Colliery Band - *See: Morrison and Busty Collieries Band*

Morrison Busty Lodge Band - *See: Morrison and Busty Collieries Band*

Morrison North Band (County Durham) - Active in the 1900s

Morrison Band (South Wales) - Actually founded in Bristol by an English family named Hanney. The band bodily moved into Wales in the 1860s. A rival band was formed by the local

Welshmen which resulted in a private contest in 1875. The "English" band won and went on to absorb its rival.

Morton Parochial Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1887

Morvah Band (Cornwall) - Morvah can be found about 4 miles north of St Just at Land's End. They were certainly carrying out engagements in 1856 but under the title "Morvah and St Just Band." As there was at that time a St Just Band, what can we make of this title? Possibly the neither band had enough players to be independently able to take on engagements, thereby joining up for while? Whatever, by 1863 Morvah had enough players to call themselves "Morvah Brass Band" and enter a contest in Redruth. This was the only contest they played at, the test music being "Denmark Quadrille" and "Lament for Wellington." For this event they were conducted by R Williams, but were unplaced.

Morwell Brass Band (Australia) - Active in the 1890s

Morwenstow Band (Cornwall) - Formed c1868 and conducted for the next 37 years (!) by John Cholwill. There were at least three other Cholwills in the band - Archie, Harold, and Claude. The band, situated in the very far north of Cornwall, carried on up to WW2 carrying out the usual run of engagements of the time. After WW2 it does seem that an attempt was made to reform the band by accepting a Carnival engagement that was raising funds to welcome ex-servicemen coming home, but nothing is heard of them after that. Who conducted them from 1905 is not recorded, but in 1937 W H Pitman was in the chair. No Cornish contests were ever attended.

Mosborough Band (Yorkshire) - The Worksop Journal reported that on Whit Monday 1856, when three Friendly Societies formed a procession, three Bands took part. After the procession to the Parish Church and Divine Service, they dined at various hostelrys. The Old Abbey Club dined at the Corn Exchange where Mr Marshall of the Greyhound Inn catered for 240 persons. The Mosbro' Band attended and played appropriate airs after each toast. The Golden Ball Friendly Society dined in their large room.... and the Sherwood Rangers Band contributed to the pleasure of the day. The Wheat Sheaf Club dined at the club room of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, and the Sutton Brass Band very much delighted the Society with their performances.

Moss Bank Prize Band (St Helens) - Active around the 1900s

Mossiface Band (Victoria, Australia)

Mossley Destruction Prize Band - Active in 1906

Mossley St John's Band - Active in 1980

Moston and Beswick Band - See: *Streetfold Band*

Moston and Beswick Manchester Band - See: *Streetfold Band*

Moston Band - See: *Streetfold Band*

Moston Brook Band (Manchester) - Active in 1979

Mostyn Hall Band (Flintshire) - Active in 1920s

Motherwell and Wishaw Band - Active in 1933

Motherwell Town Silver Band - Report from the Motherwell Times, Friday 14th. June 1901: "The New Masonic Halls - Laying the Memorial Stone. (after the ceremony's close). Thereafter the company was again arranged in processional order, and proceeded by way of Muir Street, Milton Street, Calder Street, and Merry Street to the Town Hall, where the Lodge was closed in due form. The bands which accompanied the procession were the Coltness Silver Band, and the Motherwell Town Silver Band both of which more than maintained their reputation for first class music. Report from Livingstone, 17th September 1904: - The next item of importance was the laying of the Memorial Stone of the Public Library in Clyde Street. On this occasion there was a joint Lodge of St. John DaIzell, No. 406, and Lodge Livingstone St. Andrew, No. 573, with Brother Alexander Findlay, M.P., M.M. Lodge Irvine St. Andrews, No. 149, acting as Right Worshipful Master. The Office-bearers were selected from the R.W.M.s., P.M.s, Wardens and Brethren of both Lodges. The Brethren met in the Lodge-room, then paraded the principal streets (headed by the Motherwell Silver Band and Coltness Silver Band)

Mottram and Broadbottom Band

Moulton Band (Cheshire) - Active in the late 1950s/early 1960s

Mount Kembla Band (Australia) - Active in 1900s

Mount Pleasant Temperance Saxhorn Band (Spennymoor) - Active in 1879

Mount Tabor Band (Long Eaton) - Active in the 1920s

Mount Tabor Mission Silver Band (Long Eaton) - *See: Mount Tabor Band*

Mountain Ash Band (Cynon Valley) - Active in 1905

Mousehill Brass Band (Surrey) - Active in 1897

Mousehole Band (Cornwall)

Mow Cop Band (Cheshire) - Active in 1867

Moxley Brass Band (Wednesbury) - Active in 1872

Much Hadham Brass Band - Active in 1925

Much Hoole Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1891.

Much Wenlock Band (Shropshire) - Began in 1900 and survived until the Second World War.

Mugginton Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887

Muirkirk Parish Brass Band - Active in 1892

Muirkirk Parish Silver Band - In 1923, in a band contest at Douglas, they won both the March and the Selection pieces. John Johnstone, who died in 1951, was teacher and conductor of the Band for the long period of 26 years, and many bandsmen had their first "blaw" under his firm but helpful guidance. The Band folded before the 1950s.

Mulbarton & Swardeston Brass Band (Norfolk) - Active in 1914

Mullion Band (Cornwall) - c.1870 to c.1911, there is no recorded conductors or Cornish contests attended. The band could be found down in the Lizard Peninsular. A photo of 1897 shows a smart, well-balanced band of ten players, consisting of 4 cornets, tenor horn, baritone, valve trombone, euphonium, Eb bass and a bass drum.

Multitubular Brass Band - See Newbie Engineering Works Multitubular Brass Band

Mumbles Silver Band - Disbanded around the time of the First World War. Reminiscences of Margie Bowden: "Now my two youngest brothers were in the Mumbles Silver Band. They used to call it Bob Todd's Band as he was the leader. What we liked to do was to walk with the band, when they marched the solders to Church. We used to look forward to Sunday. But the Mumbles Band did not last much longer, as one of the boys was called up then another and so there were not many left in the band and it finished up with solders joining in to make enough to get them to church. We just used to have some wonderful tunes in those days but, in 1914, it was spoiled for us. My two brothers, Alfred and Ernest, were called up and joined the navy and never came back."

Muswellbrook Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1892. Folded prior to the 1960s

Muthill Brass Band (Perthshire) - Active in 1878

Myland Band (Essex) - Active in 1905 when the bandmaster was H. Wheeler, and also in 1911

Mynyddygarreg Silver Prize Band (Carmarthenshire) - Formed 1909. Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (3rd Section), conducted by D.T. Gravelle

Myrtle Silver Band (Liverpool) - Active in 1933

Naburn Band (Yorkshire) - Played at the Bishopthorpe celebrations of the Coronation of Edward VII in 1902

Nafferton Saxhorn Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1857

Nafferton Station Mills Band (Yorkshire) - 1903 reports in the Drifffield press: Saturday June 20 1903, "Members of Sir Tatton Sykes' Lodge of the Hull District of Druids celebrated their seventh anniversary at Wetwang. The Nafferton Station Mills Band played the members to church, where the Rev Ingham preached a sermon. The membership of the Hull district was 9,806." August 8 1903, "Wansford played host to an athletic and aquatic sports event. Only competitors from Wansford and Cattleholmes were entitled to take part in the athletic events, but the aquatic events were open. The aquatic events were the highlight of the day, with Mr J Cawthorn winning the greasy pole event and taking home a leg of mutton. A swimming match from the bridge to the Trout Inn was entered by seven competitors. After the sports, the villagers enjoyed a fireworks display and music from the Nafferton Station Mills Band."

Nafferton United Prize Silver Band - Active around 1910

Nailsea Glass Works Band (Somerset) - Active in 1866, 1869

Nancledra Band (Cornwall) - The players of Nancledra, just south of St Ives, had players from Towednack join them to play for a Home Guard church parade in 1941. This group was put together and led by F Pope. This would appear to be a one-off.

Nant Purlis Brass Band (Caernarvonshire)

Nantwich Band (Cheshire) - Competed in the very first British Open in 1853, conducted by T. Hassal.

Nantwich Old Brass Band

Nantwich Town Band (Cheshire) - c.1878 -1936. A non-contesting band that performed at local events, primarily parades, garden parties and charity events. It was wound up in 1936 and little exists of the band but memories.

Nantymoel Town Band (Bridgend) - Active in 1964

Naphill Brass Band (Buckinghamshire) - A founder member and conductor of the band was Albert George Parslow, who was also Bandmaster of the Wycombe Excelsior Band (later known as High Wycombe Town Silver Band). Band was active in 1910 and 1925

Nassington Brass Band (Lincolnshire)

Natimuk Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1916. A report of the AGM: "The annual meeting of the Natimuk Brass Band was held on Friday evening 24th March. The president, Mr F.N.S. Bennett occupied the chair. There was a fair attendance of bandsmen, but the townspeople were poorly represented, a fact upon which the president adversely commented. He said most townships were proud to have a band, but Natimuk residents didn't seem to care whether they had on or not, although the various patriotic, recruiting, charitable and other organisation always expected the band to assist when required. They would have to admit that it would be missed if it disbanded. The balance sheet, duly audited by Mr L A Rosel, showed that the past year had not been very profitable, but they still showed a credit balance of £4/0/1. The election of officers resulted as follows :- President Mr F.N.S. Bennett; vice presidents Messrs E. Knight and A. J. Gladigau; committee: Messrs John Cross, A. Twidle, and H. B. Waller, (representing townspeople) and R Grohs, J. Ratcliffe and W. Schmidt (representing bandsmen). Secretary and treasurer, Mr Percy Lyons; conductor, Mr James Henry; auditor Mr L. A. Rosel; collector of bandsmens contributions Mr Roy Bousefield. Feeling references was made by the president to the death during the past year of their former secretary and treasurer, signaller Lance Cross, who, as they all knew, succumbed to wounds received at the Dardanelles. He died a noble death, but he will be sadly missed."

National Fire Service Band (Easington) - *See: Easington Public Band*

National Fire Service Silver Band (37 Area) - *See: North Kent Silver Band*

National Fire Service Western (No.1) Area Band - The Band Association constitution, minutes and correspondence, 1943-1944, are held in the Glasgow City Archives

National Reserve Band (Barnsley) - Based at the National Reserve Club, Harbour Hill Road, Barnsley - now closed.

Naunton Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in the early 1900s, possibly through to WW2.

Nayland British Legion Band (Suffolk) - Formed in the mid 1930s by some breakaway members from the Boxted Methodist Band following a contesting disagreement. Took part in the Colchester Carnival in 1936/37/38, conducted by H Taylor

Nazebottom Temperance Prize Band

NCB No. 5 Area St John Ambulance Brigade Band - Active in the early 1950s

Needham Market Band - Active in 1957

Neepsend Gas Works Brass Band (Sheffield) - Formed in 1893, when the members bought their own instruments at a cost of £100 and uniforms at a further cost of £6. Conducted by W.E. Dennis, secretary was John Parker. Still active in 1900

Nefyn Brass Band (Caernarfonshire) - Active in 1885

Nelson Band - Nelson Band or later Nelson Prize Band was formed in 1862 and practiced in a room at the back of the old Nelson Inn, now the Lord Nelson Hotel. By 1873 the band was boasting that in the previous four years it had won 476 pounds 19 shillings in prize money and that its services were required at every public function. Unfortunately, the band and Town Council did not always see eye to eye. In 1894 Nelson band was engaged to play classical music in Victoria Park. On seeing a youthful audience they suddenly began playing popular tunes of the day, an alderman objected and the concert was abandoned. Later in the 1890's the band disbanded only to re-form in 1898 as Nelson Old Band.

Nelson Old Band - Formed in 1898 from the remnants of Nelson Band. It's practices were first held near the Prince of Wales Inn and later in a room on Ann Street. In 1920 the band acquired Clifford House and became a social club as well as a brass band. During this period the band had many contest successes regularly competing at the famous September contest at Belle Vue in Manchester. The Old Band, however became more of a social club than a musical

association and the band split from the club forming two new bands. Nelson Temperance Band was short-lived. The second band, Nelson Silver Prize Band, lasted until 1956.

Nelson Prize Band - *See: Nelson Band*

Nelson Silver Prize Band - Resulted from a split of the Nelson Old Band into Nelson Silver Prize Band and the short-lived Nelson Temperance Band. It opened a social club on Albert Street which once again led to the bands demise (as with the Nelson Old Band). In late 1956 financial problems forced the closure of the club and the folding of the Nelson Silver Prize Band, leaving Nelson once again without a band. A new band, still active, was formed later in 1957 as the Nelson Civic Band.

Nelson Temperance Band - Short-lived, this band resulted from a split of the Nelson Old Band into Nelson Silver Prize Band and the Nelson Temperance Band.

Nenthead Brass Band - Active in 1905

Nether Hallam Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1900

Nether Wallop Band (Hampshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Netherfield Railway Band - Active in the late 1800s

Netherthong Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1867 to 1887. A court case in 1885 notes that the band was formed on October 30th 1871 and £35 was borrowed to buy instruments and clothing. However it appears the band was active slightly earlier as it played at the Holmfirth Pig, Poultry, Horticultural and Floral Show in August that year, conducted by Mr. G.H. Wood

Netherton Colliery Band (Bedlington) - Active between 1904 and 1939

Netherton Colliery Silver Model Band - *See: Netherton Colliery Band*

Nettlefolds Band (Smethwick, Birmingham) - Active around 1900. Nettlefolds were a large company making screws, later were part of Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds Ltd.

Neville Brass - Amalgamated with Davis Derby Brass Band to form Derwent Brass in 1992.

New Basford Excelsior Band - Active in 1876.

New Becontree Silver Band

New Brancepeth Colliery Band - *See: Sleetburn Colliery Band*

New British Iron Works Brass Band (Ruabon) - Active in 1868

New Brompton and Gillingham Boys' Band - Active in 1906

New Cambrian Slate Quarry Brass Band (Wales) - Active in 1877, played at Vron, near Chirk

New Cross Railway Mission Band (Hastings) - Active in 1908

New Cumnock Band - Formed 1860, still active in 1964, conducted by J Connell.

New Cumnock Silver Band - *See: New Cumnock Band*

New Ealing Band - Active in 1938

New Fancy Colliery Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed 1890s

New Haden Colliery Silver Prize Band - Active in the 1920s ? in concert, 2 December 1925, at Cheadle Town Hall

New Hall Lane Brass Band (Preston) - Active in 1867

New Haven Silver Prize Band - Active around 1900

New Herrington Colliery Band (near Sunderland) - Formed in the 1900s. Became a military style band after the First World War.

New Holland Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1862

New Humberstone Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1964, conducted by C. Hutt

New Malton Town Band - Formed in 1887 by John Gibson, following a revolt in the local Volunteers band, when the army imposed "unacceptable restrictions" on the volunteers. Folded in the early 1900s.

New Mill Band (Cornwall) - There are engagements for this band between 1856 and 1860, but no mention of a conductor. The village of New Mill will be found north of Penzance and they never travelled very far for their engagements, and not at all for contests.

New Mills Band - Active in 1873

New Mills Old Band - Active in the 1930s/40s

New Milton and Ashley Temperance Band (Hampshire)

New Monckton Colliery Band - *See: Royston New Monckton Colliery Institute Band*

New Redheugh Colliery Band - *See: Redheugh Colliery Band*

New Shildon Temperance Silver Band - Active in the early 1900s

New Swindon Brass Band - Active in 1880, conductor George Heap

New Tredegar and Tirphil Silver Band

New Whittington Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Chesterfield) - Active in 1896

New York and District Band (Northumberland) - Formed in the 1900s but folded during WW1

New York Mill Band (Summerbridge) - Formed in the 1860s and folded shortly after WW1. Its last recorded engagement was in July 1919.

Newark Borough Band - From the Newark Advertiser, May 21 1902 - "For the 29th time in its history, the Newark Football Club has promoted an athletic sports meeting on Whit Monday at Newark, and to the long series of successes another must be added. The ground was gay with streamers, and the Newark Borough Band, under Mr Carle, enlivened the assemblage with some excellent and inspiring music."

Newbie Engineering Works Multitubular Brass Band (Annan) - Formed in 1901, later known as Annan Town Band and disbanded in 1954. A successor Annan Town Band was formed in 1961

Newbottle Colliery Band (Philadelphia, Sunderland) - Active in the 1890s

Newbridge Brass Band (Cornwall) - Newspaper reports of this band are confined to 1888/89, but a photograph of the band shows twelve players wearing early 20th century civilian clothing. Who conducted them we do not know. No contests were attended, and their home of Newbridge can be found half-way between Penzance and St Just.

Newbridge Institute Band (Monmouthshire) - Active in 1948

Newbrough Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1864, when they played at the Hexham Flower Show in September

Newburgh Brass Band (Fife) - Active in 1909

Newbury Colliery Band (Somerset) - Active in 1894

Newbury Town Band - Active in 1938

Newcastle and Gateshead Railway Band - Formed in 1925, still active in 1947 when L.N.E.R. took over.

Newcastle City Police Band - Formed in 1930 and still active in 1948

Newcastle Corporation Transport Band - Formed 1907 as the Newcastle Tramways Band. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in 1947

Newcastle East End Band - Formed in the early 1900s

Newcastle Industrial (Engineers) Band - Formed in the 1900s

Newcastle Industrial Juvenile Band - Active in 1882.

Newcastle Locomotive Works Band - Active in 1865 when they were invited by Mr George Robert Stephenson to spend the 1864 Christmas holidays with him on the Isle of Wight, when they played various concerts alone and also in conjunction with other bands on the island.

Newcastle Operatic Saxhorn Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1872, when it won first prize at a contest in Edinburgh.

Newcastle People's Band - Active in 1914

Newcastle Royal Brass Band - Active in 1890

Newcastle Tramways Band - *See: Newcastle Corporation Transport Band*

Newchurch Band - Active in the 1870s

Newcraighall Colliery Band

Newent Town Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1910

Newhall Celebration Band (Staffordshire) - Active in the 1890s

Newhall Excelsior Band (Staffordshire) - Active in the 1890s

Newhall St John's Band - Active in 1899, 1905

Newhall St John's Church Brass Band - *See: Newhall St John's Band*

Newham (East Ham) Band - *See: Grangewood Silver Band*

Newham Band - *See: Grangewood Silver Band*

Newhaven Silver Band

Newlyn Band (Cornwall) - There was a Newlyn Band that carried out an engagement in 1867 - end of that story! Then in 1900 a Newlyn Independent Band was formed and carried out a gig for the Drift Band of Hope. This band was formed and led by S Mear who, on an engagement, elicited this comment "The treble tonguing of the 'Gem Polka' by Mr Mear was rendered in a very efficient manner." The report went on to advertise that the band was ready to accept paying engagements - but no more is heard of them. Newlyn did, however, have a Salvation Army band for many years.

Newlyn East Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1919, when it gained a second prize at the West of England Band Festival at Bugle.

Newlyn Independant Band - *See: Newlyn Band*

Newmains Band - Formed in 1845 and, up to 1886 when it amalgamated with Cambusnethan Band, it had attended 9 contests netting 6 prizes worth £30.

Newmarket Brass Band (County Cork) - Active in 1905

Newmarket Town Band - Active in August 1902 when it entertained the King of Barotseland during his visit to Dalham. A successor town band was formed in 1947.

Newmilns Burgh Band - Formed in 1833 by a group of handloom weavers, and until 1990, when it amalgamated with Galston Burgh Band and Loudoun Band, it was the oldest band in Scotland still using the same name

Newnham Brass Band - Formed in 1884, disbanded around 1905

Newnham Town Band - Formed in 1909

Newport Brass Band (Shropshire) - Possibly formed in 1875 - in the Newport Advertiser of Saturday 25 September 1875, there was an article indicating that a "New Brass Band" would be formed in the town. If it did exist, the it must have folded prior to 1911. In June 1911 a Mr Harry Davies set up a Newport Band, which gave it's first public appearance in the Square on Saturday 10th June 1911. A collection was made at the event which raised a total of £1 5s. The band probably folded at the outbreak of the Second World War, A successor band was formed in 1954 in conjunction with the British Legion and is still in existence today (Newport Town Band)

Newport Civil Defence Band (Shropshire) - Active in 1956

Newport Pagnell Town Band - Active in 1959. Thought to have finished c. 1976. The band used to rehearse at the Bull Public House and were conducted for many years by Jack Williams.

Newport Popular Band - *See: Lysaght's Ord Works Brass Band*

Newport Rolling Mills Band (Middlesborough) - Active in 1894

Newsham Saxhorn Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1882

Newton Aycliffe Town Band - Formed in 1950, later renamed Aycliffe Brass Band in 1984. Merged with Brancepeth Welfare Band to form the new Aycliffe & Brancepeth Band

Newton Engineering Works Band (Somerset?) - Active in 1893

Newton Green Methodist Band

Newton Heath Band - *See: British Aerospace (Chadderton) Band*

Newton Heath Brass Band - *See: Newton Heath Primitive Methodist Brass Band*

Newton Heath Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Formed in 1882, later known as Newton Heath Brass Band (before 1891).

Newton Heath Steam Shed Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1892

Newton Moor Public Band (Newton, Manchester)

Newtongrange and Bilston Colliery Band - Active in the 1900s

Nine Mill Point Colliery Band (Wales)

Norfolk Broads Brass - *See: Fleggburgh Brass*

Norland Band (Yorkshire)

Norland Brass Band - Formed in 1877, disbanded in 1937. In July 1891, they played in a contest at Belle Vue Manchester. Records of the band (1905-1928) held in Halifax Public Library

Norland Castle Band

Norland Prize Band - See Norland Brass Band

Norman Memorial Youth Silver Band (Blackpool) - Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by D. Smith.

Normanby Park Steelworks Brass Band (Scunthorpe) - Took part in the Scunthorpe coronation celebrations of 1937.

Norristhorpe Ambulance Band - Active in 1910

North Ashton Prize Band (Ashton in Makerfield) - Active in the 1950s to 1970s. In 1951 they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

North Ayrshire Band - Formed in 1975 as North Ayrshire Schools Band, later North Ayrshire Youth Band, finally North Ayrshire Band, it disbanded in 2005, passing on their instruments to Hillfoots Music for Youth and Kings Park Brass. The band led an active and fairly successful life, touring Germany and Switzerland 6 times as well as making a number of radio and television appearances. In the 1980s they won the Scottish Youth Championship 3 times, coming 4th at the Royal Albert Hall in 1981. They won the Scottish 4th Section contest at their first attempt in 1994 and were second in 2000. Members of the band won the

Strathclyde schools quartet championship on no fewer than 10 occasions and the Scottish schools quartets 5 times.

North British Locomotive Company Band (Glasgow) - Active around 1910

North Evington Working Men's Club and Institute Band - Active in 1928, conducted by Mr S. Brown. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s, still active in 1939.

North Hill Brass Band (Cornwall) - This band operated from about 1874 to 1889. Their bandmaster was John Gumb. In 1878 the band did not turn up for a 'Forester's' procession. The promoters were somewhat miffed and stated in the local newspaper that if the band tendered for the same event on the following year, their envelope would be returned - unopened. However, the North Hill Band carried on with other engagements.

North Kent Silver Band - Formed in April 1940 as Bexley A.F.S. Brass Band and, in 1942, became the official National Fire Service Band for London, being known as the National Fire Service Silver Band (37 Area). Adopted the name of North Kent Silver Band in 1945.

North Lancashire (Chorley) Band - *See: North Lancs (Chorley) Band*

North Lancs (Chorley) Band

North Leeds Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1893 to 1896

North London Excelsior Silver Prize Band - Active in 1908 and 1928.

North London Railway Brass Band - Active in 1891.

North Manchester Silver Band - Active in 1951 when they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

North Marston Band (Bucks) - Active in the early 1900s

North Middlesex Silver Band - Formed around 1911 at Enfield's famous Royal Small Arms Factory. The band wore a colourful military-style uniform, and before the Second World War enjoyed success in marching competitions and band contests, including fourth place at the National Championships. Merged with the Enfield Town Silver Prize Band in 1949 to form the Enfield Brass Band.

North Mundham Brass Band (Sussex)

North Mymms Brass Band (Hertfordshire) - Active around 1900 when it played at a "Patriotic Entertainment" to celebrate the relief of Mafeking. Also at a Coronation Fete in 1902 - "music was to come from the North Mymms Brass Band which, though at first requiring payment, agreed to play without charge."

North Ormesby Band (North Yorkshire) - Formed in 1898, still active in 1911

North Parade Band (Halifax)

North Quay Working Men's Mission Band (Plymouth) - Active in 1905

North Seaton Brass Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1869

North Seaton Colliery Band '(1) - Played for the launching of the new Newbiggin lifeboat in January 1866, and the Woodhorn and Newbiggin Poultry and Pigeon Show in July that year. Presumably folded prior to 1905.

North Seaton Colliery Band '(2) - *See: Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band*

North Seaton Excelsior Band - Active in 1882.

North Seaton Workmen's Prize Band - *See: Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band*

North Shields and District Band - Active around 1900

North Shields Excelsior Band - Active in 1877. Came second in a contest in North Shields, £5, conducted by Mr Chapman

North Shields N.E.R. Band - Active in the early 1900s

North Skelton (British Steel) Band - *See: North Skelton and District Band*

North Skelton and District Band - Formed in 1969, in 1984 they were renamed North Skelton (British Steel) Band, then subsequently British Steel Company North Skelton Band, Teesside Brass and finally British Steel Teesside Band, folding in the late 1990s. North Skelton Junior band, latterly Lanbaugh Brass, assumed the name North Skelton Band in 2008.

North Skelton Band - *See: Teesside Temperance Band*

North Skelton Silver Band - *See: Teesside Temperance Band*

North Staffordshire Concert Band - *See Royal Doulton Band*

North Tawton Band (Devon) - Active between 1870 and 1889

North Yorkshire Iron Works Band (Stockton?) - Active in 1872, 1874

Northallerton Band - Formed in the 1900s, still active in 1936. Probably folded during or after WW2

Northallerton Borough Band - Active in 1875

Northallerton Temperance Band - Active in 1887

Northallerton Town Band - Active in 1913

Northallerton Town Prize Silver Band - Active in 1930 and 1937

Northallerton Volunteer Band - Active in 1910

Northampton Imperial Prize Band - Played as part of the celebrations for the visit to Northampton of His Majesty King George V and Her Majesty Queen Mary on Tuesday the 23rd September 1913 - at the racecourse and at Cow Meadow.

Northampton Temperance Silver Band - Played as part of the celebrations for the visit to Northampton of His Majesty King George V and Her Majesty Queen Mary on Tuesday the 23rd September 1913 - at Cow Meadow and Calvesholme

Northampton Town Band - Used to rehearse at the Fanciers club in Northampton and were conducted for a time by Jock Ward.

Northants N.U.R. Silver Prize Band

Northcott's City Band (Australia) - *See: City of Bendigo Brass Band*

Northfield Prize Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1898 and 1912

Northfield Silver Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1938

Northleach Town Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed c. 1890

Northowram Subscription Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1873

Northtawton Brass Band (Devon) - *See: North Tawton Band*

North-Western Railway Brass Band - Active in 1863

Norton Brass Band (North Yorkshire) - Active in 1881 when it was conducted by the founder of Malton United Band, William Turner. The band folded in 1888

Norton Fitzwarren Band (Somerset) - Active in 1922 when it performed in Wellington, Somerset - bandmaster: F.J. Cheek

Norton-in-Hales Silver Band (Shropshire) - Active in the 1920s

Norton-on-Tees Coronation Band - Active in 1911

Norwich Lads' Club Band - Active in 1938 and 1957

Norwich Lads' Club Senior Band - *See: Norwich Lads' Club Band*

Norwood Children's Home Brass Band - Active in the 1920s. The home was located at Elder Road, West Norwood.

Norwood Excelsior Brass Band - Active in 1891, when it played at Brockwell Park, London.

Norwood Mission Band - Active in 1910

Nottingham Borough Band - Active in 1887

Nottingham Comrades Band - Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor William Blackburn (drawn 8 of 11 bands, they were not placed)

Nottingham Co-operative Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Nottingham Crusaders Band - Active around 1910, when the conductor was J.E. Wood.

Nottingham Rifle Volunteers Band, 4th - *See: 4th Nottingham Rifle Volunteers Band*

Nottingham Sax Tuba Band - Active in 1876, 1886, 1894

Nottingham Temperance Juvenile Sax Tuba Band - Active in 1861

Nuneaton Borough Band - Active in the early 1900s. Amalgamated with Burbage Silver Band in 1989. As the band rehearsed in Hinckley it kept the name Burbage Silver Band.

Nuneaton Brass Band - *See: Nuneaton Borough Band*

Nuneaton Excelsior Band - [Newspaper report on the new Nuneaton Manor Hospital] - "Despite all the planning, the silver key had not arrived by the opening ceremony on the 20th September 1893 and Mr. James Tomkinson had to open the front door without it. After several long speeches those present were invited to have tea and look around the building. To do so they had to pass two nurses in uniform, one with a tray for donations and the other with a book in which to enter annual subscribers. When the hospital opened there was still a shortage of funds and consequently only four of the eight beds on each ward could be used. The minute book of the Management Committee details the costs of the opening ceremony, including £4 12 shillings for the Excelsior Band - a high cost when one considers that a trained nurses annual salary was £25."

Nutgrove Band (St Helens, Lancashire) - Active in 1927 when it gave a concert in Chester.

Nuthurst Band - Played in Horsham before the 1847 election

Nutley Band (Sussex) - Records of the band, from 1914-1931 are held by East Sussex Record Office

Nutshalling Brass Band (Nursling, Hampshire) - Active in 1890 to 1897

Nyewood Brass Band (Sussex) - Active in 1911

Oak Alyn Brass Band (Wrexham) - Active in 1895

Oak Alyn C.E.T. Band - *See: Oak Alyn Brass Band*

Oakamoor Brass Band (Staffordshire)

Oakdale Band (Wales) - Active in 1951

Oakdale Colliery Workmens Silver Band - Active in 1952

Oakengates Town Band - Broke up around 1968

Oakenshaw Band (Brancepeth) - Formed in 1899, and still active in 1931

Oakleigh and District Brass Band (Australia) - The Band was formed in 1910, rehearsing first in a coffee shop on Dandenong Road. In the 1920's the Football Club Pavilion was the venue for band practice. It folded during World War 2

Oakley Brass Band - Took part in the Second South Yorkshire Brass Band Contest, at Nether Hall Park, Doncaster, on 25th June 1860

Oakley Quarry Brass Band - Active in 1952

Oats Royd Mills Brass Band, Midgley - Originally the Luddenden Old Band, it assumed the name of Oats Royd Mills in 1864 when becoming connected with the firm of Messrs. John Murgatroyd and Sons who owned the Mills. They had a band room at the Travellers' Rest, Luddenden. In 1871, the band played at the ceremony when the first sod was cut at Widdop Reservoir. Records of the band, from 1864-1891 are held by West Yorkshire Archive Service, Calderdale

Odd Rode Brass Band - Active in 1952

Odham's Press Band (London) - Formed in 1937 and originally conducted by George Thompson, latterly of Callenders Cable Works Band. Renamed The People Band (Odhams Press) around 1957, it folded in 1961. See Whatever happened to Odhams Press Band?, by Chris Helme - British Bandsman, 5441, 27 January 2007, pp.8-9

Ogden's Tobacco Works Band (Liverpool) - Active in 1893

Ogmore Valley Temperance Band - Active in 1942

Okehampton Borough Band

Old 22nd Association Home Guard Band (Tunbridge Wells)

Old Alverstoke Brass Band - Active in 1872

Old Bathgate Town Band - Active in 1873

Old Boys Band, 41st - *See: 41st Old Boys Band*

Old Caversham Band (Berkshire)

Old Comrades Band (Brentwood) - *See: Brentwood Old Comrades Band*

Old Fletton Victoria Prize Band - The band, almost to a man, joined the 1st Huntingdonshire Battalion en block, in 1914, and formed the Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion Band. They were under the direction of the Fletton Bandmaster Sgt. Joe Hackney.

Old Heath Band (Essex) - Active in 1905, when the bandmaster was C. Chamberlain. The band did not survive WW1.

Old Hucknall Brass Band - Active in the 1840s

Old Keresley & Coundon Silver Band (Coventry)

Old Moss Band (Holmfirth) - Folded a few years prior to 1908, when some of their instruments (and players) formed the basis of the Hade Edge Band

Old Park Iron Works Band (West Bromwich) - Active in 1866

Old West Durham Band - Formed in 1895 by workers in the Erwin Cotton Mills

Oldbury Brass Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1910

Oldbury Carriage Works Band - 1863

Oldham Brass '97 - Formed in 1997 by the amalgamation of Cobden Chadwick Band and Lees & Glodwick Band and disbanded in 2004. Remaining members helped to form the new Oldham Band (Lees)

Oldham Brass Band - Active in 1939

Oldham Postal Band - Active in the 1930s

Oldham Prize Band

Oldham Rifles Band - Instituted in 1865 as a local band and was appointed to Oldham Rifles in 1871

Oldham Road Brotherhood Band - Active in 1938

Oldham Wing Band - Active in 1945

Oldpark Silver Band (Belfast) - Originally a flute band formed in the 1920's, it changed to brass in 1952 after a heated meeting in the band room in Avoca Street (off Clifton park avenue). The changeover went ahead as it was believed the players would gain a better knowledge of music playing brass instruments. The band amalgamated with Ashgrove Brass Band in 2000.

Ollerton Brass Band - Active in 1869

Ollerton Colliery Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in the 1950s. Also known as Ollerton Colliery Silver Prize Band

Olney Brass Band

Omoa Brass Band (Lanarkshire) - Active in 1863

Onward Hall Band (Ardwick, Manchester) - Active in 1913

Openshaw Lads' Club Brass Band (Manchester) - Founded 1892. Joseph Frith, who worked as a carpenter for Droylsden Council, joined the voluntary staff at the Lads' Club in 1892 when he was asked to start a brass band there. He remained as it's bandmaster until 1922. He gave up 2 evenings a week and a Sunday afternoon for band practice. Highly successful, the band won many prizes in festivals and competitions. A Mr Tucker, born in 1902, lived in Openshaw. He started his musical career by learning to play the cornet at Openshaw Lad's Club where he was allowed to hire a cornet for 5d a year.

Openshaw Original Band - Active in 1933

Openshaw Temperance Band - Active in the 1890s

Ore Village Band (Hastings) - Active in 1913. Ore was a village taken into the Borough of Hastings as the town expanded but tried to retain its identity and even today is referred to as the village by the locals.

Orillia Silver Band (Ontario, Canada) - Active as early as 1950, but folded in the late 1970s. A successor band, started by a few old members, was founded in 2003.

Ormonde Colliery Band (Derbyshire)

Ormskirk Town Band (Lancashire) - It would appear that this was a non-contesting band. It folded sometime in the mid 1990s. The band was re-formed after WW2, probably as late as about 1970. Mrs Violet Blackburn of 11 Bird-ith-hand Cottages located band's old instruments, as she remembered them being placed in the tank of Ormskirks Victoria Water Tower for safe keeping during the war!

Orpington and Crays British Legion Silver Band

Orpington Silver Band - Founded in 1925, it converted to concert band format some time later, and is still active as a wind band. Competed in the SCABA contest in Chichester in April 1927. Became the Orpington Silver Band (Home Guard Band) during WW2

Orrell Silver Band - Folded around 1991. A few of its remaining members formed Old Hall Brass in that year,

Orwell Band - Amalgamated with Connells Sounding Brass (Ipswich) in 1983.

Orwell Works Brass Band (Ipswich) - Active in 1879. Attached to Ransomes agricultural engineering works.

Osmotherley Band - Active in the early 1900s

Ossett and Gawthorpe Band (Yorkshire)

Ossett Borough Band - Active in 1893 and the 1950s. Competed in the Junior Trophy in 1962.

Ossett Borough Prize Band - *See: Ossett Borough Band*

Ossett Prize Brass Band

Ossett Temperance Band - Active in 1858

Ossett Victoria Band (Yorkshire)

Oswald Place Mission Band (Ardwick)

Oswaldtwistle Subscription Prize Brass Band - Active in 1885

Oswaldtwistle Band - Active in 1883

Oswestry Borough Band - Active in 1901 and 1948/9.

Oswestry Borough Silver Prize Band - *See: Oswestry Borough Band*

Oswestry Excelsior Band - Formed in 1935/6, winning first prize at the Penybont contest in 1936, following third prizes at the Oakengates and Wellington contests earlier in the year. Still active in 1948

Oswestry Mechanics Band - Active in 1874.

Otley Engineer Volunteer Band - Active in 1890

Ouston "E" Pit Band (Co. Durham)

- Ouston Colliery Band** (near Newcastle) - Active in 1938. May have had some connection with Birtley St Joseph. There was also a Birtley and Ouston Band
- Outlane Brass Band** - Active in 1868. In 1903 they cost 30/- for a concert for the Outlane Cricket Club who, in 1914, refused permission for the Lindley Band to use the field for a "Sacred Concert".
- Outwood Band** (Yorkshire) - Active in 1890
- Ovenden Brass Band** - Active in 1856 and 1894
- Ovenden Prize Band**
- Over Darwen Rifles Band** - Active in 1872
- Overton Brass Band** (Ayrshire) - Active in 1879, when it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Foresters Lodge.
- Overton Chapel Band** - *See: Overton Mission Band*
- Overton Mission Band** (West Overton, Wiltshire) - Amalgated with the Lockeridge Prize Band in 1934 to form Kennet Vale Silver Band
- Ovington Band** - Founded in 1862. Merged with Tynedale Band in 1980 to form Ovington Tynedale Band
- Ovington Saxhorn Band** - *See: Ovington Band*
- Ovington Tynedale Band** - Founded 1980, Folded 2003. Ovington Tynedale Band was the result of a merger in the 1980's between Ovington Band and Tynedale Band. Seeing as both bands served a small rural area, a merger seemed sensible as both bands were struggling. Initially rehearsing at Ovington Bandroom, the band remained a 4th Section Band for several years. The sale of the Ovington Bandroom, at that time in disrepair, secured the band's financial future and prompted a move to Newburn Rowing Club. Here the band enjoyed moderate success, qualifying for the 4th Section National Finals on 2 occasions and securing promotion to the 3rd Section. Following the band's most successful result at the area, the long-standing MD Stuart Gray resigned. At this time several key-players also left. Combined with a long-standing lack of Cornet players, this sent the band into decline which even a move of bandroom couldn't address. After several years of struggling to find players, the band folded in early summer 2003. Several Ovington Tynedale ex-players have gone on to play and conduct at the highest level, mainly in the North East.
- Owston Ferry Salvation Army Band** - Active around 1900
- Oxbow Ladies' Silver Band** (Saskatchewan, Canada) - Active around 1900
- Oxford City Police Brass Band** - Active in 1886
- Oxford Concert Brass** - Active until 1992 when it merged with Kidlington Silver Band to form Kidlington Concert Brass. Also known as Halls Oxford Concert Brass. An anecdote from John Nolan, of a concert in the 1970s: "Oxford Concert Brass was attempting (successfully in the end) to gain the respect of the 'serious music' fraternity in Oxford. Problem Three of our players, one Eflat Bass and two Troms. had somehow manages to break or injure their legs and were in full plaster casts and in one case an impressive black-eye and the odd band-aid as well. Plan A was for the Band to march on to the stage smartly and with military precision from both sides of the stage and to stand and sit in the usual choreographed manner. This to happen when the stage curtains were opened. The solution. It was decided that the smart entry would be made but that the 'cripples' would be wheeled onto the stage before the curtains were drawn. The audience seated were first treated to an introductory adulation of the band:- "Ladies and Gentlemen. The Oxford Concert Brass". The curtains were opened to reveal a stage empty except for three obvious casualties propped up in playing position. Somebody got the giggles at this bizarre spectacle and the audience descended into helpless mirth for several minutes during the entry of the rest of the band. Happily order was eventually restored and the concert was well received and rave- reviewed in the local paper"
- Oxford Place Band** (Doncaster) - Formed around 1898, based on the Methodist Church in the town centre, and originally conducted by W.H. Tuxworth.
- Oxford Rifle Band, 5th** - *See: 5th Oxford Rifle Band*
- Oxford University Press Band** - Active in 1884
- Oxford, Worcester & Wolverhampton Railway Saxhorn Band** - Active in 1859 when it played at the opening of the Stratford-upon-Avon Railway.

Padgate Silver Band (Warrington)

Padgate Silver Youth Band (Warrington) - Formed in 1976 by Peter Haywood, for children 8 to 16 years. It probably disbanded in the early 2000s. During its early years it was fortunate to do two 30 minute performances at the Parr Hall, Warrington as part of concerts given by The Central Band of the Royal Air Force and by Grimethorpe Band. It also played for the new Intercity 125 Service at York and Darlington stations (and on the train itself at 125mph!)

Padiham Britannia Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1866

Padstow Town Band (1) (Cornwall) - Active in 1907 - presumably folded before or during WW1

Padstow Town Band (2) (Cornwall) - Formed after WW1 from members of the previous Artillery Volunteers Band, they carried on until 1939. Their first title was 'Padstow Comrades of the War Brass & Reed Band', changing in 1921 to 'Padstow British Legion Band.' In 1923 their conductor was S M Ravenhill, an organist, and in 1932 Edgar Tonkin was the bandmaster. He had conducted the old Volunteer band for a good period of time. They were formed in time for the 1919 Peace Celebrations, and for quite a while were raising funds to purchase new instruments and uniforms, an ambition that was finally realized in 1932. The band re-emerged in the 1950's, but throughout their history they never attended a Cornish contest.

Paeroa Brass Band (New Zealand) - Formed in 1894

Painswick Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Probably originally formed in the 1830s but disbanded in the 1880s, to reform in the 1898. A local WI report in 1957 states "the band was formed with instruments purchased by a former Vicar, Mr Seddon. A start was made practicing hymns in a hut in the recreation ground, the idea being to induce people who did not go to Church to take an interest in this music, in which later, they might join with better advantage in Church. This Band has been given up of recent years to the regret of many inhabitants." The assumption here is that the band disbanded around 1955. In May 1899 Church Parade of members of Stroud Working Mens Benefit Soc and others, headed by the band. July 1899 the Band played where people went along "to listen to the band" followed by dancing. Band congratulated on their progress "since their formation under the conductorship of Mr Kimberley....." 19 May 1900 the Band headed procession through village to mark Relief of Mafeking. Also in May headed the procession to celebrate the Queens Birthday. Jul 1900 Procession upon receipt of news of occupation of Pretoria by British troops. Jul 1900 - two day Bazaar & Fete, events supported by Painswick String and Brass Bands. Aug 1900 Played at Tea Party for members of Primitive Methodist Sunday School. Feb 1901 - the Band celebrated their first appearance in their new uniforms at a 'fun' football match. A note at this time reports: "The Band had existed in Painswick for over 50 years under the direction of Mr Benjamin Clissold but when he emigrated the Band broke up". In 1935, for the Jubilee, Painswick Silver Band headed the procession through village streets to the recreation ground. Coronation Celebrations - Carnival Day - Painswick Silver Band led procession to recreation ground - and later in the day led a large crowd to 'The Beacon' (a local high spot) for a mighty bonfire.

Painswick Silver Band - See Painswick Brass Band

Paisley Silver Band

Palmer's Naval Band - Active in 1905

Palmer's Prize Band (Jarrow) - Active in the 1900s. Associated with the Palmer's Shipbuilding & Iron Co. (Hebburn & Jarrow on Tyne). Changed its name to Jervis Band when the Palmer's shipyard closed. Probably folded in the 1950s or 1960s.

Palmer's Shipyard Band - *See: Palmer's Prize Band*

Palmer's Works Band - *See: Palmer's Prize Band*

Pangbourne Silver Prize Band - Founded in 1893 as a fife and drum band, disbanded in 1939. Successor band was formed in 1962

Papworth Band (Cambridgeshire) - Active in the 1950s

Parbold Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1890

Parbold Rechabite Brass Band - The band led a procession from Bispham School in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It comprised the Managers, the Trustees, Staff, Parents, children, and two gaily decorated wagonettes containing little children. Entertainments included: Tea, Punch and Judy, Sports, and at the end bronze medals and bars were presented to each child by the Governors as a memento.

Park Hall Band, Maddiston - Active in 1882

Park Street Mission Band (Gloucester)

Park Street Orphan Home Band (Hull) - Active in 1885.

Parkend Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1863

Parkend Silver Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed in 1893 or 1895 from the existing pipe and fife band of New Fancy colliery, disbanded in 1967. Successor band formed in 1973

Parker's Brewery Band (Burton-on-Trent)

Parkfield Colliery Band (Bristol) - Active in 1863

Parkgate Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1892

Parkgate Excelsior Brass Band (Rotherham) - Active in 1910

Parkgate Works Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1871

Parkhead Forge Silver Band (Glasgow) - Formed in 1918 by workers at William Beardmore & Co., Glasgow. It flourished for several years before going into decline only to rise again in the 1940s gaining the Scottish Championship title. Principal cornet in 1938 was William Summerhill.

Parr St Peters Brass Band (St Helens)

Parr Temperance Band (St Helens) - Active in 1922

Parracombe Brass Band (Devon) - Active in 1911

Partick Gospel Band (Glasgow)

Partington Public Band - Active in 1932

Partington Silver Prize Band - Active in 1896

Partington Steel and Iron Company Works Brass Band - Formed shortly after 1910. Active in 1920s

Patchogue Plymouth Amoco Band - *See: Crookhall Colliery Band*

Pateley Bridge Band - Formed in the 1850s

Patrington Brass Band - Formed in January 1857, Mr Brown being music master.

Paul Band (Cornwall) - This band lasted for about 65 years, acting from c1870 to the mid 1930's. They do appear to have been a popular band carrying out the usual village type engagements of the times. There is recorded a conductor named C Aitken in 1914 and later, in 1933, was S Carne. Another band that did not enter for contests.

Paulton Silver Prize Band (Bristol) - Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (2nd Section), conducted by E.S. Brown

Paxman Standard Ironworks Band - *See: Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band*

Paxman's Foundry Band - *See: Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band*

Payne's Bristol and Gloucestershire Band (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Peak Dale Public Band - Active in 1913, and from 1930s to 1960s. Active in 1962, when it competed in the Senior Trophy, conducted by R.G. Hallam

Pearsons Pottery Chesterfield Band - *See: Chesterfield Brass Band*

Pease West Colliery Band (Crook, County Durham) - Formed in 1898 at Jobs Hill Colliery. Name taken from one of the colliery owners, Mr Joseph Pease. Still active in 1919

Peasenhall Brass Band - Active in 1907

Peasmarsh Brass Band (near Rye, East Sussex) - Active in 1910. Notes from Tylden Reed: "Rehearsed in the Sunday school next to the local post office. Their larger instruments were layed out on tables at the back of the hall and I would blow into the mouthpieces and get the occasional note out of them before Sunday School started! As a small boy I used to listen to them in the evenings when I should have been in bed asleep! They were to feature in the film made in the forties called 'The Loves of Joanna Godden' starring Googy Withers, John McCullam, Chips Rafferty and others made on Romney Marsh in Kent, however the band along with my Dad (Vic Reed) ended up on the cutting room floor! The film can still be seen on TV occasionally. The band gets a mention on a poster in a shop window! I cycled 3 Miles to Rye to play in that band as I had school friends there and never played in the band that got me interested in banding in the first place! I think the band closed in the 1960s."

Peckham Rye Tabernacle Band (London) - Active around 1910

Peel Band (Isle of Man) - Active in 1885

Pegswood Brass - *See: Pegswood Colliery Band*

Pegswood Colliery Band (Morpeth) - Formed in the 1890s. Later known as Pegswood Brass. Folded in 2000.

Pelaw Colliery Band (Chester-le-Street) - Formed in the early 1900s, still active in 1913

Pellon Subscription Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1894

Pelton Colliery Band (Chester-le-Street) - Formed in the 1890s, still active in 1920

Pemberton Temperance Brass Band (Wigan) - Active in 1909 and 1920

Pemberton Total Abstinence Brass Band - *See: Pemberton Temperance Brass Band*

Penallta Colliery Band (Rhymney Valley) - Active in 1991 when the Pennallta mine closed.

Penarth Post Office Band - Active in 1912

Penarth Silver Band - Active in 1873

Pencoed Silver Band (Glamorgan)

Pendeen Independant Band (Cornwall)

Pendle Forest Prize Brass Band

Pendlebury and Clifton Band - Active in 1882, when it entered the contest held at Irwell Bank, Kearsley, playing "Strike the Lyre" and a set of quadrilles.

Pendlebury Band - Active in the 1930s

Pendleton Brass Band - Founded February 1879

Pendleton Old Prize Band - Founded 1878 as the British Workman's Brass Band. Survived a rough time around 1889: Won the Lancashire Association Challenge Cup in 1895 and entered 10 contests in 1899, winning 10 prizes. In 1903 they competed in the Crystal Palace contest in October winning Daily Telegraph Fifty Guineas Challenge Cup, £25 in money and a handsome certificate. The cup was presented at a grand miscellaneous concert at Pendleton Town Hall later in the month. Played in Victoria Park, Stretford on 13th July 1905 as part of the celebrations for the Royal Visit of King Edward VII. Took part in a St George's Day procession in Pendleton on 23rd April 1910. In June 1922, conducted by Mr O Pheasey it took part in a musical festival in aid of Salford Royal Hospital, which attracted some 30,000 people to the Castle Irwell Racecourse.

Pendleton Public Band - Active in the 1920s and 1930s. In June 1922, conducted by Mr B Powell, it took part in a musical festival in aid of Salford Royal Hospital, which attracted some 30,000 people to the Castle Irwell Racecourse.

Pendleton Public Prize Band - *See: Pendleton Public Band*

Pengover Band (Cornwall) - These carried on for a short time, roughly 1864 to 1867, during which time some local engagements were fulfilled. No conductors or contests can be found.

Penistone Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Band - *See: Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Band*

Penketh Tannery Band - Active in the 1930s

Penmaenmawr Brass Band - *See: Penmaenmawr Town Band*

Penmaenmawr Silver Prize Band - *See Penmaenmawr Town Band*

Penmaenmawr Town Band (Caernarvonshire) - Formed in the 1894. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. At one time it practiced in Hewn Hall, later renamed as the Masonic Hall in 1960, which was originally presented by C.H Darbishire to the young men of the town as a social centre. Later known as Penmaenmawr Silver Prize Band, it was still active in the 1950s.

Pennine Brass (Huddersfield) - Founded in March 1999, with the band's first performance being given on the 8th of May 1999. The band performed 32 times in that first year, culminating in being crowned Northern Open Champions (Section B) in November 1999 at their first major competition. In a short but steep rise through the sections they appeared five times at the Yorkshire Area Championship contest between 2002 and 2008, were First Section National title winners in 2007, won the top section Pontins title in 2006, the French Open title in 2001, Senior Trophy in 2003 and appeared four times at the Grand Shield between 2005 and 2008. They disbanded in October 2008. Conductors included Paul Fligg, Ian Porthouse and Huw Thomas.

Penponds Band (Cornwall) - First appeared in 1857 but cash was quickly found to enable them to re-emerge under the new title "Penponds Sax Tuba Band". One does wonder what happened because nothing more is heard of them after 1858. Not surprising that there is no information on a conductor.

Penrhiwceiber Band (Cynon Valley) - Active in the early 1900s

Penrhyndudraeth Band - Active in 1933

Penrhyndudraeth Band (Llandudno) - Active in 1948

Penrith Brass Band - *See: Penrith Subscription Band*

Penrith Sons of Temperance Oak Lodge Band - Formed in April 1894. Amalgamated with Penrith Subscription Band in the 1930s to form Penrith Temperance Band

- Penrith Subscription Band** - Active in 1900s. Amalgamated with Penrith Sons of Temperance Oak Lodge Band in the 1930s to form Penrith Temperance Band
- Penryhn Quarries Brass Band** (Bethesda) - Active in 1865. This band, with others, played on the Caernarvon Square when the Prince of Wales performed the ceremony of opening the waterworks and the fountain in 1868. The instruments were the property of Lord Penrhyn, but the drum belonged to the band members. When the quarrymen held their first Labour Festival (gwyl Lafur) in Caernarvon in 1892, all the bands (eight of them) came to town to support it. The relationship between the owners and the Quarrymen's Union at the time was rather strained and Lord Penrhyn refused the men permission to take the instruments to the big meeting. The quarrymen, however, were not discouraged, and they took the drum alone and proudly marched behind it through the streets of the town.
- Penryn Band** (Cornwall) - First known as the Penryn Independent Band so that they would not be mistaken for the Penryn Volunteer Band in existence at the same time. How much of these two bands were in fact one group of men under two titles is not known, but it is difficult to see how Penryn's population of those days would be able to support two bands. Penryn is located next door to Falmouth, and my first reference to the Penryn Independent band is in 1869 when they played at the Penryn Regatta. They seem to have disbanded soon after this. There is a further report in 1875 which refers to "the recently inaugurated Town Band." There follows a period when, as usual, newspaper reporters cannot decide on a title for this Band (perhaps they should have asked!!), and where coming up with Independent Band, Town Band, Brass Band, or even Penryn Band. There is evidence that the Town Band continued up to the mid 1930's. Newspapers seemed very reticent at naming a conductor (where the band that bad?) with the exception of a C Burton who was in charge from about 1911 to the band's demise. I have no record of Cornish contests attended.
- Pensax Saxhorn Band** (Worcestershire) - Active in 1865
- Penshaw Colliery Band** - Formed in the 1890s
- Pensilva Brass Band** (Cornwall) - Pensilva, a village just up from Liskeard, had their band in action from 1868 to 1872. Their first instructor was a Mr Satchwill, who was succeeded by Mr Viol. As seen, this band was not in operation very long but according to press reports of the time, they were not at all bad in both music chosen and their ability to play it. Later on, during the local 1919 Peace celebrations, a Pensilva SA Band was engaged.
- Pensnett Saxhorn Band** (Dudley) - Active in 1862
- Penstow Silver Band**
- Pentre Brass Band** (Glamorgan) - Active in 1934
- Penwithick Band** (Cornwall) - Penwithick Band was formed soon after World War 1 from some of the many bandsmen living in the St Austell area who had played in brass bands before the war, some of whom had been with the old Volunteer Bands that had disbanded on the outbreak of hostilities. And as not all civilian bands had reformed in 1918/1919, there was now a surplus of spare musicians who dearly wanted to make music again. Once started, they must have been a popular outfit as they were, almost from day one, a very busy band. A lot of these appearances were taken up with events like Sunday school processions and their tea treats; processions for the various Friendly Societies (Rechabites, Oddfellows, and the like); raising funds for the local hospitals; sports days (including their own!), and inevitably the Flora Dance - and there were lots of them. Again almost from day one they indulged in that favourite pastime of brass bands - the contest. This is where bands go to beat the living daylights out of other bands, by fair means (or foul). Of the 39 pieces of music that they performed at Cornish contests they were unplaced 19 times, 12 resulted in 3rd prizes, 2nd prizes totalled 4 and no doubt they took considerable pride in achieving 4 firsts. Considering that they were only a village band whose close neighbours were the St Dennis Band, who in those days happily poached all the best players from around the area, the Penwithick Band history of contest successes can sit comfortably with them. Most bands, like old soldiers, fade away rather than die suddenly. Penwithick was another of these. For the players in the last couple of years of its life, it must have been a sad period to go through despite those who stay to the bitter end in the hope that fortunes will improve. They finally closed shop in the mid 1950's. In their time they enriched this band world in Cornwall.
- Penybont Iron Works Brass Band** (Pentre) - Active in 1887
- Penyffordd Brass Band** - Active in 1887 when it played during the Jubilee celebrations with the Congregationalists, under the baton of Sergeant William Griffiths.

Penygroes, Silver Band - Active in 1912

Penzance Amateur Band - Active in 1856

Penzance Brass Band - Active in 1860, when they had recently joined the First Cornwall Volunteer Rifles as supernumeraries. Things may have been a bit tight in 1870 as it was reported: "We appeal to visitors at Penzance to supply themselves with a few coppers occasionally, in order that they may relieve the Penzance Band; for an entertainment of some sort of music is promised during the summer months, if only sufficient coppers can be obtained."

Penzance Independent Brass Band - Winners of the Cornwall Amateur Championships, Section B, in 1926

Penzance Juvenile Band - Active in 1853

People Band, The - *See: Odham's Press Band*

People's Mission Band (Cambridge) - Active in 1928.

Peoples Mission Church Band (Bath) - Active in 1927-66

People's Mission Silver Band (South Shields) - Based in Wellington Street.

People's Tabernacle Band - Active in 1906

Peopleton Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1893

Percy House School Band (Isleworth) - Active in 1907

Percy Main N.E.R. Band (near Newcastle) - Formed in the 1900s, with a connection to the Percy Main Colliery, still active in 1914

Perfection Soap Works Band - *See: Crosfields Perfection Soap Works Band*

Perran Band (Cornwall) - Not much here, but from 1870 to 1872 they were busy with demonstrations and processions. There is a long silence until they reappear in 1901 for a kiddies tea treat. During the summer season of 1870 they played two evening a week in Perranporth, each concert lasting about two hours. They must have been 1) crazy to take on such a commitment, or 2) good enough to handle this amount of work, or 3) they really needed the extra few pennies they could get from collections. Whatever, I wonder how many village bands of today would dare accept such a commitment?

Perry Street Works Band (Tatworth, Somerset) - Active around 1910

Perscoran Brass Band - Formed in 1983, disbanded in 2003

Perth Masonic Band - *See: Perth Silver Band*

Perth Silver Band - Formed in 1861 as Perth Masonic Band, later known as Perth Trades Silver Band, disbanded 1958. Successor band formed in 1972.

Perth Trades Silver Band - *See: Perth Silver Band*

Peterborough Band - Active in 1905

Peterborough Borough Silver Prize Band - Active in 1910

Petersfield Borough Band - *See: Victoria Brass Band (Petersfield)*

Petersfield Brass Band - *See: Victoria Brass Band (Petersfield)*

Petrockstow Band - Active in 1887 when it celebrated Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. In this account as remembered by Samuel Bonifant in 1935, aged 84 years. "At the time of Queen Victoria's golden jubilee Samuel Bonifant was living at Woodhouse part of Little Marland, he was a member of the committee and master of ceremonies on the day. At this time Petrockstow had a population of 440. All the parishioners were given luncheon and tea in the school room consisting of roast and boiled beef, pickles, bread, mineral water for Teetotallers and children. 1,000 bottles of mineral water were available for the event. Each man was allowed 1 quart of beer in the afternoon, while women and children had mineral water. All invalids in the evening were sent a good plate of beef, a loaf of bread, cake, ¼ lb tea and a quart of beer. The next day any left over food was distributed to the poor. Sam recalls the day it started early at 5.00am Mr William Trace climbed to the top of the church tower and played God Save the Queen on Sam's Violin with in 1935 Sam still had. At 8.00am the bell ringers started ringing the peals, which went on throughout the day. At 10.00am a majority of the parishioners formed outside the school with the Reverend Field and Sam and with the Petrockstow Band leading marched to the rectory and back to the church for a short service preached by the Reverend Field. At midday lunch was served in the school room with the band playing outside. After lunch at 2.00pm a procession formed with band to the field opposite the Barn on Town Farm, Mr John Brookes farmed the farm, on the field sports and dancing took place. There was a break at 4.30pm for Tea in the school room. The tables were presided over by Mrs Field, Mrs Brookes (mother of Mr John Brookes) also Mrs Bussell, Mrs Leonard, Mrs Pike, Mrs Squance, Mrs Bonifant Mrs Sanders

and others. Mrs Brookes presented the children with mugs. After Tea they returned to the field for more sports and dancing until 9.00pm when the fireworks and bonfire were to take place. Lord Clinton Lord Lieutenant of the County donated the bonfire and fireworks. The order had been given that no bonfire was to be lit until the Lord Lieut gave the signal by sending up three rockets in succession, red, white & blue in the most conspicuous parts near the mansion and his Lordship chose Petrockstow. It was a grand sight, which was seen from a long way off, after the rockets had gone many bonfires were lit. The day ended with the band playing God Save Queen, everyone had enjoyed themselves and the day had been well organised."

Pevensey Silver Band - Merged with Hastings Borough Band in 1968 to form Sussex Brass

Philadelphia Colliery Band (Washington, County Durham)

Philips & Co. Brass Band (Tean, Staffordshire) - *See: Messrs. Philips & Co. Brass Band*

Phoenix Brass Band (Rotherham) - *See: Steel, Peech and Tozer Phoenix Works Band*

Phoenix Works Band (Rotherham) - *See: Steel, Peech and Tozer Phoenix Works Band*

Phoenix Works Brass Band (Bradford) - Active in 1856

Pica Brass Band (Cumberland) - Active in the 1890s - took part in the Distington Hospital Sunday parade in June 1895. A report of its formation is thus: "A public meeting was held at the Quarry, Pica, on Thursday evening, for the purpose of discussing the suggestion to re-organise the brass band at that place. There was a large number present. Mr John Roper, who was unanimously elected chairman, urged them to work in harmony. Mr James Frew moved that the brass band for Pica be re-organised. This was seconded by Mr William Watson and agreed to unanimously. Mr A. Harlin, secretary to the old band, was appointed secretary pro tem. The following gave their names as intending members: - Messrs G. Frew, James Frew, J. Patterson, Wm. Watson, G. Tweddle, J. Gatherer, Tom Bell, W. Hutchinson, G. Stewart, I. Lamb, J. Robinson, J. Kirkpatrick, F. Metherell, W. Metherell, D. Rafferty, Jos. Gatherer, W. Brydon, D. Ellison, C. M. McLean, and J Roper. Mr Harlin moved that the instruments, lamps, music stand, and music books, belonging to the late band be called in. This was agreed to, and the chairman and Mr Harlin were appointed to receive them by Tuesday. On the question of funds being introduced, it was suggested that they follow the example of the Lowca Brass Band and ask the Colliery Company to keep off a weekly subscription from those agreeable. The chairman approved the suggestion, but, of course, he said, a public meeting would have to be called to sanction the proposal."

Pickering Band (North Yorkshire) - Formed in the 1890s, folded in the 1950s

Pickering Town Band (North Yorkshire) - Formed on 17 May 1936

Pickup Bank Band - *See: Hoddlesden and Pickup Bank Band*

Pickup Bank Subscription Prize Band - *See: Hoddlesden and Pickup Bank Band*

Pilling Brass Band - Formed in 1875 and folded some time after 1935 (when the junior section of the band split off to form Pilling Jubilee Silver Band).

Pinner Brass Band - Active from 1882 to 1939. It played at a garden party given by Mrs. A. B. Marshall, a well known cook and cookery writer on 15th June 1895 at her house "The Towers" in Pinner.

Pinxton Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1880

Platt Bridge Band (Manchester) - Competed in a contest in Leigh in 1884. A report from the Wigan Observer And District Advertiser, Wednesday, September 3, 1890, states: On Wednesday afternoon last the remains of William Forster were interred at Abram Church. The deceased, who was 41 years of age, was checkweighman at the Low Hall Collieries. He had been a hard worker for the Miners' Union, and was much esteemed by that body of men. He had also been a member of the Platt Bridge Brass Band for over 20 years. The weather was fine and the streets were crowded with spectators. The procession was as follows:- Twenty pit brow girls; 150 miners; band committee; Platt Bridge Brass Band (assisted by a few friends from the Wigan Volunteer Band), playing "Dead March in Saul;" deceased, with instrument on coffin; mourners and relatives. At the commencement of the service Mr. C. D. Mortimer with his usual ability played Guilman's "Funeral March," and at the close the "Dead March in Saul." After the burial service in the churchyard, the band played very sweetly at the grave side, "It is well with my soul." Another report, from 1895, notes the band at a festival: "The first Lower Ince and Spring View Rose Queen Festival was held under the auspices of St Mary's Church in June 1895. It was organised by Maggie Briggs and Edna Harrison. About 500 children dressed in historical costumes, and accompanied by the Platt Bridge Brass

Band, left St Mary's School and paraded through the streets of Lower Ince and Spring View, which were lined with hundreds of spectators. The Rose Queen was Miss F Briggs, in a dress of white silk with a train of flowered shot silk trimmed with white silk ribbon and swansdown. The parade ended in a field in the grounds of Westwood House, where there was dancing around the maypole and the Rose Queen was crowned by the vicars wife, Mrs Taylor. Each of the children was given a bun and an orange."

Platt Brothers Moston Colliery Band - *See: Platt's Moston Colliery Band*

Platting Public Band - Active in 1887

Platt's Moston Colliery Band - Active in the 1940s

Plean Colliery Band (Stirlingshire) - Active in 1928, conducted by Charles Wright

Plymouth Brass - Formed in the 1980s. Merged with Tavistock Town Band in the late 1980s to form Tavistock Brass

PMG Heart of England Band - *See: Heart of England Band*

Pocklington Boys Band - Active in the early 1900s

POEU Brass Band - *See: Stockport Telephone Band*

Pogmoor Band (South Yorkshire) - Merged with the Cawthorne Brass Band in 1984

Pollokshaws Brass Band - Welcomed the Prince of Wales to Pollokshaws in August 1859. Competed in a contest at the Gilmorehill Gardens, Glasgow in August 1863, and led the procession at the annual Weavers' Society meeting at Pollokshaws in August 1873.

Pollokshaws Silver Band - *See: Pollokshaws Brass Band*

Polton Mills Band (Loanhead) - Won the Scottish Championship title in 1904 and disbanded at the start of World War 1

Polypipe (Rossington) Band - *See: Rossington Colliery Band*

Pomfret Victoria Brass Band (Pontefract) - *See: Pontefract Victoria Brass Band*

Ponden Band (Haworth) - Active in 1854, founded by John Heaton of Ponden, who owned the cotton mill and the corn mill. The band had the job of playing at a celebration in Haworth at the conclusion of the Crimean war. The band moved to Dry Clough (just north of Pickles Hill) later in the 1850s for the convenience of some of the members. This "Dry Clough Band" then split up by the end of the 1850s, some members going to the Springhead Band, others to the Lumbfoot Band.

Ponden Mill Band - *See: Ponden Band*

Ponders End Mission Band (Enfield) - Active in 1905

Pontefract Borough Band - Active in 1880, 1891

Pontefract Brass Band - Active in 1880

Pontefract Victoria Brass Band - Active in 1900

Pontrhydyfen Band (South Wales)

Pontyberem Band (Wales) - Active in 1948

Pontyclun Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Pontyclun Silver Band - In 1914 Mr Godfrey Clark presented a Silver Cup for competition in the Silver Band contest which was won by the Pontyclun Silver Band. When the people left the sports field on this occasion they were greeted with a placard "War declared on Germany". The band regularly practised in a wooden hut at the end of School Street called the Ping Pong Hall. The village supported a Brass Band also.

Pontycymmer Town Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s, still active in 1948

Poole Town Band (Dorset) - Active in 1928 when conducted by Mr E.L. Green.

Poolsbrook Miners Welfare Band (Chesterfield)

Poplar & Bromley Tabernacle Band

Porritt and Whitham's Band (Leeds)

Port Glasgow Band - members

Port Kembla Town Band (Australia) - Active in 1950s

Port of Hull Society's Orphan Home Band (Hull) - Active in 1885.

Port Talbot and District Workmen's Prize Band - *See: Port Talbot Workmen's Prize Band*

Port Talbot Town Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s.

Port Talbot Workmen's Prize Band - Played at the ceremonial opening of Port Talbot Memorial Park on the 27th June 1925 at 3p.m.

Portdinorwic Brass Band (Caernarvonshire) - Active in 1865 to 1872

Porth & Cymmer Silver Band (Porth Rhondda)

Portland Social Centre Band (Dorset)

Portland Town Band (Australia) - Formed around 1905, with the local cement company supplying most of the uniforms and music, and it became known as the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company's Employees' Band.

Portland Town Band (Dorset) - Active in 1904 and 1937

Portmadoc Band - Active in 1928 and 1933

Portmadoc Town Band - *See: Portmadoc Band*

Portmadoc Volunteer Brass Band - Active in 1887

Portobello Ex-Members B.B. Band (Edinburgh) - Active in 1928, conducted by Thomas Williamson.

Portslade Town Band (Sussex) - Active in 1911

Portsmouth Blue Jackets Band - *See: Royal Navy Portsmouth Barracks Band*

Portsmouth City Band - Active in the 1970s

Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Band - Active in 1944 and 1957

Portsmouth Fire Services Band - *See: Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Band*

Possilpark Brass Band (Glasgow) - Active in 1928, conducted by W. Curtis

Post Office Engineering Union Brass Band - *See: Stockport Telephone Band*

Potters Bar Town Band - Formed in the 1850s and then disbanded in 1895. Band of the same name later formed in 1948

Potters Wood Kingswood Hill Bristol Silver Band - *See: Kingswood and District Band*

Potterspury Excelsior Prize Brass Band - The village band was in existence in the late 1800s, and in 1904 entered a contest organised by the Gentlemen of Dunstable. The band travelled to the contest on a horse-drawn cart and won the first prize - a silver plated cup. The contest was never held again, so the band held the cup which is now kept with the church plate for safe keeping. Between the wars, in the summer, the band would give regular Sunday evening concerts on the green by the cross-road on Watling Street, opposite the Anchor pub. Band practice was held in the Cock club room (now the restaurant). A popular story of the time related how, arriving late for practice one night, one of the bandsmen was so impressed with the sound of his colleagues playing that he went into the practice room and said, 'That sounds great - come outside and listen'. Whereupon they all put down their instruments and went outside! The band ceased to play during the Second World War but started again in 1946. By 1953, with Reg Atkins as conductor, the band was very active, playing at numerous village fetes in the area and leading church parades for Remembrance Sunday services, when they would march four abreast via Sanders Lane, Blackwell End, Watling Street, High Street and Church Lane (with no parked cars in the way!). Another old village tale recalled that when Pury band marched by the pigs were sat on the wall to listen. (This tale was well known in all the surrounding villages!) The Coronation parade through the village in 1953 was led by Syd Holloway pushing a model of 'The Pig on the Wall'. There was of course much rivalry between Pury and Yardley bands and Pury used to say that one Christmas when Yardley Band went round playing carols they played outside one 'house' where the collectors could not find the door. They walked round it several times before they realised it was a hay rick! [Note: similar stories are told of Stinchcombe Band and Woodchurch Bands]. As the number of bandsmen from the village dwindled, more and more had to be transported to practice from the surrounding area. By 1961 it became beyond the financial means of the band to continue to transport the players to practice and the band had to close down. Some of the bandsmen went on to play with Wolverton Band and the remains of the band's funds were paid over to the Parish Council for the general benefit of the village.

Potton Brass Band (Bedfordshire) - Active around 1904

Powder Cotton Works Band (Kent) - Disbanded in the 1930s

Powell Tillery Colliery Band - Active in 1905

Pratt's Brass Band (Brighouse) - Active in 1865

Prees Brass Band - Folded in the 1930's. Prees is between Wem and Whitchurch. The instruments were sold to pay for the funeral of Tom Moore and were sold to Mr Denny and shipped to his band in Devon. Coincidentally his son ended up running the Shropshire Schools Brass band in the 1980's, 50 years after his dad took the instruments from Shropshire to Devon.

Prescot Band - Active in 1972

Prescot Cables Band (Lancashire) - Formed 1890. "Cousins" to the famous Callenders Cable Works Band. When the latter disbanded in 1961 the Prescot Cables Band received their redundant uniforms.

Prescot Parish Church Band (Lancashire) - Active around the 1920s/1930s

Pressed Steel Company Limited Works Band (Oxfordshire) - Formed in January 1941 as a military band for the Pressed Steel Company Home Guard. Reformed as a brass band in December 1944. Achieved the Championship Section in 1947.

Presteigne Town Band - Active in 1907 and 1937

Preston Borough Brass Band - Active in 1877

Preston Britannia Brass Band - Active in 1861, conductor Thomas Marginson, also in 1867, 1877

Preston Brook & District Prize Band (Cheshire) - Active shortly after WW1 when the band took part in the Runcorn Festival which was held to raise funds for the hospital.

Preston Clarion Band - Active around 1911

Preston Corporation Tramways Band - Active in the early 1900s

Preston Excelsior Band - Active in 1872, the 1930s and up until the 1970s

Preston Silver Band - Active in 1950s

Preston St David's Band - Active in 1951 when they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Preston Temperance Band - Formed in 1874 and disbanded in 1907. A contemporary report states: "It having been decided for various reasons to bring the 32 year career of the Preston Temperance Brass Band to a close, the members on Wednesday met at the White Horse Restaurant for supper afterwards transacting some important business. Mr R Sanders presided, and on the motion of Mr H Parkinson, seconded by Mr Wm Ogden, a resolution was passed agreeing that the band should no longer exist as at present constituted. A handsome marble clock was then presented to the conductor, Mr H Parkinson, the silver plate on the front bearing the inscription "Presented to Mr H Parkinson by the members of the Preston Temperance Brass Band on the occasion of his retirement, as a token of their respect for his faithful services as bandmaster during the past 30 years." In making the presentation the Chairman recalled the interesting fact that the band was formed in August 1874 and had been entirely self-supporting. They had occupied one practice room for 30 years and a proof of their efficiency was that they had played for one Preston church on 25 successive Whit Monday mornings, and for another one 23 Whit Monday afternoons. Best wishes were expressed for Mr Parkinson's future welfare, and in his reply the conductor was much affected by the tributes paid to him."

Preston Town Band - Active until the mid 1960s, rehearsing in an old gymnasium on Saul St. in Preston and conducted by Tom Mitchell who then went on to found Preston Youth Band around the same time.

Preston United Independent Harmonic Brass Band - Active in August 1836, when it played at the regatta at the Bridge Inn

Preston Victoria Brass Band - Active in 1878

Prestongrange Band - Active in 1925, and in 1928, conducted by Jas. Jardine.

Prestongrange Colliery Band - Active in 1925, conducted by Mr R Malcolm, was fifth in a contest for the championships of Scotland.

Prestongrange Silver Band - *See: Prestongrange Band*

Prestonlinks Colliery Band (Prestonpans) - *See: Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band*

Prestonpans & District Silver Band - *See: Monktonhall Colliery Silver Band*

Prestwich Borough Band - Active in the 1940s. Folded in 1992. 4 remaining members joined Radcliffe Band, bringing with them music and instruments, which was then renamed the Radcliffe & Prestwich Band for a few years.

Pride of the Valley Brass Band (Tongwynlais?) - Active in 1877

Primitive Methodist Mission Gospel Band (Llwynpia) - Active in 1909

Primo Windows Band (Grimsby) - Active in the 1980s

Prince's End Prize Band (Staffordshire) - Active around 1899

Prince's End Temperance Prize Band - *See: Princes End Prize Band*

Prince-Smith & Stells Silver Band (Keighley) - Active in the 1950s. Prince-Smith & Stells were worsted machine manufacturers, who Prince-Smith produced over 1.1 million bayonets during WW2.

Princess Royal Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1903

Princess Street Mission Brass Band (Huddersfield) - Active in 1894 & 1896

Priory Foundry Band - *See: Steel and Garland Priory Foundry Band*

Prittlewell Brass Band (Essex) - Active around 1900

Providence Congregational Church Brass Band (Uxbridge) - Formed as a drum and fife band in the 1880's, and in 1898 it became a full brass band. It seems to have ceased on the outbreak of war in 1914.

Prudhoe Colliery Band (Prudhoe) - Formed in the 1900s and did not survive beyond 1914

Pudsey Borough Band (Yorkshire)

Pudsey Fartown Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1876

Pudsey Union Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1856

Pudsey West End Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1856

Puhoi Town Band (New Zealand) - Active in 1913

Pullars Band (Perthshire)

Purbrook Industrial School Band (Hampshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Purton Congregational Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Putney Brass Band - Active in 1885 when it took part in the United Phoenix and Temperance Societies' first annual Temperance Friendly Societies' demonstration in Lambeth on 31st May, together with Wandsworth Brass Band.

Pwllheli Brass Band - Active in 1949

Quaker House Colliery Band (Wigan) - *See: Standish Band*

Quarndon Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887

Quarrington Hill Temperance Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s, probably folded in the 1920s

Quarter Brass Band (Glasgow?) - Active in 1892 when it presented a box to Mrs Blair.

Quebec and Hamsteels Band (County Durham) - Active in 1905

Queen Street Mission Band (Bolton) - Active in 1923

Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest Brass Band

Queensbury Band - *See: Queensbury Music Centre Band*

Queensbury Music Centre Band - Active in the 1970s and 1980s

Queensferry Brass Band - Active in 1896 following an attempt to resuscitate it.

Queenstown Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1897 when it won the Intercolonial Contest in Sydney. Members of the band at that time were: Cornets - N.Harris, H.Partington, Drew, Jacobs, C.Hill. Tenor Horns - Maddern, Rosman, Paul. Baritones - A.Steven, Bennett. Trombones - W.M.Partington (Bandmaster),Daly, Rowland. Euphonium - A.King. Bass - Whitting, J.Partington, F.Hopkins. Mr A.Douglas, secretary and Mr W.G.Rogers, treasurer were unable to attend.

Quorn and Sileby Band (Leicestershire) - Active before 1880.

R. Johnson & Nephew Works Band - *See: Richard Johnson & Nephew Ltd Band*

R.A. Lister Silver Band - Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (2nd Section), conducted by E. Williams

R.O.F.S.A. (Chorley) Band - *See: Royal Ordnance Factory Social Association Band*

Radcliffe & Pilkington Public Brass Band (Northumberland) - Formed in 1893, later known as Radcliffe Colliery Band, and then Radcliffe Netherton Band. Merged with Amble Town Band in the 1930s to form Amble and Radcliffe Colliery Band. A member at one time was Edward Thirtle, who started his playing career in the North Seaton Band and went on later to be bandmaster of the Broomhill and Chevington Collieries Band. A selection of his family and band photographs have been lodged with the Woodhorn Colliery museum in Ashington, Northumberland. Bandmaster of Radcliffe Colliery Band at one time was William Oswald Pearson, who worked at Hauxley Colliery.

Radcliffe Colliery Band - *See: Radcliffe & Pilkington Public Brass Band*

Radcliffe Netherton Band - *See: Radcliffe & Pilkington Public Brass Band*

Radcliffe Old Band - Active in 1885

Radcliffe Prize Band - Active in May 1930, when it won second place in a contest at Salford

Radcliffe Temperance Band - Active in 1882 and 1885

Radcliffe-on-Trent Temperance Band - Active in 1902

Radford United Methodist Brass Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1886

Radlett Band - Active in 1938

Radley Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1894 when it played at a May Day celebration at Wick Hall, Radley. Still active in 1900 when it played at the Appleford Flower Show in August.

Radnor Street Schools Mission Brass Band (London) - Active between 1883 and 1904

Radstock Coal & Wagon Works Brass Band (Somerset) - Active in 1884, bandmaster Mr. Clark.

Radstock Silver Prize Band (Somerset) - Active in 1928, folded before 1980.

Radstock Town Band (Somerset) - Active in 1888

Ragley Band - *See: Ragley Sunday School Band*

Ragley Sunday School Band - The old Ragley Band, formed in 1848, was broken up in 1850. Resuscitated in 1851 by Mr Briggs of Darwen, but again fell by the wayside. Then Messrs. Chadwick Brothers, sewing cotton manufacturers, came to the rescue and provided all expenses and funded new instruments in 1882. Started contesting in 1887 and in that first year attended 5 contests winning 4 prizes, value £50

Railway Associated City Brass Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1906 and 1910 when it played at the Lenton Flower Show.

Railway Servants' Brass Band (Newcastle) - Active in 1896

Railway Servants' Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1889

Rainham Working Men's Club Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Rainow Brass Band (Cheshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Ramsbottom Band - Active in the 1860s

Ramsbottom Rifle Band - Active in 1933

Ramsden Band (Oxfordshire) - In the minutes of the Ramsden Vestry and Parochial Church Council for 1913 they record agreement that there should be a Garden Fete to raise money for the Church. "The Ramsden Band was asked to provide the music". At the following meeting it was agreed that the "Ramsden Band should be paid 30/- for their services with their playing commencing at 4.30 pm and that they should provide their own refreshments"! In earlier years there were allegedly two bands in Ramsden - from a pamphlet 'RAMSDEN - The Story of a Wychwood Village' [The Witney Press 1961] D.A.Allport, referring to Club Feasts which took place at Whitsun every year, says "There were stalls and a band playing - there were two bands in Ramsden then - and dancing in the street. Ramsden Feast was held in October and was similar".

Ramsey Amateur Brass Band (Isle of Man) - Active in 1886

Ramsgate Silver Band (Kent)

Rathmell Brass Band (Settle) - Active in 1868

Ravengill Brass Band (near Settle) - Active in 1869

Ravensthorpe Subscription Band (West Yorkshire) - Active in 1896, 1905 and the 1920s, still active post WW2

Ravensworth Colliery Band (Lamesley) - Formed in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Disbanded in the 1960s

Rawdon Silver Band - Active in the 1940s and 50s

Rawmarsh Prize Band (South Yorkshire) - Active in the 1960s. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962. Wound up in the courts as of 23rd December 1970

Rawtenstall Band - Active in 1885 and 1926

Rawwards Silver Band - Active in 1964, conducted by R Connell.

Read & Simonstone Band - Active in 1923

Read Brass Band (Padiham, Lancs) - Active around 1910

Reading and Wokingham District School Brass Band - Active in 1894

Reading Mechanics Band - Active in 1900.

Reading N.U.R. Band - Active in 1921

Reading Temperance Prize Band - Founded in 1852. Won the Crystal Palace Challenge Cup and the Southern Counties Shield in 1901. Conductor was T.B. Wicks when it played at the Forbury Gardens during the period of the Royal Agricultural Show on 6th-10th July 1926. At that time they were winners of 43 first prizes and four gold medals and winners of the Southern Counties Band Association Championship for 6 years in succession and Winners

again in 1924 and 1925. Still active in 1938. James Henry Lowe played for them during the 1920s and 1930s.

Reading Wesleyan Band - Active in 1905

Reapsmoor Club Band (Fawfieldhead - Staffs) - The club was established at the Butcher's Arms in 1835. The band was active in 1862, playing at the club's annual feast in June

Rechabites Brass Band - *See: Hoyland Town Silver Prize Band*

Red Cliffs Brass Band (Sunraysia area, Australia) - Founded in 1925

Red Street Brass Band (Talke, Staffs) - Active in the 1930s

Redcar Rolling Mills Band - Formed in the 1890s and folded in 1905. Its instruments were sold to Cockerton Band for £250.

Redcar Steelworks Band - Formed in the 1900s and still active in the 1920s

Redcar Works Band - *See: Redcard Steelworks Band*

Reddish Prize Band - Formed in 1897 and folded in the 1960s. A successor band was formed in 1991

Redgate Boys Silver Band (St Helens) - Formed in 1949 by Mr Leo Murphy for boys between the ages of 12-21(ish). Active throughout the south Lancashire / Cheshire area, the band often entered International Music Festivals in Holland and Germany in the 1960's / 70's and appeared on 'Opportunity Knocks' in 1967(?). Still playing in 1994, two years after Leo Murphy died. Their last official appearance was at the funeral of Leo Murphy December 1992, when past members joined up with existing members to play together one last time in his memory.

Redheugh Colliery Band (Gateshead) - Formed in the 1890s, but folded in the late 1920s

Redhill Town Band - Active in 1913. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Redland Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Reepham Town Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Reeth Saxhorn Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1869

Regents Park Road Home Band - *See: Camden Boys Home Band*

Reid Memorial Band (Belfast) - Formed in 1912 (another source quotes the formation date as 1933). Competed in the Senior Trophy in 1962, conducted by G Corbett. Amalgamated with Hillsborough Silver Band in 1990 to form Downshire Brass

Reid Memorial Silver Band - *See: Reid Memorial Band*

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Reigate Silver Band - *See: Reigate Town Silver Band*

Reigate Town Silver Band - Active in the 1920s and 1930s. They performed on Saturday nights in Market Square, by the Old Town Hall. Their rehearsals were held in one of the caves off Tunnel Road. Competed in the SCABA contest in Chichester in April 1927.

Renfrew and Dumbarton Artillery Volunteers Band, 1st - *See: 1st Renfrew and Dumbarton Artillery Volunteers Band*

Renton Brass Band (Scotland)

Resolven Brass Band (Neath) - Active in 1948

Retford Brass Band - Active in 1862

Retford Town Band

Revelstoke Band - Active in 1940

Revo Electric Works Band - *See: Revo Works Band*

Revo Works Band (Dudley) - Formed in 1880 as Tipton St Martins Band, later known as Dudley Port Prize Band (active in 1897). Became associated with the Revo Works and took their title in 1928. The band's first broadcast, in 1929, was of two hours in length - a record at that time.

Rhayader Town Band - Active in 1880s

Rhiwlas Brass Band (Caernarvonshire) - Active in 1877, 1881

Rhodian Brass (Chesterfield) - Active in 1980s and 1990s

Rhondda Tramways Silver Band - Active in the 1920s

Rhosgadfan Brass Band - Formed in the early 1900s. Later, this band became known as the Moeltryfan Silver Prize Band. During the years following the first world war the noted musician Maw Cadfan (popularly known as Dolo) took charge of the band, and in a very short time the quarrymen of Rhosgadfan had a band of which they could be justly proud. Apart from being a keen bandsman, Alaw Cadfan was also a composer, a fine accompanist,

and choir conductor. At the time of the depression in the early 1930s most of the men of Rhosgadfan were unemployed, but that did not prevent the villagers from building a Village Hall on a plot of land between Rhosgadfan and Penyffridd, mainly through voluntary labour. These were the band's best years; the gloom of poverty could not diminish the men's enthusiasm. They had plenty of time to practise during the day and there was no difficulty in getting a full rehearsal almost every night of the week. The hall would be full of keen supporters listening intelligently to the strains of 'Recollections of Verdi'. 'Dawn of Spring' or 'Happy Memories'.

Rhosllannerchrugog Brass Band - Otherwise known as Rhos Brass Band, a former name of the current Wrexham Band

Rhymney Band - Gained 3rd prize in a lower section contest at the Crystal Palace in 1910

Rhymney Silver Band (Wales) - Active in 1969 when conducted by Richard Nash. Probably renamed as the Hymac Rhymney Band, which went on to win the Welsh Regional Championships (3rd Section) in 1976

Rhymney Workmen's Institute (Hymac Works) Band - *See: Rhymney Silver Band*

Ribblesdale Brass Band - Active in 1838 and re-established in 1853

Ribchester Brass Band - Active in 1906

Richard Johnson & Nephew Ltd Band - Active in the 1930s and 1940s

Richardshaw Lane Band (Stanningley)

Richmond (Yorks) Silver Band (Yorkshire)

Richmond Amateur Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1875

Richmond Corporation Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1894

Rickmansworth Town Band - Active in 1907

Riddings Band (Derbyshire) - The village is famous for its two windmills (no longer standing), whose named Sarah and James after the children of the man who built them. The band was formed in the 1970s and rose all the way to the Championship section. It folded in 2007.

Riddings Prize Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1899

Ridgeway Brass Band (near Sheffield) - Founded in 1888, some seventy pounds was spent on the instruments and equipment and the Church School was their headquarters. Mr John Keeton was the first conductor, followed by his son-in-law, John Taylor, and then finally by Charles E. Fisher, when the band subsequently folded from lack of recruits.

Rifle Volunteers Royal Scots Band, 4th - *See: 4th Rifle Volunteers Royal Scots Band*

Rillington Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1891 and 1912

Ringley Church School Band - Active in 1873, when they headed a procession in June of 1873 to celebrate a Royal visit to Bolton.

Ringwood Citizens Brass Band (Australia)

Ripley Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1896

Ripley Silver Prize Band (Derbyshire)

Ripley Town Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1899

Ripley United Band (Derbyshire) - Took part in the 44th Annual Temperance procession on Whit Monday in 1915. Starting from Somercotes, a sea of banners, flags and gaily decorated floats proceeded through Leabrooks and Riddings, gathering strength as it marched, and parading the village of Ironville before winding its way up to the Jessop Monument in Codnor Park. Won the Crystal Palace Shield in 1922 and 1923. By then they had won 17 firsts, 11 seconds, 3 thirds and 20 special prizes. Under the name of Ripley United Silver Prize Band (conductor W.J. Saint) it entered the Spondon contest in 1926. Winners of the 'Daily Sketch' Cup and Junior Championships, 3rd Section, at the Crystal Palace on 27th September 1930.

Ripley United Silver Prize Band - *See: Ripley United Band*

Ripon Excelsior Brass Band - Active in 1868

Ripponden Brass Band - Active in 1856. Merged with Huddersfield Brass in 2006 to form Huddersfield & Ripponden Brass

Risca North Colliery Band - Formed in 1871, with William Palmer as bandmaster. The colliery itself was only opened that year and continued to produce coal until 1963. Some of its members went on to found the Crosskeys Prize Band in 1902

Risca Town Military Band - Some of its members went on to found the Crosskeys Prize Band in 1902

Rise Carr Rolling Mills Band - Disbanded in 1905. Its silver-plated instruments were purchased by the Cockerton Brass Band, which then renamed itself the Cockerton Silver Band.

Riseley Brass Band (Bedfordshire) - Active in 1910

Rishton Brass Band (Preston) - Lancashire Quarter Sessions - Preston, Midsummer 1904 - "Notice and grounds of appeal of Walter Albert Duckworth, weaver, and Secretary of Rishton Brass Band Institute, and Joshua Duckworth, steward, against order that the club be struck off the register of clubs following complaint of John Smith McKeand of Church, superintendent of police" Then, "Order of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction that Rishton Brass Band Institute be struck off the register of clubs for habitually contravening the rules"

Rishton Subscription Band - Active in 1884 and 1889

Rishworth and Ryburn Valley Brass Band - Won third place in the Junior Cup at the Crystal Palace in 1906

Rishworth Brass Band (Ripponden) - Active in 1878

Rising Sun Colliery Band (Wallsend) - *See: Wallsend Colliery Band*

Rist's Cable Works Band (Newcastle-under-Lyme) - Active in 1952, when they organised their own slow melody contest. Still playing in the early 1960s, conducted by William Skelton.

Rist's Wires & Cables Band - *See: Rist's Cable Works Band*

Riverside Brass (Glasgow)

RNR (Tay Division) Brass Band - Active in the 1970s. Won the 4th Section National Championships in 1973

Road Brass Band - Active in 1863 when it took part in a summer festival in July in the village. There may also have been a band around 1937 connected to the local manufacturer - "Pianoforte Supplies Ltd"

Roadwater Brass Band (Somerset) - Formed in 1878 and were still active in 1933. Mark Bodenham recounts, "my great-grandad, Tom Ridler, was the bandmaster and I have a few pictures of the band including one with my grandad, Reg Ridler, with his father and 7 brothers!" In 1933, The father, Mr. T. Ridler, who was in his 69th year, was the conductor. The youngest member was 12, and was a cornet player, like his father. The other playing members of the family were T. Ridler, jun., solo cornet; R. Ridler, second cornet; B. Ridler, baritone; W. Ridler, euphonium; C. Ridler, bombardon; and S. Ridler, drums. All were taught by their father. Bandmaster Ridler, as a young man, joined the once famous Bridgtown Brass Band, of whom he became conductor. He played also in Dulverton and Bampton Bands, and was a founder of Roadwater Band.

Robin Hood Band (Burton-on-Trent) - Active in the 1890s

Robin Hood Band (Cinderford) - Active in mid 1850s

Robin Hood Band (Wakefield)

Robin Hood Brass Band (Chester) - Active in 1878 to 1887

Robin Hood Rifles Band - Active in 1907

Rocester Band (Staffordshire) - Active in the 1950s

Rocester Saxhorn Band (Staffordshire) - Active in 1867

Rochdale Amateur Band - Instituted in 1879

Rochdale Borough Band - Active in 1877 and 1885

Rochdale Borough Prize Band - *See: Rochdale Borough Band*

Rochdale British Legion Band - Active in the 1940/50s

Rochdale Healey Hall Band - Active in 1867

Rochdale Old Band - Active in 1880s to 1900s, and 1932

Rochdale Police Band - Active in 1882

Rochdale Public Prize Brass Band - Active in 1929

Rochdale Scout Band - Active in 1918

Rochdale Wilsons Band

Rochester City Band (Kent)

Roding Valley Band (Essex) - Active in 1907

Roffey Mission Band (Sussex)

Rolls Royce (Northern Factories) Band (Barnoldswick) - Had a brief but successful existence during the 1950's and 60's competing at Belle Vue on numerous occasions (Senior Trophy).

Romford Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Romford Borough Band - *See: Romford Band*

Romford Silver Prize Band - Active in 1928, and in 1935, when it provided a wreath to the funeral of James Hawkins, founder of Romford Town Band.

Romford Town Band - Founded by James Henry Hawkins (1856-1935) and Councillor Poole. Hawkins was the Bandleader for many years. From the Police Review Newspaper, 19 Nov 1909: "Essex Constable appointed Bandmaster.- The Romford Town Band Committee have appointed PC Dawkins, of the Essex Constabulary, to be their bandmaster. PC Dawkins is already conductor of the Romford Orchestral Society, a large flourishing body." He had a musical training at Kneller Hall, the Military College of Music, and retired from the Army with the rank of band corporal. He saw service in Egypt, and was the holder of the Khedive Star with bar and the Queen's Silver Medal. He was in the battles of El Teb and Tammaai. Altogether he was thirteen years with the Hussars. On leaving the Army he joined the Essex Constabulary, and in 30 years' service was stationed at Southend, Collier Row, Harold Wood, and Romford, where he was divisional clerk for 15 1/2 years. In 1915 he retired on pension. He was passionately fond of music, and with the late Mr. W. Poole, J.P., inaugurated the Romford Town Band. For 25 years he was bandmaster, and was succeeded by his son, Mr. H. C. Dawkins"

Romsey Town Band (Hampshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Roneo Alcatel Band - *See: Hanwell Band*

Roneo Vickers Band - *See: Hanwell Band*

Rookhope Band - *See: Upper Weardale Band*

Rootes Royal Band (Goudhurst?, Kent) - In existence before and after 1887. Legend has it that they gained their "Royal" title by coming first in a band competition in 1872, in front of Prince Alfred, the first Duke of Edinburgh. The mainstay of this particular band was William Rootes and five of his sons, although there were other non-family members.

Rosedale Abbey Brass Band - Active in 1888

Rosedale Abbey Temperance Band - *See: Rosedale Abbey Brass Band*

Rosedale 'Blue Ribbon' Temperance Band - Active in 1895

Rosedale Brass Band - Active in 1900

Rosedale Temperance Band - Active in the early 1900s

Rosehill Band of the Salvation Army Assurance Society (Reading) - Formed September 1939.

Rossington Colliery Band (Doncaster) - Records of the band from 1922-1931 are held by the Lincolnshire Archives. Known as Rossington Colliery Welfare Silver Prize Band in 1959, and later known as Polypipe (Rossington) Band.

Rossington Colliery Welfare Silver Prize Band - *See: Rossington Colliery Band*

Rossington Main Colliery Welfare Band - *See: Rossington Colliery Band*

Rosslyn Hill Brass Band (Hampstead) - Founded as early as 1866, played on summer Saturday evenings on Hampstead Heath in the 1880s/90s

Ross-on-Wye Town Band '(1) - Formed in the 1850's, it played at the opening of Ross Railway Station in 1855. It probably folded during the Great War.

Ross-on-Wye Town Band '(2) - Formed in 1924. There was a break in 1940 for the duration of the war and the band folded in 1973. A successor band was formed in 1985.

Rotherham and Masbro' Band - Active in 1871

Rotherham Borough Band - Active in 1892, the 1900s and 1926

Rotherham Main Brass Band - Active between 1905-1915

Rotherham Temperance Band - Active in 1894. In 1897 won the quickstep march contest held in Doncaster, as part of the Agricultural Show at the Racecourse, on 30 June 1898 (yielding the test piece and own choice contests to Besses and Black Dyke Bands)

Rotherham Town Band - Active in the 1980s. Merged with the Whiston Brass Band in 1989.

Rothwell Haigh Band - Active in 1878

Rothwell Model Band - *See: Rothwell Old Band*

Rothwell Old Band - Originally Rothwell Model Band until 1881, it was still active in the 1960s

Rough Lea Colliery Band (Hunwick) - Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1915

Rowlands Gill Band (near Newcastle) - Probably associated with the Lilley Drift mine at this village. Formed in the 1900s.

Rowledge Brass Band (Surrey) - Active in the early 1900s

Rowsham Brass Band - Active in the 1920s. A successor band was formed in 1999, active in the local community playing at fetes, garden parties and the like.

Royal Asylum for the Blind Brass Band (Glasgow) - Active in 1863 and 1908, based at 100 Castle Street, Glasgow. Still active in 1928, conducted by Thomas Scott

Royal Blind Asylum Band (Edinburgh) - Active in the 1940s/1950s. Probably folded in the 1960s.

Royal Doulton Band - Formerly known as the North Staffordshire Concert Band (to 1973), it disbanded in 1995

Royal Earlswood Hospital Brass Band (Redhill) - Active in 1885 - a list exists of members of the brass band (surnames and instruments) with a note that they are to be paid £2 per annum in addition to their ordinary wages. Also known as the Royal Earlswood Hospital Patient's Band

Royal Eastern Counties Asylum Band - *See: Band of the Royal Eastern Counties Asylum*

Royal Engineers (Chorlton-cum-Hardy) Band - Active in the 1930s

Royal Flying Corps Aircraft Park Band (Ascot) - Active in 1917

Royal George Brass Band (Oldham) - Active in 1886 and 1965

Royal George Prize Band - *See: Royal George Brass Band*

Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (T.A.) Band - Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by E. Hopkins

Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band - Formed around the end of 1954, when the Kenilworth Town Band folded and some of its players set up this band. Around 1957 the remaining members of Cubbington Silver Band amalgamated with the band, together with some members from the Bishops Itchington Imperial Band. It went into decline from 1960 and ceased as a band in 1972. A successor band was formed a year later.

Royal Naval Volunteer Band (Bristol Division)

Royal Navy Portsmouth Barracks Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in 1947. Also known as the Portsmouth Blue Jackets Band

Royal Navy Torpedo Factory Band (Newark) - Active in 1917

Royal Ordnance Factory Social Association (Chorley) Band - Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by W. Haydock).

Royal Penrhyn Brass Band - *See: Penryhn Quarries Brass Band*

Royal Spa Band (Leamington) - *See Royal Leamington Spa Silver Band*

Royal Tunbridge Wells and District Federation Band - Active in 1930

Royal Vaynol Brass Band - Active in 1884, when it won first prize in the Festiniog Eisteddfod brass band contest.

Royal Yacht Club Brass Band (Sunderland) - Active in 1859, when it was disqualified from the band contest at Felton for having some professional members.

Royston Colliery Prize Band - Active in the 1900s

Royston Drift Mine Band - Active in 1978

Royston New Monckton Colliery Institute Band (South Yorkshire) - Active in the 1920s to 1960s. Active in 1962, when it competed in the Senior Trophy, conducted by J Armstrong.

Royston Silver Band - Active in the 1940s

Royston Subscription Band - Active in the 1930s

Royton Brass Band (Oldham) - Active in 1900

Royton Prize Band (Oldham) - Active in 1932

Royton Public Prize Brass Band - *See: Royton Brass Band*

Ruardean Village Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed around 1900, reformed in 1945 after the War and disbanded 1959-60. Band and choir contests were held in the village from before 1910 until the late 1970s.

Ruddington Prize Silver Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active around 1890s, 1900s

Rudgwick Band (Sussex) - Competed in the SCABA contest in Chichester in April 1927. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s.

Rudgwick Silver Band - *See: Rudgwick Band*

Rufford Brass Band (Lancashire) - The band came into existence in the late part of the nineteenth century as Rufford Temperance Band and survived until the early 1950s. At the turn of the 20th century the band rehearsed in the Hesketh Arms, which probably explains the loss of the 'Temperance' part of their name! Photographs show the band leading such events as the village Summer Gala (1910) and the Annual Rufford Tea Party (1930s). In 1911 the Bandmaster was James Southworth, in 1919 it was Tom Salthouse and at its demise it was Harry Draper.

Rufford Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1859, 1862

Rufford Colliery Band

Rufford Temperance Band - *See: Rufford Brass Band*

Rugby Steam Sheds Band - Active in 1912 and 1936

Rugby Steam Sheds Prize Band - *See: Rugby Steam Sheds Band*

Rugby Town Band - Active in 1897. Was entered in the Overseal Brass Band Contest in 1921, under conductor Roscoe Walters, but withdrew without playing. Played at the Rugby Police Charity Sports Day, Clifton Road, Rugby, on 17th September 1921. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s.

Rugeley Band - *See: Rugeley Silver Band*

Rugeley Company Band, 2nd Volunteer Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment (Rugeley) - Active between 1883 and 1908

Rugeley Comrades Band - Formed after the end of WW1. Later became the Rugeley Progressive Working Men's Club Band, active in the 1930s.

Rugeley Progressive Working Men's Club Band - *See: Rugeley Comrades Band*

Rugeley Silver Band - Active in the 1890s

Runcorn Harmonic Band (Cheshire) - Active in the 1860s and 1890s

Runcorn Pioneer Band - *See: Runcorn Pioneer Prize Band*

Runcorn Pioneer Prize Band (Cheshire) - Active shortly after WW1 when the band took part in the Runcorn Festival which was held to raise funds for the hospital. Still active in 1933 and also the 1960s

Runcorn Silver Band - Active in the 1930s

Runcorn Volunteers Band - Active in 1883

Runnymede Brass - Originally a breakaway group from Egham Band in the 70's, they achieved some successes with David Baker then David Lancaster at the helm, reaching the top three in the first section London Area Contest in 1995. The band then broke up and the brief emergence of Thames Brass from the ashes was also, sadly, short lived.

Rush Green Band (Essex)

Rushall and Charlton Silver Band (Wiltshire) - Active in the 1950s, disbanded some time after the 1960s

Rushden Colliery Band - Active in 1953

Ruskington Band (Lincolnshire)

Rustington Silver Band (West Sussex) - Active in the early 1900s

Ruston & Hornsby Band - Active in the 1920s and 1952. Ruston & Hornsby Ltd. were engine builders and boilermakers

Ruston Engineers Silver Prize Band - *See: Ruston & Hornsby Band*

Rutherglen Burgh Band (Scotland) - Active in 1905 through 1933. John Keith was a member during that period.

Ruthin Borough Band - Active in 1933 - probably the same as Ruthin Town Band

Ruthin Town Band - Active in 1914, and folded around 1958. The band was officially disbanded by the Ruthin Town Council in 1962 when it was resolved that all instruments etc., be donated to the Brynhyfryd School, Ruthin for the benefit/use of its pupils.

Rutland Mills Band (Wakefield) - Founded in 1874

Rutland Police Band

Ryburn & Blackburn Valley Band - Active in the 1980s

Ryburn Brass Band - Active in 1988

Ryde A.T.C. Band - Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950.

Ryde Town Band - Active around 1900

Rye Hill Mission Band (Slaley) - Active in the 1900s

Rye Town Band - Took part in the Royal Tunbridge Wells & District Band Federation 27th Annual Band Festival (4th Section), 14th May 1955, gaining 1st place and £10 and the Wimshurst Challenge Cup. Playing The Chieftain by J.A. Greenwood and adjudicated by Harry Mortimer

Ryhill & Havercroft Band (Yorkshire) - Active in the 1970s

Ryhill Silver Prize Band (South Yorkshire) - Active in the 1950s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by F.T. Smith.

Ryhope Colliery Band (1) - Active in 1883 and 1898, but probably folded before or during WW1.

Ryhope Colliery Band (2) - Formed in 1921. In the 1980s changed its name for a period to Echo Ryhope Colliery Band with sponsorship from the Sunderland Echo newspaper. It had folded by 2000.

Rylstone Band (Isle of Wight) - *See: Shanklin Town Band*

S.H. & W.R. Wallsend Shipyard Band

Sabden Public Band - Active in the 1960s

Sacriston Colliery Band - Formed before 1900 and active up to 1939. Probably folded thenabouts. A successor band was formed in 1967

Saddleworth & Haybottoms Band - Active in 1853

Saddleworth Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1850 to 1893

Saddleworth Rifles Band - Active in 1872

Saffron Walden Excelsior Band - Active in the late 1800s, formed by Fred Pitstow, the first bandmaster, who was succeeded by his brother Ernest Pitstow. The band folded in the early 1900s.

Saffron Walden Town Band - Active in 1887

Sailors' Orphans Band (Newland, Hull) - Active in the late 19th century. The band was composed of children from the Port of Hull Society's Sailors' Orphans' Homes, a forerunner of the Newland Orphan Homes which was in existence in the 1920s. Today the Sailors Families Society seems to be the descendant of those earlier Orphans societies.

St Agnes Mission Band (Bristol) - In 1894 it took part in a temperance procession at Downend on July 11th.

St Albans City and British Legion Band - Active in 1953

St Alkmunds Temperance Band (Shrewsbury) - Active in the 1860s

St Andrew's Band (North Shields) - Formed in the 1900s and folded around WW2

St Andrew's Brass Band (Fife) - Active in 1928, conducted by John Faulds

St Andrews Junior Prize Band (Hull) - Formed in 1914 and active in the 1920s. A postcard was published with the following rhyme on it: "Hail to St Andrews Junior Band! Which side by older players take a stand; 'Tis wonderful that boys so young as these should play so well, as e'en to critics please. Diligence and good tuition tell the reason why they do succeed so well; for each lad tries to do what he is told - the Band thus helps the character to mould. 'Twas in November, nineteen-fourteen, in West Hull that its humble birth was seen, but, like the acorn in the wayside sown, it now has to a health sapling grown. Large sums for charities their help has raised, For which they have been well and duly praised; the widows and the orphans' hearts are full of thanks to these little boys of Hull. No sect or section has the slightest claim, except the good of mankind be the aim - for each and all the Band has freely played; no charge, except expenses, has been made. If of assistance you should be in need, at times when you're engaged in noble deed, and helpfully you find the band could use; invite them. They're not likely to refuse." The band won first prize in the Boys Sections, with the Wood Challenge Cup, at the National Brass Band Festival at the Crystal Palace in September 1920.

St Andrew's Works Brass Band (Bury St Edmunds) - Active in 1899, attached to Robert Boby's factory.

St Anne's Band (Sale) - Active in 1896 when it competed at a contest at Hawarden.

St Anne's Brass Band (Belfast) - Active in 1878

St Anne's Brass Band (Blackburn) - Active in 1860

St Anne's Brass Band (Lytham) - Active in 1888 and 1938

St Anne's Subscription Band - Active in 1930

St Ann's Band (Leeds)

St Augustine's Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

St Augustine's Brass Band (Highbury) - Active in the 1890s

St Bartholomew's Band (Wilmslow) - Active in 1933

St Bede's Band (South Shields) - Active in 1877. Came third in a contest in North Shields, £3, conducted by Mr Moyneugh

St Bees Brass Band (Cumberland) - Founded about 1860, ceased to play about 1930. Perhaps because of the many miners in the village, St. Bees had its own brass band. At its peak it had about 20 players and played for village fetes and dances. In 1917, fearing that the instruments might be split up, the Band made the Parish Council the trustees of the instruments and the "Band Room". However, interest was not sustained, and by 1924 the Parish Council was enquiring if the band was still functioning. In 1929, after a silver cornet was stolen, the band was dissolved, and the Council stored the instruments under the stage in

Hodgetts Club upper room, where they gathered dust. The Band Room was a corrugated iron shed built in 1914 down Gas House Lonning. After 1929 it lay unused, until in 1933 the St. Bees Unemployed Men's Club and the St. Bees (pigeon) Flying Club used it for their meetings. There were several requests to use the instruments but the Trust agreement stipulated that they could only be used by the St. Bees Village Band. Since this was defunct, they could not be used at all. The instruments were preserved; but in silence. The sad end of this story of village music making was in 1947, when the instruments were finally sold for £50 to Boosey & Hawkes, the money raised going to the Pagan Trust fund. A year later the redundant Band Room was disposed of for £23.

St Blazey and District Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

St Boswells Silver Band - Founded in 1860, the first band lasted for about ten years. It reincarnated in 1896, but had to find new instruments as the original ones had all disappeared. After donations and a house to house collection sufficient was raised to purchase the core instruments: 4 Cornets, 2 Tenor horns, 1 Baritone, 1 Euphonium and 2 E Flat Bombardons. A drum was added the following year, a conductor, Mr Gray, appointed and before long the band was performing in public. During 1898 the band gave 52 public performances, giving Saturday evening concerts and visiting the local Mansion Houses. The strength having risen to 20, more new instruments were added, bringing the total to 20 plus the drum. The band died again about 1910, but after other failed attempts to revive it, it rose again in 1945 for a short time, folding again because the instruments had once again vanished. A successor band was formed in 1946 which is still active today.

St Buryan Independant Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1885

St Cleer Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1905

St Columb Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1884 and between 1912 and 1923

St Columb Major Town Band - *See: St Columb Band*

St Columb Minor Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1883

St Cyprian's (Ordsall) Scout Brass Band - *See: St Cyprian's Brass Band*

St Cyprian's Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in 1926

St Dennis Temperance Brass Band - Active in 1910

St Edmund's Bury Brass Band (Bury St Edmunds) - Active in 1833

St Edward's Orphanage Band (Liverpool)

St Erth Brass Band (Cornwall) - Formed in the late 1800's. Converted to a concert band around 1995, and still active in that format.

St Erth Independant Brass Band (Cornwall)

St Erth Silver Band (Cornwall) - Active in the 1920s

St Francis Brass Band (Gorton) - Active in 1887

St Francis Silver Band (Glasgow) - Active in 1928, conducted by W. E. Anderson

St George's (Pendleton) Band - Active in 1883, when some of its members played at the funeral of John Leah, trombonist in the Pendleton Brass Band.

St George's Brass Band (Abergele) - Active in 1865

St George's Brass Band (Bristol) - Active in 1878, 1899

St George's Brass Band (Liverpool) - Active in 1858

St George's Brass Band (Shrewsbury) - Active in 1893 when it led the Oddfellows procession round the village.

St George's Church Institute Band (Chorley) - Formed in 1900 and set to work at once to buy a set of instruments at a cost of over £200 and also a complete set of uniforms. It seems that the band was a highly successful part of the Church's life but unfortunately the group was later disbanded and the instruments sold.

St George's Hall Brass Band (London) - Active in 1907

St George's Old Band

St George's Saxhorn Band (Lochee) - Active in 1863, when it played at the opening of Dundee People's Park

St George's Silver Band (Hull)

St George's Temperance Band - *See Lilleshall Colliery Band*

St George's Works Brass Band (Lancaster) - Active in 1883, 1885

St Giles Brass Band (Killamarsh) - Active in 1895 to 1900, when the conductor was George Burnham

St Giles Church Band - *See: St Giles Brass Band*

St Helens (Ore) Band (Hastings) - Active in 1933

St Helens Brass Band (Isle of Wight) - Active in 1860 - Played at the Free Wesleyans tea party in the village. The conductor was Mr. Lillywhite, the foreman of Mr. Wade's mill, who had devoted a considerable amount of time, and money too, in order to enable the inhabitants of this retired village to have an occasional musical treat. The band was composed of young men, natives of the village, and nearly all of them are indebted to Mr. Lillywhite for their musical acquisitions. A few days earlier the band played at Nunwell Park on the occasion of a field day of the volunteers. Sir Henry Oglantler and several officers of the corps expressed themselves highly pleased with the performance of these St. Helen's lads, and a proposal was made to them to become the band of the "gallant company of which the worthy baronet was the captain".

St Helens Town Band

St Hilda Band - *See: St Hilda Colliery Band*

St Hilda Colliery Band '(2) (South Shields) - Another band was formed in 1930, achieving success at several local contests, but was disbanded 1940

St Hilda Colliery Band (South Shields) - Formed in 1869 by John Dennison of the 3rd Durham Artillery Volunteers Band, at the request of a group of miners, under the name of St Hilda Colliery Brass Band. In the early years the band was also known at times as, "Dennison's Family Band", "Dennison's Borough Band", and "South Shields Borough Band". Financial help was obtained from the St Hilda Miners' Lodge in 1905 and the band was renamed St Hilda Colliery Silver Band, appointing JA Greenwood as its conductor - the first of several professional conductors to lead the band to the very top. Contest successes prior to the First World War and thereafter in the early 1920s demonstrated their position as one of the leading bands of the day. When the colliery closed in 1925 the band continued under the name of St Hilda Band, but with the members relying on the engagements and contest wins for their living. This resulted in them being barred from contesting as a "professional" band. After ten years as a professional band St Hilda's Band folded in 1937.

St Hilda Colliery Brass Band - *See: St Hilda Colliery Band*

St Hilda Colliery Silver Band - *See: St Hilda Colliery Band*

St Issey Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1870 to 1899

St Issey Silver Band (Wadebridge) - Active in 1930

St Ives Town Band (Cambridgeshire) - Active in the 1890s and 1970s (possibly two different bands?)

St Ives Town Band (Cornwall) - Formed in 1879, disbanded in 2004 - the remaining members forming St Ives Concert Band with the addition of woodwind and electric instruments.

St James Band (Doncaster)

St James Band (Gorton) - Active in 1884/1886

St James Birch Brass Band - Active in 1902 when it led the Fallowfield Parochial celebrations for the coronation of Edward VII

St James Brass Band (Stoke-on-Trent) - Active in 1888

St James Church Mission Band (Bath) - Active in 1905. A later band, formed in 1921 became the current Bath Spa Band

St James Church of England Brass Band (Rusholme, Manchester) - Active in 1897

St John Ambulance Band (Bentley Colliery) - Active in the 1930s

St John Ambulance Band (Castleford)

St John Ambulance Silver Band (Southport) - Active in 1991

St John Ambulance Silver Band (Weston-Super-Mare)

St John's (C. of E.) Brass Band (Weston, Runcorn) - Active in the 1860s

St John's Band - Attached to Farnworth Parish Church in the early 1860s. Several of its members joined the Barnes Band (Farnworth) around that time.

St John's Brass Band (Cardiff) - Active in 1871 and 1885. Based at St John's, Crockherbtown

St John's Brass Band (Glasgow) - *See: St John's Port Glasgow Band*

St John's Brass Band (Irlam) - Formed in 1880s

St John's Brass Band (Spalding) - Active in 1892

St John's Cathedral Brass Band (Manchester) - Provided musical entertainment and accompanied a ceremony to cut the sod for the new St James' Catholic Church School, Seedley, on 20th August 1910

St John's Church Mission Brass Band (Workington) - Active in 1892 when it took part in a concert with Workington Vocal Union Voice Choir

St John's Parish Church Band (Roughtown, Mossley) - Active in the 1930s and 1940s

St John's Port Glasgow Band - Active in 1888

St John's Prize Band

St John's Temperance Brass Band (Tideswell) - Active in 1881

St John's Wood Brass Band - Active in 1859

St Josephs Brass Band (Bedford, Leigh) - The band organised a contest in September 1884 at which the St Thomas' Band Bedford competed. The event was well reported in the both the Leigh Chronicle and the Leigh Journal with the St Thomas' Band under their conductor, Mr. J Frost, claiming the third prize of £2. The first prize going to Atherton Volunteers and the second to Farnworth Public.

St Josephs Brass Band (Brindle) - Active in 1884

St Josephs Brass Band (Dumfries) - Active in the late 1800s

St Just Boys Silver Band (Cornwall)

St Just Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1867 and 1880

St Just Old Town Band (Cornwall)

St Lawrence Silver Prize Band (Longridge, Scotland) - Active around 1905

St Lawrence's Subscription Prize Band - *See: St Lawrence Silver Prize Band*

St Leonard's Silver Band (Newark)

St Luke's Brass Band (Bolton)

St Luke's Brass Band (Crosby) - Active in 1887

St Luke's Church Brass Band (Nottingham) - Active in 1899

St Margaret's Old Brass Band (Dundee) - Active in 1899 when they met at Wilson Street, Lochee

St Margaret's Works Brass Band (Leicester) - Active in 1874. The band was attached to the Nathaniel Corah & Sons Works, which produced "Hosiery, Underwear and Outerwear"

St Mark's Evangelistic Brass Band (St John's Wood?, Marylebone?) - Active in the 1920s

St Martin's Town Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1913 through 1962

St Mary's Church Brass Band (Beswick) - Active in the 1950s

St Mary's Church Silver Band - *See: Stamford Brook Silver Band*

St Mary's Parish Brass Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Active around 1900

St Matthews Boys' Brass Band (Gosport) - Active in 1910

St Mawgan Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1867

St Mawnan Band (Cornwall)

St Merryn Band (Cornwall)

St Michael & All Angels' Brass Band (Poplar)

St Michael's Brass Band (Cosby) - *See: Cosby St Michael's Brass Band*

St Michael's Brass Band (Coventry) - Active in 1883

St Michael's Brass Band (Derby) - Active in 1871

St Michael's Brass Band (Manchester) - *See: St Michael's Church Band*

St Michael's Brass Band (St Michael's-on-Wyre) - Active in 1859, 1872

St Michael's Church Band (Manchester) - Based around St Michael's, George Leigh Street. Active in 1882

St Minver Brass Band (Cornwall) - Attended their first contest by motor coach in 1921

St Neots Silver Prize Band - Active in the 1920s

St Osyth Brass Band (Essex) - Active in 1895

St Pancras (M.R.) Prize Band (London) - *See: St Pancras Midlands Railway Prize Band*

St Pancras Midlands Railway Prize Band (London) - Active in the early 1900s

St Pancras Silver Prize Band - Its heyday was in the 1920s and 1930s. In the band at that time were George Curtis (side drum), Bill Knight (Bass drum), Fred Dimmock was the band's professional conductor for many years. A fine trombone player he was a member of the famous Luton Red Cross Band; then there were the Ashton Brothers, both cornet players and conductors who kept the band in good form for many years; there was Dick Fruin (Bass), Nobby Clark, (Euphonium), Bill Griffiths and Johnny Seabrook (tenor horn). In 1925 the band won the Daily Mirror cup at the Crystal Palace. It played in most of the local parks, including Parliament Hill Fields, Waverlow Park, the Embankment Gardens, Highbury Fields and elsewhere in North London. On Sunday mornings, all the year round, the band used to play outside Hampstead Heath Railway Station and always drew appreciative audiences. The

money collected used to go towards the cost of musical instrument repairs and replacements and the purchase of sheet music. The Band joined the St. Pancras Branch of the British Legion in the early 1930's and won the first prize in 1932 competing against British Legion bands from all parts of Britain. They played to prisoners at Pentonville Prison twice a year, played for Madame Burnett-Coutts, Swains Lane, once yearly, played at Luton and Bedford for the Orphans School at Leavesdon (Watford) whenever possible, raising money for the school.

St Paul's Band (Hyde) - *See: St Paul's Catholic Brass Band*

St Paul's Brass Band (Carlton) - *See: Carlton St Paul's Brass Band*

St Paul's Brass Band (Gateshead) - Active in 1896

St Paul's Brass Band (Isle of Man) - Active in 1886 to 1893

St Paul's Brass Band (Newport, Isle of Wight) - Active in 1900

St Paul's Brass Band (York) - Known to be active between 1900 and 1904, later known as St Paul's New Silver Band

St Paul's Catholic Brass Band (Hyde, Manchester) - Active in 1863. Was founded and encouraged by Father Hill, whose musical abilities had been of great use in training the boys in the use of their instruments. On 17th October 1870 a concert was given in the St Paul's school, to raise money for the purchase of new instruments and the repair of existing instruments for the St Paul's Catholic Brass Band. Under the leadership of Mr J R Kilroy, the Band played a selection of Irish Airs, whilst Misses Georgeson, Wilson, and Carroll sang sentimental ballads, such as 'I'm lonely since my mother died'. In 1872, the annual concert in aid of the Brass Band funds was held on the 30th September, and the audience overflowed, and a repeat performance was promised to satisfy the clamour. In 1876 the band accompanied a train full of excursionists from Warrington for a day out in Rhyl. In 1877 the band played 'The Dead March of Saul' at a funeral in Dukinfield. In 1885 the band played at the opening of the new town hall in Hyde.

St Paul's Church Band (Stratford, London)

St Paul's Home Brass Band (Coleshill) - Active in the 1890s

St Paul's New Silver Band - *See: St Paul's Brass Band*

St Peter's Band - Cardiff, 1911

St Saviour's Silver Band (Splot, Cardiff)

St Stephen Town Band (Cornwall)

St Stephen's Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1858 to 1890

St Stephen's Volunteer Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1900

St Teath Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1875 to 1894

St Thomas' Band Bedford - *See: Bedford (Leigh) Band*

St Wilfred's Brass Band (Lancaster) - Active in 1864. Took part in the Whitsuntide processions in Preston in 1872

Sale & Ashton-on-Mersey British Legion Band - Active in 1949

Salem Chapel Silver Band - Active in the 1930s

Salem Mission Band (North Shields) - Active in the 1900s/1910s

Salesbury Brass Band (Blackburn) - Active in 1887

Salford and District (Temperance) Silver Band - Formed on 18th March 1909.

Salford Band - Active in 1944

Salford Cottage Homes Band (Manchester) - On a picture of the band (probably from the early 1900s) are the lines: Here at the Homes, there is a band. And the way they play is something grand; There's many a band, that I can tell, Older and bigger, don't play so well.

Salford Docks Mission Band

Salford Iron Works Band - Active in the 1880s. Supported by Messrs. Mather and Platt's Ironworks in Salford. Conducted by James Holgate in 1884.

Salford Police Band - Active in 1903 when it played at the first municipal concert in the Teneriffe Street Hall, Salford. The audience was estimated at over 1,000 and many were unable to get in.

Salford Silver Band - Active in 1910, when it "relieved the tedium" by playing for the crowds awaiting the return, at Salford Station, of two Salford Rugby Union players from a tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Salford Workhouse Band - Active in 1880

Salisbury City Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Salt Union Brass Band (Weston Point, Cheshire) - Active in the late 1800s - may be the same as the Salt Union Ltd. (Winsford Works) Band?

Salt Union Ltd. (Winsford Works) Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Saltaire Band - Formed in 1855 by Titus Salt for his employees at the Saltaire Mill, its first conductor was Joseph Paley whose son, John, became a legendary cornet player, playing with bands as diverse as Black Dyke, situated on the other side of Bradford and Patrick Gilmore's Band in America. It was also conducted at one time in its early years by Richard Smith who launched the Champion Brass Band Journal in 1857 and then his music publishing business R Smith & Co. in 1878. A number of local contests were attended up to 1869, bringing in a few prizes. The band then appeared in the Belle Vue September contests of 1872-1974 conducted by John Gladney, gaining a 2nd prize in 1872 and a 5th in 1874. After this it assumed the status of an ordinary village band, though the mills still owned the instruments. Brass Band News reported in March 1894: "Many old contestors will learn with regret that the once famous Saltaire Brass Band is no more, the instruments and all properties having been called in by the Company. So passes away the remains of one of the best bands Yorkshire ever produced."

Saltaire Mills Band - *See: Salts Silver Band*

Saltaire Subscription Band - *See: Salts Silver Band*

Saltash Town Band - Formed in 1919 at the Working Men's Club in Saltash. The band was active until the outbreak of the Second World War. Unfortunately, all the band's instruments and equipment were placed on a barge moored in the River Tamar and were lost during a bombing raid! Thereafter the band folded. [A new Saltash Town Band was formed in 1975]

Saltcoats Burgh Band - Active in 1907

Saltcoats Burgh Band - Founded in 1903. In August 1903 a cycle parade on behalf of the Band fund raised £14. In April 1904 the bandmen made their first appearance in their new uniforms. On July 22, 1904 a musical fete and promenade concert, organised by Mr Walter Freer on behalf of Saltcoats Burgh Band Fund, took place in the Holm Plantation on Saturday afternoon. In October 1904 Saltcoats Burgh Band's three-days bazaar realised £476!

Saltley Gasworks Brass Band - Active in 1900

Salts (Saltaire) Band - *See: Salts Silver Band*

Salts Silver Band - Formed in 1932, by Herbert Bowdin Hawley (MD of Hammonds Sauce Works Company, at Shipley). It competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Brass Band News reported in March 1932: "Salts Silver, under the tuition of Mr H B Hawley, are making remarkable progress. This is a newly-formed band of 24 enthusiastic performers who mean business. Their practice-room is in the Royal Café, Saltaire, kindly provided rent-free by Messrs. Salts of Saltaire. Mr Hawley has gradually built up this combination to his own liking, and is taking them to their first contest at Pudsey on March 25th. Mr Hawley is a local organist and composer, and will not be satisfied with his band until it sounds like his organ. A prize at Pudsey is their determination." The band became a member of the Harrogate & District Brass Band Association, of which Mr Hawley was an official. It was at one of the Association's contests, held in Saltaire in May 1934, that the new band achieved its first win. The band played in the first section, which had an entry of 12 bands, so this was quite an achievement for a two-year-old band. It regularly changed its name, appearing not only as Salts Silver, but also as Saltaire Mills, Saltaire Subscription and Salts (Saltaire). It was offered a broadcast engagement by the BBC in November 1936, when Frank Haigh, a noted Bradford cornet player was playing principal cornet. In 1937 Salts Band provided music for the visit to Shipley of the King and Queen and by now its conductor, 'H B', was proving to be something of a composer, with a number of published marches to his name. In the latter part of 1940 Mr Hawley engaged Noel Thorpe as professional conductor, and in 1945 Harry Grace, a successful Bradford brass band conductor succeeded Noel Thorpe. Early in 1946 HB Hawley decided to form a new junior band. For a short time the juniors and the older band existed side by side, but without Mr Hawley's drive, interest at Salts waned and the band completed its last engagement in July 1946. Several of its members joined the new group, which also acquired the old band's music library and some instruments. This junior band was to become the Hammonds Sauce Works Band

Sam Smiths Old Brewery Band - Active in the 1980s

- Sandbach Volunteers Band** (Cheshire) - Active in the early 1900s. Formed by William Bagnall, also known as Bagnall's Band, or "Baggies Band".
- Sanders Independent Band** (Long Buckby) - Formed around 1875. Sponsored by William Sanders who ran a shoe factory in the village and used the band for promotional events. However it seems to have been initially based on the Independent Chapel (Congregational) hence the name. Sanders eventually built some assembly rooms for the band to use. These still stand. Soon after this the Long Buckby Town Band appeared and considerable rivalry existed. There is a very nice account of a fight between the two bands at an event in Silverstone.
- Sandford Brass Band** (Australia) - Formed around 1881 - due to the musical stimulus brought to the district by the talented Holmes brothers who were operating the local Flour Mill. In 1888 the band combined with the Casterton Brass band and changed its name to the Glenelg Brass Band, with John Holmes as Bandmaster.
- Sandiacre Brass Band** - Active in 1926, when it entered the Spondon Contest, conducted by W. Wells
- Sandown Prize Band** (Isle of Wight) - Active in the 1920s
- Sandye Place School Band** - *See: Sandye Silver Band*
- Sandye Silver Band** (Bedfordshire) - The origins of the Band go back to 10 March 1962, when a quartet of musicians at Sandye Place School played for morning assembly under the direction of the music teacher, Peter Kneale. Within a year this grew into Sandye Place School Band, consisting of pupils and teachers. In 1966, when several members of the Band left school, Peter Kneale formed the Sandye Place School Band. In October 1967 the first committee was formed to run the band and in July of the following year the name was changed to Sandye Silver Band. In July 1969 the Band left the further education system and became a fully independent self-supporting organisation. Also in 1969 the Band affiliated to the London and Home Counties Brass Band Association so that band contests could be entered. In 1971, after only two years of competition, the Band qualified for the finals of the National Brass Band Championship (Fourth Section), and finished in eleventh position. On two occasions, in 1968 and 1975, the Band won the Brass Band Class at the Bedfordshire Music Festival. During the early 1970s the Band performed many engagements, both at nearby and distant venues. In 1973 the founder Peter Kneale left and was succeeded by Duncan Wells of Dunstable, a player with Hendon Band. The number of players declined, and with them the number of engagements, but the 1980 season proved to be the busiest to date. In the previous April the Band moved from its birthplace at Sandye Place School to the new Sandy Upper School where rehearsal facilities were more convenient. During the 1980s the Band enjoyed continued success, but following the loss of number of key members in 1989 the decision was made to suspend activities and put all equipment and assets into storage. The Band Trustees continued to meet, however, but at the seventh annual general meeting, in March 1997, it was decided that there was no realistic chance of the Band reforming and that the remaining assets should be sold and the Band dissolved. At the final AGM, on 16 March 1998, it was reported that the sale of the instruments and music had raised £3,065. At the same meeting it was decided to lodge the Band's records with the Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service.
- Sankey's Castle Works Band** - Active in 1937. Disbanded in 1961. A former member recalled: "Brought up in a brass banding family, the name Sankey's in my early years meant, The Band! In times before T.V. the Sankey's radio broadcasts were a big attraction often coming from the works canteen in Hadley, just down the road from Oakengates. Sounding Brass and Voices, Music While You Work, Marching and Waltzing, and Midland Bandstand were all popular B.B.C. radio programs in the 1940's and 50's. Many contest successes came the bands way, competing in the highest championship sections with conductor Cyril Yorath at the helm. A star quartette of players Ted Baldwin, Ben Thornton on cornets, Gal Mills on horn and Walter Imeson on euphonium were all magnificent instrumentalists and soloists. When I joined the band as a young 16 year old, Sankey's were still at the top, competing at Belle Vue in the British Open, the Midland Area and other competitions. Mr Yorath had moved on, and Capt. Thomas Francis was Musical Director. He would greet people by saying 'shake the hand that has shaken the hand of the King of England and the President of the United States of America.' The Captain was ex Royal Marines Chatham, and a warm hearted gentleman. Whilst continuing to perform at concerts and contests, it came as a shock to be told by the Sankey Works Directors in March 1961, that the company no longer needed

a brass band. The final march played at the band's last works Monday lunchtime concert was Colonel Bogey. The bandsmen knew why! Years of top class music making, concerts and Championship Banding thus ended."

Saracen Brass (Cornwall) - Formed by former pupils of Penryn School to continue playing after leaving school. Active in the 1980s and folded in the late 1980s.

Sawley Brotherhood Band - Active in 1926, when it entered the Spondon Contest, conducted by F. Yeomand

Sawley Excelsior Band - Active in 1935

Sawston Brass Band (Cambridgeshire) - Looking remarkably smart in their new uniforms, welcomed returning soldiers from the Boer War at Linton in July 1901, and headed their village Friendly Society parade in July 1902.

Sawtry Brass Band (Huntingdonshire) - Active between c. 1910 and the 1930s

Sawtry Temperance Band (Huntingdonshire) - Active in the 1890s.

Saxthorpe and Corpusty Band (Norfolk)

Saxthorpe Village Band - *See: Saxthorpe and Corpusty Band*

Scalford Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in the 1900s

Scapegoat Hill Band (Huddersfield) - Founded in 1854 and still active in 1979, though it probably folded in the following year (1980). That year saw the birth of Vintage Brass - a band originally consisting of members of the Scapegoat Hill Band. Competed in the Junior Shield in 1962, conducted by F. Gledhill. At one time the band had attended a musical competition and was successful in gaining first prize. Celebrations followed and the band returned home to the village. Not wanting to disturb the residents, they removed their boots and tip-toed along. However, they continued to play their instruments at full blast! In an Huddersfield Examiner article of 11 June 1938, the legend is similarly described by James Walton, with the added detail that the band was playing 'See the Conquering Hero Comes' as they tip-toed.

Scarborough Borough Prize Band - Active in 1926

Scarborough Postmen's Band - Formed shortly before 1887

Scarborough Town Band - Active in the 1970s

Scarcliffe Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Scholes Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1856 to 1879

Schreiber Band - Active in 1978

Scole Brass Band (Norfolk) - Active in 1882

Scotswood Band - *See: Scotswood Temperance Band*

Scotswood Methodist Church Temperance Band - *See: Scotswood Temperance Band*

Scotswood Temperance Band (Newcastle) - Active in 1896 and still playing in 1933

Scott A Limb's Band (Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1864 when it combined with the Denman's Head Band. At the time of the merger the players included: B Scott (conductor of Scott & Limb's), Jas. Handley, E. Dennis, S Cauldwell, H. Oscroft, E. Handley, S. Hall, W. Green, A. Caunt J. Naylor (well-known as "Spring"), W. Bryan, G. Scott S. Oldham, J. Searson, E. Limb, and Jos. Dennis (conductor of Denman's Head).

Scotter Brass Band - Scotter Brass Band was started by Charles Hill in the early 1900s. Membership slowly declined until the it was disbanded sometime after the year 2000.

Scotter Silver Band - *See: Scotter Brass Band*

Scottish Dyes Band (Grangemouth) - Band linked to the Scottish Dyes company, set up in 1919 by James Morton. In 1928 the company's assets were acquired by the British Dyestuffs Corporation, which became the Duestuffs Division of I.C.I. The band was later known as I.C.I. Recreational Band

Scottish Gas Board Band - Active in 1964

Scunthorpe Borough British Legion Band - Took part in the Scunthorpe coronation celebrations of 1937.

Scunthorpe District Total Abstinence Prize Brass Band - Active in 1907

Sea View & St Helen's Brass Band (Isle of Wight) - Active in 1865

Seacombe Victoria Band - Active in the early 1900s

Seaham Colliery Band - Active in 1880

Seaham Ex-Sailors and Soldiers Band (County Durham) - Active in 1882

Seaham Harbour Bottle Works Band (County Durham) - Active in the 1900s.

Seaham Harbour Catholic Band (County Durham) - Active in the 1900s.

Seaham Harbour Town Band (County Durham) - Active in 1914.

Seaham Philharmonic Brass - *See: Seaham Town Band*

Seaham Town Band (County Durham) - Formed in 1985, changed name to Seaham Philharmonic Brass in 1989. It twice qualified for the National Finals before folding in 2004

Seaham Victoria Band (County Durham) - Active in 1853

Seaham Volunteer Band (County Durham) - Active in 1906

Seaton Burn Colliery Band - Played for the cutting of the sod at a new colliery at Dinnington in August 1867, also active in 1869

Seaton Burn Saxhorn Band - Active in 1874

Seaton Delaval Colliery Band - Formed in the 1890s and folded in the 1950s

Seaton Delaval Saxhorn Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1869

Seaton Hirst Excelsior Band (Ashington, Northumberland) - Formed 1906. Later known as North Seaton Colliery Band and North Seaton Workmen's Prize Band

Seaton Silver Band (Cumberland) - Active in April 1930, when it held a "sacred quartette contest" for band members. "The test piece was The Evening Prayer, and each quartette was under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. J. Smith. The judging was by popular card vote, the result of which was: 1. John Donnelly, jnr. (flugel), Donald Coulthard (repiano), Wm. Banton (baritone), 101 points. 2. W. Bell's B. Quartette, 92 points. No one was successful in the competition for placing the first five, but Messrs, Harry Donnelly and Wm. Osborne returned the best cards, and the prize was divided between them".

Seaton Town Band (Devon) - Active in 1912

Sebastopol Brass Band (Australia) - Formed in 1880 under bandmaster Sammy Prout. Still active in 1890

Sedgley Village Brass & Reed Band - Active around 1920

Sedlescombe Band (Sussex) - Active in 1914

Seghill Saxhorn Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1879

Seghill Temperance Band - Active in 1915

Selby Rifle Volunteer Band - Active in 1897 when they performed at the Eastrington Show.

Selby Shipyard Brass Band - Active in 1924, when on 20th December the County Chief Constable's Office, East Riding of Yorkshire, granted the Band permission to play and make collections in the surrounding villages.

Selkirk Band - Formed in May 1883 and commenced contesting in 1887, during which first year of competition entered three contests and won three prizes. Still active in 1912

Selkirk Borough Band

Selkirk Silver Band - *See: Selkirk Band*

Selston Silver Prize Band - Active in the early 1900s

Selston United Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Settle Brass Band - The first recorded event of the Settle Band was Thursday August 10th 1854, at North Craven Horticultural Society Flower Show, but it is thought to have been in existence long before this. During its time it has been a Town Band, a Temperance Band and a militia band. At some point, Langcliffe Band amalgamated with the Settle musicians. The band amalgamated with the Giggleswick Band in 1952 to form the Giggleswick & Settle Band.

Seven Sisters Band (Glamorgan) - Active in 1948

Severalls Institution Band (Essex) - Formed by patients and staff at the Severalls Hospital in Colchester, a large psychiatric hospital. It was active prior to WW1 and was still active after WW2, in 1946. Took part in the Colchester Carnival in 1934, conducted by Charles Hammond.

Seybormen Temperance Band - Active in 1892 when it gained third prize in the Neath Eisteddfod brass band contest.

Shaddongate Wesleyan Methodist Brass Band - (Carlisle)

Shaftesbury Crusade Band (Bristol) - Possibly active in the early 1900s and 1920s. Active in the 1960/70s. They were Championship Section in the late 1970s and came in the top 4 in the National Finals. By the end of the 70s the band had lost a lot of players to Sun Life and Soundwell the two main top section bands in Bristol at that time. The band folded in early 1980s.

Shaldon Temperance Band (Devon) - On 22 June 1848: "Shaldon Regatta took place on the 15th inst, when flags of all colours were hoisted the whole length of the Strand facing the water, and also on the vessels and boats in the harbour, having a pretty appearance. The Shaldon Temperance Band was in attendance."

Shanklin Town Band (Isle of Wight) - Formed before 1895, and also known as the Rylstone Band at one point, it disbanded in the 1930s

Shap Silver Band - Active in the 1930s, probably did not survive WW2.

Sharlston Brass Band - *See: Sharlston Colliery Band*

Sharlston Colliery Band - Active in the 1980s. Merged with Yorkshire Evening Post Band, but then disbanded in 2002

Sharnbrook Brass Band - Was "reformed" in 1904. Took part in the Coronation parade in 1911. Records of the band, from 1903-1935, are held by Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Record Service

Sharpness & District Prize Band - Sharpness Temperance Band was formed before 1900. It had its problems - the bandsmen, many of whom were port workers at the local docks, used to practise at the Sharpness Union Church. They liked the odd tippie or two and an old minute book disclosed that this was classed as breaking temperance, and many of the band members were asked to leave the band; soon membership became nearly nonexistent - more of the bandsmen were to be found at the pub instead of at the rehearsal! An extraordinary meeting was called and it was decided that the Band's name needed to be changed, and it was renamed the Sharpness & District Prize Band. The start of World War I saw the Band disperse with many of the players playing in military bands, but after the War they reunited and became even stronger; a big attraction was a man named Jack Portlock He was the Band's drummer and was known for the way he used to throw his batons when he marched; this earned him the name "Gentleman Jack". This band finally gave way to another band under the baton of Matt Francis and then Fred Smith. Many of the existing players stayed, including Cliff Priday on solo cornet and the masterly euphonium player George Short. The band was enjoying local success when the outbreak of World War II saw the group disband. The instruments and the band room were sold and £600 was invested in War Bonds until a new band could be formed. After the war, many attempts were made to reform the band, but they were all doomed to failure. A new Sharpness Band was eventually formed in 1970

Sharpness Temperance Band - *See: Sharpness & District Prize Band*

Shaw Mills Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Formed in 1885 with some of the members of the disbanded Burnt Yates Old Band. Folded in 1900.

Shawbury Industrial School Band (Shustoke) - Active in 1911. Used to march through the country lanes and into Fillongley village to Church on a Sunday.

Shawclough & Spotland Band - Active in the 1930s

Shaw's Excelsior Brass Band (Horncastle?) - Report from August 1888: "Horncastle Horse Fair - On Monday evening Shaw's Excelsior Brass Band played in the Bull Ring, and the Rifle Corps Band under Robert Nicholson gave a promenade concert; there was dancing in Major Armstrong's grounds in South Street (later Hamerton Gardens)."

Sheen and Longnor Brass Band (Staffordshire) - Active in 1867

Sheen Band (Staffordshire) - Active in 1860 until at least 1887, when it played at the Sheen celebrations for Queen Victoria's jubilee of 1887

Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Works Band - *See: Sheepbridge Works Band*

Sheepbridge Works Band - Active in the 1920s and 1952

Sheepridge and Deighton Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1892

Sheepscar Band (Yorkshire)

Sheepscombe Brass Band - Formed around 1900

Sheffield Borough Band - Active in 1883

Sheffield Corporation Band - Active in 1936

Sheffield L.M.S. Railway Band - Active in 1948

Sheffield Police Band - Formed in the 1870s, disbanded in the 1930s

Sheffield Recreation Brass Band - Active in 1905 and in the 1960s

Sheffield Temperance Band - Active in 1892

Sheffield Transport Department Band - Active in 1938

Sheldon Silver L.N.E.R. Band - Formed in January 1937, attained 2nd place in the 3rd section National Championships in 1938, conducted by T. Collinson.

Shelley Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in the 1850s, 1869, 1896

Shenfield Band (Essex) - Active in 1908

Shepherd's Bush Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Shepley Brass Band - The earliest record of the band is 1893 at a concert in St Paul's National School, where the best tickets were priced at 2 shillings. The band was then known as Shepley United Brass Band implying that the band had merged at some point with another band - it, or its predecessor, may have been in existence in 1872 when an brass band contest took place in the village. The band promoted its own brass band contest in 1896. In 1898 there was another concert at St Paul's National School, this time featuring a number of local artistes and including John Paley as Solo Cornet. He had been a member of the Gilmore Champion Military Band of The World based in St Louis, USA and Principal Cornet with Black Dyke closer to home. The 'humourist' in the concert was Walter Matthews, who played trombone in the band. There is little photographic evidence of the band, however Elijah Moorhouse, a blacksmith who lived on The Knowle, was photographed around 1900 standing alongside a magnificent bass drum with the legend 'Shepley United Brass Band'. A couple of photographs show Shepley Band members at the annual School Feast at Shepley Marsh in 1909 and the centre of the village (The Bridge) in 1911. The band folded in 1926. It was reformed in 1977 and converted to a concert (brass/wind) band in 1995.

Shepley United Brass Band - *See: Shepley Brass Band*

Sheppey Boys Silver Prize Band - Active in 1930

Sheppey Silver Band (Sussex) - Took part in the Royal Tunbridge Wells & District Band Federation 27th Annual Band Festival (3rd Section), 14th May 1955, gaining 2nd place and £5, playing Overture: Lustspiel by Keler Bela, adjudicated by Harry Mortimer. At one time the bandmaster was Mr. Noakes (of the garage family; having as a showroom and workshops the old music hall next to the Crown Pub).

Shepreth Brass Band (Cambridgeshire) - Formed in 1923 by Stephen Buller, a local nurseryman. Its first engagement was the opening and dedication of the War Memorial at Meldreth. The band, which consisted of all local people and practised in the school, was particularly busy at harvest-time when they would be performing around the farms in the area and at thanksgiving services. Disbanded prior to the Second World War. An earlier band began in the 1880's as a military-style band with woodwind as well as brass. This band may have been the direct forerunner of Shepreth Brass Band.

Shepshed Town Prize Band - Active around 1913

Shepton Mallet Excelsior Band (Somerset) - Active in 1924, when the Bandmaster was Mr. H. Rowsell.

Shepton Mallet Town Band (Somerset) - Active in 1936

Sherborne Excelsior Band (Somerset) - Active in 1888.

Sherburn and District Brass Band (near Malton, Yorkshire) - Active in the 1990s. Rename the Buckrose Brass Band, folded in late 2010.

Sherburn Brass Band - Active in 1905, bandmaster, W. Pinkney

Sherburn Hill Colliery Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s, folded in the 1960s

Sherburn-in-Elmet Band - Active in the 1970s

Sheringham Temperance Band (Norfolk) - Formed in 1923. Merged with Cromer Boys Band in 1956 to form Cromer and Sheringham Silver Band

Sherston Town Band (Wiltshire)

Sherwood Rangers Band (Yorkshire) - The Worksop Journal reported that on Whit Monday 1856, when three Friendly Societies formed a procession, three Bands took part. After the procession to the Parish Church and Divine Service, they dined at various hostelrys. The Old Abbey Club dined at the Corn Exchange where Mr Marshall of the Greyhound Inn catered for 240 persons. The Mosbro' Band attended and played appropriate airs after each toast. The Golden Ball Friendly Society dined in their large room.... and the Sherwood Rangers Band contributed to the pleasure of the day. The Wheat Sheaf Club dined at the club room of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, and the Sutton Brass Band very much delighted the Society with their performances.

Shettleston Brass Band (Glasgow) - Around 1872 Shettleston had a first class Brass Band. It was called "Pricky Mair Band". It was composed of Lawsons, Cunninghams, Allans, McBride, Dick, Carey, etc. "Dandy Allan", as he was styled, was a handsome man over 6 ft, wore a Glengarry bonnet and the ribbons hanging down his shoulder with a staff he looked like a Drum Major, and he followed the Band everywhere. The band were in great demand at that period for excursions, etc. but it took a day and a half for an excursion. They had to leave at 5 a.m. in the morning, play in Bridgeton, through Glasgow Green to the Broomielaw and

return about 11 or 12 at night. No conveyance of any kind then. On the first day of the year 1900 and the new Century, the Shettleston Band arranged a march through the town and the Bells struck 12, the Band marched through the Main Street, etc. [from the reminiscences of Dan McAleer - October 1930]. In 1879 it took part in a procession in August to inaugurate the Kilmarnock Burns Monument and Kay Park, accompanying the Foresters Lodge.

SheviocK Prize Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1913 - it folded about the end of the first war when the vicar who inspired it and trained it left the parish.

Shieldhill Silver Band (Falkirk) - Formed prior to 1900 and still active in the 1950s. Walter Heeps was the principal cornet player in 1901.

Shifnal Band - Active in 1938

Shilbottle Colliery Band - Formed in 1891

Shildon British Railways Band (County Durham) - Formed in in the 1840s? Later it became Shildon LNER Works Band and then Shildon British Railways Band. In 1937 the President of the band was W. Wells Hood D.S.O., and the Musical Director was T. Collinson B.B.C.M. During 1937 it won 10 first prizes, 6 challenge cups and 11 medals. A report in 1848 noted that a Shildon Works Band was "supplying music at a social function which included influential people such as Timothy Hackworth and Henry Pease." The band had folded by the early 1980s when the Shildon Works was closed.

Shildon L.N.E.R. Works Silver Band - *See: Shildon British Railways Band*

Shildon LNER Works Band - *See: Shildon British Railways Band*

Shildon Saxhorn Band '(1) - Active in 1878

Shildon Saxhorn Band '(2) - *See: Shildon Town Band*

Shildon Town Band (County Durham) - Formed in 1890s as Shildon Saxhorn Band. When a debt of the band was paid off it changed its name to Shildon Wesleyan Band. Renamed as Shildon Town Band in 1937. Folded in the late 1990s.

Shildon Wesleyan Band - *See: Shildon Town Band*

Shildon Works Brass Band - *See: Shildon British Railways Band*

Shiney Row and District Silver Prize Band (Co. Durham) - Active in the 1900s and through to 1929

Shiney Row Band - *See: Shiney Row and District Silver Prize Band*

ShIPLEY Brass Band - Active in 1894 and 1905

ShIPLEY Canal Ironworks Brass Band - *See: Canal Ironworks Band*

Shipston-on-Stour Brass Band - Active in 1914

Shipton Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in the late 19th and early 20th centuries

Shire Oak Brass Band - Active in 1979 - Shire Oak School

Shirebrook Adult School Band - *See: Shirebrook Silver Prize Band*

Shirebrook Silver Prize Band (Nottinghamshire) - Formed September 1903 as the Shirebrook Adult School Band

Shireoaks Brass Band - Active in 1867 to 1893

Shireoaks Colliery Band

Shireoaks Prize Band - Active in 1910

Shirland and Higham Silver Prize Band - Formed in the 1880s

Shirley Brass Band (Croydon) - Active in 1895, bandmaster George Pound, rehearsed in the Sandrock Hotel in Upper Shirley Road.

Shoeburyness Boys Band - Active in 1922

Shoreditch Borough Silver Prize Band - Active in the 1900s

Shoreditch Borough United Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Short Heath Brass Band (near Walsall)

Shotley Band - Suffolk

Shotton Colliery Band (1) (County Durham) - Active in early 1900s, probably disbanded at/during WW1

Shotton Colliery Band (2) (County Durham) - Founded in 1920, disbanded in 1972. Also known as Shotton Model Silver Band. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by W. F. Buckley.

Shotton Colliery Band (3) (County Durham) - Reformed in 1981 and disbanded around 1995

Shotton Model Silver Band - *See: Shotton Colliery Band (2)*

Shotts Foundry Band (Scotland) - Active in 1933

Shotts Iron Works Silver Band - *See: Shotts Foundry Band*

Shrewsbury Amateur Promenade Band - Active in 1873, when it attended the annual brass band contest in Manchester on September 6th.

Shrewsbury Promenade Brass Band - *See: Shrewsbury Amateur Promenade Band*

Shropshire (Wellington) Volunteer Band

Sibford Band (Warwickshire) - Active around 1900

Sible Hedingham Brass Band (Essex) - Active in the early 1900s

Silchester and District Temperance Band - Won the Holbrook Cup in 1921. Still active in 1927

Sileby Adult School Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Won a contest at Humberstone Hall in 1902

Sileby Imperial Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1910 - having been formed after the Sileby Temperance Band folded. It took part in a procession for the Adult School's 3rd Annual Parade together with the Sileby Town Band in July 1910. In 1925 they won the Leicester Mail Challenge Cup under their conductor, Billy Iliffe, and changed their name to Sileby Imperial Silver Band. The band folded at the outbreak of the Second World War.

Sileby Imperial Silver Band - *See: Sileby Imperial Band*

Sileby Imperial Silver Prize Band - *See: Sileby Imperial Band*

Sileby Temperance Band (Leicestershire) - Formed in 1888 by the Primitive Methodist Chapel.

Sileby Town Band (Leicestershire) - Formed before 1880. Folded in 1967. A complimentary benefit concert was given by the band in 1911 on behalf of Mr "Tricker" Preston who had played with the band for 30 years. Before that he had been a member of the Quorn and Sileby Band. In 1937 the band won two first prizes in the Leicestershire Brass Band Association contest under their conductor, Mr C Anderson, winning the Hawkes Challenge Cup and the Boosey Challenge Shield.

Sileby Town Silver Prize Band - *See: Sileby Town Band*

Silloth Artillery Brass Band - Active in 1895, when Joseph Wilkinson was appointed Bandmaster

Silsden & Addingham Brass Band - Active in 1865

Silver City Ladies Band (Australia)

Silverdale Temperance Band - Active in 1888

Silverdale Town Prize Band (Staffordshire) - Active in 1898

Silverhill Colliery Band (Skegby, Nottinghamshire) - Active around 1900. One member at that time was George Hawksley.

Silverton Temperance Band (Devon)

Silverton Town Band (Devon)

Silverton Tramways Band (Australia)

Silverwood Colliery Band (Rotherham) - Formed May 1909.

Single Hill Silver Prize Band - Active in 1917, when it took part in the following celebration: "On Wednesday evening there was a large gathering of inhabitants of Shoscombe, Wellow and the district including several miners employed at the Braysdown Colliery who met to show their appreciation of the heroic conduct of a Wellow man named Herbert Golledge, a miner employed at Braysdown Colliery, who upon a recent occasion performed a daring deed while at work in the colliery, and rendered very timely and valuable aid to the under manager Mr George Weeks, who had met with a serious accident while riding in the cage in the shaft of the colliery. The gathering took place in the Shoscombe Church Schools, which had kindly been placed at the disposal of the promoters by the vicar of Wellow, the Rev L.G.G. Horton and the managers. In honour of the occasion the Single Hill Silver Prize Band, under Mr George Montague's conductorship turned out and in addition to rendering suitable music in the open air before and after the proceedings played two selections in a highly creditable manner in the school-room, where a glee party, under Mr James Maggs, also gave a couple of glees."

Singlehill Brass Band - *See: Single Hill Silver Prize Band*

Sirdar (Wakefield) Band - Active in the 1970s/80s.

Sittingbourne and Milton Temperance Band (Kent) - Active in the early 1900s

Sittingbourne and Murston Band (Kent) - In 1908 it had about "thirty capable musicians" and it rehearsed at the New Inn, Murston. Bandmaster, F. Hinkley; Sub-Bandmaster, S. Bills.

Six Ways Mission Band (Smethwick, Birmingham) - Active around 1900.

Skaife's Band (Middleton) - Active in 1897

Skegby Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1858

Skegness Boy's Brigade Band - Formed in 1908 under the direction of J. Hudson but had to disband on the outbreak of hostilities in 1914, since most of the men were territorials. A new Skegness Town Band was formed in 1928.

Skelmersdale Old Band - Active in 1913 and 1938

Skelton Old Band (Cleveland) - Active between 1900s and 1920s. Also known as Skelton Volunteer Band

Skelton Volunteer Band - *See: Skelton Old Band*

Skewen Brass Band (Neath) - Active in 1897

Skinningrove Brass Band - Active in 1877 to 1898

Skinningrove Iron and Steel Works Band (North Lofthouse) - Formed in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Folded around WW2

Skinningrove Miners' Band (North Lofthouse)

Skipton Mission Band - *See: Skipton Properties Band*

Skipton Prize Band - *See: Skipton Properties Band*

Skipton Properties Band - Formed around 1870 as Jack Guy's Skipton Mission Band, later named Skipton Prize Band in 1919, it disbanded in 2002.

Sladesbridge Band (Cornwall)

Slaithwaite Union Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1858 to 1880

Slaithwaite Victoria Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1856

Slater's New Haden (Colliery) Band (Staffordshire)

Sleaford and District Band - Formed by the amalgamation of Sleaford Town Band and Heckington Band, probably in the late 1940s? Active in the 1950s and 1960s. Some members of the band went on to form Sleaford Vintage Brass.

Sleaford Town Band - Formed in 1889, is was active through to the late 1930s, becoming the Sleaford Homeguard Band during WW2, and amalgamating with the Heckington Band after the war to form Sleaford and District Band.

Sleetburn Colliery Band (Willington) - Formed in the 1890s, later known as New Brancepeth Colliery Band. Still active in 1914

Sleetburn Model Band - Active in 1896

Slindon Brass Band (near Chichester) - Active around 1870

Slough & Chalvey Brass Band - Active in 1896 when it played a promenade concert at the Dolphin Ground in Slough on July 15th

Slough Town Band

Smallthorne Excelsior Band - Active in 1933

Smallthorne Public Band - Active in 1930s

Smethwick Foresters Brass Band (West Bromwich) - Active in 1866

Smith & Ashby Foundry Band - Robert Smith was a talented musician. He encouraged an interest in music among a number of his workmen and organised them into a brass band. They first performed at the showroom's opening concert and by December 1855 they were thought proficient enough to give their first public concert. The firm provided the instruments and uniforms, at a total cost of £200, but the band members had to undertake to purchase them from their weekly wages. It was serious commitment for men who probably not well paid. Throughout the following years the Foundry Band, as it came to be called, became a popular ingredient of the Stamford social scene. Regular concerts were given and the band took part in the celebrations to mark the end of the Crimea War. Smith's Works Band still active in 1923.

Smith's Band - *See: Smith & Ashby Foundry Band*

Smith's Band (Leeds)

Smith's Dock Brass Band - North Shields

Smith's Works Band - *See: Smith & Ashby Foundry Band*

Smyllum School Band (Lanark) - A band formed at the Smyllum Orphanage School in the 1940s/50s. The band was still active in the early 1960s, and the school probably closed in the 1980s.

Snibston Colliery Band - *See: William Davis Construction Group Band*

Snibston Colliery Silver Prize Band - *See: William Davis Construction Group Band*

Snitterfield Band (Warwickshire) - Formed in 1882 with William Price from Stratford upon Avon as its bandmaster and given its first set of instruments by Robert Phillips of Welcombe House (now Welcombe Hotel). Bandmaster: - 1882 to 1904(died) William Price, 1904 G. Gibbs.

Mentioned in newspaper reports from 1882 to 1912. Last known mention of the band is 20th June 1912.

Soham Brass Band - Formed by 1853 - it gave outdoor gala concerts, still attended by up to 1,500 people up to the 1880s.

Soham Excelsior Band - Formed 1910. Amalgamated with Soham Town Band in 1920 to form Soham Comrades Band.

Soham Town Band - Formed 1890. Amalgamated with Soham Excelsior Band in 1920 to form Soham Comrades Band.

Soho Iron Works Band (Bolton) - Bolton Free Press 23rd August 1845. - "John Hick's Esq. Band. The admirable full brass band of individuals employed in the Soho Iron Works, in this town, belonging to John Hicks have been on a pleasure trip to Liverpool, Bangor and North Wales. The band excited much attention in consequence of their unique and elegant uniform, which consists of a rich full braided coat, black trousers, with two-inch gold lace down the sides and blue cap with gold band. They played several airs through the principle Streets of Bolton last Saturday in full dress; and their appearance and performance called for general admiration of the public". The band continued to have annual dinners through the 1850's, but no references to the band later than the 1870's have been found.

Solent Brass - See Southampton Air Training Corps Band

Solent Concert Band (Hants) - Formed in 1969 as Southsea Junior Band, by Wesley Garner, Noel Horner and Ron Moore, with the aim of recruiting young musicians, eager to learn the 'Art' of brass banding. By 1974 it was renamed as Solent Youth Concert Band. As the band grew in numbers, it became necessary to form a second band, which became the Solent Concert Band. Both bands continued to thrive, competing and entertaining throughout the years. Solent Concert Band was a registered 2nd section band, regularly competing in the West of England Regional Brass Band Championships. It merged with Gosport Silver Band in 2011 to form Gosport Solent Brass

Solihull Brass Band - Active in 1883 and 1887

Solway Band - Active in 1933

Solway Silver Band (Maryport, Cumbria) - *See: Solway Band*

Somersham Town Band - Formed in 1919 but folded in 1962. A successor band was formed in 1981

Sonning Silver Band (Berkshire) - Active in 1938, conducted by R. Lambden.

Sons of Temperance Silver Band (Glasgow) - Active in the early 1900s

Soundwell Band (Bristol) - Active in the 1970s. Also known as Swanbrook Soundwell Band.

South Cave Brass Band (Humberside) - Active in 1856, when it played at the Peace Rejoicings at North Cave and also in 1875. Still active in 1925

South Cave Subscription Silver Band - *See: South Cave Brass Band*

South Derwent Band (Annfield Plain) - Formed in 1891, still active in the 1930s

South Derwent Colliery Band - *See: South Derwent Band*

South East London Mission Brass Band - Active in 1907

South Kirkby Band - Active in 1897 and 1932

South Kirkby Colliery Brass Band

South Leicester Welfare Band - Active in 1972

South Lowestoft Brass Band - Active in 1884

South Moor Colliery Silver Prize Band (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s. Won the "Grand Shield" in the Crystal Palace Championships of September 28th 1907, and achieved 3rd place in the National Championships, behind Irwell Colliery and Marsden Colliery Bands in 1925, under the baton of Joe Dyson. Folded in the 1960s

South Norwood Band

South Nottinghamshire Temperance Silver Band - Active in the 1880s and 1912. Won the "Iles Challenge Shield" in the Crystal Palace Championships of 1926

South Notts Brass Band - *See: South Nottinghamshire Temperance Silver Band*

South Notts Silver Band - *See: South Nottinghamshire Temperance Silver Band*

South Notts Temperance Band - *See: South Nottinghamshire Temperance Silver Band*

South Notts Temperance Prize Band - *See: South Nottinghamshire Temperance Silver Band*

South of England Temperance Band - Active in 1903

South Ormsby Band (Lincolnshire)

South Pemberton Brass Band - Founded in the late 1920s it was formally set up in 1932. An account book records the following example items of income: from the crowds watching Wigan Athletic in the autumn of 1933: 20 Sept, Wigan Athletic 7s. 0p. 14 Oct, Wigan Athletic v Lytham 9s. 10p. 25 Nov Wigan Athletic 6s. 11/2p. The band's surplus for that year appears to have been just over £2. They performed in Mesnes Park, Wigan, and at church walking days and field treats. In 1934: 3 June - St Johns Pemberton Field Treat £7-0-0, 1 July - St Lukes Orrell Field Treat and Sermons £10-11-4, 8 July - St Matthews Highfield Field Treat and Sermons £9-0-0. The Band also entered local Band contests at Standish, Atherton, Skelmersdale and, on at least one occasion. in 1934, the prestigious contests held at Belle Vue, Manchester.

South Petheron British Legion Band

South Petherwin Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1873

South Queensferry and Dalmeny Brass Band - Active in 1904

South Salford Prize Band (Manchester) - Active in 1920 when it performed at the first of a series of public dances in Ordsall Park, Salford in June. "Crowds gathered to watch the spectacle. The dances consisted of only waltzes, one-steps and two-steps. 'Jazzing' was banned, though many couples branched off into solo figures." In June 1922, conducted by William Owen, it took part in a musical festival in aid of Salford Royal Hospital, which attracted some 30,000 people to the Castle Irwell Racecourse.

South Salford Silver Band (Manchester) - Active in 1900 - "The seventh annual treat to the poor children of South Salford took place when 438 boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 12 were taken to Blackpool. The streets were thronged with spectators as the large party marched to the Racecourse Station, Trafford Road, behind the South Salford Silver Band. On arrival at Blackpool's South Shore Station they again marched behind the Silver Band along the promenade to the South Shore. (August 1900)"

South Shields Borough Band (1) - *See: St Hilda Colliery Band*

South Shields Borough Band (2) - Formed in 1888

South Shields Borough Police Band - *See: South Shields Police Band*

South Shields Cornopean Band (2) - Active in 1843

South Shields Garibaldi Band (1) - Active in 1877, must have folded prior to 1899 when another Garibaldi band was formed

South Shields Garibaldi Band (2) - Formed in 1899 and still active in 1907

South Shields Harmonic Band - Formed in 1889 and still active in 1914

South Shields Model Band - Active between 1931 and 1934

South Shields Police Band - Formed in 1888. Still active in 1915

South Shields Temperance Band - *See: Marsden Colliery Band*

South Shields Tramways Band - *See: South Shields Transport Band*

South Shields Transport Band

South Shore Subscription Band - Active around 1910

South Side Brass Band (Glasgow)

South Street Baptist Band (Wellington, Somerset) - Active in from the early 1900s until it was disbanded in 1937. Bandmasters included A. Winter, S Lewis, A.H.Good, Robert Morgan, H. Peek, E. Parker and Mons. Kukearts.

South Street Mission Brass Band (Hammersmith) - Active in 1912 and 1914

South Sydney Silver Band (Australia) - Active in the 1920s

South Tanfield Band - Active around 1892

South Tottenham Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Active in 1908

Southall Brass Band (Middlesex) - *See: Ealing Central Band*

Southall Gasworks Brass Band (Middlesex)

Southall Wesleyan Mission Boys Brigade Band - Active in the 1900s

Southam Town Band - Active in 1924

Southam Works Band - Active in 1924. Belonging to the Kaye & Co. Lime and Cement Works.

Southampton Air Training Corps Band - Formed just before World War 2. and developed into a 'mature' band when the young cadets became too old for the Corps. After the War the Band's membership was increased and enhanced by returning ex-servicemen, and became known as the Bitterne and West End Band, as its location base had changed to the eastern part of the city. Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th

September 1950. It changed its name again in the early 1970s to Solent Brass. In 1993 Solent Brass was employed to provide music for a scene in the film *The Browning Version*, starring Albert Finney (released 1994), resulting in a mention in the film's credits. As membership declined in the 1990s, the band amalgamated with the Southampton Central Band in 1998 to form Ocean Brass.

Southampton Central Band - Formed in the 1960s by a group of dedicated youngsters who wished to continue playing after leaving school. Under the baton of its founder Gordon Cutler, it was based at the Central School (Further Education Centre) it quickly expanded into a full sized band. Within a short period of time a competent band had emerged and the Southampton Central (FEC) Band was officially registered as a contesting band in 1970, entering its first contest later that year. By 1979 the Band had gained promotion to the Championship Section, but by 1998 found itself back in the second section with its membership declining, prompting the amalgamation with Solent Brass to form Ocean Brass.

Southampton County Borough Police Band - Active in 1928

Southampton Town Band - Active in 1913

Southborne Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Southbourne Silver Band - *See: Winton British Legion Silver Band*

Southdown Brass Band (Burgess Hill) - Active in 1912

Southend Borough Military Band - Bandmaster: Fred Green. Between the Wars a band used to practice at the Drill Hall, near the Railway PH at Prittlewell. They used to wear Army uniforms, being associated with the Territorials and they went to Camp with the 2nd Essex Infantry Regiment. The last camp they attended was circa 1932. Philip William Laflin, a trombonist, took over as Bandmaster in 1936, when, under the shadow of impending war, it was renamed Southend Local Defence Volunteer Band. During the War it continued as a brass and reed "military" combination under the title of the 16th Essex Home Guard Band. PWL remained Bandmaster, though not without some wrangling which made it to the national papers. "Army versus Pansies" was the headline in the Daily Mirror, because the Borough Parks Dept. were loathe to release Mr Laflin from his duties as Priory Park Head Gardener.

Southend Brass Band - Active in 1877

Southend Seaside Gospel Mission Band - Active in the 1920s

Southend Temperance Band

Southend United Football Supporters Club Band - *See: Southend United Supporters Club Band*

Southend United Supporters Club Band - Active in the late 1950s and 1960s. Conductor in 1955 was Wally Baldwin.

Southend-on-Sea British Legion Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Southend-on-Sea Gospel Mission Band

Southern Railway Works Brass Band (Lancing)

Southwram Prize Band - Formed in 1901, disbanded in 1927 (or 1938?). The band won a special prize for cornet playing at Crystal Palace in 1923, and was one of the best bands in Calderdale in the early 20th century.

Southwram Subscription Band - Letters of the band (1869-1870) held in Halifax Public Library

Southport Corporation Band

Southport Rifles Band - Had William Rimmer as a cornetist c.1880. In 1886 the Southport Rifles Band took 5th place in a brass band competition held at Eastham, Cheshire. In 1894 the annual Southport brass band competition was held at the Winter Gardens, Twenty seven bands had entered and twenty two showed up. Of the prize winning bands two were conducted by William Rimmer but neither was from Southport. The contest lasted five hours and as all the bands played the same tune (Elixir of Love).

Southport Special Constabulary Band - *See: Tudor Silver Band*

Southwell Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1850 to 1870

Southwick Bottleworks Brass Band (Sunderland) - Active in 1869

Southwick Public Works Band (Sunderland) - Active in the 1900s

Sowerby Bridge Subscription Band (Yorkshire)

Spalding Silver Prize Band - Active in 1904

Spalding Town Band - Disbanded in 1959. Some members went on to form the Royal British Legion (Spalding) Band in 1960 or 1962

Speedwell Colliery Band - Active in the early 1880s. Amalgamated with the Berry Hill Temperance Band to form Berry Hill Silver Band in 1911.

Spensorough Band - Active in 1936. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by M. Mervin.

Spensorough Victoria Band - Active in the 1920s

Spencer's Steelworks Band (Newcastle) - Played at the Manor of Newburn Show in August 1853. Active in the National Championships in the early 1900s

Spennymoor Brass Band - *See: Whitworth Band*

Spennymoor Silver Model Band - *See: Whitworth Band*

Spennymoor Silver Prize Band - *See: Whitworth Band*

Spennymoor Sons of Temperance Band - Active in 1887, still active in the 1930s

Spennymoor Temperance Band - *See: Spennymoor Sons of Temperance Band*

Spennymoor Town Band - *See: Whitworth Band*

Spillers (Gainsborough) Band - *See: Gainsborough Britannia Works Band*

Spilsby Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in the 1920s

Spink Well and Calder Mills Band - *See: Spinkwell Mills Band*

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Spinkwell Mills Band (Dewsbury) - Active in 1866, when won first prize and £20 in the "at sight" contest and first prize, and £10 in the own choice selection contest also, at the Keighley Agricultural Show in September 1866.

Spittlegate Iron Works Brass Band (Grantham) - Report on the band's formation in 1856: "A number of the workmen and employees at Messrs. Hornsby's works have formed among themselves a brass band, which is progressing so industriously, and so favourably, as to give promise of great efficiency. They propose not to confine themselves to their own practice room, but to play during the summer evenings on the Wood Hill, or elsewhere, pro bono publico - an intention which the dearth of public amusement in Grantham will doubtless cause to be warmly appreciated. The band numbers from 35 to 40 performers, several of whom formerly belonged to the militia band. The instruments are of first-class character, having been procured from Messrs. Distin, of London, the cost being raised by weekly subscription."

Spondon Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887

Spondon Grange Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1926 when it organised its fifth annual brass band contest for the Finney Challenge Cup, on June 5th 1926. "Admission to the Ground" was 1/- "including tax", and twopence for the programme and further twopence for a chair. The test piece was "Melodious Gems" and ten bands entered: Heanor Miners Welfare Band (F. Beecroft, Esq), Ripley United Silver Prize Band (W.J. Saint, Esq), Middleton Victoria Silver Band (H. Holmes, Esq.), Sandiacre Brass Band (W. Wells, Esq.), Dove Holes Public Prize Band (J.W.Greenwood, Esq.), Long Eaton Silver Prize Band (H. Evetts, Esq.), Stapleford Silver Band (W. Wood, Esq.), Pleasley Colliery Band (H. Lambeth, Esq.), Sawley Brotherhood Band (F. Yeomand, Esq.), Swadlincote Town Silver Prize Band (A. Hilton, Esq.). The Middleton Victoria Silver Band won the contest; with Dove Holes Public Prize Band winning the subsequent own choice march contest. Long Eaton Silver Prize Band was second and Pleasley Colliery Band third in each contest.

Spratton Brass Band (Northants) - A brass band was formed in Spratton at the end of the 19th century by Mr Thompson and Mr Levi Richardson. Money to buy the expensive instruments was raised by whist-drives, bazaars and fetes. After a particularly successful bazaar held in one of George Cooper's fields in 1890 the Band wrote in the Parish Magazine that they wanted to express "their warmest thanks to all those who on this and other occasions have so kindly assisted them in clearing off the heavy debt upon their instruments." Although they were enthusiastic music makers, their playing to start with was not always of the best as the Vicar gently suggested in 1891 after a concert given by the Band for the benefit of widows in the parish. "The attendance was large....and the Band acquitted themselves very well in four pieces, showing by their execution that they continue to improve, and bearing out the promise to which their earlier efforts had already given rise." They must have improved with practice because later, under their conductor Levi Richardson, they won second prize at the Village Contest for Brass Bands held at Ravensthorpe. The village enjoyed their music and they played for many different festive occasions. One such event was the party held to celebrate the return of Richard Gilby's son Alfred, from the South African (Boer) War in 1901. A villager remembered "what rejoicings there were when our boys came home. The

Band met them at the railway station and people of the village pulled them up from the station with ropes." The Brass Band played on Hospital Sunday each August when they marched round the village collecting for local hospitals. Many of the bandsmen left to fight in the 1914-1918 war, and the last time they all played together was in 1918 for the village peace celebrations under their conductor William Richardson, son of Levi Richardson and church organist for about 36 years. (From Spratton – A Village History 2005 by Enid Jarvis and Michael Heaton)

Spriggs Brass Band (Scunthorpe)

Spring Head Band - *See: Springhead Band*

Springbank Orphan Home Band (Hull) - Active in 1885.

Springburn Silver Prize Band (Glasgow) - Active around 1890 to 1910. James Reid's gift of a bandstand to the people of Springburn in 1891 had highlighted the absence of any recreational area and led to the creation of Springburn Park. The bandstand, manufactured by Walter McFarlane's Saracen Works, was erected in May 1893 and was the park's original centrepiece. Performances by groups such as the Springburn Silver Prize Band took place twice weekly from May to December and were intimated by the Union Jack flying from the nearby flagpole. Up to 2000 people attended the summer concerts. The bandstand was later moved and placed in an amphitheatre and surrounded by railings, before being removed altogether in the early 1960s due to increasing maintenance costs. The unicorn fountain now sits on the old site of the bandstand.

Springfield Brass Band (Bexhill, Sussex) - Active in 1911

Springfield Brass Band (Cupar) - Active in 1876, 1881

Springfield Hall Brass Band

Springfield Working Men's Club Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Springhead Band - Active in 1866, when won second prize, and £10 in contest at the Keighley Agricultural Show in September 1866.

Stafford Borough and British Legion Brass Band - *See: Stafford Brass Band*

Stafford Brass Band - Formed at the English Electric Lichfield Road works during World War II. In the late 1940s the band moved to the Royal British Legion headquarters in Eastgate Street and became Stafford British Legion Band. The band was also later known as the Stafford Borough and British Legion Band and Stafford Concert Brass, and was still active up to the late 1980s. Competed in the Junior Cup in 1962, conducted by S. Hartshorn.

Stafford British Legion Band - *See: Stafford Brass Band*

Stafford Concert Brass - *See: Stafford Brass Band*

Stafford Street Mission Band (Mansfield)

Staffordshire Britannia Brass Band - Active in 1872

Staffordshire Special Constabulary Band - Active in 1946

Stagsden Brass Band (Bedfordshire) - Active in the 1900s

Staindrop Band - Active in the 1900s and into the 1930s

Staines Town Band - Active in 1885

Staines United Temperance Band - Active in 1936

Stainforth Brass Band (Doncaster) - Active in the 1890s

Stainland Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active around 1842 when Thomas Hinchcliffe was Bandmaster

Stalybridge Borough Band - Formed in March 1871, holding its first rehearsals and meetings at the Moulders Arms, Grasscroft Street, Castle Hall. The band was known as the 4th Cheshire Rifleman Volunteers (Boro' Band) until 1896. The founder and first conductor was Alexander Owen who conducted the band until at least 1907. Active through to 1930s/40s

Stamford Brook Silver Band (London) - Active in the 1930s, based at St Mary's Church.

Stamford Mechanics Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Formed in 1863

Stamfordham Brass Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1869

Stamp End Brass Band (Lincoln) - Formed in 1874

Stamshaw Brass Band (Portsmouth) - Active in the 1990s - it folded around 2000.

Standard Ironworks Band - *See: Davey Paxman Standard Ironworks Band*

Standfast Works Band (Lancaster) - Active in the 1930s

Standish Band (Wigan) - Formed in 1873 as a village band by the name of Crooke Band. Crooke is a small village about 2.5 miles to the north-east of Wigan. Following WW2 it was reformed as Crooke Miners Welfare Band in 1950. As Wigan Collieries closed down, the Band again

changed names to Kirkless (NCB) Band. In 1987 it became the Quaker House Colliery Band. In 1990, the mine closed and with it went the sponsorship and Standish Band came into being. It merged with the Coppull Subscription Band in 2005 to form the Coppull and Standish Band.

Standish Subscription Band (Wigan) - Competed in the First Annual Brass Band Contest organised by Wigan Borough Prize Band in 1943 (conducted by F. Wilson).

Standlake Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - During the 19th century entertainment became more organised with concerts and dramatic activities proving very popular. Standlake had had its own Annual Fair from the mid 1800s, later becoming a pleasure fair with stalls along the High Street and in 1881 the Flower Show was established, eventually developing into a large village fete. These both survived until after the Second World War. Towards the end of the 19th century the Standlake Brass Band was started by a retired schoolmaster and lasted some ten or fifteen years. It was not universally popular and was described not too long ago by an older resident as "that terrible band". It also was said to have had a "mixed reputation"! Still active in 1907.

Standlake Village Band - *See: Standlake Brass Band*

Standon Farm Brass Band (Staffordshire) - Active in the late 1800s & early 1900s. The band was formed from boys who were resident at the Standon Farm Home For Boys. The instrumentation was largely brass with a few woodwind instruments. The Standon Home was established in 1885, as only the second boys' home in the Waifs and Strays' Society (later The Children's Society). Standon Farm initially housed fifty boys (aged 10-14), reaching 90 boys in a few years and also increasing the age range to 16 in 1908. Its primary purpose was to provide education and specifically agricultural training. The home closed in 1947.

Stanford-le-Hope Band (Essex) - Active in 1928

Stanhope Saxhorn Band - Competed in July 1860 at the Crystal Palace, London, conducted by Mr de-Lacey, they had massive success with their placement being 5th out of 15 bands! The band declined until 1881 when new instruments were purchased, however after 1895 interest again died down.

Stanley Colliery Band (West Stanley) - Active in the 1890s and still active in 1938

Stanley Common Band (Ilkeston)

Stanley Dry Soap Works Band (Liverpool) - Active in 1885

Stanley Methodist Mission Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1893

Stanley Subscription Prize Band - Active in 1921

Stanley West Temperance Band

Stanley West Town Band

Stannary Temperance Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1894

Stanningley and District Subscription Band - Active in the 1950s

Stanningley Band (Leeds) - Active in 1872

Stanningley Old Band (Yorkshire)

Stanningley Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1887

Stannington Wesleyan Brass Band - Active in 1910

Stanshawe (Bristol) Band - *See: Stanshawe/Sun Life Band*

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Stanshawe/Sun Life Band (Bristol) - The band was founded as the Stanshawe Band (1968) and modified its name to Stanshawe (Bristol) Band (1972). On receiving sponsorship from Axa Sun Life they changed again to Sun Life Stanshawe Band (1978) and finally to simply the Sun Life Band (1983). They disbanded in January 1997.

Stanton and Staveley Band

Stanton Brass Band (Stanton by Dale) - Active in 1885

Stanton Harcourt Brass Band - Active in 1892

Stanton Hill Brass Band (near Mansfield) - Active in 1884. Still active in 1929

Stanton Hill Silver Prize Band - *See: Stanton Hill Brass Band*

Stanton in Peak Public Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1911

Stanton St John Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1891 to 1899

Stapenhill Band (Staffordshire) - Active in the 1900s

Stapleford Silver Band - Active in 1926, when it entered the Spondon Contest, conducted by W. Wood

Stapleford Town Band - *See: Stapleford Silver Band*

Stapleton Brass (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

Star of Temperance Brass Band (Widnes) - Report of the Penketh Methodist Church School in 1880: "For many years the Good Friday Tea Meeting was a great day in the School's year. Its origin is interesting. It had become the custom for a fair to be held at Fiddler's Ferry on that day and crowds came by train from Widnes and Warrington to enjoy a day in the country. The affair usually ended in alcoholic disorder and riot. It was, of course, a great attraction to the youth of the village and non-conformist consciences were deeply troubled. In 1880, in an attempt to provide a counter attraction, the first Tea Meeting was held. The Star of Temperance Brass Band from Widnes paraded through the village beforehand to publicise it, and played at the Penketh Methodist Church School during the evening."

Star of the West Band (Crewkerne)

Starbeck Brass Band (Harrogate) - Formed by Samuel Day in 1904 and , after rehearsing in a house on Stonefall Avenue, found a more permanent home on Back Regent Place in 1906.

Staunton Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1891

Staveley Brass Band - *See: Staveley Silver Band*

Staveley Iron & Chemical Works Band - *See: Staveley Works Band*

Staveley Silver Band (Cumbria) - Active in the 1950s

Staveley Volunteers Band (Cumbria)

Staveley Works Band (Sheffield?) - Active in 1866

Staveley Works Band (Derbyshire) - Formed 1895 as Barrow Hill Prize Band, later Barrow Hill & Staveley United Prize Band, Barrow Hill & Staveley Works Silver Prize Band. The band was attached to the Staveley Works Ambulance Corps. Active during the 1950s. Active in 1962, when it competed in the Senior Trophy, conducted by A.H. Dawes.

Stawell Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1922

Steel and Garland Priory Foundry Band (Worksop) - Conductor was Mr E. Russon in 1910. On November 18th 1910, the Worksop Old Soldiers Association held their Annual Church Parade, and the Priory Foundry Band took part in the procession, along with the Worksop Town Band and Shireoaks Band. In the evening a concert was given at the Gaiety Theatre. The Priory Foundry Band played selections. Bandsman Craven of the Priory Foundry Band received first prize for the smartest Bandsman.

Steel Company of Wales Band - Competed in the 1964 West of England Regional Championships (2nd Section), conducted by H. Nuttall

Steel, Pech and Tozer Phoenix Works Band (Rotherham) - Active in the 1930/40s. Based at Phoenix Hall, Ickles

Stella Collieries Workman's Band - Active in the 1900s and folded after WW1. Stella Company owned several collieries near Durham.

Stenalees Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1928.

Stevenage Band (Hertfordshire)

Stevenson Box Works Band (Manchester) - When it disbanded its instruments helped to form the Central Manchester Band.

Steventon Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1933

Stewarton Brass Band

Stewartry Brass Band

Steyning and District Band - *See: Steyning Brass Band*

Steyning Brass Band (Sussex) - Formed c.1874 and was still active in 1944.

Steyning Town Brass Band - *See: Steyning Brass Band*

Stibbard Silver Prize Band (Norfolk) - Founded by John Abram

Sticker Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1887. Records of the band, from 1914-1928, are held by Cornwall Record Office

Stinchcombe Silver Band - Founded as a Brass Band in 1898 by Anthony Williams and continued for over 75 years. During World War II it suffered from a brief suspension of activities, but resumed its charitable and social activities until the nineteen-eighties. It gained a high reputation for its musicianship under Mr. D. Smith who died in recent years. In its heyday it used to provide an annual Christmas concert with a supper and food parcels for the elderly. It also toured the village playing carols outside groups of houses or actually playing inside the larger houses. These were very convivial occasions and one can say that a high note was struck. It also played in Dursley in the festive season and gave concerts and competed, with

success, in competitions for local bands. There is a story about the band playing one Christmas to a haystack in the late evening during one of its tours through the lanes, until a walker going in the band's direction called out "that aint a 'ouse - it's a 'aystack". [Note: similar stories are told of Potterspurty Band and Woodchurch Band!]. It is sad that this feature of Stinchcombe life has disappeared. Among the village names which figured among many others are; Attwood, Burcombe, Clark, Summers, Woodward, and the members of the band were ably supported by their wives who undertook the catering for the Christmas party for the pensioners and similar duties for other occasions. The band rehearsed and were based In Listers Club in Dursley Gloucestershire. They were in the Championship Section in 1997. They disbanded around 2000.

Stirling Brass Band - Active in 1892

Stirling Burgh Band - Active in 1928, conducted by W. Drummond.

Stirling Public Band

Stockfield Mission Band (Acocks Green, Birmingham) - Active around 1910

Stockingford Brass Band (Nuneaton) - Active in the early 1900s. Probably disbanded before WW2.

Stockport Borough Silver Band - Active in 1937

Stockport Brass - *See: Stockport Telephone Band*

Stockport C.M.S. Band - Active in 1936

Stockport Telephone Band - Formed in 1967, later known as POEU (Post Office Engineering Union) Brass Band (to 1987), British Telecom Band, BT Band (to 2007) and finally Stockport Brass until its demise in January 2009. Most of the original bandmen were members of that union, being telephone engineers employed at the time by the General Post Office (GPO). In recognition of this support, the band changed its name to the POEU Brass Band. It later became supported by the employer, British Telecom and the name changed to reflect that. In 1992 it became the first ever winners of the newly formed First Section of the National Championships. The band was promoted to the Championship Section in the North West of England and appeared at the British Open in 1998 (coming 9th), 1999 (16th) and 2000 (23rd). As with most bands there were periods of ups and downs and in January 2001 the band was down to about 10 players. With MD Michael Fowles taking up the challenge, within a few weeks they came 5th at the North West Area. This was the start of a partnership between MD and band that saw the band become a consistent performer at major contests - especially at the Regionals.

Stocksbridge Band - Instituted in 1871. Over the next 17 years attended 52 contests winning 43 prizes, value £336. Conductor in 1888 was Charles Marsden. Also known as Stocksbridge Works Band, associated with the Stocksbridge Steel Works, it folded in the early 1980s

Stocksbridge Old Prize Band - Active in 1920s

Stocksbridge Works Band - *See: Stocksbridge Band*

Stockton Borough Band - Active in 1910

Stockton Catholic Band (Stockton-on-Tees) - Formed in the 1890s

Stockton Druids Band (Stockton-on-Tees) - Active in 1906

Stockton Malleable Band (Stockton-on-Tees) - Active in 1876 when it competed in a contest at Hartlepool on 6th June. Still active in 1947

Stockton Malleable Institute Band - *See: Stockton Malleable Band*

Stockton Model Band (Stockton-on-Tees) - Active in the 1890s

Stockton Municipal Band (Stockton-on-Tees) - Active in 1937

Stockton Simonettes Volunteer Band (Stockton-on-Tees) - Formed in the 1890s and active in 1911

Stoke Excelsior Band (Ipswich) - Active in 1887.

Stoke Newington Foresters Brass Band - Active in 1891.

Stoke Police Band (Stoke-on-Trent) - Active in 1952

Stokenchurch Band (Buckinghamshire) - Active in 1906

Stokenchurch Temperance Band - *See: Stokenchurch Band*

Stoke-sub-Hamdon Band - Formed in 1891 and disbanded around 1930. A new band was formed in the village in 1945.

Stone Volunteer Band (Staffordshire) - Active around 1890, it was formed by Band Sergeant H. Wood from members of Stone's battalion of volunteers. Several of Sergeant Wood's sons served in the company and played in the band. The band was very popular and played at numerous events and dances throughout the area. On Whit Monday 1889 they had the honour of being the first band to play on the bandstand in Longton Park.

Stonebroom Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1899

Stonehaven Town Band (Aberdeenshire) - Active in 1913

Stonehouse Public Prize Band - *See: Stonehouse Silver Band*

Stonehouse Silver Band - Founded around 1901-1902. This band was also self-supporting and relied on subscriptions and fund raising events to raise money to buy music, instruments and uniforms. The early years of the band were spent giving local concerts and fund raising events. Throughout the war years they gave concerts for wounded soldiers in hospital and regularly played at the Palace Picture House and the Rex. Also a competing band, they were very successful from 1919 and through the 1920's. In 1919 they won the Scottish Championships and their trombone player James Chalmers was the British Empire Champion Trombonist. They had the reputation of being one of the best bands in Scotland throughout the 1920's. Bob Chalmers led the band during this period. Some may also remember him as a regular correspondent in the Advertiser during the 1920's under the pseudonym of 'Couplaw'. In the thirties the band began to decline, probably due to the industrial depression, financial problems and a general lack of interest. In 1936 a meeting was called which resulted in the bands demise.

Stoney Stanton Silver Band (Leicestershire) - Active in the 1930s

Stoneyburn and District Collieries Band - *See: Stoneyburn Brass Band*

Stoneyburn and District Public Brass Band - *See: Stoneyburn Brass Band*

Stoneyburn Brass Band - For a mining community to be without a band was unthinkable, and so, in September 1923 a meeting was held in Paton's Picture Palace to consider the formation of a brass band. Joseph Colquhoun chaired the meeting and it was agreed that a band should be formed. A committee was set up with Mr George McDougal as President, Messer's Alex Geddes and Hugh Crawford as Vice-Presidents, John Paton as Secretary and John Murphy as Treasurer. It was proposed that, in order to start raising money for the venture, all the miners were to be asked if they were willing to have a penny deducted from their wages each week. This was agreed, even by the men who came from Blackburn to work in the 'Foulshie'. By November of that year enough money had been raised to get the band started even though they had to hire their instruments. Their first big public appearance was, when as Stoneyburn Brass Band, they proudly led the Gala Procession in July 1924. This band continued to play for many years, apart from the war years, giving pleasure to many and winning several competitions on the way. It was referred to by various names over the years, the Public Band, the Silver Band, the Colliery Band or The Stoneyburn & District Public Brass Band. It was finally disbanded in the early 1960's, and its instruments were handed over to the West Calder Band. Over the years the band had many outstanding conductors, the first being a Mr Wardrope. In 1927 the post was given to a Mr Robert Gillies from Fife and the following year a Mr Williamson took over. Over the next twenty years there is no information about the conductors, but in 1949 a Mr Kirsley was the leader. Played at the Loganlea Gala, Addiewell, Midlothian in 1949.

Stoneyburn Colliery Band - *See: Stoneyburn Brass Band*

Stoneyburn Public Band - *See: Stoneyburn Brass Band*

Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band (Aberdeen) - Formed in 1850 by George Gibb together with John Beveridge and ten others. Auchmull was the earlier name from the village now known as Bucksburn, and the term 'Union' appears to have been adopted simply to signify that the two villages were united in the band. New instruments were purchased for the twelve original members, but their ownership was vested in a trust as the public property of the two villages. A letter, that was circulated to local gentlemen in an effort to secure funding for the band, read "... we trust, that through the liberality of the friends of progress, we will be enabled to bring it within the reach of all who have a desire for the cultivation of Music, Thus forming a source of harmless recreation to us, and a pleasing gratification to the community generally". In 1908 the band was given a new constitution under the name of The Stoneywood Brass Band. A formal link was now established with Alex Pirie & Sons Paper Mill and band practices were held in The Works Hall. It soon became the best known band in the North East of Scotland. By the end of the Second World War the name had been changed to Stoneywood Silver Band. In the post war years the band travelled widely to take part in contests - this included several trips to London for national finals. By the 1980's the link with the mill was finally severed. New rehearsal accommodation was offered by UDI,

an off-shore services company with premises in Bridge of Don, and the band changed its name to UDI Brass. In 1997 UDI Brass merged with Aberdeen City Band.

Stoneywood Brass Band - *See: Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band*

Stoneywood Silver Band - *See: Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band*

Stoneywood Works Band - *See: Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band*

Stony Stratford Band - Formed in the 1860s and lasted until 1929

Storrington Brass Band - Formed by monks and lay brothers from the Premonstratensian Priory. It numbered nine to ten performers all playing on brass instruments with rehearsals held in a temporary shed on the site now occupied by the monastery church in Monastery Lane in Storrington. The band played at significant events in the village such as: 1875 - The band played at the end of a successful trial for the Storrington Parish Council in the Hurston Road case trial held at Brighton Court along with the church bells ringing and fireworks. 1877 - Mention of the band playing at a 100 year old's birthday party. 1878 - The band played to welcome home the victorious cricket team from a match on the Isle of Wight. January 1891 - The band played on the homeward journey from Chantry Mill Pond when a cricket match was played on the ice covered pond! The players wore tall black hats! However, there were no accidents and because the roads were slippery with $\frac{3}{4}$ " of ice on them, people skated most of the way back into the village! 1902 - Coronation. Storrington Brass Band played music in the procession for the festivities in Storrington. These references do not mention whether the band was the one which was made up of the monks and lay brothers or a subsequent band. The band probably folded around 1902, as Storrington Military Band was formed in 1904.

Storrington Military Band - Formed in 1904. The Prior maintained his interest when the village band appeared in 1904 by subscribing to its funds and inviting it to perform two to three times a year in the monastery grounds. The band was also funded, to some extent, by public subscriptions, but the bulk of the money came from Mr. Trotter's resources and he provided the instruments as well as the music. He played himself and superintended the practices and later a Mr. Bampton came from Christ's Hospital, Horsham, Sussex, to coach it on one day a week. The band gave its first concert in the village hall on December 14th 1904 and in preparation for this a Mr. Smith from Queen's Hall, London, came to coach the performers. A month after this event the band went to Brighton to hear Sousa's band which Sousa himself conducted. In June 1906, the band, which had started with brass only but by this time had added reed instruments, entered for a contest in Horsham. However, on this occasion the players were advised by the judge to go home and learn to play in tune! As time went on, they played concerts; at church parades locally and at flower shows as far afield as Southwater near Horsham. The band played regular concerts in the Square in Storrington which attracted large crowds. It always played carols at Christmas time visiting the big houses in the area such as Parham House, Greyfriars House and Fryern Lodge. Recollections state that for many years it was a much-loved institution in the village and was always called upon whenever there was an occasion for rejoicing. The village cricket team was sometimes welcomed home after victorious matches by the sounds of the band and the pealing of the church bells. However, after the second world war, enthusiasm gradually declined, and the Minute Book of the band comments on the lack of boys turning up for practice and the lack of older members to attract and tutor the younger ones. The band closed in the 1950s.

Stourbridge Iron Works Band - Active in 1864

Stourton Memorial Public Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Strand Union Band (Tottenham) - Active in 1905

Strand Union Schools Band - Active in Enfield in the early 1900s

Strandtown Silver Band (Northern Ireland) - Active in 1962, when it competed in the Senior Trophy, conducted by J. Burch.

Stratford Brass Band - Active in 1900, when it played at the Stansted Flower Show on 4th August.

Stratford Co-operative Employees Band - Active in 1910

Stratford-upon-Avon Brass Band - Active in 1865. From the Petty Sessions Court - "Agreement between Thomas Hutchings of S/A, Captain, 4th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, and the Executive Committee of the Stratford-on-Avon Town Band for the purchase of instruments and uniforms, 5 May 1893." From the Stratford Sessions Court - "notice of plaint in Henry Mathews (pro Stratford-upon-Avon Brass Band) Professor of Music v. William Mills, Stratford-upon-Avon, needle stamper, for recovery of instrument, music and uniform."

Strathfieldsaye Municipal Band (Australia) - Formed in 1931 as Bendigo Citizens and Boys Band (which was an offshoot of the Bendigo Municipal Band - formally separating in 1941). Renamed Bendigo Central Band in 1971 and renamed Strathfieldsaye Municipal Band in 1978. Merged with Marong Municipal (Hopetoun) Brass Band in 1998 to form Greater Bendigo Concert Brass

Strathmore Brass Band - Active in 1863, when it played at the opening of Dundee People's Park

Stratton Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1869 to 1890

Stratton Town Band (Cornwall) - Formed 1846

Streatham Town Band - Active in 1891 when it played regularly on Streatham Common

Street Brass Band (Somerset) - Established before 1870, probably as a factory band. By 1905 it had become a reed and brass band.

Street Fold Methodist Band - *See: Streetfold Band*

Street Fold Prize Band - *See: Streetfold Band*

Streetfold Band (Manchester) - Formed in 1919 as the Streetfold Band, later known as Streetfold Methodist Band, Streetfold Prize Band, Moston Band, Moston and Beswick Band (1965-2000). It folded in January 2006. Along the way it amalgamated with the Beswick Prize Band in 1965, and then with Chain Bar Methodist Band in early 1980s. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962. The following account is provided by Arthur Hall as he neared his 93rd birthday in 2000. "By tradition Streetfold Methodist Church took part in the Whit Friday Procession of Witness following the Beswick Prize Band, who charged a fee. My father, George Hall, who was the Sunday school secretary, collected a penny a week from the members of the church, so that the cost was spread over the twelve-month's period. The Primary Sunday school led the way followed by the church banner with the senior girls holding the banner ropes. The banner depicted Holman Hunt's "The Light of the World". Behind this walked members of the Sunday school followed by the church members. After the First World War, although some of the young men had died in action, a number returned and felt that if other churches, for example Culcheth, had bands, they could found a similar band. It was decided to contact Boosey & Hawkes to find out how much a complete set of instruments would cost. The figure was a little frightening but my father and some like-minded folk said they would raise the money. Each member of the group provided an interest free loan of £10 (which was approx. 1 month's pay for a manager and 6 week's pay for a labourer). The loan raised rather more than £2000 and it took four years to raise the capital. Not only did this money but the instruments, but it paid for the church to be wired for electricity and coke-fired central heating to be fitted. The last £500 paid for the installation of the organ, a gift from the family of a young man from Chester, Lt. Smith (?) who was killed in the Great War. On the front of the organ, behind the pulpit, was a panel of eleven dummy pipes which, with a brass plate, constituted the War Memorial to the eleven soldiers from Stretford who were killed in action between 1914 and 1918. Having got the instruments, the problem remained to find teachers. Because of the long association with Beswick Band, an appeal was made for help. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Cartwright came to take on the job. It is not clear if they got paid or just got expenses, but they were good at the job. Mr. Nelson became bandmaster and Mr. Cartwright his assistant. Mr. Cartwright had special responsibility for the trombone section. On the night that the instruments were issued I was at the Manchester College of Technology following a course in building and quantity surveying. However, I became the temporary owner of a Flugel horn whilst Donald Whittaker and Eddie Bethell were in the trombone section. Mr. Youd, who was a very good player, led the cornet section. Having the instruments we now needed music stands which my father provided from 3 x 2 uprights and tongue and grooved floor boards, It was the job of the first members on the scene to see that the stands formed a square with Mr. Nelson in the centre giving encouragement and at times admonishing the naked but enthusiastic talent. The trombones were now joined by Fred Eastwood and they made good progress. We later found out that they had marked the notes on the slides with scratches. The band progressed and it was with some anxiety that the Whitsun walk approached. The band had no uniform so we decided to wear straw 'kaydees' which were in vogue as head gear (at this time Culcheth wore top hats and were known as the Culcheth Tall Hat Band). The band lined up for its first public appearance and as we moved towards the Ben Brierley Public House, at the corner of Kenyon Lane, the heavens opened and it was like hailstones beating on top of the 'kaydees'. Needless to say, we survived. On Saturday afternoons, those of us that could be present, used

to go to Johnny Brook's farm near the Bluebell Hotel. There were only cows to complain if you played the wrong note. Mr. Youd was in charge of the motley but enthusiastic group of players. As time passed, the band became better and better and we started to enter band competitions. We were up against some of the top bands in the country who used the small events on their way home from garden parties to boost their prize money. However, the day arrived when in competition we won the contest and became Streetfold Prize Band. Someone had fixed a sign on the front of the big drum and Mr. Nelson was presented with a bandmaster's coat by a firm who made band uniforms. At the same time, the euphonium player won the gold medal for his solo. The band had arrived. At this juncture due to pressure at night school, I had to withdraw from the band. It was good fellowship and whilst I maintained my friendship with individuals, the band had to take second place."

Stretford Borough Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in 1964

Stretford Old Prize Band (Manchester) - Formed July 1877 as Stretford Church Band. Still active in the 1930s

Stretford Village Band (Manchester) - Active in 1884

Strood Gospel Mission Silver Band - Formed in 1898, attached to the Strood Gospel Mission Church in Brompton Lane, Strood. During the inter-war years the Band took part in contests at the Crystal Palace in London and had a small measure of success at these events. After the war the Band continued to play in the Mission Hall but ceased contesting. The numbers steadily fell until in the late eighties there were only 12 or 13 members. The Band ceased to be associated with Strood Gospel Mission in 1996 at the same time changing its name to The Master's Brass and moving to the new venue of St Nicholas's Church Hall in Strood. The Band celebrated its centenary in 1998 with a membership of 25. In 2001 the Band again changed its name to City of Rochester Brass. Over the succeeding years the number of adult players gradually declined and the band was unable to recruit new players, finally ceasing in 2009. The remaining members devoted their efforts to forming and tutoring a new junior training band - North Kent Youth Brass Band

Strood Mission Band - *See: Strood Gospel Mission Prize Band*

Strood District Band - Formed March 1945 from the 7th Battalion Gloucesters Home Guard Band. Still active in 1960

Strood Town Band - Active in around 1910

Stubbins Vale Band - Active in the 1940s

Stubbs Band (Sunraysia area, Australia) - Founded in 1907, merged with the Irymple Brass Band in 1909 to form the present-day Mildura District Brass Band

Stubshire Cross Brass Band (Manchester) - Active in the 1950s

Sudbury Town Band - Active in 1923

Summer's Steel Works Band (Shotton, Chester) - Active in 1927, 1948, 1958

Summerseat Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in the 1920s

Sun Life Band - *See: Stanshawe/Sun Life Band*

Sun Life Stanshawe Band - *See: Stanshawe/Sun Life Band*

Sunderland Borough Police Band - Formed 1866, still active in 1940

Sunderland British Legion Band - Formed after 1918

Sunderland East End Band - Formed in the 1890s - may have folded during WW1

Sunderland Highways Silver Prize Band - Formed August 1946

Sunderland Naval Band - Active between 1899 and 1916

Sunderland Orphan Asylum Band - The asylum was located on Sunderland Moor, and the band was tutored by Edward Sanderson. The boys gave regular concerts on the moor.

Sunderland Police Band - *See: Borough Police Band*

Sunderland Sailor Boys Band - Active in 1904

Sunderland Shipbuilders Band - Active in 1923, possibly formed in the early 1900s

Sunderland Youth International Concert Band - Active in the late 1960s, early 1970s

Sunlight Works Band - Active in 1896 when it competed at a contest at Hawarden.

Sunniside Colliery Band (Tow Law) - Folded after WW2

Sunny Brow Colliery Band - *See: Sunnybrow Colliery Band*

Sunny Vale Brass Band - Active in 1935 when it played at the Brighouse Borough Jubilee Celebrations

Sunnybrow Colliery Band (Willington) - Founded in the 1890s. Still active in 1938. Folded during/after WW2

Sunraysia District Band (Sunraysia area, Australia) - Founded in 1929

Surrey Street Mission Band (Kings Lynn) - Active between the 1890s and 1920s. Later known as Kings Lynn Imperial Silver Band

Surrey Street Silver Band (Kings Lynn) - *See: Surrey Street Mission Band*

Sutton and Cherington Brass Band (Warwickshire) - Active in 1935

Sutton and Hucknall United Band - Active in 1884, when it competed in a contest at Newcastle

Sutton Brass Band (Sutton-on-Trent) - The Worksop Journal reported that on Whit Monday 1856, when three Friendly Societies formed a procession, three Bands took part. After the procession to the Parish Church and Divine Service, they dined at various hostelries. The Old Abbey Club dined at the Corn Exchange where Mr Marshall of the Greyhound Inn catered for 240 persons. The Mosbro' Band attended and played appropriate airs after each toast. The Golden Ball Friendly Society dined in their large room.... and the Sherwood Rangers Band contributed to the pleasure of the day. The Wheat Sheaf Club dined at the club room of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, and the Sutton Brass Band very much delighted the Society with their performances. The Sutton Band was still active in 1897 when it took part in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations at Winthorpe, and 1898 when they took part in the Newark celebrations of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Sutton Harmonic Band (Sutton-in-Ashfield) - Sutton Old Harmonic Band earned a great reputation in the midland counties in the later part of the 19th century under the conductorship of Mr. Joseph Dennis, during the period 1870 to 1880. Owing to illness, Mr Dennis had to resign, and Mr A. H. Bonser, who was living at Leamington House in 1881, was invited to succeed him. In the spring of 1882 Mr. Denser took over the conductorship, and the band, with Mr Dennis, met in the garden at Leamington House to complete the transfer. The band added to its excellent reputation during the following 20 years, being in great demand, and earned hundreds of pounds in fees for parades and fetes and galas all over the counties around Nottinghamshire. Many prizes were won at band contests, which were very popular. In 1884 the band competed at a brass band contest at Derby Drill Hall with 17 other bands, and secured second place. Mr. Bonser was awarded an ivory baton, with beautiful silver mounting, for being the most efficient conductor present. In 1889 the band were engaged by the Duke of Portland to entertain his tenants at a great gathering at Welbeck Abbey for the whole day. All the bandsmen sat down to a wonderful lunch, with champagne, followed by drinks and smokes during the afternoon, and were sent home in a large brake pulled by three horses to the Denman's Head Hotel. in Sutton Market Place. Rehearsal performances were given in the old Market Place and were much appreciated. Sutton in those days was one of the most musical towns in the whole country. The band was still active in 1894

Sutton Manor Colliery Band - Active in the 1930s

Sutton Old Band (Sutton-in-Ashfield) - *See: Sutton Old Model Prize Band*

Sutton Old Harmonic Band - *See: Sutton Harmonic Band*

Sutton Old Model Prize Band (Sutton-in-Ashfield) - In 1876, as the band was returning from the Belper "Tap Dressing" Festival in the evening of July 5th, one of their members-Charles Searson, of Crown Street, by some means or other fell off the brake on to the ground, near to the spot where the old toll-bar was located on South Normanton Common, killing him almost instantaneously. He was only 38, and his untimely demise under such sad circumstances was deeply deplored by his fellow bandsmen. The band was still active in 1907.

Sutton Scotney Brass Band (Nr. Winchester, Hampshire) - Probably formed between the two world wars and folded in the early 1970s. Active in 1936 when it led a parade to Wonston Holy Trinity Church. Stuart Hay, a member of the band from 1954 through 1966, recalls: "At the age of 11 I was taught to play cornet by Fred Mathews - Euphonium, along with three other local kids from the village of Springvale near Kings Worthy. The band operated out of the local Springvale British Legion Club hall on Wednesday nights. At that time the band mustered about one dozen with two members from the village of origin Sutton Scotney - Fred Taylor - Tuba of Taylor Motors, and Stan ? - cornet. Other members came from Winchester and the surrounding villages as far out as Micheldever and a couple of Navy bandsmen from Worthy Down Fleet Air Arm Corps. Public performances were few, village fates, summer carnivals, Armistice Day parades and Christmas caroling - these events were

augmented by musicians from Whitchurch and Andover Brass Bands. The three bands combined their forces for each others engagements and consequently were well travelled from Hungerford to Winchester and all places between. By the late 50's rehearsals had moved to the top floor of the Co-op Bakery in Winchester which happened to be directly opposite and in-the-line-of-fire of the belfry of Winchester Cathedral - rehearsals continued at the Co-op for several years until the Cathedral bell ringers decided to run their rehearsal at the same time at band practice - it was no contest so we moved to a room over the local Willow Tree Inn somewhat sheltered from the cathedral by the towering structure of the old bakery but never completely free of those infernal bells - on reflection I'd put it that they made a significant contribution to the bands demise. The band continued to operate into the early 70's - I'd estimate the band folded by 1973 and I believe the instruments were donated to the Hampshire Schools Brass Band". Another source recalls the instruments being lent to South Wonston School before being returned to the village and finally deposited with the Horniman Museum, London.

Sutton Temperance Band (Sutton-in-Ashfield) - Active in 1907, and around 1919, when Arthur Spencer was the bandmaster. In 1906 the bandsmen were: B. Elliott, F. Perrin, A. Whetton, C. Whitehead, F. Simms, J. W. Shaw, W. Davies, J. Booth, H. Heath (Treasurer), W. Searson, M. Turner, C. Wells, J. Attewell (Bandmaster, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield), H. Minchan (Assistant Bandmaster), G Lane, S. Williamson, H. Clarke, A. Lane, C. Dove, I. Gough (Secretary), B. Smith, and R. Vaughan.

Sutton Town Band - *See: Sutton United Town Band*

Sutton United Town Band (Sutton-in-Ashfield) - Active in 1885, but had folded by 1907 when only the Temperance and Old Prize bands were active in Sutton.

Sutton Village Brass Band (Cambridgeshire) - Records of the band, from 1893-1906, are held by Cambridgeshire County Record Office, Cambridge

Sutton-in-Ashfield Brass Band - Active in 1873 when it provided the entertainment commemorating a new club at the Pilsley Colliery Company on 6th September 1873. It had folded by 1907 when only the Temperance and Old Prize bands were active in Sutton.

Sutton-on-Trent Brass Band - *See: Sutton Brass Band*

Swadlincote Town Silver Prize Band - Active in 1926, when it entered the Spondon Contest, conducted by A. Hilton. Competed in a brass band contest at Overseal, Leicestershire in July 1921, under conductor C. Sharpe (drawn 9 of 11 bands, they were not placed)

Swaffham Town Band - Active in the 1920s

Swainby Village Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1905

Swalwell Band (Gateshead) - Formed in the 1890s, folded in the 1920s

Swan Foundry Band - Active in the 19th century. The works band of the W.J. Hillson Swan Foundry in Langley, Worcestershire.

Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson Band - *See: Swan Hunter Band*

Swan Hunter Band (Tyneside) - Formed in the 1900s, later known as Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson Band (1937). Folded in the 1950s

Swan Hunter Silver Prize Band - Active in 1977

Swanage Brass Band

Swanage Town Band

Swanbourne Excelsior Band - Active in the 1900s

Swanbrook Soundwell Band - *See: Soundwell Band*

Swanbrook Transport Band - Active in 1979/80

Swanscombe and Greenhithe Band (Kent) - Formed in the late 1920s

Swanscombe Brass Band (Kent) - Active in the early 1900s

Swanscombe Brotherhood Band (Kent) - Active in 1918

Swansea National Fire Service Band

Swanwick Collieries Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Conducted from 1926 by Edward P. Snook, b. 1888, who had been a highly regarded bandmaster in the Royal Marines. Known as Swanwick Collieries Silver Prize Band in 1914

Swanwick Collieries Silver Prize Band - *See: Swanwick Collieries Band*

Swanwick Colliery Band - *See: Swanwick Collieries Band*

Swindon Brass Band - Active in 1874

Swindon Home Guard Band - Active in 1944

Swindon Old Comrades Band - Active in 1938

Swindon Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Active in 1885

Swindon Prospect Band - Active in 1938

Swindon Prospect Silver Band - Formed in 1908 at the Prospect Methodist Church, their object was to support as far as possible every charitable cause in Swindon. It was still active in 1933.

Swingfield Brass Band (Kent) - Active around 1895

Swinstead Brass Band (Lincolnshire)

Swinton and Pendlebury High School Brass Band - *See: Swinton and Pendlebury Borough Band*

Swinton and Pendlebury Borough Band (youngsters) - Formed in 1972. Won the Manchester blow by blow contest in 1978.

Swinton Concert Brass - Started life as a local Scout and Guide Band many years ago. It didn't really have a proper name then but developed into "Youth Town Brass" when local schoolchildren began joining. Eventually, they all grew up and some older people joined and it was decided that the 'Youth' wasn't really suitable, so the committee decided on Swinton Concert Brass. Sponsorship changed the name to "Kennedy's Swinton Concert" and they went on to win the British Open in 1989. When the sponsorship ended it went back to Swinton Concert Brass.

Symington's Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1874 - possibly related to the Syminton's soup powder factory in Little Bowden. May be the same band as "Little Bowden Brass Band"

Syston and Thurmaston Silver Band - *See: Syston Silver Band*

Syston and Thurmaston Silver Prize Band - *See: Syston Silver Band*

Syston Silver Band - Formed in the 1870s as Ellmore's Can and Basket Works Brass Band, later known as Syston and Thurmaston Silver Band (1890s), Syston and Thurmaston Silver Prize Band (1900s) and finally Syston Silver Band (1950s). It disbanded in 1957. A successor band was formed in 1971

T.D.S. Lancashire Brass Band - *See: Lancashire Brass Band*

Taber Mineworkers' Band

Taber United Mineworkers Band

Tadcaster Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1896

Tadley and Ashford Hill Silver Band - Active in the 1920s. One of the bandsmen was Benjamin Miles.

Tadley Gospel Temperance Band (Hants)

Tadmarton Band - Active in the 1910s

Taff Merthyr Colliery Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Taibach & Port Talbot Temperance Band

Talbot Brass Band (Bournemouth) - Active in 1891

Talk o' th' Hill Band - Competed in the British Open in 1871.

Tanfield Lea Colliery Band (Co. Durham) - Formed in the 1890s, folded in the 1950s

Tanfield Lea Saxhorn Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1867

Tarbert Brass Band (Harris) - Active in 1886

Tarrant's Band (Byfleet) - Active in 1906 and closely associated with Tarrant's the builders in Byfleet. W.G. Tarrant had quite a business and built many houses in the area including many on St George's Hill. His yard stood in Chertsey Road and the site has recently been built over with new houses, which is quite an irony! Mr Tarrant seemed to be quite a character, and was involved with the invention of the Jim diving suit, the first articulated deep sea diving suit - the prototype of which was tested in a large tank in his yard. He was also involved with the Tarrant Tabor triplane, an ambitious project to build a long range bomber, which unfortunately crashed on its maiden take off.

Tatsfield Brass Band (Surrey)

Taunton Town Band (Somerset) - Active in the 1890s

Tavistock Brass Band - Active in the late 1800s

Tavistock Rifle Volunteers Band - Formed in 1859 and still active in the 1880s.

Tavistock Town Band '(1)' - Formed in 1897 by George Williams of the Tavistock Mercantile Association. However it soon ran into trouble. The administration was apparently poor and the finances also - the rumour that this was the result of bandsmen receiving free drinks at the Queen's Head after band practices was hotly denied! In 1900 an opposition band was launched amid stories that the Town Band was facing collapse. They managed to keep going,

but finally folded in 1912. [a history of the Tavistock Town Bands has been written by Chris Northey of the current Tavistock Town Band]

Tavistock Town Band '(2) - Formed in 1937. Again there seemed to be problems with the band's administration and various controversies, leading the band to disband in July 1939, on the face of it due to the "crisis" i.e. WW2. They reformed after the war, in 1946, winding up in June 1964, and the town council agreed to store the instruments, along with uniforms and money pending a revival. A successor band was formed in 1974.

Taylor Hill Brass Band (Huddersfield) - Active in 1874

Tayport Instrumental Band - Formed at the end of the 19th century, but folded between the two World Wars. The current band was formed in 1970

Tayside Silver Band (Fife)

Teams Euphonic Brass Band (Gateshead) - Active in 1887

Tebay Brass Band (Cumbria) - Active in 1905

Tebay Temperance Band

Teesside Brass - *See: North Skelton and District Band*

Teesside Bridge Band

Teesside Silver Band

Teesside Temperance Band - Formed in the 1890s, also known as North Skelton Band, folded in the 1950s

Teignmouth Temperance Band - Active in 1853

Telford Band - *See: Dawley New Town Band*

Terrington Archangel Band of the Oddfellows (Norfolk) - *See: Archangel Band of the Oddfellows*

Terrington Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in the early 1900s, and survived until the 1960s

Tetbury Institute Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1910

Tetford Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in the 1900s

Tewkesbury Corporation Band - Active in 1904

Tewkesbury Town Band - In 1838 the Town Band led a procession through the town to celebrate the coronation of Queen Victoria. In 1860 there was a Tewkesbury Rifle Corps Band, with a uniform of salmon-coloured trousers, scarlet-faced tunics and plumes. 1874 saw the appearance of the Tewkesbury Philharmonic Band. In 1887 the town band appeared again in the records, giving a concert at the Philharmonic Hall (now the Watson Hall). In May 1900 the Tewkesbury Bugle Band headed a parade to celebrate the relief of Mafeking Queen's birthday. 1900-1941 saw the town band at it's peak, proving to be very popular in and around Tewkesbury, averaging eight public appearances a year. In 1904 the band gave a concert to raise funds for a new bandstand to be erected in Victoria Gardens. In order to ensure a quality bandstand their target was to raise £50! In November 1918 there was an amalgamation of the Town Band and the Territorial Band under the baton of Mr A C Collins. Practises took place at the "White Bear" public house in Tewkesbury. The Band played at the unveiling of the abbey war memorial in 1920, and in 1922 at the Tewkesbury war memorial at the Cross. There were some 55 public appearances between 1922 and 1934. May 5th 1937 saw the Town Band heading a parade to celebrate the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and playing for public dancing in the streets. This was the last public appearance of the band however as by September 1937 the band had ceased to be. The lack of funds and an increasing popularity of the radio were given as the prime reasons. A successor band was formed in 1974

Thackley Band (Yorkshire)

Thame Amateur Brass Band - Active in 1851, concert in Wallingford

Thame Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1841

Thame Royal Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1849 to 1883

Thame Temperance Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1851

Thames Brass - *See: Runnymede Brass*

Thames Iron Works Band - Active in the 1860s and 1901

Thames Ironworks Band - *See: Thames Iron Works Band*

Thatcham Band (Berkshire)

Thatto Heath Band - Active in 1932

Theftord Saxhorn Band - Active in 1861

Thirsk and Sowerby Band - Formed in the 1900s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. The band was suspended during WW2 and several unsuccessful attempts were

made to reform it when the war was over. It was finally disbanded in 1950. In the 1920s its president was Sir Edmund Turton, who home was Upsall Castle.

Thirsk and Sowerby Prize Silver Band - *See: Thirsk and Sowerby Band*

Thirsk Saxhorn Band - Active in 1861

Thirsk Silver Band - Active in the early 1900s

Thistle Brass Band (Glasgow) - Active in 1870 and 1882

Thistle Instrumental Band (Glasgow) - Active in 1865

Thixendale Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Formed in 1890, by Thomas Andrew, from an earlier drum and fife band associated with St Mary's church. Played at the Bishop Wilton Flower Show in August 1897, when "their efforts were duly appreciated both during the afternoon in the tent and cricket field, and in the evening at the dance".

Thixendale Church Choir Brass Band - *See: Thixendale Brass Band*

Thomas Street Silver Band - Active in 1945

Thomas Wilson, Sons & Company Prize Brass Band (Hull ?) - Active in the early 1900s

Thornaby Borough Band - Active in 1923

Thornaby Colliery Band - Active in 1889

Thornaby District Soldiers Band - Formed in the 1890s

Thornaby Iron Works Brass Band - Active in 1878

Thornaby People's Mission Band - Active in 1905

Thornaby Temperance Band - Active in 1913

Thornbury Band - Formed in 1974, by the remaining members of disbanded Hambrook Silver Band. Disbanded in November 2004.

Thornbury Baptist Prize Band (Bristol) - Active in the 1890s and 1910

Thorncliffe Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in June 1860 when it played at the laying of the foundation stone of the chapels of the new Barnsley Cemetery.

Thorncliffe Victoria Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1871

Thorne Christian Temperance Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Thorne Colliery Band (Doncaster) - Formed in 1927, the first conductor was Mr. P. Stapleton (formerly conductor of the East Yorkshire Band). In 1950 the conductor was T. Richard, secretary T.L. Sellars. Still active in 1964, when they held a slow melody contest.

Thorne Colliery Silver Prize Band - *See: Thorne Colliery Band*

Thorne Excelsior Temperance Brass Band

Thorne Town Brass Band (Doncaster) - Active in 1936 and the 1970s/80s

Thornhill Band (West Yorkshire) - Also known as Tingley Thornhill Band and Home Charm Paints Thornhill Band

Thornhill Brass Band - Active in 1876. Known as Thornhill Prize Brass Band in 1913

Thornhill Colliery Band (Dewsbury)

Thornhill Prize Brass Band - *See: Thornhill Brass Band*

Thornley Colliery Band (County Durham) - Founded in 1870, then disbanded in 1914. New band formed in 1919 and active through to 1960s

Thornsett Band - Active in 1884

Thornton Brass Band (Bradford) - Active in 1849

Thornton Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1866

Thornton Dale Temperance Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1891

Thornton Heath Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Thornton Hough Brass Band (Wirral) - Active in 1885

Thorpe Brass Band (Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex) - Active in 1890. In 1911 bandmaster was Mr Henley. Still active in the early 1950s. For more details, see Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex, by David Cawdell.

Thorpe-le-Soken Brass Band - *See: Thorpe Brass Band*

Thorpe-le-Soken Primitive Methodist Brass Band - Active in 1888

Three Mile Cross Brass Band (Wokingham) - Active in 1936

Threlkeld Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Throckley Colliery Band (near Newcastle) - Founded in the 1890s, but folded during/after WW2.

Thurgoland Silver Band - *See: Wortley, Forges & Thurgoland Brass Band*

Thurnscoe Band (Yorkshire)

Tibberton Silver Band (Worcestershire) - Active in the 1920s. Bandsmen at the time included: Alf Maddocks, Richard Maddocks (bandmaster), Sammy Beaston, George Teese, Jack Owen,

William Maddocks, Reg Leach, Norma Faulks, William Tease, Sam Ruscoe, Dick Robinson, William Loynton, Bert Faulks, Tim Arkinstall, Jack Ruscoe, Rubin Munford.

Tibshelf Ambulance Band - *See: Tibshelf St John Ambulance Band*

Tibshelf Colliery Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1879, when it performed at the Tibshelf Flower Show, in July

Tibshelf Prize Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887

Tibshelf St John Ambulance Band - Active in 1891-6

Tibshelf United Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1879, when it performed at the Tibshelf Flower Show, in July

Tickhill Brass Band - Active in 1867 to 1895

Tickhill Jubilee Brass Band (South Yorkshire) - Formed in 1887, superseding the prior Tickhill Victoria Brass Band, lasted until 1939

Tickhill United Band (South Yorkshire) - Existed in the 1890s

Tickhill Victoria Brass Band (South Yorkshire) - Gave its first concert in February 1866 and lasted for about 20 years

Tideswell Old Band - Active in 1887

Tillery Collieries Band (Abertillery) - Active in 1894 when it came third in a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. John Griffiths. Active in 1900s

Timaru Artillery Band (New Zealand) - Winners of First Brass Band Contest in New Zealand at Christchurch Exhibition, 2 May 1882. Two players at the times were Benjamin Pascoe and William Williams.

Timperley and District Band - *See: Timperley Band*

Timperley Band (1) - Folded in the 1950s. A first successor band was formed around 1999

Timperley Band (2) - Formed in 1999, but folded in 2004. A successor band was formed in 2005. During that time, awards achieved included: North West Area Champions (Fourth Section) 2002; Tamesdie Open Champions (Fourth Section) 2001; 3rd prize Brass at the Guild (Fourth Section) 2001; Wilkinson Northern Open Champions (Fourth Section) 2000; Widnes Open Champions (Fourth Section) 2000; Buxton Entertainment Contest Champions (Fourth Section) 2000

Timperley Band (3) - Formed in 2005, folded in April 2010. Between 2006 and 2008 were one of the top bands in the North West winning many honours. North West Counties Brass Band Association Championship Section Champions 2007/08; 3rd prize Fleetwood Contest October 2008; Tameside Open Champions 2008; 2nd prize Brass at the Guild 2008; Wilkinson Northern Open Champions 2007; Tameside Open Champions 2007; North West Area Champions (First section) 2007; 2nd prize Tameside Open Championships 2006.

Tingewick Brass Band (1) (Buckinghamshire) - Active in 1886

Tingewick Brass Band (2) (Buckinghamshire) - Founded in 1908. Active in 1923 when it played at the celebrations for the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Moss (with their surviving four sons and two daughters, 43 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren!)

Tingewick Excelsior Band - Folded before 1908, when the successor White Hart Band (Tingewick Brass Band) was formed, including some of the old Excelsior band members.

Tingley Thornhill Band - *See: Thornhill Band*

Tipton St Martins Band - *See: Revo Works Band*

Tiptree Brass Band - Active around 1910, once competed in the Crystal Palace contest. Also known as Tiptree Silver Band and Tiptree Excelsior Band. The president at one time was CJ Wilkin of the Tiptree jam factory. The band folded just prior to WW2. For more details, see Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex, by David Cawdell.

Tiptree Excelsior Band - *See: Tiptree Brass Band*

Tiptree Jam Factory Band - *See: Tiptree Brass Band*

Tiptree Silver Band - *See: Tiptree Brass Band*

Titan Works Band (Stourbridge) - The foundation stone of Stourbridge Public Baths was laid on 2nd August 1900 by Isaac Nash, Chairman of the Council. The building was designed by Frederick Woodward, the Council's Surveyor and cost about £4,500. Thomas Vale was the builder. On 23rd May 1901 local dignitaries met in the Town Hall and then went in procession, headed by the Titan Works Band, to the Baths which were opened by Joseph Wooldridge, Chairman of the Baths Committee. The water for the baths came from a well sunk in the sandstone.

Tockington Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1872 when it played at the opening of the railway line from Bristol to Thornbury on September 2nd. They led a large concourse of people up the High Street from "The Swan" to welcome the first train at 10am.

Toddington Brass Band - The first reference to the band was in an 1856 issue of The Dunstable Chronicle. In 1910 is the first reference to the band under the name of Toddington Town Band, when it was under the baton of Mr James Hyde. Mr Hyde conducted the band for 41 years until his death in 1951. Under his leadership Toddington Town Band achieved competition success many times including a contest win at Reading in 1937, a second in the Area Contest in 1947 and a 3rd in the Belle Vue Contest, Manchester. When James Hyde died, his son Dennis took up the baton and led the band until his death in 1982, when the band folded. A successor band was formed in 1987.

Toddington Town Band - *See: Toddington Brass Band*

Todmorden Brass Band - Active in the 1930s

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Brass Band (Essex) - Active in the early 1900s

Tondu & Aberkenfig Coronation Band - *See: Tondu & Aberkenfig Silver Band*

Tondu & Aberkenfig Silver Band (Glamorgan) - Active in 1940, at which time the principal cornet was Henley H. Jenkins. Henley went on to create the Bridgend and District Brass Band and also a dance band which played in the Bridgend Palais for a number of years. Other players included James Croft who went on to join Bridgend Band, Frank Able (cornet) who played in Ogmores Valley Silver Band until he died in the 1990s and Frank Merchant (euphonium) who also played in Bridgend Band in the 1950s and Ogmores Band back in the 1960s/70s. Band still active in 1948

Tong Church Silver Band - Active in 1926

Tonypandy Hibernia Silver Prize Band - Active in 1909. Won a section in the Crystal Palace National Championships. Bandmaster in the early 1900s was G. Thomas.

Tonyrefail Silver Prize Band (Glamorgan) - Active in 1894 when it won a brass band contest at Porth, conducted by Mr. Thomas Lewis. Also active in 1905 and 1948

Tonyrefail Workmen's Silver Band - *See: Tonyrefail Silver Prize Band*

Tooth's Brewery Band (Sydney, Australia) - Originally formed during the latter part of the nineteenth century as the Paddington Brewery Band or Marshall's Paddington Brewery Band. The Marshall's brewery was located firstly on the corner of Oxford and Dowling Streets, Paddington and later moved to a premises in Short St., Leichhardt. They are recorded as having taken part in a band contest held as part of a Fire Brigade demonstration at Albury in southern New South Wales in 1895. Marshall's brewery was taken over by the larger Tooth's Brewery, located at Broadway, which also took over Marshall's neighbouring Brewery, Resch's. During the early twentieth century the band became known as the Tooth's Brewery Band and was located at the Kent Brewery Broadway. The band seems to have reached the peak of its popularity during the reign of a Mr. Tom Watson as general manager of the brewery, 1929 to 1970. (Tooth's and Resch's were later taken over by Fosters/Carlton United Brewery, urrgghh!) The Tooth's Brewery Band competed at the New South Wales (NSW) State Band Championships of 1929 under bandmaster S. Thomas. They were placed 2nd in C grade and unplaced in B grade. They were also unplaced in the marching contest. In NSW State Contest of 1930, this time under bandmaster H.J. Cocks, they entered only B grade and the result is unknown at this stage. They did, however, win the march contest. In 1931, under bandmaster W. Cocks, they were 2nd place in B grade and won the marching contest. In 1933 they were equal 3rd in B grade and equal 2nd in the marching. The early 20th century was one of the periods of expansion in banding in Australia that was unfortunately curtailed by the depression in 1933. The NSW championships had expanded to 3 grades with at least 10 A & B grade bands and a lesser number in C grade. There were still more country bands that competed on a localised basis. In 1933 C grade had disappeared and A & B grades were down to 4 or 5 bands. The brewery band is one of the limited number of works bands in Australia. Australian bands tended to be more locality based although one works band, the Newcastle Steelworks Band of the 1920's, had great success over a short period. It was, in reality, a professional band.

Tooting and Mitcham Silver Band - Thomas Draper may have been bandmaster at one time.

Topsham Silver Band (Devon) - Combined with the Lympstone Band for a period after WW2, then had a further separate existence at least until 1960, until it disbanded some time later. It

competed in 1964 under the name of Topsham and Lymptone Silver Band under the baton of R. May

Torpichen Brass Band - Active in 1884

Torquay Subscription Band (Devon) - In 1857 St. John's Masonic Lodge, Torquay built the Temple in Park Hill Road, allowing the Torquay Natural History Society to use the ground floor as Torquay's first Museum. At the laying of the Foundation Stone, special trains were laid on to bring brethren from all over the Province, and preceded by the Torquay Subscription Band, and accompanied by the Band of The Royal Dragoon Guards, in a procession more than a quarter of a mile long, over 300 Freemasons, including Grand Officers & Provincial Grand Officers marched in full Regalia from the Town Hall to Park Hill Road, through streets lined by cheering crowds, a public holiday having been granted for the occasion.

Torrington Band - Active in 1909

Tottenham Borough Silver Prize Band - Active in 1947

Tottenham Military Band (North London) - "This was still operating in the 1970's. The secretary, Fred Hands was a co-worker. They played fetes and hospital garden parties. They weren't a marching band, for parades they used a float."

Totton Temperance Band (Southampton) - Active around 1900

Tow Law Colliery Band (Co. Durham) - Formed in 1860

Tow Law Wesley Mission Band - *See: Tow Law Wesleyan Band*

Tow Law Wesleyan Band (Co. Durham) - Active in the early 1900s

Towednack Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1901

Townfoot Band (Auchinleck) - Active around 1880

Townhill Silver Band (Scotland) - Active in 1928

Towyn Brass Band - Active in 1948

Towyn Silver Band - Active in the 1890s. Competed in the Junior Trophy in 1962.

Trafalgar Colliery Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed in the 1880s. One source has it forming before 1866 and still active in the early part of the 20th century.

Trafford Band (Manchester) - Originally the Urmston and Davyhulme Silver Band. Folded in the late 1990s?

Trafford Park Prize Band - *See: Trafford Park Public Prize Band*

Trafford Park Public Prize Band (Manchester) - Formed in 1919

Training Ship Exmouth Brass Band (London) - Active between 1903 and 1906

Tranmere Gleam Silver Prize Band (Birkenhead) - Active in 1900 when it featured in a contest in Brighton: "The result of the Brighton Contest is particularly gratifying to the temperance bandsmen of England. Besides a big money prize, an immense challenge cup goes to the winning hand. The cup stands 3ft, high, and is of sterling silver. Black Dike (J. Gladney, conductor), Tranmere Gleam (J. Gladney, conductor) and Wyke Temperance (E. Swift, conductor) tied for first place With ninety-four points each. Wylie and Dike are recognised worthy rivals of each other, but the Gleam, a temperance band, furnished a mighty surprise. Sixteen bands competed. The judge was Mr. F. Haines, L.R.A.M. and bandmaster of The King's Own, Aldershot." Also Liverpool and District Champions in 1908.

Transport & General Workers Band

Trawden Brass Band - Active in the 1860s/80s and around 1904

Trealaw Brass Band - Active c.1890

Trebanos Silver Band - Active in 1902 and 1912

Trefor Silver Band - Active in 1929 and 1958

Tregony Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in September 1846, when they headed the local Friendly Society parade

Treherbert U.N. Band - Active in 1938

Trematon Band (Saltash) - Active in the early 1900s

Treviscoe Band (Cornwall)

Trevor Silver Band (North Wales) - Active in 1964, conducted by E.P. Hughes

Tring Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s

Tring British Legion Band - Active in the 1950s

Tring Silver Band - Active in the 1970s/1980s. Disbanded in 2003?

Trinity Brass (Maidstone) - Amalgamated with Elliot Concert Brass in 1985 to form G.E.C. Maidstone Band.

Troedyrhiw Brass Band (Troiderhiw, Merthyr Tydfil) - Active in 1928

Troon Reed and Brass Band - Active in 1890

Trumpington Amateur Brass Band - *See: Trumpington Brass Band*

Trumpington Brass Band (Cambridgeshire) - Formed in 1864 and was still active in 1910.

Truro Amateur Brass Band - Active in 1846, 1849, 1853

Truro Amateur Saxhorn Band - *See: Truro Amateur Brass Band*

Truro Brass Band - Active in 1876

Truro Home Guard Band

Truro Independent Brass Band - Active in 1890

Truro Town Silver Prize Band - Active in 1876 as Truro Town Band, conducted by J.F.Mark. In 1900 it was conducted by H. Phillips

Truro Volunteer Brass Band - Active in 1861

Tudhoe Colliery Band - Active in 1876 when it competed in a contest at Hartlepool on 6th June

Tudor Silver Band (Southport) - Formed 1937 as Southport Special Constabulary Band. Became Tudor Silver Band in November 1949

Tunbridge Wells Borough Band - Active in 1898

Tunbridge Wells Fire Brigade Band

Tupton Brass Band - Active c.1890

Turner Village Band (Essex) - Formed by patients and staff at the Turner Village Hospital in Turner Road, Colchester.

Turner's Hill and Worth Band (Crawley) - Active in 1933

Turner's Hill Silver Band - Competed in the SCABA contest in Chichester in April 1927.

Turriff British Legion Silver Band - Active in 1954

Turton Church Brass Band (Bolton) - Active in January 1866 when they placed a newspaper notice thanking the local gentlemen for their generosity over the Christmas period.

Tutbury Silver Band (Staffordshire) - Formed around 1895, with around 21 players. It was disbanded in 1914, but reformed immediately after the war ended in 1918. It gained at least one prize at the Crystal Palace Championships which led to it being renamed Tutbury Town Silver Prize Band. Wallace Young conducted the band after 1918, when the uniform was mid-blue with a silver stripe down each trouser leg, and a tunic with brass buttons and a blue peaked cap. The people of Tutbury, who had received a leaflet titled "Band or no Band", raised the money for the uniforms. It headed a Coronation Procession in May 1937. It finally disbanded in 1939, and did not reform. Its instruments, uniforms and music were sold to an unknown band in Scotland. For a history of the band, *See: Tutbury's Variations - A History of wind and brass bands in a Staffordshire village, by David Kennedy, published by D. & T.P Kennedy, Burton-on-Trent, 2002.* A successor wind band was formed in the town in the 1980s.

Tutbury Town Silver Prize Band (Staffordshire) - *See: Tutbury Silver Band*

Tuxford Temperance Band (Nottinghamshire)

Tweedales & Smalley (1920) Ltd. Band (Rochdale)

Twizwell Colliery Band (Grange Villa, County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s, disbanded in the 1930s

Two Bridges Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed 1900. Disbanded 1952

Tycroes Brass Band - *See: Tycroes Silver Band*

Tycroes Silver Band - Active in the early 1900s. Tycroes Prize Silver Band played at the Llanwrtyd Wells Cycle and Pony Races held at Abernant Pleasure Grounds in August 1904, conducted by Mr David Williams. (from the Brecon & Radnor Express, Sept 1st 1904).

Tyne Dock and Jarrow Temperance Band - Active in 1887 when it led a procession for Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations in Jarrow - "June 21st this being Jubilee Day the town of Jarrow and surrounding district celebrated the day in right loyal style. Upwards of 7,000 children gathered at the educational centres to be regaled with buns, spice loaf, milk and tea. The masters attended the little folks and mistresses of the schools assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen volunteers as waiters. After the tea the children prepared to start for the Recreation Ground where sports and entertainment were to be provided for them. Before the start was made each child received a present of a Jubilee Mug. On each of them were portraits of the Queen representing her in 1837 and the present year.. Each mug bore the words "Jubilee 1887 Jarrow on Tyne". The tea finished the young folk set off in two processions one headed by Hendersons Brass Band and the other by the Tyne Dock and Jarrow Temperance Band." Still active in 1913.

Tyne Dock Temperance Band - *See: Tyne Dock and Jarrow Temperance Band*

Tynedale Band - Founded in 1860s. Merged with Ovington Band in 1980 to form Ovington Tynedale Band

Tynemouth Royal and Union Band - Formed in the 1900s and still active in 1948

Tysoe Temperance Brass Band (Warwickshire) - Active in 1893 and 1897 when performing at a Baptist Sunday School Treat

Tytherington Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in the 1970s?

U.C.B.S. Brass Band - *See: U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band*

U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band (Clydebank) - Active in 1908. The United Co-operative Biscuit Society Ltd. Band. Won the Iles Cup 1st Class in 1908, the 2nd Class Championship in 1908, and the Iles Cup 2nd Class in 1906, 1907 and 1908. Famous biscuits were advertised as "The men of Clydebank have been responsible for world famous feats in shipbuilding and engineering, but what is to be said of those who are responsible for the care of the "inner man"? To the housewives of Clydebank equal praise is due, for good work cannot be accomplished without good food. The choice of Clydebank housewives has always been unanimously U.C.B.S. - Baking of Quality".

Uckfield Original Town Band - Active in 1888, bandmaster James Haestier.

Uckfield Town Band - Active in 1888 - in addition to the "Original" band noted above.

UDI Brass - *See: Stoneywood and Auchmull Union Band*

Uffculme Town Band - Active in 1896, when it gave a concert in Wellington, conducted by Mr. Vickery

Uley Brass Band - Active in the 1920s and amalgamated with Uley Silver Band in the 1930s. The combined band folded in the Second World War. The instruments were subsequently stored in the village until the fifties when they were donated to Dursley Modern school where the music master was forming a brass band. When the school closed and was integrated with Dursley Grammar School to create Rednock Comprehensive School Dursley the band was transferred and it is believed to still be in existence to the present day.

Uley Silver Band - Active in the 1920s and amalgamated with Uley Brass Band in the 1930s. *See also Uley Brass Band.*

Union Foundry Band (Wakefield) - Founded in 1854

Union Place Military Brass Band - Competed in a brass band contest at Bedworth in 1888

United Asbestos Company Band - *See: Harefield Asbestos Works Band*

United Christian Army Band (Malton, North Yorkshire) - Formed in 1883 and disbanded in 1888 when their premises were sold to become the Liberal Institute.

United Co-operative Biscuit Society Ltd. Brass Band (Clydebank) - *See: U.C.B.S. Prize Silver Band*

United Independent Harmonic Brass Band (Preston) - Active in 1840

United Services Band (Hampshire) - Active shortly after WW2 - did not survive long.

Universe Works Band (Birmingham) - Active in 1871

University Volunteer Band - *See: Cambridge University Volunteer Band*

Updale Mission Band (Seacombe) - Active in the early 1900s

Upleatham Miners' Saxhorn Band - Active in 1877, when it took 4th prize at a contest at South Bank, Middlesbrough.

Upleatham Mines Band - Formed in the 1890s, folded with the colliery around 1924

Upper Arley Brass Band (Worcestershire) - Active in 1885

Upper Edge Band - Active in 1871

Upper Hulme Band (Staffs) - Active in 1850

Upper Weardale Band - In 1835 there were five bands in Weardale: Wolsingham, Stanhope, Wolsingham and two in Rookhope. The bands became a prominent feature of village life, playing at all the local agricultural shows and on many other occasions. At some time during the second half on the 19th century the bands from Upper Weardale merged to form the "Upper Weardale Band" however this ceased after the Great War.

Uppingham Public Brass Band - Active in the 1950's or 1960's.

Upton Colliery Workpeoples Band - Formed around 1937/38 and wound up in 1976. Qualified for the National Finals on four out of five years in the late 60's, and early 70's and rose from the

4th to 2nd section during this time. Just being pipped to promotion to the then 1st section by Brodsworth Colliery Band. Competed in the Senior Cup in 1962.

Urchfont Prize Brass Band (Wiltshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Urmston and Davyhulme Silver Band (Manchester) - Later called the Trafford Band, folded in the late 1990s?

Urpeth Colliery Band (Beamish) - Formed in the 1890s and still active in 1933

Ushaw Moor Colliery Band - Formed in the 1890s

Usk and District Silver Band (Monmouthshire) - Formed in the 1970s when a group of players got together under the guidance of Jack Stradling. In addition to entertaining the community in and around Usk, it began competing and in 1982 won the Welsh Regional Championships (fourth section) under the musical directorship of Michael Pegram, which qualified the Band to play in the National Championships at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Also, in 1982 the Band made a highly popular visit to Usk's twin town Graben-Neudorf in Germany with Nigel Weeks as conductor, who conducted the Band at various times in the late 1970's and through the 1980's. Other conductors in this period included Aubrey Brice and home-grown Mark Stones. Unfortunately, due to a lack of players, the Usk and District Silver Band folded in the late 1980's,

Usk Brass Band (Monmouthshire) - Active in the early 1900s. A successor band was formed in the 1970s

Usk Town Band - *See: Usk and District Silver Band*

Usworth Colliery Band '(1) - Active in 1873

Usworth Colliery Band '(2) - Formed in the 1890s and still active after WW2.

Uttoxeter Town Band - Formed in the 1930s and folded a few years after the end of the Second World War

Uxbridge and Hillingdon Band - Formed in 1882 by Mr W.J.D. Sheriff. He inserted an advertisement in the local paper calling a meeting at his house in Alexandra Road and there the band was started. The band's first £5 was donated by Lord Hillingdon. The first practices were held in Mr Sheriff's kitchen, later moving to the band room in the Old Chapel in Chiltern View Road. Prior to starting the Uxbridge Band, Mr Sheriff was bandmaster of the Hillingdon Drum and Fife Band, and later, in addition to the Uxbridge Band and the Middlesex Regiment, he was bandmaster of the City of London Imperial Yeomanry and of the Herts Yeomanry Bands. He was the composer of the military fantasia "A Soldier's Life". Ten of the Uxbridge Band's members were engaged in 1885 by Dr Drury Lavin, of Heatherden Hall, to form a ship's band on a cruise to the West Indies. The Band fulfilled several seasons of engagements on the Island of Jersey. The amount of traffic in the early years was so small, that the band gave summer concerts seated in the High Street. The band continued to flourish between the wars, and was renamed the Uxbridge and Hillingdon Prize Band. About 1930 their conductor was Wing Commander A.E.Sims, director of music for the R.A.F. [The Central Band of the R.A.F. was based at Uxbridge camp]. In 1926 a bandstand was erected in a local recreation ground, and this became the venue for a series of summer concerts each year. During World War 2 the band gave concerts there as part of the local "Holidays At Home" programme. Numbers fell after the war, and the band closed down in 1952.

Uxbridge and Hillingdon Prize Band - *See: Uxbridge and Hillingdon Band*

Vale of Lyvennet Silver Band (Cumberland) - Active in the 1880s and 1890s. It seems to have been based at Crosby Ravensworth, but included members from Maulds Meaburn, also in the Lyvennet valley. John [Jack] Relph (born in 1871) was a member.

Vale of Pewsey Band - Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by J. King

Valley Road Band (Bradford)

Vane Tempest Band (Seaham) - Active in the 1950s - attached to the Vane Tempest Colliery.

Varteg District Memorial Hall Band - Active in 1940, when it competed at Belle Vue in May, conducted by J.H Tipton

Varteg Silver Band (Monmouthshire) - Formed July 1914. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Still active in 1948. A memory from Grayham Jones - "My father Haydn Jones was born in 1911 at Varteg. Growing up in a family with mining

associated jobs, it was assumed that my dad would automatically follow in the family's footsteps. Eventually, it was time for my dad to look for a job, but unfortunately in the 20s jobs were few and far between. Luckily something unexpected happened. Dad was walking around the village with some of his friends when who should walk by but Mr Tipton. Mr Tipton was an official at Lower Varteg Colliery, and also a committee member of Varteg Silver Band. He asked the lads if they were working, only to be told that they had tried for a job in the colliery but nothing was available. Mr Tipton assured them if any of them wanted a job in the pit, they just had to turn up at the Band Hall on band night, join the band and a job in the pit would be theirs. My dad took Mr Tipton at his word. He joined the band and he, in return, got a job. The job lasted up until his death in 1956 and he was a proud member of Varteg Silver Band for many years."

Vauxhall Motors Recreation Club Band (Luton)

Veryan and Portloe Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1900

Vickers Armstrong (Barrow Shipyard) Band

Vickers Crayford Band (Kent) - Active in 1920

Victoria Band (Wallsall)

Victoria Bar Primitive Methodist Brass Band (York) - Active in 1887

Victoria Batley Band - Active in 1854

Victoria Brass Band (Kirkburton, Huddersfield)

Victoria Brass Band (Petersfield, Hampshire) - Formed in 1904. Five or six instruments were purchased by Mr Kimber and Mr Gale and a band was formed under the tuition of Mr Stacey. The first practice was held in a wash-house in Swan Street. With further members joining, more adequate room was required and the band moved to Borough Hill for practices, being for a long time known as the "Borough Band". Their first appearance in public was on Easter Monday in 1906 under the lead of Mr Stacey. On this occasion the band paraded the town, playing what music they could manage. On Whit Monday 1906 a fete was held on the Heath by the Working Men's Association, this proving to be their first official engagement. With the outbreak of war in 1914, nearly all the members, who were Territorials, went into camp, afterwards being drafted to India and not returning until 1920. From the year 1908 to 1914 the band was under the baton of Mr. E. Lee, who held the office of deputy bandmaster. In 1921 a reconstruction of the band took place and Mr Walter Bone was appointed bandmaster, an office he still held in 1932. The band had the honour of performing before the Duke of York and also Princess Beatrice. It appeared with distinction at many places, including Guildford, Winchester and Gosport. It relies entirely on voluntary contributions for its upkeep of the instruments and provision of music, and is entirely self-supporting. The band disbanded after WW2, in the early 1950s.

Victoria Foundry Band - Active in 1855

Victoria Institute (Hartshead Moor) Brass Band - The Victoria Institute, at Hartshead Moor near Scholes, was established in 1868. This was largely on the initiative of Robert Firth Crosland (of the long-established local Quaker family). One of the Institute's first activities was to form a brass band. The institute folded around 1922.

Victoria Lochhead and Earlseat Band - *See: Victoria Lochhead Band*

Victoria Lochhead Band - Active in 1928, 1933

Victoria Mission Band (Kettering) - Active in 1905

Victoria Street Congregational Brass Band (Derby) - Active in 1889

Victory Pit Crookhall Colliery Band - *See: Crookhall Colliery Band*

Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers Band, 1st - *See: Bury Public Silver Band*

Vulcan Motor Works Band (Southport)

Waddeson Temperance Band (Leicestershire) - Active in the 1890s and 1900s

Waddington Brass Band (Clitheroe) - Wound up in the courts as of 5th February 1923

Wadebridge Mission Band - Active in 1892-1898

Wadebridge Town Band - Active in the early 1900s and in 1938. A successor band was also active for a few years in the 1970s.

Wadhurst Band - Active in the late 1800s but disbanded after WW2. Current band formed in 1960 as a school band.

Wadsley Bridge Brass Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1882 and 1900

Waenfawr & District Band (Caernarvonshire) - Active in 1948

Wagon Works Band (Radstock) - *See: Radstock Coal & Wagon Works Brass Band*

Waihi Federal Band (New Zealand) - Active in the 1900s

Waipawa Brass Band (New Zealand) - Active in 1896

Wakefield City Band - Active in the 1980s

Wakefield L.M.S. Band - Active in 1936

Wakefield Old Band - Active in the 1940s

Walkden Band - Formed in the early 1870s when the band had connections with the Duke of Bridgewater's Yeomanry Band in Worsley. Records of the band from 1937 to 1974 exist in the Salford City Archive Service. Known as Alvin Walkden Brass Band in 1989 when they were 3rd Section National Champions. A good example of the many dedicated and tireless people who support bands around the country is given in this obituary notice which appeared on 15 November 1995: "Tributes for bandsman Cyril - One of the vanguards of Walkden Brass Band has died at the age of 63. For more than 25 years, Cyril Wright, of Grosvenor Drive, Walkden, was a tireless worker behind the scenes. Band members said his musical contribution as third assistant percussion when he was needed in contests was always of the highest quality, which was his trademark on everything he was involved in. He will be most remembered for his administration role within the band. His infectious energy and dedication as treasurer, concert secretary and committee member meant the band was self-funding and able to weather the tough financial conditions of the brass band world. Since early retirement from Mellings Bakery at Farnworth, he became involved in transferring the band's music library system onto a computer data base. He leaves his son Alan - the band's assistant principal cornet player - and his wife Joan. She is a tireless member of the ladies' section who serves the band members with refreshments during rehearsals. Colleagues say Cyril was well known throughout the brass band scene and was one of the great characters in the musical world." Merged with Eaton Farnworth Brass Band in 2004 to form Eaton Farnworth & Walkden Band.

Walker Neptune Band - Active between 1900 and 1914

Walkers and Hardmans Works Band - Founded 1833

Walker's Brass Band (York) - Active between 1834 and 1855

Walkers' Brewery Band - Active in 1907, when it gave a concert in the Parr Hall, Warrington

Wallaroo Mines Federal Band (Australia) - Formed in 1897 with the assistance of the mining company which supplied funding for instruments and uniforms, and eventually a band rotunda. W H Woolcock, a talented musician, formed and lead the band throughout its existence. When the mines closed in 1923, the band was wound up. Some players, however, found places with the Excelsior Band in Kadina.

Wallasey Silver Band - Active in 1929

Wallasey Village Silver Band - Prior to 1939 the Wallasey Village Carnival was a spectacle of horse drawn floats covered with flowers and people. The floats being interspersed with bands and dancers of varying standards, Decorated bicycles, handcarts and even dressed up dogs had their part to play. The major float carried the Carnival Princess and her court, whilst the whole event was led with great aplomb by the Wallasey Village Silver Band (which used the Lighthouse Pub in Wallasey Village as its unofficial headquarters).

Wallingford Brass Band - Active in 1990.

Wallsend Borough Band - *See: Wallsend Colliery Band*

Wallsend Colliery Band - Formed in the 1900s, still active in the 1930s, also known as the Rising Sun Colliery Band (Rising Sun pit at Wallsend). Later known as Wallsend Borough Band

Wallsend Miners' Band - *See: Wallsend Colliery Band*

Wallsend Shipyard Band

Wallsend United Collieries Band - *See: Wallsend Colliery Band*

Walsall Borough Prize Band - Active in 1912

Walsall L.M.S. Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Formed by John Henry Cowley, who played Solo Trombone for them. (The band were conducted at various times at contest by Harry Mortimer, Issac Perrin, Harry Hayes, and William Halliwell.

Walsall Police Band - Active in 1912

Walsall Temperance Band - Active in 1865, when they played at the Cottage Hospital Gala in August.

Walsall Town Prize Band - Active in 1912

Walsall Wood Institute Temperance Band - Existed in the early 1900s

Walsall Wood Olde Brass Band - Reference to this band in 1910

Walsham-le-Willows Temperance Band - Active in the early 1900s. An undated notice reads: "We beg to draw your attention to the above Band, and to say that we shall be pleased to serve your interests during the coming season in attendance at GARDEN PARTIES, SPORTS, FLOWER SHOWS, GALAS, FETES etc. We have a good variety of Music, including Selections, Marches, Dances etc. We should at all times do our best to meet your requirements in every particular. The Band provides its own Gas Light, to facilitate playing on grounds after dark, when required. For particulars as to terms, apply to either of the following: Wilfrid Y Nunn, Band Master - Harry W Hubbard, Hon. Secretary."

Waltham Band (Grimsby)

Waltham British Legion Band - Active in the 1940s

Waltham Cross Temperance Band (Herts) - Active in 1949

Waltham Gospel Temperance Brass Band (Waltham Cross) - Active around 1900

Walthamstow Town Silver Prize Band - Active in 1905 and 1911

Walton Brass Band (Warrington, Cheshire) - Active in 1887

Walton Works Brass Band (Frinton) - Active in 1886

Wandiligong Brass Band (Australia) - Formed in 1874, and it travelled around the district providing entertainment for the miners and their families.

Wandsworth Borough Band

Wandsworth Brass Band - Active in 1885 when it took part in the United Phoenix and Temperance Societies' first annual Temperance Friendly Societies' demonstration in Lambeth on 31st May, together with Putney Brass Band.

Wanlockhead Silver Band - Active around 1890. The Band would always appear on New Years Day and march around the Village 'weather and the roads permitting' to an enthusiastic local support. It also performed local concerts and parades and was in great demand. The coming of the railway and the 'new machines' enabled the band to travel further afield to play at engagements and enter National Contest where they frequently proved to be successful. Linked to the local lead mine. Active in 1928, conducted by John Faulds

Warburtons Bakery Band - *See: Hoggarths Works Band*

Wardley Colliery Band (Tyneside) - Formed in the 1890s. Disbanded in 1939.

Wareham Silver Band

Wareham Town Band - Active in 1908 and 1938

Warialda Brass Band (Australia) - Active in February 1899 when it played in the street every Saturday night. It ceased on several occasions only to be reformed again. Some of the bandmasters were: R.H. Stewart, E. Quickenden, J. Myers, Walter Davis and Tom Graham. An effort was made to reform the band under bandmaster T. Graham in May 1915. A number of instruments were available and it was hoped that a number of others would be purchased. The band was formed that year and played for a number of wartime functions including send offs for soldiers; the visit of the Kurrajongs from Inverell in January 1916 and the unveiling of the Honour Roll at the Public School. It continued for many years until the 1930s when it finally ceased.

Warleggan Brass Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1903-1905

Warley Town Band (Yorkshire)

Warmley Excelsior Brass Band

Warmley Military Band - Founded 1903, as Warmley Mission Reed and Brass Band, by the men of the Warmley Independent Methodist Church, predominantly from the Mill Lane and Cadbury Heath area, many of whom were from the Lovell Family. The Band had a membership of about twenty men, one of whom was George Webb, father of Bill Webb the cycle shop owner. The Warmley Military Band achieved a great deal in the world of music, a small dedicated band of men, whose fame spread to Minehead, Hereford and Berkeley, where they had regular engagements and the fact that the Band existed for 33 years is an achievement in itself. Perhaps their most frequent and enjoyable engagement was to lead the annual Whitsuntide parades through surrounding villages. George Webb was born in 1842 and at the age of eight started his working life in a nearby coalpit. Inspired by the sounds of brass band music, he taught himself to play the cornet and at the age of thirteen he left the pit. George was now in his element. In a very short time he was able to 'triple tongue' on his

cornet and was capable of producing 700 notes to the minute. In 1862, he was the star player of "The Christie Minstrels". From this time on he was often on tour but always returned to his roots where he had a wife and young family. Around 1882, George took part in a ceremony when the chimney stack at Haskins Pottery was heightened. When the chimney was completed George stood on the top run and played the National Anthem, God Bless the Prince of Wales and Auld Lang Syne. The cornet was not the only instrument George mastered as he was able to handle many instruments, particularly the trombone. His ability did not stop there as he also became bandmaster to numerous bands but, in particular, the Warmley Military Band. At the turn of the century George Webb had produced scores of compositions for brass bands and his name was familiar all around Britain as well as on the Continent. There is a story that the Black Dyke Mills Band were passing through Warmley station on their way to Bournemouth. They had persuaded the driver to stop the train so as they could meet their hero, George Webb. However, George had prepared a surprise for them and with the aid of a local brass band, the Black Dyke and Warmley Bands marched along the road, playing at full pitch and meeting in the middle of the village.

Warmley Tower Band (Bristol) - Active in 1864, when they took part in the processions celebrating the official opening of the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol. Still active in 1899

Warren Band - Active in the 1980s

Warrenby and Loftus Band - *See: Warrenby Brass Band*

Warrenby Brass Band (Cleveland) - Formed in the 1900s. Also known as one times as Warrenby and Loftus Band. Did not survive WW1

Warrington Borough Band - Active in 1853 when it led the parade for the foundation stone laying of Christ Church, Pennington on 19th May 1853.

Warrnambool Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1990

Warsash Brass Band (1) - Formed by the Rev Holt, vicar of St Mary's church at Warsash, and disbanded around 1922

Warsash Brass Band (2) - Formed in 1993 as an all-brass band, but now a concert band with reed instruments as well as brass, known as Warsash Band.

Warslow Brass Band - Active in 1873. It became a silver band in the early 1950s

Warwick Town Band - Active between 1895 and 1910

Washington and District Band - Active between 1907 and 1911

Washington Brotherhood Band - Founded in 1923 as a temperance band, and later known as Washington Colliery Band (or Washington F Pit Band) up to 1968, Washington Glebe Colliery Band, then Washington Welfare Band, led by Tyneside danceband leader George Rowell. Despite the closure of the Washington Glebe Colliery in 1972, band members had soldiered on and were determined to keep the music alive. The band competed in championship finals in London and Blackpool and won the trophy at the Bedlington Miners' Picnic in Northumberland eight years in a row. In 1997 they were finally forced to disband because of lack of funding and interest. A successor band was formed in 2007.

Washington Colliery Band - *See: Washington Brotherhood Band*

Washington F Pit Band - *See: Washington Brotherhood Band*

Washington Glebe Colliery Band - *See: Washington Brotherhood Band*

Washington Welfare Band - *See: Washington Brotherhood Band*

Watchet British Legion Band - Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (4th Section), conducted by J. Alexander

Water Orton Band (Warwickshire) - Active in the 1930s

Waterfoot and Newchurch Band - Active in 1888 when it competed in a contest at Todmorden.

Waterhead Brass Band (Oldham) - Active in 1885

Waterloo Band (Brighouse) - Active in the late 1800s

Watford Artizan Brass Band - Active in the early 1900s, bandmaster R. Smith.

Watford Silver Band

Watford Volunteer Brass Band - Active in 1872

Wath and Bolton Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1895

Wath and Bolton United Brass Band - *See: Wath and Bolton Band*

Wath Brass Band (Wath-on-Deerne) - Active in 1856 to 1899

Wath Old Brass Band - *See: Wath Brass Band*

Wath Town Band - Active in 1939

Watlington Excelsior Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1917

Watney Band - *See: West London Silver Band*

Watney Mann Band - *See: West London Silver Band*

Watsonville Brass Band (California, USA) - Formed in 1994 by Gonzalo Viales from a subset of the Watsonville Community Band, it sadly only lasted a few years.

Weardale Brass Band - Active in the 1860s and the 1900s. Held a Cornet Contest at Darlington in August 1877 where the winner was Thomas Jenkinson, leader of Northallerton Temperance Band.

Weardale Saxhorn Band - *See: Weardale Brass Band*

Wearmouth Colliery Band '(1) (Sunderland) - Active in the 1930s

Wearmouth Colliery Band '(2) - *See: Hylton Colliery Silver Band*

Webbank Prize Band (Chorley)

Wedmore Brass Band (Somerset) - Active in the 1880s

Wednesbury Band - Active in the 1860s/70s. Still active in 1887

Wednesbury Crown Tube Works Band - *See: Crown Tube Works Band*

Wednesbury Old Band - Active in 1873

Wednesbury Tube Works Band - Active in 1869

Week St Mary Band (Cornwall) - Active in 1845

Welbeck Abbey Brass Band (Nottinghamshire) - Active in 1896

Welbeck Colliery Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Weld Bank Band (Chorley) - Played at the Chorley Catholic School's Children's Treat in May 1850, and led a procession of "Ancient Shepherds" to a new lodge in November that year. Took part in the Whitsuntide processions in Preston in 1872. Active in the mid 1890s, when it benefitted from the gift of new instruments and patronage from Dean Lennon of St Gregory's, Weld Bank. Also active in the 1920s/40s. Practiced on Weldbank Lane in Chorley. After it folded, its remnants formed the Chorley Silver Band.

Weld Bank Prize Band - *See: Weld Bank Band*

Welford and District Band (West Berkshire) - Officially founded in 1870 (although there is evidence to suggest it developed from an earlier fife and drum band). It seems to have petered out around the time of the Great War. It was quite well known in the West Berkshire/East Wiltshire area and the local Newbury and Marlborough newspapers regularly reported their concerts (aided, probably, by the fact that the Bandmaster was also the village Postmaster!). James Brown was the Bandmaster and several other members of the Brown family also took part in the band.

Welford-on-Avon Brass Band (South Warwickshire) - It was in existence in 1924. By the early 1950s the band had 16 instruments, consisting of 5 B flat cornets, 2 Tenor Horns, 2 baritones, 1 Euphonium, 2 Trombones, 2 E flat Bases, 1 bass drum and 1 side drum. However by 1960 the band was no longer active, and the uniforms and instruments were stored in the Rectory in case it was reformed. The band was later (date unknown) reconstituted, but support for it locally became less and less. Around 2000 there were no folk from the village left in the band, and only a regular core of about 4 or 5 people, so a decision was taken reluctantly to wind the band up.

Wellesley Colliery Band (Fife) - Formed in 1919 and in 1920 they competed at their first competition in Methil where they took 3rd prize. In 1921 they won first prize at the open championships in Bathgate and took the cup for the best third section band. Promoted to second section in 1926 Wellesley had a run of bad luck that took them back down to third section. William Pegg was bandmaster in 1927. By 1930 at Stirling under George Hawkins they won the third section and were back up to the second section. It seemed Mr Hawkins gave the band the confidence they needed and they were promoted in 1934 at Leith to the championship section. By now they were progressing as a programme band and were asked to play at the empire exhibition in Glasgow. They won the Fife championships 1938, 1939 and 1940. In 1944 they won the Scottish championship and were runners up the following year. 1947 and yet another great result, first prize at the miners gala day in Edinburgh entitling them to compete at the miners festival in London representing Scotland. Their finest hour was in 1964 when they won the second section daily herald British brass band championships in London. The band ceased to exist in 1976 when the remaining players amalgamated with the Buckhaven Town Band, to form the current Buckhaven & Methil Miners Band.

Wellesley Training Ship Band (Tynemouth) - Reformatory School for boys. Active in the 1900s and closed with the school in 1914.

Wellingborough L.M.S. Band - Active in 1933, and 1937 when it marched in the Wellingborough Hospital Parade.

Wellingborough Town Band - Active in 1900/1912

Wellingborough Volunteer Band

Wellington (Somerset) Town Band - Active in 1938

Wellington Silver Band - *See: Wellington Street Mission Band*

Wellington Street Mission Band (North Shields) - Formed in the 1890s, became Wellington Silver Band in the 1920s, but did not last much beyond then.

Wellington Street People's Mission Silver Band - South Shields, 1920

Wellworthy Works Band - Competed in the 2nd Annual Open Brass Band Festival at the Wesley Central Hall, Portsmouth (organised by the Portsmouth City Fire Brigade Prize Band), on Saturday 16th September 1950.

Welsh Flannel Mills Band (Holywell) - Active in 1896 when it competed at a contest at Hawarden.

Wem Silver Band - Formed in the 1930s? Folded at the start of WW2. Competed at Belle Vue.

Wembley & Sudbury British Legion Silver Band - Active in 1937

Wembley Town Band - Formed in 1910. Its prime movers included Mr Wiggins, an upholsterer, and the band's first practices were held in the basement of his shop. Titus Barham [the chairman of Express Dairies, who lived at Sudbury Park in Wembley and was an important local philanthropist] became their president and provided free of cost their resplendent green and silver uniforms. It proved impracticable to continue during the First World War but the band was re-formed in 1919 under the leadership of J. R. Masters of Sudbury. Eventually the group faded away, perhaps partly due to difficulties in securing suitable premises for regular practice.

Wenlock Brass Band - *See: Much Wenlock Band*

Wensley Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887

Werneth & District Silver Band - Active in the 1930s

Wernos Colliery & District Silver Band - Active in the 1960s

Wesleyan Mission (Victoria Bar) Band (York) - Active around 1891

Wessex Royal Artillery (TA) Band, 256th - *See: 256th Wessex Royal Artillery (TA) Band*

West Ardley United Band (Yorkshire)

West Ardsley Prize Brass Band

West Auckland and St Helen's Silver Band - *See: West Auckland and St Helen's Temperance Band*

West Auckland and St Helen's Temperance Band (Co. Durham) - Formed on Good Friday 1909 by the Independent Order of Good Templars and Rechabites. Later known as West Auckland and St Helen's Silver Band

West Auckland Band (Co. Durham) - Active in the 1970s

West Auckland Town Band (Co. Durham) - Active between 1928 and 1936.

West Bergholt Brass Band (Essex) - Active in the 1890s. For more details, see *Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex*, by David Cawdell.

West Bromwich Borough Band - It started its life with William (Billy) Goodwin, who ran a coffee shop in Bull Street, who in 1908 secured from Boosey & Sons several instruments with which to start a band - Goodwins Silver Band. It was short lived under his influence and nearly folded but for the enterprise and dedication of half a dozen players who struck their own terms with Boosey & Son to continue with the instruments. They named their band the West Bromwich Borough Band, soon becoming quite proficient and winning prizes in competitions. The various band members combined their skills to erect a wooden structure in Beeches Road as a temporary practice room; prior to that their practice was on an ad hoc basis using various pubs and members houses, etc. In 1935 Alderman Jesse J Grant, of Grants Bakery, built Grant Hall primarily for the band, and was to be a lifelong benefactor and President. The band then had its first permanent Headquarters in September 1935. The band was still active in 1962, when it competed in the Grand Shield, conducted by G.A. Morris. Won the Grand Shield in 1964.

West Bromwich Borough Silver Prize Band - *See: West Bromwich Borough Band*

West Bromwich Excelsior Band

West Bromwich New Town Band - Active in 1866

West Calder Brass Band - Active in 1891(when it performed on a Sunday - shock/horror!]. Was in financial trouble in 1896, trying to raise funds. Active in 1920/1933

West Calder Instrumental Band - Active in 1879, when it played a "musical extravaganza" on 21 June 1879

West Calder Public Band - Formed in 1919. Won third prize in the final of the Edinburgh Charities Band Association contest in April 1931. Won two trophies at the West Lothian and District brass band contest in September 1932, still active in 1946, still active in 1984

West Crawley Band (Surrey) - Formed in 1900 and still active in 1933

West Crawley Temperance Band - Active in 1912

West End Brass Band (Hampshire) - Active in 1863

West Ham Crusaders Temperance Band - Active in 1894

West Ham Union Workhouse Saxhorn Band - Formed in 1861

West Hartlepool Borough Band (Hartlepool) - Formed in 1890

West Hartlepool Old Operatic Prize Silver Band (Hartlepool) - Formed in 1851. Also known as West Hartlepool Operatic Band. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Known as the 4th Durham Artillery Band until it resigned its connection with the corps in 1875. Folded in the 1950s

West Hartlepool Operatic Band - *See: West Hartlepool Old Operatic Prize Silver Band*

West Hartlepool Prize Band - *See: West Hartlepool Borough Band*

West Hull Excelsior Silver Band

West Hull Prize Band - In 1937 the West Hull Prize Band was at a stage of collapse owing to lack of funds and support. Major G Thompson and the Adjutant, Captain H Potter, of 150th (Northumbrian) Division, Royal Army Service Corps, persuaded the Band members that by joining the unit, they could retain their instruments and continue playing. This suggestion was readily accepted and the Unit was now in possession of an official Band under Bandmaster Keenan. Many of the instruments were in poor condition but thanks to the support of the Officers, improvement was effected and the Band was able to give inspiring performances on parades and on route marches. The Band was known as 150th (Northumbrian) Column Territorial Army Band and players were also recruited from the ranks of 522, 523 and 524 Companies Royal Army Service Corps (Territorial Army).

West Lancs Home Guard Band - *See: Farnworth Old Band*

West London District Band - Active in 1890

West London Silver Band - Formed in 1937 and loaned its instruments to the Home Guard during the War, reforming in 1946 as Borough of Barnes Brass Band. Became the Watney Band in 1959. Jimmy Edwards, the comedian, once played tenor horn with the band. In the 1970s the Watney Band, under the baton of Albert Meek, experimented with including french horns (along with a string bass).

West Merryston Brass Band - Active in 1873 and 1883

West Mersea Band - Active in the 1920s. By 1938 had become the West Mersea British Legion Band. They disbanded in 1939. For more details, see Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex, by David Cawdell.

West Mersea British Legion Band - *See: West Mersea Band*

West Midland (Hereford) Brass Band - Active in 1862, conducted by Mr Smiley (a different band to the West Midland Railway Brass Band)

West Midland Railway Brass Band - Active in 1862, conducted by Mr Hollings

West Pelton Colliery Band - Active in the 1950s

West Pelton Volunteers Band - Active in 1887

West Riding County Fire Service Band - *See: West Riding Fire Service Band*

West Riding Fire Service Band - Active in the 1960s/80s

West Riding Home Guard Band, 26th - *See: 26th West Riding Home Guard Band*

West Smethwick Park Band (Birmingham) - Active around 1900. West Smethwick Park itself opened in 1895

West Stanley Brass Band - Active in 1865

West Stanley Town Band - Active in 1938

West Stockwith Brass Band (Nottinghamshire)

West Street Brass Band (St Helens) - Affiliated with the West Street Independant Methodist Church.

West Tarring Brass Band (Sussex) - Active around 1900

West Vale Works Band (Greetland) - *See: Greetland and West Vale Band*

West Wickham Salvation Army Corps Band - The Corps was founded in 1886 and had a silver band almost right from the start. In 1950, John Simpkin, who had then been Bandmaster for all the band's 64 years, reminisced that first instrument was a cornet bought new for 30 shillings and that the first drum, a relic of the Crimean War, was so strong it was used for many years as an open air pulpit! Those living in the village (pop. in 1881 was 455 and declining) were entirely dependant, directly or indirectly, on the land for their living, so most of the band members were agricultural labourers or tradesmen - John Simpkin, for example, was a blacksmith. The band played at open air or cottage meetings in all the surrounding villages, members walking or cycling some miles to do so. They also took part in village occasions such as the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, where they led the procession, and Armistice commemorations. The Corps, with its band, survived to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1986 but the increasing age of its members and the cost of repairs needed to their Hall saw its close and absorption into the Haverhill Corps soon after.

West Yorkshire Fire Service Band - *See: West Riding Fire Service Band*

Western Australia Police Band (Australia) - Formed in 1902 under the able leadership of Constable C.Dodd. It quickly became known for the quality of its music, its presentation, and for its contribution to charities. The Band was well equipped with first class instruments and an up-to-date library of music which enabled it to successfully compete against other WA bands. In a competition at Fremantle in 1906 the band won the Quick Step and came second in the Selection competition, while in 1909, at Albany it finished in third place. However the band's musical successes were, to a certain extent, over-shadowed by the success in raising money for various charities, particularly widows and orphans, with around £7,000 raised in the years before World War 1 - a very considerable sum in those days. In 1911 leadership of the band passed to Constable Alf Timm, but with the outbreak of hostilities in 1914 the band went into temporary recess. Although it was hoped to resume normal activities after the war, this was not possible and in 1925 it was officially disbanded.

Westfield Brass Band - *See: Dalkeith & Westfield Trades Band*

Westgate Band - *See: Dalkeith Burgh Band*

Westgate Hall Methodist Church Silver Band (Newcastle Upon Tyne) - Formed in the 1900s. Disbanded in the late 1950's

Westgate Hall Mission Band - *See: Westgate Hall Methodist Church Silver Band*

Westgate Mission Band - *See: Westgate Hall Methodist Church Silver Band*

Westgate-on-Sea Band - Active in the early 1900s

Westhall Excelsior Band

Westhoughton Old Band - Formed in 1854, the first event at which they are recorded attending was the peace celebrations for the Crimean War in 1856. A wit from the Westhoughton Journal and Guardian wrote in 1934, 'The band reached the summit of their achievements in the 1870's. The old Westhoughton factory was burned down by incendiaries and a new factory was built on the site, opposite the White Lion. It was a larger and more ambitious building and boasted a high new chimney. When the mill was opened the band played on top of the chimney to celebrate the event! There is said to have been one 'chicken hearted' member who refused this glorious opportunity!' And what a clever man he was! Although formed many years before Wingates, Westhoughton Old had been for some years considered the 'nursery' for the bigger local bands, with many of its more gifted players going onto such bands as Wingates, Horwich RMI and Besses'. One final note of interest is that a draw took place in 1869 'to provide the Westhoughton Brass Band with military uniforms to enable it more efficiently to co-operate with the Westhoughton sub-division of the 27th L.R.V.'. The list of prizes to be drawn follows. It includes a first prize of a harmonium, a fat pig, a sack of flour, a cheese, an iron bedstead and a live fat duck! The latest reference for the band is in 1936, it must have disbanded either during or shortly after the Second World War.

Westhoughton Old Prize Band - *See: Westhoughton Old Band*

Westhoughton Public Brass Band - Formed around 1890 in the Daisy Hill area, it was conducted by a Mr Joseph Chadwick, who later went to Australia and conducted two bands there. They rehearsed in a hut behind the Cross Guns pub. It would appear that they were a group of men who got together to enjoy making music and may never have performed in public. They seem to have disbanded around the First World War.

- Westleigh Band** (Manchester) - Formed in June 1881, with John Brown as the leader. He was also the bandmaster of Blackrod Temperance Band. In 1884 they played in a contest in Leigh, organised by St Joseph's Brass Band, playing the quadrille "Jeanette", but they gave only a moderate performance. In 1885 the Band won two 1st prizes at a contest in Cadishead.
- Westley Hall Band** - Active in 1932
- Weston (Bath) Brass** - Competed in the 1962 West of England Regional Championships (1st Section), conducted by B.A. Hulbert
- Weston Brass Band** (near Nantwich) - Active around 1900. Played at local garden parties. John Capper and his family were key members.
- Weston Brass Band** (Runcorn) - Active around 1900
- Weston Point Salt Union Band** (Runcorn) - Active around 1913
- Weston Point Works Band** - *See: Weston Point Salt Union Band*
- Weston Wesleyan Brass Band** (Weston, Runcorn) - Active in the 1860s, and at least until after WW1 when the band took part in the Runcorn Festival which was held to raise funds for the hospital.
- Westside Town Band** (Stockon-on-Tees) - Formed in the 1890s
- Wetton Band** (Derbyshire) - Active before 1900
- Weymann Works Band** (Surrey) - Formed September 1942
- Weymouth Military Band** - *See: Wyke Regis Silver Band*
- Whakatane Citizens Brass Band** (New Zealand) - Active in 1973
- Whaplode Drove Brass Band** (Wisbech area) - Active around 1910
- Wharfedale Brass Band** (near Otley?) - Active in 1875
- Wheatley Hill Colliery Band** (County Durham) - Formed in the 1890s. Robert Walker was the bandmaster in the 1920s and received an ebony and silver baton from the Wheatley Hill Workmans Social Club in 1922. "As with other mining villages, Wheatley Hill has a Brass Band, which was formed as far back as the year 1900. An amusing incident concerning the band is the tale of its drum being in prison. It was in the early 1900's. The band was playing away somewhere, some of the bandsmen had too much to drink and the drummer and drum got separated. The drum landed up at Thornley Police Station for the night. On another occasion the band went to the Durham Miner' Gala and the drummer lost his drumsticks. As the band could not begin its march home without a drummer, someone suggested using a beer bottle, so thanks to a beer bottle the band played its way out of Durham City and back home." 1968 - "Although the pit officially closes today, the Lodge banner has not been laid up. Tomorrow with the Wheatley Hill Miners' Lodge Band, it will head the procession at the Easington Divisional Labour Party May Day demonstration." The band folded in the late 1960s
- Whetstone Brass Band** (Leicestershire) - Active in 1939
- Whickham Brass Band (1)** (Gateshead) - Active in 1860 when it headed a parade for the unveiling of a monument to John English
- Whickham Brass Band (2)** (Gateshead) - Formed in the 1900s. "On Saturday July 18th 1914 the Swalwell Co-op celebrated its Jubilee in Axwell Park. A procession from the village headed by Whickham Brass Band started the proceedings at 2.30pm. Tea was provided and various games were played." Probably disbanded in the 1930s
- Whickham Colliery Band** - *See: Whickham Brass Band*
- Whins of Milton Brass Band** (Scotland) - Active in 1863
- Whiston Brass Band** (Rotherham) - Active in 1863 and the 1900s. A successor band was formed in 1984
- Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Prize Band** - *See: Whit Lane Prize Band*
- Whit Lane Prize Band** (Salford) - Active in 1910 and 1911 when it played in various parks in Salford (Ordsall Park, Peel Park, Albert Park, Claremont Park, Mandley Park and Buile Hill Park). In June 1922, conducted by Mr S Westwood, it took part in a musical festival in aid of Salford Royal Hospital, which attracted some 30,000 people to the Castle Irwell Racecourse.
- Whitburn Colliery Band** (Sunderland) - Formed in the 1890s but folded in the early 1900s
- Whitburn Public Silver Band** - Active in 1903. Reported, in 1919, that the band had been wound up.
- Whitburn Silver Band** - *See: Whitburn Public Silver Band*
- Whitchurch Brass Band** - Active in 1858 to 1895. Must have folded prior to the 1970s. Forerunner of the modern Whitchurch Band which was formed in 1973

Whitchurch Wesleyan Mission Band

White Hart Band (Tingewick) - *See: Tingewick Brass Band*

Whitehouse Silver Band - Founded in early 1900s and amalgamated in 1985 with Carrick Amateurs Band to form C.W.S. (Carrick Whitehouse Silver) Band

Whitehouse Street Mission Band (Wallsall)

Whitewell Vale Band - Active in 1898

Whitfield Colliery Prize Band (Audley, Staffs) - Active in 1924

Whittington Brass Band (Norfolk) - Active in 1899

Whitney Band - Active in 1912

Whittingham Asylum Brass Band (near Preston) - Active in the late 1800s

Whittington Band - Active in 1880s

Whitwood Colliery Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1885

Whitworth Brass Band (near Rochdale) - Active in 1856, playing its first concert on Brown Wardle Hill.

Whitworth Brass Band (Spennymoor) - Active in 1870, becoming Spennymoor Brass Band when the town of Spennymoor absorbed Whitworth. It became a Volunteer Band during the Boer War, and borrowed money from a local brewery in 1913 to purchase a new set of instruments, changing its name to the Spennymoor Silver Model Band. In 1926 monies were still owed to the brewery and, the band being down to eleven players, it was decided to allow woodwind players to join, and they became the Whitworth and Spennymoor Military Band. It did not take long for the debt to the brewery to be paid off and, as more brass players joined, the woodwind players left to do dance band and orchestral work, leaving the band all brass once more. After World War Two the band started contesting as the Spennymoor Silver Prize Band. It gained sponsorship in 1975, becoming Camerons Silver Prize Band, but the sponsorship was withdrawn after three years and the band folded in 1978. A successor band, Spennymoor Town Band, was formed in 1982. Another account states: "In the early 1870s the Whitworth Brass Band was formed, and the principal players were the members of the Raine family. Several of them became famous Band Conductors in various parts of the North of England. One year Whitworth Band entered 41 contests, winning 16, being second 13 times, and third 7 times. The late Tom Snowdon conducted this Band for many years. Before this he was appointed Conductor of the Tudhoe Colliery Band when he was only 18 years of age. Mr. Snowdon led the Band on to several notable musical victories in North Country contests. He worked in the mine at Tudhoe and at Dean Bank until an advanced age, and died in his 79th year shortly after celebrating his Golden Wedding. Mr. John Mutton, another famous bandsman, conducted the local Temperance Band for over 40 years, during which period they won many contests."

Whitworth Parish Church Institute Brass Band

Whitworth Park Colliery Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1845

Whitworth Scout Band (Co. Durham)

Whitworth Vale & Healey Amateur Brass Band

Whitworth Vale Band (Lancashire) - Founded in 1853. Amalgamated with the Healey Hall Band in 1884 to form the current Whitworth Vale & Healey Band

Whixall Band (Near Whitchurch)

Whorlton Brass Band (Yorkshire) - Active in 1905

Wicken Wesleyan Band - Formed in 1869, it was disbanded in 1885. A successor band was formed in 1911.

Wickersley Brass Band (near Rotherham) - Active in 1885

Wickham Band - *See: Welford and District Band*

Widdington Band - Probably formed around 1909 and lasted until WW2.

Widnes Brass Band

Widnes Soap Works Band - *See: Gossages Soap Works Band*

Wifflan Wafflan Prize Band (Annfield Plain)

Wigan & District Band - Active in the 1970s

Wigan Borough Prize Band - Active in 1943/44 when it ran an Annual Brass Contest in the Wigan Drill Hall. Still active in 1949

Wigan British Legion Band - Active in the 1930s

Wigan Harmonic Band - Active in 1862

Wigan Rifles Band - Active in the late 1800s

Wiggenhall Silver Prize Band - *See: Wiggenhall United Brass Band*

Wiggenhall United Brass Band - Formed in 1919 by Rayner Dent, he trained this small village band to such a high standard that one year they won first prize at the band contest, which was an annual event organised by the East Anglian Brass Band Association. On Sunday evenings, weather permitting, the band would stand in a half-circle, in the village centre, in front of the pub. People would assemble on the grass of the river bank and enjoy the music of Gilbert and Sullivan or maybe Noel Coward or Cole Porter. The band also provided the music at the annual garden fete, held in the grounds of the vicarage where competitions took place, such as cork stabbing, guessing the weight of the pig and hoop-la etc. Rayner Dent's day-time job, in the Summer at least, was as a mole-catcher and, because he always wore a collar and tie, he was known as "The Gentleman Mole Catcher". By the 1930s the band had adopted the name Wiggenhall Silver Prize Band. A postcard exists, dated September 30th 1912, showing the Wiggenhall United Brass Band - which perhaps indicates a formation date earlier than 1919?

Wigginton Brass Band (Hertfordshire) - Active in the 1920s

Wilans and Robinsons Works Band - Rugby, 1910

Wilberforce High School Brass Band (Hull) - Active in 1970s

Willans & Robinson Works Band - Active around 1910

Willenhall Britannia Brass Band - Active in 1884

Willenhall Prize Band - *See: Willenhall Town Band*

Willenhall Silver Prize Band - *See: Willenhall Town Band*

Willenhall Temperance Band (near Walsall) - Formed around 1880, changed its name in 1897 to Willenhall Temperance Prize Band, following success in local Band competitions. Possibly merged with the Willenhall Silver Prize Band at some time. In a photograph of them, taken in 1880 on the Isle of Man, the names of some of the members were: Page, Sidebottom, Dunton, Lawrence, Bailey, Summerfield (4), Roberts (2), Proffit, Jolborn, E.J. Read, G. Read, Aston, Wolverson and Worthington. The band also performed in the Market Place, Willenhall on Christmas Eve 1885.

Willenhall Temperance Prize Band - *See: Willenhall Temperance Band*

Willenhall Templars Band - *See: Willenhall Temperance Band*

Willenhall Town Band (near Walsall) - Formed in the 1880s, changed its name by 1894 to Willenhall Silver Prize Band, following success in local Band competitions. The Band continued to function well into the 1960's and practiced from their band room in Gomer Street until it was demolished when the area was cleared to make way for new development.

Willesden Junction Brass Band - Playing between 1895-1935 at least. The Willesden Junction LMS Railway Steam Shed (Silver) Prize Band was engaged to play in Gladstone Park for £100 for the 1930 season. This was repeated in 1931, but the Council were concerned that in the depression as many unemployed musicians should be employed as possible, and the engagement went to the British Professional Military Band in 1933.

Willesden Junction LMS Railway Steam Shed (Silver) Prize Band - *See: Willesden Junction Brass Band*

Willesdon Borough Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Willesdon Brass Band (London) - From the News of the World, 12th September 1886: Railway Servants' Fete and Gala - Yesterday afternoon, the first annual fete and gala of the Metropolitan Railway Company's employees was held in a field near the Metropolitan Railway Station at Harrow, lent by Mr Atkins. The entertainments comprised an Old English Fair, athletic sports and a firework display. The Metropolitan Brass Band and the Willesdon Brass Band played selections of music. There was a large attendance.

Willesdon Town Band - Active in 1928

William Davis Construction Group Band (Leicester) - Formed in 1863 as the Snibston Colliery Band, later known as the Coalville Ebenezer Band, Ebenezer Chapel Band, Coalville Coronation Band, and Snibston Colliery Silver Prize Band from 1924. In 1970 it became sponsored by the Loughborough based building firm, William Davis Construction Group. From this time the band were permanently in the Championship Section and a regular competitor at the Open, National and All England Masters. The band were runners up (to Desford Colliery) at the Midlands Area contest in 1985, 1986 and 1987, winning in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994. 1990 saw a 6th place finish at the Albert Hall on Odin. The band enjoyed less success at the British Open as a "mid-table" band until relegation in

1988; but the band returned after winning the Grand Shield comprehensively in 1993. Arguably the best result for the band was its 2nd place at the All England Masters in 1992, during which period the band reached the giddy heights of 12th in the Brass Band World rankings. Over this time several CDs and overseas tours were undertaken and the band enjoyed a busy concert schedule at key UK venues and were regularly guests on BBC's Listen to the Band. Hard times in the building industry led to a series of lay offs for the workforce of William Davis and the axe inevitably fell on the sponsorship of the band in 1996. The band continued unsponsored for a further year or so under the name of the Markfield Band, the village location of its band room, but failure to attract a full band led to its demise after the Midlands Area contest in 1997. During its 26 years William Davis Construction Group had five musical directors; Dr Jon Hall, Ian Bartram (1972-1975), John Berryman, Dr Keith Wilkinson, and John Hudson.

Willington Colliery Band (County Durham)

Willington Orchestral Silver Band (County Durham) - Active in the 1900s

Willington Silver Prize Band - See Willington Temperance Band

Willington Temperance Band (County Durham) - Formed in 1860, renamed Willington Silver Prize Band in 1891, Brancepeth Colliery Band in 1922 and Brancepeth Welfare Band in 1976. Merged with Aycliffe Brass Band to form the new Aycliffe & Brancepeth Band. "Gresford", the famous miners' anthem, was first played by the Brancepeth Colliery Band at the Durham Miners' Gala of 1938. The composer, Robert Saint, a former miner, came from Hebburn-on-Tyne, and he conducted the massed bands of 10 collieries in the Galas of 1947 and 1948.

Willoughby Waterless Brass Band (Leicestershire) - Active in 1893

Willoughby Waterleys Band - *See: Willoughby Waterless Brass Band*

Willow Street Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Hackney, London) - Active in 1899

Willowfield Unionist Band (Belfast) - Active in 1938

Wilmslow Public Band - Active in 1933

Wilmslow Town Band - *See: Wilmslow Public Band*

Wilnecote Victory Band (Birmingham)

Wilpshire Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in 1891.

Wilsden Band (Yorkshire)

Wilsden Subscription Band (Yorkshire) - Founded in 1909

Wilsford Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in 1911

Wilson Line Prize Band - Won the People's Challenge Shield at the Crystal Palace in 1906. On Thursday July 4th, 1907, the band gave a concert in Pearsons Park, under the baton of Mr A. Dennis, comprising: Senator (G. Allen), Gems of Haydn (arr. W. Rimmer), Ida and Dot (cornet duet), Sappho (Paccini, arr. W. Rimmer), Queen Elizabeth (J. Ord Hume), Carmelite (arr. S. Cope), Blue Danube (J. Strauss), and A Casket of Gems (H. Round).

Wilson's Band (Leeds)

Wilts & Dorset (Motor Services Ltd) Band (Hampshire) - Active in the early 1950s - did not survive long.

Wimbledon Band - Active in 1920

Wimborne United Band (Dorset) - Active in 1931

Winchburgh & District Band (West Lothian) - Active in 1924 and 1964, conducted by R Pritchard.

Winchcombe Town Band - Formed in January 1954. Instruments were scarce - some were donated by members of the old band, some were obtained from the Parish Church Museum! Any advertisements offering instruments were followed up and as a result a euphonium was bought from Upton-on-Severn for £5.00 together with another euphonium and Eb bass from fifteen shillings each. The latter two needed a little attention but were considered good enough to learn on. Concerts were given in Winchcombe by Cheltenham Silver Band and the Gloucester Sparkingham Trombone Quartet, the proceeds going towards Winchcombe Band funds. Engagements became quite plentiful even as early as the summer of 1954. Garden parties and fetes for the Royal British Legion, Red Cross Society, Girl Guide Association, not to mention Bredon and Stanway Flower Shows. Local Cup Finals and Armistice Parades featured also. In Cheltenham the band performed at the Rotary Torchlight Procession and the Battle of Britain Parades. Coach parties were organised to attend the National Championship Finals at the Royal Albert Hall, Mecca to all bandsmen! Band Contests were held in 1957, 1958 and 1959. These were obviously modeled on the famous Whit Friday Marches held in the Uppermill area of Lancashire. The visiting bands were judged on deportment on the

march from the Anchor to the Babesmoor. Playing on the stand took place in Babesmoor. The first Bandmaster was John Innes, who left in 1958 to join Morris Motors Band. Mick Sharpe took over in December 1958. Unfortunately numbers declined and it became financially impractical for him to continue. He left in January 1960. For the next twelve to eighteen months the band still met weekly and played for their own pleasure until reduced to a quartet. Eventually they decided to disband in 1961 and all available instruments were sold.

Winchcombe Town Band - Formed in the early 1900s but disbanded, probably, before WW2.

Winchelsea Brass Band (Sussex) - Reformed on 21 Oct 1912, so there would have been an earlier band in the town.

Windermere Brass Band - Active in 1856, when it welcomed Admiral Pasley to Windermere, leading a parade for him from the station to his house, playing a few airs and partaking of refreshments on the lawn.

Windlesham Band (Surrey) - Pictures of the band are held in the Surrey Heath Museum.

Windlestone Colliery Band (Chilton) - Active in 1933

Windsor Brass Band - *See: Windsor Institute Brass Band*

Windsor Colliery Workmen's Silver Band (South Wales) - Formed 1903 as Aber Valley Band, then became the Windsor Colliery Silver Band in 1917. Its original conductor was Jim Radcliffe. He was followed by Morgan Jeremiah who conducted the band at their first successful competition, at St. John's in Cardiff, winning first prize. The music performed was from Iolanthe. The band was also successful at the Daily Herald National Area Competition, held at Llanelli, winning the premier award in their class. Other notable members of the band included George Simms, Tom Pitten, Jack Williams, Sam and George Adams, Bill Evans, Will Davis and Fred Creece. Tudor Llewellyn played the cornet to perfection even though he had lost his hearing. Sam Jones and his son Emlyn also gave great service to the Windsor Band. Glyn, another son, was active in the band until the 1930s when he joined the Enniskillen band. Another Abertridwr family with a long association with the band was the Hazell family. Another conductor of the band at one time was Harold Laycock, the famous trombone player. The last conductor of the band was Fred Hazel. When the Windsor Colliery closed all the miners were transferred to Bedwas Colliery and the instruments followed them. They subsequently started a band which in later years became the Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Band.

Windsor Institute Brass Band (Salford) - Formed in 1917 and was conducted by Mr J Dooley. Following a reformation in 1923 it was known as the Windsor Institute Silver Band, and conducted at that time by Mr Tom Eastwood. By 1927 it was being described as being one of the best in Lancashire, winning the Manchester and district amateur Brass Band Association challenge shield. Conductor Thomas Dooley worked with the band from after the war until the 1960's. The last mention of the Windsor Brass Band is in the Manchester Evening News April 1986, and the band itself folded in the 1990s. A website, dedicated to the history of the band, can be found at www.windsorbrassband.co.uk

Windsor Salford Prize Band - *See: Windsor Institute Brass Band*

Windsor Silver Prize Band - *See: Windsor Institute Brass Band*

Windsor Volunteer Town Band - active around 1890

Winfield Walsall Band - Active in the 1960s

Wingate Colliery Band - *See: Wingate Grange Band*

Wingate Grange Band (Co. Durham) - Formed in the 1850s, associated with the Wingate Grange Colliery. Later known as Wingate Colliery Band (1891), and possibly Wingate Temperance Band (early 1900s), and Wingate Colliery Band again up to the 1960s

Wingate Temperance Band - *See: Wingate Grange Band*

Winkleigh Brass Band (Devon) - Active in 1908 when it played at the High Bickington Sports. Also active in 1910.

Winlaton Brass Band - It was formed in about 1801 and linked to the 5th Volunteer Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry. "Coffee Johnny" was a long time follower of the band but does not appear to have actually played in it. At his funeral, on the 7th April 1900, his body was brought to Blaydon station to be met by the Band who marched him up the hill to St Paul's cemetery. At his request they played "When Johnny comes marching home." Coffee Johnny has almost mythical status due to his appearance in the last verse of Blaydon races. This

conferred on him a sort of immortality. Yet he was a real man, who was born, married and buried in Winlaton.

Winnington Boy Scouts Band - See: *I.C.I. (Alkali) Band*

Winnington Lads' Club Band - See: *I.C.I. (Alkali) Band*

Winsham Coronation Brass Band - Founded in 1902, its founding members having been members of the Winsham Drum & Fife Band. It folded around 2009.

Winterbourne Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1879. In 1893 took part in a temperance procession at Frenchay.

Winterbourne Down Reed & Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1899

Winton Band - See: *Winton British Legion Silver Band*

Winton Brass Band (Bournemouth) - Active around 1900

Winton British Legion Silver Band (Bournemouth) - Formed in 1930s as Southbourne Silver Band, became Bournemouth YMCA Silver Band in 1945, then Winton Band in 1949

Wirksworth Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1887

Wirksworth Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Derbyshire) - Active in 1894

Wirksworth Silver Prize Band - Active in the early 1960s. In 1964 it amalgamated with the Brassington and Middleton Victoria bands to form the BMW band, rehearsing at Wirksworth.

Wisbech Town Silver Prize Band - Active in 1905 and through to the 1940s at least

Wisbeck Town Silver Prize Band - Active in the early 1900s

Wistanstow Brass Band (Shropshire) - Active in 1913 and 1937

Withern Band (Lincolnshire) - Active in the early 1900s

Withnell Fold Mill Band (Chorley) - The mill at one time boasted a Silver "Prize" Band equipped with a full set of silver instruments and a handsome uniform. They were open for engagements and were very much sought after for events such as Walking Days, Garden Parties etc. The Band Master was Mr. Joseph Hargreaves who held that position for a great number of years. Other prominent members were Albert and William Nightingale. Robert and Joseph Marsden - both machine men at the mill in those days but later to become managers of other mills in the group - Jack Jones, Joseph Miller, Fred Fairhurst, Ralph Eccles, Eddie Ambrose, Harry Jones - just to mention a few. They had a room on the mill premises for practices which were held each week, but on summer evenings they rehearsed outside, often marching up and down the road preparing for walking days etc. Mr. Hargreaves was an excellent Band Master and at the same time a very 'droll' Lancashire man. If the band were not performing as well as he thought they ought he would say "Na cum on lads, put a bit o' leet & shade in it, it's like a white washed wa". The Band, like the Cricket team was also transported by the mill lorry whenever playing in any of the surrounding towns, there being no other form of transport capable of carrying both men and instruments, plus some of the villagers who went along to support them, as we were all mighty proud of our Band!

Witney Primitive Methodist Brass Band (Oxfordshire) - Active in 1885

Witney Temperance Band - Active in the early 1900s

Witton Park Band

Witton Village Band (Witton-le-Wear) - Formed in the 1880s and folded in the 1950s

Wiveliscombe Town Band (Somerset) - Active in 1905, when it gave a concert in Wellington, conducted by Mr W. Lewis

Wiveliscombe Volunteer Band (Somerset) - Active in 1896, when it gave a concert in Wellington

Wivenhoe Alexandra Band - Active in 1863, becoming Wivenhoe Town Band by the end of the century. It possibly folded in the early 1900s - possibly becoming the Band of the 2nd Volunteer Battery Essex Regiment. For more details, see *Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex*, by David Cawdell.

Wivenhoe Town Band - See *Wivenhoe Alexandra Band*

Wivenhoe Wesley Guild Band - Formed in 1907, disbanded at the outbreak of war in 1914. For more details, see *Grandad Played The Cornet: A History of Brass Bands in North East Essex*, by David Cawdell.

WL Marriner's Private Brass Band - See: *Marriner's Band*

Woking Brass Band - Formed in 1892 as Chertsey Town Band. Later became Chertsey Town Silver Prize Band. Around 1942 it merged with Addlestone Temperance Band and became attached to the Weymanns Coach Works, near the railway station at Addlestone, Surrey, not far from

Chertsey. It was called Weymann's (Works) Band. Weymanns built bodies for London Transport buses, charabanc and coach bodies, and made very fine lightweight fabric bodies for Bentleys and similar prestige cars. The band and the coachworks were still active in the early 1960's, but the works closed in 1966. The band decided to continue independently and re-formed as the Chertsey and Addlestone Band. They competed in the 4th section in the late 60's and 70's, and were in the 3rd section by 1982. In 1988 they became the Genet Group Band (Chertsey) and finally Woking Brass Band in 1999, reflecting a five year agreement with the Borough of Woking. The band carried the Borough's coat of arms on it's banners, wore new red, black and gold uniforms and performed a range of Borough events throughout the year. The band had a close link with the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, Twickenham, several of whose students would play as guest members and conductors. The band dissolved in early 2005. See the book by Vic and Jean Gale - *A Brass Heritage: 100 Years Of Chertsey And Alderstone Village Bands*, 1993. An ex-member, Mike Sheehan, recalls that in the 1960s "we had a single token female in an otherwise all-male band. Rosie was a very presentable young woman who played Flugel (long before the release of "Brassed Off"!). She looked a treat in the short mess-kit pattern jacket and her above-the-knee skirt ; this was, after all, the mini-skirted swinging sixties! To me as an impressionable teenager she was a goddess. "

Woldingham Band - Competed in the SCABA contest in Chichester in April 1927.

Wollaston Town Silver Band (Northants) - Active in the 1950s and 1960s

Wollongong Steelworks Band (Australia) - Active in 1930s

Wollongong Town Band (Australia) - Active in 1900s

Wolsingham Band (1) - *See: Upper Weardale Band*

Wolsingham Band (2) - Formed in the 1890s. Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s. Folded in the 1960s

Wolsingham Steel Works Band - *See: Wolsingham Band (2)*

Wolverhampton G.W.R. Institute Band - *See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band*

Wolverhampton Junction Works Band - *See: Wolverhampton Railway Works Band*

Wolverhampton Railway Works Band - The G.W.R. Institute - Stafford Road Railway Works, Wolverhampton. In 1858 a brass band was formed, the Institute to provide the required musical instruments, the teacher's fees to be paid by the members themselves. By 1860 fourteen instruments had been furnished for the band. A newly constituted band, complete with a distinctive uniform was formed in 1876 and held a brass band competition at the beautifully wooded grounds of Oxley Manor. Crowds of people lined the Stafford Road to see the event and a jolly time was had by all, thanks to the benevolence of the owner of land, the M.P. Alexander Staveley Hill. After the prize giving, won by the "Kingsgrove Real Excelsior Band" the entertainments went on into the evening with "Old English pastimes", and dancing.

Wombwell and Houghton Band

Wombwell Subscription Band

Wombwell Temperance Band

Wombwell Town Band - Active in 1912, when a Besson "Prototype" BBb bass was provided by the Wombwell Reform Club for the use of the Town Band in January 1912.

Wood End Band (Kingsbury) - Active in 1910

Wood End WMC Silver Band (Birmingham)

Wood Green Excelsior Prize Band (London) - Active before World War 1 and in 1928, 1937

Wood Green Excelsior Silver Band (London) - *See: Wood Green Excelsior Prize Band*

Woodborough Brass Band - Formed in the early 1880's when Arthur Wylde, a talented musician, was employed at Woodborough Hall as butler and handyman to the Parkyns family. Miss Parkyns recognised his potential and sent him to train for a year at the London School of Music where he was primarily a violinist but took cornet as his second instrument. On his return to Woodborough he became a local music teacher and also formed a village band. This band finished in 1901 (For further details,

Woodborough United Brass Band - Formed in December 1911 when Mr Charles Ernest Foster called a meeting at the Post Office and suggested that several young men of the village were in favour of reviving a village band. After 50 years of service to the village and district it disbanded in March 1962. (For further details,

Woodbridge Chapel Brass Band (London) - Active in early 1900s

Woodchurch Brass Band (Kent) - Formed in the 1860s, the first reference was in a procession in 1868. One year they were on a tour of the big houses in dense fog and played the tune "The Mistletoe Bough" in front of what they thought to be one such edifice, discovering it to be a haystack when they went to solicit alms. [Note: similar stories are told of Stinchcombe Band and Potterspurty Bands!]. The band folded in the early 1930s.

Wooden Box Band - *See: Woodville Brass Band*

Woodford Halse Band - Active in 1920s

Woodford United Military Brass Band (Essex) - Records of the band, from 1890-1946, are held by Essex Record Office

Woodgate Silver Band (Birmingham) - Founded in 1893 at the Woodgate Methodist Chapel. The men were all nailers or nailer's sons. It later became known as the Woodgate Prize Band. The band practised in the Methodist Chapel school room in Adams Hill but when Birmetals opened (1938) they were given the use of the canteen. When WW2 started they were unable to use the premises and the band was disbanded and never started up again. The Band would go through the streets playing carols at Christmas time. One resident as a young lad recalled shaking the 'box' down at Lapal but when they got to the Crown Pub in Woodgate the box was taken off him. Another recalls the band playing on Armistice Day. As each man left the band, his instrument had to be handed back to the secretary. Some names associated with the band:- Thomas Hall, his son Harold Hall, Aaron Smith, Freddie Andrews, Ephriam Henshaw, his son Stephen Henshaw, William Riley, Will Smith, Harvey Hackett, Frank Moore, Tom Inston, John Payne, Frank Guest, Dave Moore, Thomas Inston.

Woodhorn Colliery Band - Formed around 1950, the band folded in the late 1970s prior to the pit closing in 1981. The instruments were passed on to the Ashington Colliery Band, which also inherited the Woodhorn Band's wooden practice hut - sadly burned down by vandals in July 2005.

Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves Total Abstinence Band (Leicestershire) - Formed in 1883

Woodhouse Carr United Band (Leeds) - Active in 1872

Woodhouse Perseverance Band (Sheffield) - Active in 1898

Woodland Colliery Band (Co. Durham) - Active in 1884

Woodlands Village Band (Doncaster) - Active in the 1920s

Woodplumpton Brass Band - Mentioned in the Preston Chronicle, 17th May 1845, when they accompanied the "Amicable Society" during the Whit Tuesday Processions at Goosnargh. The earliest report of their activities is found in the Preston Pilot of the 25th May 1839 when "At Goosnargh on Tuesday the procession was headed by a colour and the Woodplumpton Band of Musicians". The band played again at Goosnargh in 1846 and in 1847 when "After dinner at the Grapes Inn came the toasts and then the proceedings were enlivened by the merry strains of the excellent Woodplumpton Band which played at intervals throughout the afternoon." The final known performance was shortly after the demise of the Society when in September 1847 at the coming of age of E. H. Stanley the celebrations by his tenants at Treales included a procession headed by the Woodplumpton Band.

Woodside Band (Halifax) - Active in 1853 when it competed in the first British Open contest, conducted by J. Settle.

Woodside Ironworks Brass Band (Dudley) - Active in 1857

Woodstock Band (Oxfordshire)

Woodville Brass Band (Staffordshire) - Founded in 1834. Originally known as the Wooden Box Band, nicknamed the Doodles Band, it was known as Woodville Orchestral Band by 1882 and Woodville United Silver Band by the 1900s. In 1905 it added "Prize" to its name in recognition of winning the Elkington, Hazelhurst and Gisborne Challenge Cup. It was still active in the 1920s

Woodville Orchestral Band - *See: Woodville Brass Band*

Woodville United Silver Band - *See: Woodville Brass Band*

Woodville United Silver Prize Band - *See: Woodville Brass Band*

Wooldale Brass Band (Holmfirth) - Active in 1894

Wooler Band (Northumberland) - Active in 1910

Woolley Colliery Band (Yorkshire)

Woolwich Borough Silver Prize Band (London) - Active in the early 1900s, when the bandmaster was Mr A. Prescott and the Secretary, Mr W. Knight.

Worcester Municipal Band - Active in 1934

Worcester Saxhorn Band - Active in 1859

Workington Analine Band - Competed in the British Open in 1885.

Workington Discharged Sailors Band - Competed in the British Open in 1923.

Workington Town Band - Active in the early 1900s and still playing in the 1980s

Worksop Borough Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Worksop Silver Prize Band - c. 1930

Worsham Mill Band (Witney) - Formed by William Webley in the early 20th century. He often found places in his mill for people who were known to be good musicians, although they were expected to buy their own instruments from him in instalments. This unusual method of staffing the mill may have contributed to the collapse of the business: one day Mr Webley took all the instruments to an Oxford pawnbroker and not long after the blanket making business failed.

Worthing Borough Band - Active in the early 1900s. Alfred Ham Snr. was a founder member of the newly formed Worthing Borough Band, together with an Albert Collins and an Edgar White, which got together after a lot of hard work as well as some assistance from one George Searle and other businessmen. Alfred Ham Jnr., together with his three brothers and his father, all played in the Borough Band. The band presented Hilda and Alfred with a timely gift on their wedding day in 1923. This inscribed clock that they received as a wedding present from the Borough Band is now on display in the wireless building at the Amberley Chalk Pits Museum. Around 1920, Hilda's brother Ronald Scott joined his uncle Alf Naldret in the Borough Band, having split from the Salvation Army band. They frequently went with friends from the Borough Band to London's Crystal Palace for the annual brass band contests. At Christmas time, the Borough Band played carols in Worthing Streets and at special house parties to raise funds. In the mid 1930s, as a result of injuries received at the battle of Arras in the war, Alfred Ham Snr. became a total invalid and died in 1944. A touching tribute from fellow bandsman Albert Collins in a local newspaper read, "Mr Ham, who had reached the useful age of 66 years, spent practically all his spare time for many years encouraging aspiring bandsmen. Bands and music was his life, apart from his daily employment as a well-known gardener."

Worthing Brass Band - Formed in 1851. Active in 1890

Wortley, Forges & Thurgoland Brass Band - Active in 1892/3, and still playing in 1952, though probably did not survive long beyond that. Possibly linked to the Earl of Wharnccliffe of Wortley Hall. Hylton Boothroyd, recalls: "I knew the Thurgoland Silver Band when I was 5-18 in Thurgoland between 1939-1952. It must not have been just a village band as I'd always imagined - it must have had been the final stage of an industry-inspired band like all the colliery bands of the Yorkshire mining area whose western limits was just the other side of the Thurgoland-Wortley ridge. The River Don, a mile or so below the ridge, had had its Old Mill, New Mill, Top Forge, and Low Forge strung along it for a mile or two: named from C18 and C19. But by World War 2 only New Mill still flourished, with just the handful of men needed to run the machinery drawing finger-thick furnace-heated steel coil into the finest steel needle blanks. In my day the large black-tarred wooden Band Room, at the junction of Huthwaite Lane and the main road from Thurgoland to Deepcar (and lying 100 yards from the river between the Mills and the Forges), functioned also as an occasional community hall for those of us who lived in the valley. What had been Mill- and Forgemens' housing lay mostly along Old/New Mill Lane close to the river; what had been mainly quarrymen's housing mostly up Huthwaite Lane. The people who lived there were still working people, but nearly all catching workmen's buses running through Deepcar to the big steelworks in Stocksbridge or running to collieries on the road to Barnsley. Thurgoland's school, church, and most shops were up on the ridge, as were Wortley's. All we had down by the river were the pub, the Band Room, the small shop opposite, and a little Primitive Methodist chapel. That said, the band was part of the life of Thurgoland as a whole for Remembrance Day and I think also for the Whit Monday walk. For the Walk, the Prims processed up the hill with their banner, Wesleyans on the hill emerged with theirs, hymns and prayers in the open air in the centre of Thurgoland on the ridge, all processed down the hill past the Band Room to the road junction by the Top Forge, there they met the Methodists and their banner from the Green Moor chapel, all processed back to the roadside in front of the Band Room for the final big sing. I'd never really understood the joining up with Green Moor (technically a part of Wortley but on the ridge on the other side of the Don), but with

the band playing a big role in earlier days, it seems to slot into place. The band didn't long survive World War 2. Neither did the Wharnclyffes at Wortley Hall -- a palatial pile that had outstripped their capacity to maintain it. Although I got to know the future earl during his vacations from Eton during my four years as organist at Wortley Church, the parents sadly had largely passed out of public life. The Band Room itself is now long gone. The Prim Chapel became a workshop years ago. The shop is just a house. But the pub flourishes as a place to aim at on heritage walks. And the Top Forge has become a heritage centre."

Wrawby Brass Band (Lincolnshire) - Wrawby Brass Band formed in 1875 under the direction of George Twigg. It had 12 players. How long it had existed before this is uncertain, but in 1874 the Instrumental Music Society was mentioned as 'the only musical society in the town' and it seems likely that 1875 was when the Wrawby band was started. Before this there had been the 'excellent brass band recently formed by members of the Oddfellows and Foresters Societies'. The band was practising three evenings a week at the Gladiator in May 1862. By 1886 the Wrawby Brass Band was reported to have really improved during the previous couple of years. Took part in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Brigg in 1897. In 1900 it held its 'annual supper' at the Gladiator, and it was then stated to have 30 members. In the obituary to Alfred John Tapling (1911) it states: "It is interesting to recount the fact that the late Mr Tapling was the founder of the Brigg Subscription Band, which up to recent years was known as the Wrawby Prize band." So, sometime between 1900 and 1911 it seems to have been renamed as Brigg Subscription Band. Active in 1913/1919 when George Quarmby was the conductor, living in Bigby Street, Brigg. Still active in 1937 when it competed at Belle Vue.

Wray Brass Band (Lancashire) - Active in the 1860s

Wrexham Borough Band - Active in 1896 when it competed at a contest at Hawarden.

Wright Memorial Band (Scotland) - As a breakaway from the Camelton Brass Band, Charlie Wright, who once owned the Canal Inn, formed the Wright Memorial Band. Mr Wright was a notable character in the area who resided in the first house in Blinkbonny Road. Each New Year's morning he would come out and stand at his door and serenade the village with the tune "A Guid New Year to Ane and A' ". *See also: Camelton Brass Band.*

Wrightington & Heskin Band - Active in 1926

Wrightington Band

Wroughton and District Band - Active in 1938, when it competed in the National Band Festival at the Alexandra Palace in the Junior Shield "C" (2) section, against Wroughton Silver Band.

Wroughton Primitive Methodist Band - Formed in 1902

Wroughton Silver Band (2) (Wiltshire) - Active in 1938, when it competed in the National Band Festival at the Alexandra Palace in the Junior Shield "C" (2) section, against Wroughton and District Band.

Wroughton Silver Band (1) (Wiltshire) - Active as early as 1874 - a successor band was formed in the first half of the 20th century. From his obituary: "Francis Cowdrey [of Wroughton] took a keen interest in music, and for many years was a member of the Village Band, and was the only surviving members of the old band. When George Frederick, a local trained horse, won the Derby in 1874, Mr Cowdrey was a member of the band that played the horse home from Swindon station."

Wroxall Prize Band - Active in 1910

Wye Brass Band (Kent) - Active in the early 1900s. Thomas Edward Worrell, (d. 1915) and a member of the 1st Kent Cyclist Battalion, was a member of Wye Brass Band.

Wye Village Band (Kent) - *See: Wye Brass Band*

Wyke Old Band - Formed in 1856. In 1888 won 18 prizes, worth £260 16s., including coming 4th in the British Open that year and beating their local rivals, Wyke Temperance, at the Irish Exhibition contest in London. Sadly the band wound up shortly after that.

Wyke Regis Silver Band (Weymouth) - Formed in 1922 as a British Legion band and renamed as Weymouth Military Band in 1924.

Wyke Temperance Band - Formed 1869 from the remnants of a Band of Hope Union drum and fife band with the enthusiasm of Ephraim Pearson. Conducted by William Rimmer and Edwin Swift, and were highly successful, winning the British Open in 1888, 1889 and 1898. Dropped "Temperance" from the title in the early 1890s. Remained a force through the 1900s to 1910 but thereafter seemed to disappear from view and probably folded prior to the Great War. Following a contest in 1895 where Wyke beat Black Dyke and Besses, a

commentator wrote: "Then hurrah for the brave lads from Wyke; Thrice they've slated the warriors from Dyke, Likewise the champions who style themselves Besses, Showing more talent than either possesses!" There's a story along the lines of when Temperance came home on the train sat on the front with the Open cup and celebrating their win Wyke Old (who had been in the pub!) stood on the bridge and hurled abuse at them!

Wylam Colliery Band - Founded around 1850 and was supported by the colliery owners, the Blackett family, and also by subscription. It was administered by a committee comprising the colliery viewer (manager), the master of the band and a nominee of 'the subscribers of five shillings and upwards per annum'. The band met at 8 p.m. each Saturday evening for practice and performed in the village square on the first Thursday in the month.

Wylve Brass Band (Wiltshire) - Active in 1905

Wymondham Excelsior Brass Band (Norfolk) - Active in the early 1900s

Wythenshawe Band - Active in 1951 when they competed in the 4th section North West regional championships at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Wythenshawe Prize Band - *See: Wythenshawe Band*

Xylonite Works Band (Brantham) - Active in 1893 and the 1930s

Y.E.W.C.O. Works Band (Idle, Bradford) - A band formed by a group of businessmen, in 1944, who bought the rights to use the name "St Hilda's Band", was taken over by the Yorkshire Engineering and Welding Company in 1951. They achieved 5th place in the British Open in 1955 but disbanded soon after.

Yackandandah Brass Band (Victoria, Australia) - Active in the 1940s and folded in the mid 1950s.

Yallourn Brass Band (Australia) - Active in 1922

Yardley Albions Band (Northants) - Active in the 1890s

Yardley Gobion Britannia Prize Band (Northants) - Active in the early 1900s

Yarm and District Band - Formed in 1945 as the Head Wrightson Works Band. Renamed Middlesborough (Dovecot) Brass in 1980 and Yarm and District Band in 1989. Merged in 1998 with Lingdale Silver Band to form Lockwood Band

Yarraville Amateur Brass Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Folded around 1895

Yarraville Brass Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Formed in 1888 and folded around 1895

Yarraville Citizens Brass Band (Melbourne, Australia) - Founded in 1910. Amalgamated with the Kingsville Brass Band in 1921 to form the Kingsville-Yarraville Citizens Band

Yate Village Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in the 1880s

Yeadon Old Band - Formed in 1850, it was first organised by William Hudson and William Taylor. In 1862, the band was re-organised, and some ten years later an effort was made to procure more efficient instruments. This resulted in the purchase of four from Mesgham & Co. in Manchester. Later other instruments were obtained, but in procuring them a few at a time from different makers meant that the tone was never quite equally balanced. It was then in 1900 that an entire new set of electro plated instruments were purchased from Boosey & Co at a total price of £220. In the early days the band rehearsed in the old school which stood opposite the Yeadon Town Hall, this however was later pulled down in 1880. It then rented rooms at Well Hill, for about ten years and then at the Yeadon Trades Hall. Since then a number of small rooms have been rented in the area. In 1931 the band's contest results were: 28th March; 1st Prize and Cup in March, Yeadon. 28th March; 4th Prize in Selection, Yeadon. 26th May; 5th Prize in Selection, Huddersfield. 27th June; 2nd Prize in Selection, Yeadon 15th August; 1st Prize and Cup, 1st Selection, Ripley and 12th September; 1st Prize, Guiseley. In 1950 the Yeadon Old Brass Band claimed the title of Prize Band. Under the conductor of Mr Walter Jackson the band had won thirty-seven prizes, including eleven trophies and prize money to the value of £200. The band disbanded in 2004.

Yeovil Imperial Band - Competed in the Crystal Palace Championships in the 1930s

Yeovil Workmen's Silver Band - Formed by a splinter group from Yeovil Corporation Band in 1949. It merged back with Yeovil Corporation Band in 1967

Ynysdarren Brass and Reed Band

Ynyshir Standard Colliery Silver Band - Formed in 1898 as the Ynyshir Drum and Fife Band, became associated with the Ynyshir Colliery and converted to a brass band. Later adopting

Tý Mawr into its name, in 1920 it won the South Wales and Monmouthshire Championship Shield and the Royal National Eisteddford at Barry. It disbanded around the Second World War.

York and District Mission Band - *See: Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band*

York Boys' Industrial School Band - Played at a garden party at Bishopthorpe Palace in July 1910

York Citadel Band (York) - York, 1891

York City Brass Band - Formed 1906 or earlier. Merged, in 1952, with Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band to form the current York Railway Institute Band.

York Excelsior Band. - *See: Ebor Excelsior Silver Prize Band*

York Home Guard Association Band - *See: York Home Guard Silver Band*

York Home Guard Silver Band - Active in the 1940s

York Model Band - Active in 1860s

York N.U.R. Silver Band (York) - Active around 1924

York Operatic Brass Band (York) - Active around 1858

York Postal Band (York)

York Road Silver Band (Ulster) - Active in 1943

York Temperance Band (York) - Active between 1882 and 1885

York Tramways Band (York) - Active in 1913

Yorkley Brass Band (Gloucestershire) - Active in 1853

Yorkley Excelsior Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed in 1860, folded in the 1890s

Yorkley Onward Band (Gloucestershire) - Formed in 1903. Disbanded in 1993 and the few remaining players amalgamated with Coleford Town Band in 1994 to form Forest of Dean Brass.

Yorkley Onward Prize Band - *See: Yorkley Onward Band*

Yorkshire Bus Company Band - Formed in 1935

Yorkshire Engineering & Welding Company Band - *See: Y.E.W.C.O. Works Band*

Yorkshire Evening Post (Sharlston) Band - *See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band*

Yorkshire Evening Post Band - Formed in 1856 as Leeds Model Band. In 1864 it came third in the British Open Championship. It was later known as the Cameron Ironworks Band. One of its most successful periods was in the mid 1960s when in a three year period in seventeen contest appearances it won fifteen first prizes and two second prizes. In common with an increasing number of bands, in the 1970s it sought financial assistance through sponsorship to meet the dramatic rise in operating costs. This led to successful periods first as the John Waddington Band (the games manufacturers) and then as the Yorkshire Relish Band (within the Hammonds Sauce Group), before becoming associated with the Yorkshire Evening Post. The band merged with Sharlston Colliery Band around 2000, to form Yorkshire Evening Post (Sharlston) Band, but then disbanded in 2002. The band's contest achievements included the Radio Leeds Knockout Brass Champions, Second section Regional champions, prize winners at the finals of the National Championships of Great Britain, the Pontins National Championships, The Isle of Man Brass Band Festival, the Telford New Town Entertainment Contest, and featured in the prize lists of many local contests. Some memories of the Leeds Model Band, which rehearsed in the Royal Hotel in Lower Briggate, Leeds, from Robert Thomas of Seacroft. I was "borrowed" by the band on a number of occasions to stand in for absent players. The bandmaster at the time was Jack Parish and I was paid a 'handsome' reward - sometimes as much as £2. I attended the odd rehearsal at the band HQ - a small room over an alleyway between Lower Briggate and The Calls. It is still there but the murky back lane I remember now has a trendy wine bar in it. The band was always busy and I recall playing at Burton's Sports and at Cliffe Castle Gardens in Keighley where I played the tenor horn in the afternoon and the cornet in the evening. The afternoon concert opened with the march Round Tower and when we'd finished the conductor announced over his microphone to the large audience the band had just played its signature march. "How long has that been your signature march?" I asked the chap next to me. "Since about five minutes ago!" was his reply. In between the two concerts most of the band 'disappeared' - they'd gone for a pint or two. My pal and I were given directions to the hostelry and told to knock three times on the back door and ask for Leeds Model. This, of course, was in the days of strict licensing laws when no pub would be open early Sunday evening. When we were admitted we were under age and out of hours! I have good memories of a hard-working and friendly band who always produced the "big sound".

Yorkshire Main Band - *See: Yorkshire Main Colliery Band*

Yorkshire Main Band (Edlington)

Yorkshire Main Colliery Band - Formed after World War 1. Still active in the 1980s. Also known as Ceramia Goldthorpe Colliery Band, Goldthorpe (Ceramia) Band

Yorkshire Main Goldthorpe Colliery Band - *See: Yorkshire Main Colliery Band*

Yorkshire Relish Band - *See: Yorkshire Evening Post Band*

Yorkshire Steel and Iron Works Brass Band (Penistone) - Active in 1870

Yorkshire Transport Band (Dewsbury) - Formed September 1935. Also known as the Busman's Band. Later known as Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Sports Club Band

Yorkshire Transport Sports Club Band - *See: Yorkshire Transport Band*

Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Sports Club Band - *See: Yorkshire Transport Band*

Yoxall Band (Staffordshire) - Active in 1904

Yr Eifl and Trefor Brass Band - Active in the 1890s. In the University of Wales (Bangor) exist the Minutes Book of the band.

Ysbyty Ystwyth Brass Band - Active c. 1910

Ysguborwen Brass Band - *See: Aberdare Town Band*

Ystalyfera Town Band (Swansea) - Active in the 1930s and 1948

Zeals Temperance Band (Wiltshire) - Formed before the First World War, provided music at many local functions. By 1930 the abstaining zeal of its members had waned and it was renamed the Zeals St. Martins Silver Band

Zion Band - *See: Cobden Chadwick Band*

Zion Brass Band (Colne)

Zion Methodists Band - *See: Cobden Chadwick Band*