

Cornish Brass Bands

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Contest Results

Cornish contest results have not been included here but are recorded in a separate paper entitled Cornish Brass Band Contests.

Band Names

Unfortunately newspaper reporters, and even bands themselves, have not been careful in using the correct band name in use at the time and so we have town bands referred to as brass bands and vice versa plus many other variations.

Types of Bands

Whilst brass bands are the primary interest of this archive, other music groups have been included.

Military Bands

In the 1850s there was a growing military threat from France and in May 1859 the Volunteer Force was formed as a citizen army of part-time rifle and artillery volunteers to support the British Army stretched by overseas commitments. These were locally raised volunteer corps and by October 1860 there were 22 subdivisions in Cornwall each consisting of about 100 men.

These were placed into two battalions: the 1st Volunteer Battalion based in Penzance and the 2nd Volunteer Battalion based in Bodmin. On the 1st July 1881 the organisation was rationalised and the corps were brought into the new Cornish regimental structure with the names of the 1st and 2nd Volunteer Battalions of The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

In 1908 the Rifle Volunteers were brought closer into the framework of the county regiments and became a part of a new Territorial Force. The relevance of this is that most of the corps set up in the 1850s and 1860s had a band and many of them competed in the various brass band contests. This was not always popular as,

despite the reference to volunteer, some of the independent bands considered that they were professional musicians.

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Truro

"The name Town, City and Independent seems to vary at the whim of reporters/contest programme compilers." (John Brush)

1801 – 5th October: "A little before ten o'clock, the whole of the people employed at the carpet manufactory of Mesrs Martyn and Turner, walked in regular procession through the town, accompanied by a band of music...did the firm therefore have its own band?" (Music in the Westcountry by Stephen Banfield)

1818: "...a great part of the [Truro Philharmonic Band](#) having kindly offered their assistance on that occasion." (7 March 1818 – Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1833: "...Our ears were agreeably... at a very early hour on the morning last, by some tasteful airs, well executed by [Truro Amateur Band](#) under the arrangement of Mr Thomas Bedella, their leader..." (RCG 7th December 1833)

1836: [Truro Band](#) mentioned. (RCG 7th December 1838)

1838: "The [Truro Band](#) turned out to greet the honourable Member with its music..." (RCG 17th August 1838)

1840: "...were enhanced by a succession of inspiriting airs performed very creditably by the [Truro Band](#) stationed in the gallery..." (RCG 22nd May 1840)

1845: "The [Truro Band](#) have just received a neat uniform dress, through the aid, as we understand, of a few gentlemen of the town, who have also originated a subscription towards providing for the performance of music. Two or three times a week in the summer months, in the Green. It can hardly be doubted that many of the inhabitants will readily contribute towards these periodical concerts and we hope that the encouragement thus afforded will induce corresponding improvement on the part of the performers." (RCG 16th May 1845)

1846: "Truro Institution, Choral Performances. At the end of the first act of the performances, the [Truro Amateur Brass Band](#) played the beautiful and graceful Minuet in 'Sampson,' as arranged for them by Mr Hempel..." (RCG 6th February 1846)

1849 (or earlier) to 1871: Thomas Hutchings Emidy [Truro Brass Band](#) MD.

1849: "... children seemed to enjoy with great delight the treat afforded them by their worthy rector, the Rev. C. W. Carlyon. Mr [Emidy's Brass Band](#) heightened the pleasures of the day by playing suitable music on the occasion : and the amusements were concluded by a display ..." (27 July 1849 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1849: "Truro Regatta. The [Truro Amateur Brass Band](#) was on the water, and another band on shore ; and their music, of an appropriate character..." (RCG 24th August 1849)

1850: "...the [Truro Amateur Brass Band](#) has determined on giving at the Assembly Room, Truro..." (RCG 8th February 1850)

1850: "... The parties who proposed and carried into execution this well bestowed act of charity, were the [Truro Amateur Brass Band](#), and the Truro Amateur (Ethiopian) Serenaders – both parties being led by Mr. White. The performances, both vocal and instrumental ..." (15 February 1850 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1850: "... Dispensary begs to acknowledge the receipt of £10, being the net proceeds of the concert lately given by the [Truro amateur Brass Band](#) and the Truro Amateur Serenaders." (22 February 1850 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1850: "Truro Friendly Society. ... the afternoon, were followed by suitable music very correctly and spiritedly played by [Mr White's Brass Band](#). The Chairman next proposed the toast of the day ... He would not detain them ..."

(24 May 1850 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1852: "... Sunday school, 205 in number, were regaled with cake and tea. The children assembled at the school room and with [Mr Emidy's Brass Band](#) with flags and banners, perambulated the different villages in the neighbourhood. The weather being fine, the children enjoyed ..." (25 June 1852 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1852: [Truro Saxhorn Band](#), with other bands, at the opening of the West Cornwall Railway at Penzance.

(Penzance Gazette 1st September 1852)

1853: "[Truro Saxhorn Band](#) played at a concert in the assembly rooms in Highcross." (Band website)

1853: "On Friday last, the [Truro Sax-Tuba Band](#) gave a concert on their instruments, which was highly satisfactory to those few who were present..." (RCG 15th April 1853)

1854: "...assisted by the [Truro Band](#)..." (RCG 22nd December 1854)

1855: "West Cornwall Railway. ... order, and walked throgh Lemon-street and Fairmantle-street to the temporary station under Newham: Marshal. [Emidy's Brass Band](#), Police, Town Serjeants, Tbe Mayor (E. J. Spry, Esq.) Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. G. N. Simmons, Esq., E. T. Carlyon ..." (20 April 1855 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1855: "Church of St George, Truro. [Mr Emidy's Brass Band](#) of eight, with drums, performed occasionally with skill and taste. Their services, we understand, were partially gratuitous." (8th June 1855 - Royal Cornwall Gazette – Truro)

1856: "... The dinner was provided by Mrs. Daniell, of the Blue Anchor Inn and [Mr Emidy's Brass Band](#) was in attendance, in their new uniform, playing appropriate music to the toasts, and other enlivening airs. After the healths ..." (16 May 1856 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1856: "Tregothnan and Malpas Regatta. ... variety, from houses and other suitable sites on shore, and from vessels of various sorts and sizes on the river; and [Emidy's Brass Band](#) was in attendance, playing enlivening music, including airs appropriate to the circumstances of the sport." (25 July 1856 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1856 – 22nd July 1856: Played at Penzance and Truro Teetotal Demonstration at Tehidy. "[Penzance Band](#), [Godolphin Teetotal Band](#), [Camborne Band](#), [Truro Band \(Emidy's\)](#) and [Redruth Band](#) were in attendance." (Cornish Telegraph 30th July 1856)

1856 – 29th July 1856: The 4th Gala of the West Cornwall Teetotal Association at Tehidy Park... "Two monster trains from Truro and Penzance called at all the intermediate stations which converged into the Portreath line a quarter of a mile to the place. A procession was formed, headed by the Redruth Band followed by other bands from [Truro](#), [Penzance](#), [Godolphin](#) and [Camborne](#)." (RCG 8th August 1856)

1857: Played at a Teetotal Festival at Mrs Pendarves'. Camborne Band, [Truro Band \(Emidy's\)](#) and Redruth Band were also in attendance. (Cornish Telegraph 29th July 1857)

1857 to 1875: Between these dates there seems to have been a name change from [Truro Band \(Emidy's\)](#) to [Truro Town Band](#).

1857: "... and in boats on the river, were very numerous; and the proceedings were enlivened by music from [Messrs. G. White & Co.'s Brass Band](#). At an early hour the spectators separated, highly gratified by the amusement which had been provided for them. Truro ..." (25 September 1857 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1857: "...burial-ground at the top of Pydar street, his coffin was borne by veteran pensioners and was preceded by the [Militia](#) and [Truro Bands](#) united, playing funeral music (not the Dead March)..." (RCG 27th November 1857)

1858: "Truro Friendly Society. ... green-market. Dinner was provided by Mrs. Daniell of King-street; the market-place being suitably decorated, and [Emidy's Brass Band](#) being in attendance. Dr. Carlyon, the esteemed founder and President of the Society, presided; having on his right the ..." (28 May 1858 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

"In the 1860 military set-up, Truro was given two companies – 11 Company and 12 Company. Each, from a very early date, had a band and from the very beginning they often joined forces for some engagements whilst still maintaining their independence. In time (1876) they amalgamated officially and adopted one title - Truro 1st Volunteer Battalion or whatever wording the local reporters favoured". (John Brush)

[11 Company Duke of Cornwall's Rifles](#). "This band had GT White as their conductor who took them to at least two contests, their first, in Redruth, netted the 1st prize in a one section only contest." (John Brush)

[11 Company Duke of Cornwall's Rifles Band](#) often referred to as G White and Co.'s Brass Band. (BBHD)

[12 Company Duke of Cornwall's Rifles](#). "12 Company's Bandmaster, for most of the time, was R Pascoe, who entered the band in two local contests, the results of which were not as good as 11 Company. (John Brush)

1859: "... Feats! Novel Scenes?? New Jokes! New Music! New Horsemanship! To add to the attractions of the evening, the celebrated [Town Band](#), under the direction of Mr. Thomas Emidy, will attend and play a grand selection of Music. The evening's amusements will ..." (14 January 1859 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1859: "Opening of the Cornwall Railway. ... After them came the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, sashed and bannered, and headed by [Mr Emidy's Brass Band](#). Immediately following the Odd Fellows, and bringing up the rear, was a densely-crowded band-carriage, drawn by six beautiful ..." (6 May 1859 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1861: "...together with two contributions by the [Truro Volunteer Brass Band](#)... [assumed the 11th] a march composed expressly for the band by their leader, Mr G T White..." (RCG 1st March 1861)

1861: First mention of [Truro Town Band](#) found. (Royal Cornwall Gazette 17 May 1861)

1861: The Bath & West Show Agricultural Show at Truro from Monday 3rd June. "The [Truro Town Band](#) will perform throughout the day." (Bath & West Show programme – Tuesday)

1861: "Illogan Cottage Garden Society. ... Among the latter, as if indicating or reflecting the patriotism of the day, was the Riflemen's Saloon. [Mr Emidy's Brass Band](#), from Truro, was on the ground, and during the dinner near the dining hall, and acquitted themselves very creditably in ..." (9 August 1861 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1861: "[Volunteer Corps](#). ... wise to damp the uniform in which the members would have to appear at supper in the evening. Headed by their excellent [Brass Band](#), the corps marched through the town by way of River-street up Ferris-town, to Chapel-hill, and round to Lemon-street by the ..." (6 December 1861 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1862: "... preceded by the bands, (those of the Royal Cornwall [Miners Artillery Militia](#), [Truro](#), the [Redruth Rifles](#), and the [Chacewater Brass Band](#)) marched to Tregullow, a distance of about li miles. On arriving there the brethren drew up in front of the mansion and ..." (18 July 1862 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1863: "Truro Friendly Society. ... members assembled, in great force at St. Mary's school-room, and thence walked to St Mary's Church, preceded by [Emidy's Brass Band](#). An excellent sermon appropriate to the occasion, was preached by the Rey F. Staunton, curate of St. George's, who founded ..." (29 May 1863 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1863: "... under the superintendence of Mr John Rowe, builder and undertaker, of Truro, and the funeral cortege was headed by the [Brass Band of the 11th Truro Rifle Volunteers](#), playing the Dead March in Saul; after the coffin, walked the member of the ..." (5 June 1863 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1863 to 1867: [11 Company Duke of Cornwall's Rifles Band](#) contesting under G T White. (Contest archive)

1864: "Truro Friendly Society. ... eloquent and appropriate sermon from Leviticus, xxv, 35. After service the members paraded the town headed by [Emidy's Brass Band](#), and displaying numerous appropriate ... They then proceeded to the ... where an excellent dinner was ..." (20 May 1864 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1864: "The last public practice for the season of the [Brass Band of the 11th \(Truro\) D.C.V. Rifles](#), will take place to-day (Friday), at 7.45 p.m., in front of the Market-house. On Sunday ..." (26 August 1864 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1864: "Review of the Western Battalion.D.C.L.I., at Carclew Park. ... gardens and private grounds. The pleasures of the morning were in no small degree enhanced by the performances of the [Brass Band of the 11th \(Truro\)](#), which played, in an admirable manner, various pieces of first-class music in front of the mansion." (30 September 1864 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1865: "... society was held at Gerrans, on Monday, when about 160 members assembled. At 10 o'clock a procession was formed, headed by the [Brass Band of the 12th \(Truro\) Rifle Volunteers](#), and proceeded to Trevince, the residence of Pendarves Johns, Esq., after which they ..." (9 June 1865 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1865 to 1867: [12 Company Duke of Cornwall's Rifles Band](#) contesting under R Pascoe. (Contest archive)

R Pascoe was MD of [12 Company Duke of Cornwall's Rifles Band](#) for most of the time. He entered the band in two local contests, the results of which were not as good as 11 Company. (John Brush)

1867: "... In the morning they formed in order of procession at the Town Hall, and marched to St Mary's Church, headed by [Emidy's Brass Band](#). The rector, the Rev. H. B. Bullocke, read the prayers, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Rosenthal, curate ..." (13 June 1867 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1869: "...invitation of Mr and Mrs Peter to sit down to tea. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent music by the [Perran Brass Band](#) and [Emidy's Band](#), of Truro, and a very agreeable afternoon was spent." (17 June 1869 - RCG)

1869: "... The [Band of the Truro Volunteers](#), by the kind permission of Capt. Parkyn and Capt. Willyams, and the [Grampond Town Band](#) will attend. Admission to the Grounds, 6d; Tea, 1s; Children, half-price. Mr. George's Omnibus will run between Truro and ..." (3 July 1869 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1870: "... and went in a long procession to St Mary's Church ... Two bands those of the [Truro](#) and [Falmouth Volunteers](#) – played the ancient march music of the Freemasons. The procession occupied more..." (21 July 1870 – West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1870: "Lifeboat Launch at Porth... Lady Joliffe, performed the christening ceremony. The boat was launched amid loud cheers, and the strains of [Emidy's Brass Band](#). The boat was then tested and gave every satisfaction. A large number of people arrived in the steamer Pendennis, from Falmouth ..." (8 October 1870 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1871: "At [Truro](#), March 2, Mr Thomas Emidy, aged 66; well-known throughout Cornwall as the leader of a [Brass and Quadrille Band](#)." (11 March 1871 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1871: Thomas Hutchins Emidy, MD of [Truro Brass Band](#), died.

1873: "... marked some good play and is hoped that such amicable contests between the two battalions may continue annually. The [Liskeard](#) and [Truro Bands](#) were in attendance during the day." (4 June 1873 – The Cornish Telegraph)

1874: "Gerrans Friendly Society. This society had their annual club procession on Whit-Monday headed by [Mr Phillips's Brass Band from Truro](#). The Rev. Dr. Scrivener kindly loaned the National Schoolroom for their accommodation, and preached them sermon ..." (28 May 1874 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1874: "[Truro Brass Band](#). The performance of this band in Boscawen-street, advertised for Saturday evening last, did not take place, in consequence of the death of a relative of one of the performers." (25 June 1874 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1874: "... Lodge, Devoran, held their eleventh annual demonstration on Midsummer day, when they formed procession, headed by an excellent [Brass Band from Truro](#), and proceeded to Perranwell, where they had kind permission to visit the beautiful gardens of Sir F. Williams. (9 July 1874 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1874: "... the Christmas waits. There were three ... the [Truro Volunteer Band](#), under the leadership of Sergeaot Pascoe, the [Truro Brass Band](#), and Mr Juleffs band will also perform next Monday morning, and the morning of Christmas Eve." (17 December 1874 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1875: "... Valley Band of Hope, [Truro](#), celebrated their anniversary on Tuesday. They paraded the town, headed by the [Independent Brass Band](#), and afterwards marched to a field at Comprigney, near Kenwyn Hill, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. N. Gill. Here they ..." (10 July 1875 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1875: "... The Louise and Charles, however, kept well up and came in second and third respectively. [Mr Phillipps' Brass Band](#), from Truro, was in attendance, and rendered some capital music." (21 August 1875 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1875: [Truro Town Band](#) contesting. (Contest archive)

1876: "... were entertained at tea out of the funds subscribed for the occasion, and which was enlivened by the strains of the [Truro Town Band](#) ; while in the evening there was not only a torchlight procession, headed by the Truro band, but a bonfire, fireworks, and ..." (24 June 1876 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1876: "[Truro Town Band](#). We are pleased to hear that this excellent band, which is under the conductorship of Mr. J. F. Mark, intends performing ..." (1 July 1876 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1876: "...the Band of Hope held their annual festival on Thursday afternoon, when they formed a procession, and, headed by the [Truro Brass Band](#), went through the town to Comprigney, where they had tea and cake in a field kindly lent by Mr Gill..." (RCG 22nd July 1876)

1876: [Truro Volunteer Battalion Band \(1st Volunteer Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry\)](#) / 4th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (Territorial Force). "1876 is the official date of this amalgamation and from that moment on they were a force to be reckoned with, considered by most to be, for a long time, the leading band in Cornwall. It is mainly because of this band that the civilian entrants complained about this superior competition and managed to persuade most promoters to ban volunteer bands. Well, I suppose that is one way of dealing with the opposition! Conductors were Samuel Traise (1876-1902), W Mollard (1904) and Harry Phillips from 1909. (John Brush)

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1876: "... freely in the festival. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Michael, Mrs. Rouse, and Mrs. Stafford. The [Truro Town Band](#), under Mr. J. F. Mark, played some capital music in the schoolroom ground during the afternoon. About seven o'clock, the ..." (16 September 1876 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1876: "... This time-honoured custom has been carried out this year by the [Truro Town Band](#), under the direction of Mr. Jos. F. Mark, they having, on two occasions during the past fortnight, played a choice selection ..." (23 December 1876 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1876 to 1902: Samuel Traise [Volunteer Band](#) MD. (Contest archive)

1876: J F Mark [Truro Brass Band](#) MD. (BBHD)

1877: "... in the afternoon the children and their officers, teachers, and friends assembled on the Gow near the chapel, with a [Brass Band](#) from [Truro](#), and, after perambulating the village, attended the chapel, which was tastefully decorated with evergreens and ..." (25 May 1877 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1877: "...supply of tea and cake, and other good things suited to make the occasion one of comfort and pleasure. The [Truro](#) and [Penryn Independent Bands](#) were in attendance." (6 July 1877 – Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1877: Contesting as [Truro Independent](#). (Contest archive)

1877 to 1881: Contesting, strangely, as the [12 Company Duke of Cornwall's Rifles Band](#) under Samuel Traise. (Contest archive)
"Perhaps the amalgamation was later than stated." (John Brush)

1880: "... The children met at the Chacewater Primitive school-room ... and, headed by the [Truro](#) and [Hick's Brass Bands](#), wended their way to ..." (Cornishman 24th June 1880)

1878: "On the first day the [Truro City Band](#) gave ... selection of music, under the leadership of Mr. Phillips; ..." (14 September 1878 - Lake's Falmouth Packet)

1880 – 20th May: The [Band of Truro Volunteers](#) played in High Cross for the laying of the foundation stone. (The Creation of a Cathedral by Fisher Barham)

1881: "On Tuesday the above school had their annual treat in field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Thomas, of the Seven Stars Inn. The [Truro City Band](#) was in attendance." (Cornubian and Redruth Times 15th July 1881)

1881: "... street parade was given at one o'clock, and attracted large crowds. The splendid horses and retinue were much admired. The [City Band](#) with the band of the circus accompanied through the streets, and much amusement was caused by the stilt performances of Bimbo ..." (16 June 1881 – Cornishman)

1881: "... the school with their presence. Arches were erected in the field where the tea was taken, and flags displayed. The [Truro City Band](#) were engaged. All the teachers and male scholars as they passed on lifted their hats, when they saw the youthful heir of ..." (5 August 1881 - Cornubian and Redruth Times)

1881: "...The aquatic sports closed with a gig-and-punt and swimming matches. The [City of Truro Brass Band](#), under the able leadership of Mr H Phillips, was attendance aboard the committee vessel..." (Cornishman 1st September 1881)

1881: "... arrangements were admirably carried out by Messrs E. A. Heard, James Julian, and Richard Whitworth, the committee. The [City Quadrille Band](#), under the direction of Mr J. Newton, was in attendance." (16 December 1881 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1882 to 1888: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting under Harry Phillips. (Contest archive)

1883: "...Monday afternoon the school children had tea in a field kindly lent by Mr Ham. The [Truro City Brass Band](#) attended." (Cornubian and Redruth Times 8th June 1883)

1884 to 1902: Contesting as [Truro DCR](#) under Samuel Traise. (Contest archive)

1884: "... adjudicated with the greatest care and impartiality, and every decision met the hearty approval of the public. The [Truro City Band](#), under the leadership of Mr. Henry Phillips, was in attendance, and contributed to the enjoyment of the sport by their performance ..." (23 May 1884 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1884: "Members of the [Truro Salvation Army](#) on Monday evening paraded the city with a [Band](#) in defiance of the by-law upheld by the Queen's, Bench, prohibiting street-music." (21 June 1884 - Cornish & Devon Post)

1884: "Grand County Wrestling Matches at Truro. ...first day the [Truro City Band](#), under the conductorship of Mr H Phillips, played selections of music, whilst the [St Agnes \(Redcoats\) Band](#), under Capt. J Roberts, were present on the second day. Since such success has attended this effort, we trust ..." (18 July 1884 – Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1885: "... people are under the erroneous impression that we, the [Truro Volunteer Band](#), took the initiative in challenging the [Camborne Band](#) for a certain sum of money. I emphatically deny this to be the case. Having received first prize at the various band contests..." (17 July 1885 – Royal Cornwall Gazette / 23 July 1885 – Cornishman)

1885: "... is said that [Camborne's Band](#) has agreed to play against [Truro's](#), and use the drum, as was first suggested by the last-named..." (20 August 1885 – Cornishman)

1885: "The merits of [Truro](#) and [Camborne Bands](#) ...use of drums discussed... the kindness you have shewn in the insertion of my letters in The Cornishman, I am, sir, yours, E Dunn Bandmaster, [Camborne Volunteer Band](#)... I may add that the reason objected to the use drums was because they are not used at ..." (20 August 1885 – Cornishman)

1885: "Truro and Camborne Band Contest. The question of using drums was then discussed, and as the [Truro Band](#)... to play without them, and the [Camborne band](#) ... to play with them, the negotiations for a Contest came to an end. Centenary-street, Camborne, August 10th, 1885." (21 August 1885 – Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1885: "Appreciative Presentation. Mr. Harry Phillips, of the [Truro City Band](#), has been presented, at the town-hall, with a beautiful cornet and a purse of money – the balance from the cornet-fund." (27 August 1885 – Cornishman)

1887: "The [Truro City Band](#) gave their second concert of the season on Monday last, in the Market-hall, under the leadership of Mr. Harry Phillips." (21 January 1887 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1887: "[Truro Independent Brass Band](#) was in attendance, and gave much satisfaction." (Cornubian and Redruth Times 15 July 1887)

1887: "...Traise and the late Mr Dunn, of the [Camborne Volunteer Band](#), with reference to the use of drums in a contest. Then ... Traise [[Truro Band](#)] would not hear of a contest without drums, and refused to play against the [Camborne Band](#) because the latter objected to their..." (11 August 1887 – The Cornish Telegraph)

1888: "...make its appearance in the streets was the Bible Christian led by the [Brea Band](#), followed the New Connexion led the [Camborne Volunteer band](#); United Methodist led by the [Truro City Band](#) ; Primitives led by the [Helston Volunteer Band](#); headed by Messrs. Simmons ..." (24 May 1888 – The Cornish Telegraph)

1888: "Brea Bible Christian Sunday Scholars had their annual treat on Saturday last. [Brea](#) and the [City of Truro Bands](#) were in attendance." (6 July 1888 - Cornubian and Redruth Times)

1889: "[Truro Volunteer Band](#). Tho following attractive programme has been arranged for the Truro Volunteer Band concert, in the Market-hall. ..." (28 March 1889 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1890: "The children met in the school-room, formed a procession headed by the [Truro Independent Brass Band](#), and walked as far as Chacewater, returning to a field kindly lent by Mr T Hore, where they had tea..." (RCG 31 July 1890)

1890: "Band Contest at Tregullow... the [St Georges Chapel, Truro, Fife and Drum Band](#), under Mr J Bath; the [Helston Volunteers](#), under Mr A Blight; the [Stenalees Brass Band](#), under Mr J Richards; the [Illogan Reed and Brass Band](#), under the Rev Harry Oxland; the [Black Rock Band](#), under Mr John..." (7 August 1890 – Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1890s: [Truro Band](#) disbanded.

1890s: [Truro Band](#) re-formed.

1891: "... July 27. The procession, leaving Walsingham-place at 2.30, paraded the principal streets, headed by the [Salvation Army Brass Band](#). The Temple Committee gave the Union children a most hearty invitation to join them in their treat, which was accepted." (6 August 1891 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1891: "... the catering was entrusted to Messrs Clarke, of Truro, and the [Truro Volunteer Band](#), under Mr. Traise, and the [Trencrom Brass Band](#) was also in attendance. There was a grand pyrotechnic display in the park in the evening, and included a lot of set pieces." (20 August 1891 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)



Edwin James Paddy is seated in middle row extreme right – he was my Gt grandfather (Tony Mansell)



Bandsman Edwin James Paddy is seated middle row fourth from the left in this 1892 photograph of the Band of 12th Company 1st Cornwall Duke of Cornwall's Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers.

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1893: "We might mention that Mr. Harry Phillips (the leader) was, previous to his departure for America, bandmaster of the [Truro City Band](#)." (25 May 1893 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1893: "Cornwall Fisheries Exhibition. The committee have now engaged [Truro Rifle Volunteers](#) for today and tomorrow, and the [Illogan Reed and Brass Band](#) for Saturday. One of the most interesting evenings was that of Thursday last when, in addition to selections rendered by ..." (17 August 1893 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1893: "[Truro Volunteer Band](#) was present during the afternoon, and played selections of music, which delighted all who attended the show ground ..." (28 September 1893 – Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1898 circa: [Truro Band](#) referred to as “this newly-formed band”. (RCG 23rd March 1899)

1899: “[Truro Town Band](#). This band made its first appearance on Monday evening last at a promenade concert in the capacious Market-hall. The ... of the critic and the anticipations of the partisan were both realised in congratulations to the conductor ...” (23 February 1899 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1899: “[Truro Town Band](#). ... no desire on the part of one instrument to predominate over the others a fault which is so often noticeable in bands, brass bands especially. The accompaniments were nicely subdued, but a little more precise ... and attack would have enhanced the performance.” (23 February 1899 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1899: “[Truro Town Band](#). This newly-formed band gave another successful concert in the Market-hall on Thursday, before a large and appreciative audience, which testifies the growing popularity of the band. The programme was varied, ranging from the heavy ...” (23 March 1899 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1899: “[Truro Town Band](#) (Mr. Harry Phillips, bandmaster) will perform the following programme in Victoria Gardens this (Thursday) evening, commencing ...” (20 July 1899 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1900: Harry Phillips [Truro Band](#) MD probably. (BBHD)

1900: “... the schoolroom the children's enjoyment ... spoilt. Tea was served to adults and children in the schoolroom. [Camborne Town Band](#) was in attendance. Four Lanes. On Saturday Four Lanes U.M.F.C. tea treat will held. [Truro Volunteer Band](#) will be in attendance.” (6 July 1900 - Cornubian and Redruth Times)

1900: “...move was then made for the field, kindly lent Robert Johns of the Victoria Inn. [Truro Volunteer Band](#), under the conductorship of Mr Trezise, was in attendance, and played selections during the afternoon.” (Cornubian and Redruth Times 13th July 1900)

1900: “[Truro Town Band](#). The following paragraph is taken from the August number of the British Bandsman. ‘The Truro Town Band, under Bandmaster H. Phillips, are rendering some fine programmes’.” (30 August 1900 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1901: “[Truro Salvation Army Brass Band](#) and soldiers paid a visit to Tregony last Friday. The Congregational Chapel was kindly lent for a special meeting. There was ...” (RCG 20th June 1901)

1901: “[Truro Salvation Army Brass Band](#) and soldiers paid a visit to Tregony last Friday.” (20 June 1901 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1901: “We should also like it to be known that the [St Allen Fife and Drum Band](#) did good service by assisting the [Town Band](#) during the carnival. Thanking you for the report and corrections. Yours, etc.. J. T. ... J. H. Williams Hon ... Truro.” (1 August 1901 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1902: “[Truro Salvation Army Brass Band](#) visited Camborne Corps last weekend. A large number of people assembled at the out-door meeting on Saturday night. Mr. Brookes ...” (1 May 1902 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1902: “[Truro Salvation Army Brass Band](#) visited Redruth Corps Coronation week end. A musical entertainment was given in the barracks on Saturday night.” (RCG 14th August 1902)

1902: “Sunday afternoon the band K Co., assisted by members of [Truro City Band](#), under the conductorship of Mr Beard, played in the Green, and £3 12s. was collected.” (26 September 1902 - Cornubian and Redruth Times)

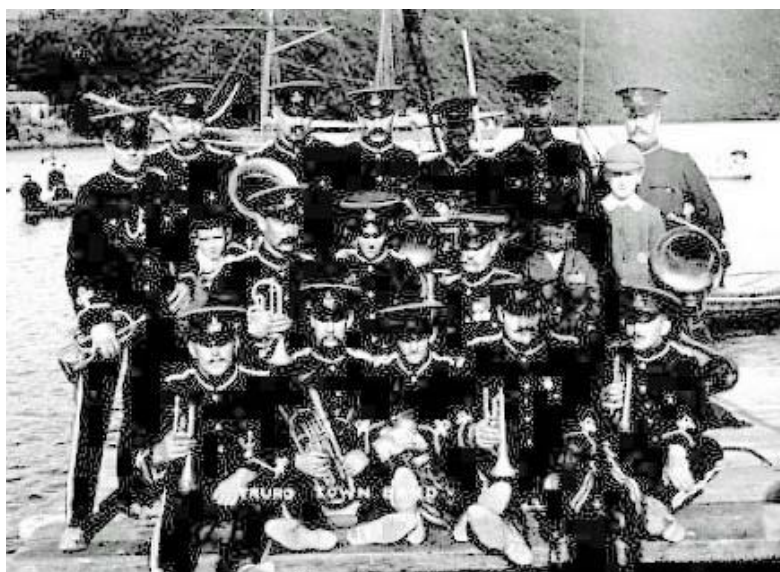
1902: “[Truro Salvation Army Brass Band](#) visited St Blazey last week end, and on Saturday night an outdoor meeting was held near its markethouse.” (RCG 23rd October 1902)

1902: “... commanded by ... in reply; to thank you for the copy of ... which accompanied Esq. [Truro Salvation Army Brass Band](#) visited Monday night. The Wesleyan schoolroom was hired for the evening Some four hundred people assembled, who listened ...” (30 October 1902 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1903: “... assembled in the evening. Comrades from Redruth and St Ives were present. Major Gill, of Plymouth, was in command. [Truro Brass Band](#) was present during the week-end meetings.” (16 April 1903 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1904: W Mollard Truro [DCR MD](#). (John Brush)

1904 Circa: [10 Company, 1st Duke of Cornwall's Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers](#) / [12 Company, 1st Duke of Cornwall's Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers](#). "The first engagement found for this band was taking part in what today would be called a military tattoo, the main difference being that there was no band marching display, massed or otherwise. Just house-band duties. The band, in 1904, was under R Rogers, and as a musical unit continued until 1914. It has been noted that all of these Truro bands were well served with the amount of concerts they were asked to undertake at the many and various venues in the city." (John Brush)



[Truro Town Band](#) at Malpas – early 1900s (Photo unknown)



[Truro City Brass Band](#)

1904: "The [Truro City Brass Band](#) will render the following programme of music In Victoria Square on Saturday evening commencing ..." (RCG 23rd June 1904)



Two photographs of Truro City Band

1905: “[Truro Salvation Army brass band](#) visited St Austell last week-end and conducted outdoor revival services on Saturday night, led by Staff-Captain Green” (RCG 23rd February 1905)

1907: “During the week music has been supplied by the [City Quadrille Band](#) (conductor, Mr. Matthews), who will continue to render selections until the exhibition closes.” (16 May 1907 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser_

1907: “... celebrated on Monday in beautiful weather. The members met the Sunday school, and forming a procession, headed by the [Truro Temperance Band](#), walked to Chacewater, returning to a field, kindly lent by Mr. B. H. Pearce, where the children were refreshed with tea and ...” (23 May 1907 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1907: “On Monday the Band of Hope held its annual demonstration. Led by the [Truro Temperance Band](#), it paraded as far as, Chacewater, returning to a field kindly lent for the occasion Mr. R. Pearce, where tea and sports ...” (23 May 1907 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1907: "...submitted various bands: Truro Artillery Band, ... [Falmouth R.O.A.](#), £8 10s.; [Hayle Rifle Volunteers](#), £5 15s. The [Falmouth](#) and [Truro Bands](#) were engaged. Mr John Paull reported that it would necessary to hire large marquee..."

(6 June 1907 – Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1907: "... after the enrolment, the new company paraded headed by the [2nd Company Truro Band](#), to the number... and the [Perranporth Company's Fife Band](#). Owing to the rain the march out was a short one."

(8 August 1907 – West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1907: "A donation of ... has been received from Sir E. Darning-Lawrence towards the [Truro Temperance Brass Band](#)."

24 October 1907 - Royal Cornwall Gazette

1907: "A donation of 10s. has been received from Mr C Hay Morgan, M.P., towards the [Truro Temperance Brass Band](#)."

(West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser 23rd & 26th September 1907)

1907: "...A donation of 10s. has been received from Mr. Hay Morgan. M.P., towards the funds of the [Truro Temperance Brass Band](#)."

(26 September 1907 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

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(26 September 1907 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1907: "...donation of ... has been received from Sir E. Durning-Lawrence towards the [Truro Temperance Brass Band](#)."

(West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser 21st & 24th October 1907)

1907: "A donation of ... has been received from Sir E. Dorning-Lawrence towards the [Truro Temperance Brass Band](#)."

(24 October 1907 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1907: "... become patron of the forthcoming bazaar, and forwarded a donation ... A ... was given by the [Truro Temperance Brass Band](#), evening." (31 October 1907 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1907: "An offer by [Truro Temperance Brass Band](#) to give a concert to the inmates in November was accepted. Mr. Preston Thomas said he had inspected the Workhouse, and although ..." (7 November 1907 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

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1907: "... Temperance Sunday was observed at Truro on Sunday, when the members of the Independent Order of Rechabites, headed by the [Truro Temperance Band](#), marched the St Clement Street United Methodist Church, when a sermon was preached Bro. the Rev. J. Higman." (28 November 1907 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1908: "[Truro City Quadrille Band](#). Bazaars, balls, "at homes," ... Attended. Highest references. Up-to-date Music. For terms, apply Geo. Matthews. Secretary ..." (9 January 1908 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1908: "The [Truro Temperance Band](#) and friends gave entertainment the Shortlanes-end Wesleyan Schoolroom. Monday evening, to a fairly large gathering." (6 February 1908 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1908: "[Truro Temperance Brass Band](#) attended morning service at the Baptist Chapel..." (RCG 20th February 1908)

1908: "... in connection with the Cornish Farmers' Union. Mr. J. Hitchins. J.P., presided over representative attendance [Truro Temperance Band](#) paid a visit on Sunday, and played hymn tunes at various points of the district."

(12 March 1908 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1908: "In connexion with Tresillian Band of Hope, an entertainment was given in the School by the [Truro Temperance Band](#).

Recitations were contributed by Mr. F. ..., and Masters J. and F. Rowe; solos by Mr. A. Williams and Miss B. Richards; Mr ..."

(19 March 1908 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1908: "... was given in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Tresillian, on Friday evening by friends from Truro, assisted by the [Truro Temperance Band](#). Mr. H. Treloar presided over a crowded house. At the close the Chairman thanked the friends for their splendid entertainment ..." (9 April 1908 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1908: "[Truro City Brass Band](#) has received a donation of £1.1s. from Sir E. Durning Lawrence, Bart., towards the band fund." (RCG 16th April 1908)

1908: "... annual tea treat of the U.M. Sunday school took place on Saturday. A procession of about 200 children headed by the [Truro Temperance Brass Band](#) paraded the village, and thence through the beautiful gardens of Mr C Pengelly..." (Cornubian and Redruth Times 16th July 1908)

1908: "... meeting, which Dr. Shaw presided. Previous to the meeting a review was held, which the [Band of the Truro Boys Brigade](#) and [Bugle Brass Band](#) assisted. Seventy boys have already joined the St Austell Brigade. Mr. E. S. Prior, chief clerk at St. Austell Station, ..." (19 November 1908 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1908: "... assembled in the Market Howe on Monday evening on the occasion of the first public performance of the new [Truro City Brass Band](#). The band, under the conductorship of Mr. Harry Phillips, consists of about twenty-two performers, most of whom have been associated ..." (3 December 1908 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1909: "[Truro Temperance Band](#) visited Shortlanesend and on Sunday afternoon, played selections. The [Truro City Band](#) has received a donation of ..." (25 March 1909 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1909: "The newly-formed [Truro Town Band](#) will in future be under the conductorship of Mr. T. H. Biddick, and it is hoped that performances will shortly be given in the ..." (29 April 1909 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1909: "At St. Newlyn East, on Sunday afternoon and evening [Truro Temperance Brass Band](#) rendered selections of sacred music." (RCG 27th May 1909)

1909: "At the Workhouse on Thursday evening the [Truro Temperance Band](#), under the conductorship of Mr. T. Williams, played varied selections, which were greatly appreciated by the inmates." (3 June 1909 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)



[Truro Temperance Brass Band](#)

1909: "...Band Hope spent an enjoyable day at St Agnes on Thursday. Beacon Wesleyan Sunday-school had their annual tea Saturday. [St Agnes Town Band](#), under Mr John Paull, contributed an excellent musical programme. [Truro Temperance Band](#) played selections in the streets..." (24 June 1909 – Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1909: "...young people's anniversary, local officer being assisted by Major and Mrs Rich of Plymouth, the divisional officers, and [Truro Brass Band](#). The proceedings commenced on* Saturday evening. On the arrival the band selections were played in the Foundry Square..." (The Cornish Telegraph 1st July 1909)

1909: "... scholars were each presented with a medal which was specially struck for the occasion. [Truro Territorial Band](#) and [St Agnes Town Band](#) rendered choice selections of instrumental music during the afternoon and evening." (22 July 1909 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1909: Harry Phillips [Truro DCR MD](#). (John Brush)

1910: "Truro Hospital Bazaar. ... National ... Friendly Societies taking part in the procession, which started from the Town Hall, and, headed by the [Truro City Band](#), under Bandmaster Rogers, paraded the principal streets of the city. Collections being made en route. A service held at St ..." (14 July 1910 - Royal Cornwall Gazette)

1912: "... subsequently. Lady Mary distributed the prizes. The proceedings concluded with cheers for Mr. Charles Williams. [Truro Town Band](#), under Bandmaster Rogers, rendered pleasing programme during the afternoon and evening. the sports. The sports officials ..." (30 May 1912 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1914: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting under L Abram. (Contest archive)

1915: "... of members of the Societies, who assembled and met the officers at the Town Hall at 2.15 p.m. A procession, headed by [Truro Town Band](#), under Mr. Trehwela, was formed, and paraded many of the principal streets. Collectors were busy on route in gathering contributions ..." (22 July 1915 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1920: "... Mary's Hall, Friday, ... concert held in aid of St. Mary s Mall ... The event was organised by Mr. S, Gouge. The [Truro Town Band](#) rendered excellent selections of music under their conductor. Mr. L. Abram. ..." (26 January 1920 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)



Truro Cadet Bugle band circa 1920

1920: "... bandmaster of the [Territorial Band](#), has left [Truro](#) ... an appointment at [Newquay \[Territorial Band\]](#) where he will also conduct the [Newquay Town Band](#). Mr V J Champion will be the conductor of the [Truro \[Territorial\] Band](#) pro tem..." (19 April 1920 – West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)



1920: "Does England Care For The Returned? ... of the Great War (in charge of Mr. Percy Barton, commandant), who marched to the scene of the unveiling headed by [Truro Town Band](#). Mr. Polwhele, unveiling the memorial, spoke of the duty all owed those who gave their lives for King and country, and ..." (23 December 1920 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1920: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting under F Benett. (Contest archive)

1921: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting under Edwin J Williams. (Contest archive)

1922 circa: [B Company 4/5/Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry \(TA\)](#). "This Company was serving Cornwall between the wars and the only reason that it is known there was a band is that in 1922, Territorial Orders were published in the *West Briton*, in which it is stated that band practices were on Mondays and Fridays. The local press did seem to ignore this band - if it ever did anything." (John Brush)

1922: Tom Hubbard [Truro Brass Band](#) MD. (Band website)

1923: "[Truro Town Band](#) ... two concerts in aid their new instrument fund at Truro Concert Hall, yesterday. The afternoon concert was given by the band, under its able conductor, Ur. T. Hubbard, and excellent selections were ..." (5 February 1923 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

1923: "On Sunday, August 26, the [Truro Silver Band](#), under Bandmaster Hubbard, paid a visit to Hayle and gave two concerts: the afternoon at Penmare Park, by kind permission ..." (29 August 1923 – Cornishman)

1924: [Truro Brass Band](#) placed 3rd in B Cup section of the National Brass Band Championships of GB at Crystal Palace under Tom Hubbard. The first Cornish band to win a prize at this contest. (Band website)

1924: "Crystal Palace Band Festival. ... is no doubt that with another year's training under Mr. Davison they will take their place in the first rank. The [Truro Town Band](#) did even better in their contest for the junior shield, taking third place and a cash prize. Newquay Town who were also ..." (1 October 1924 – Cornishman)

1924: "... were six contests, and the musician. Numbered Three bands took part - [Truro](#), [St Dennis](#), and [Newquay](#). The [St Dennis Silver Band](#), which competed in the Grand Shield contest secured fourth place, and the [Truro Town Band](#) did even better in their contest ..." (2 October 1924 - Cornubian and Redruth Times)



From back left: W.J. Roberts Snr., H. Heayn, J.S. Penrose, R. Hosking, W. Champion, E.J. Trewhela, L.C. Wills, A. Smale, E.J. Heayn, R.G. Roberts, M.G. Hankin. Front row: H. Burgess, F.C. Pentecost, W. Fillbrook, H.S. Rule, H. Champion, J. Cliff, W.J. Roberts Jnr., J. Robbins, Adolf Trewhela, F. Woolcock, C. Hawken, R.G. Farley, C.H. Sleeman; E. Tremain, H. Hocking, H.S. Broadhurst, T. Hubbard, Maj. A.W. Gill (behind the shield), J.C. Trewhela, W.G. Tremain, W. Dingle, C. Whitford, F.F. Trewhela, A.H. Heayn.



Truro Town Band circa 1924 (Photo: Paul Caruana of Truro)

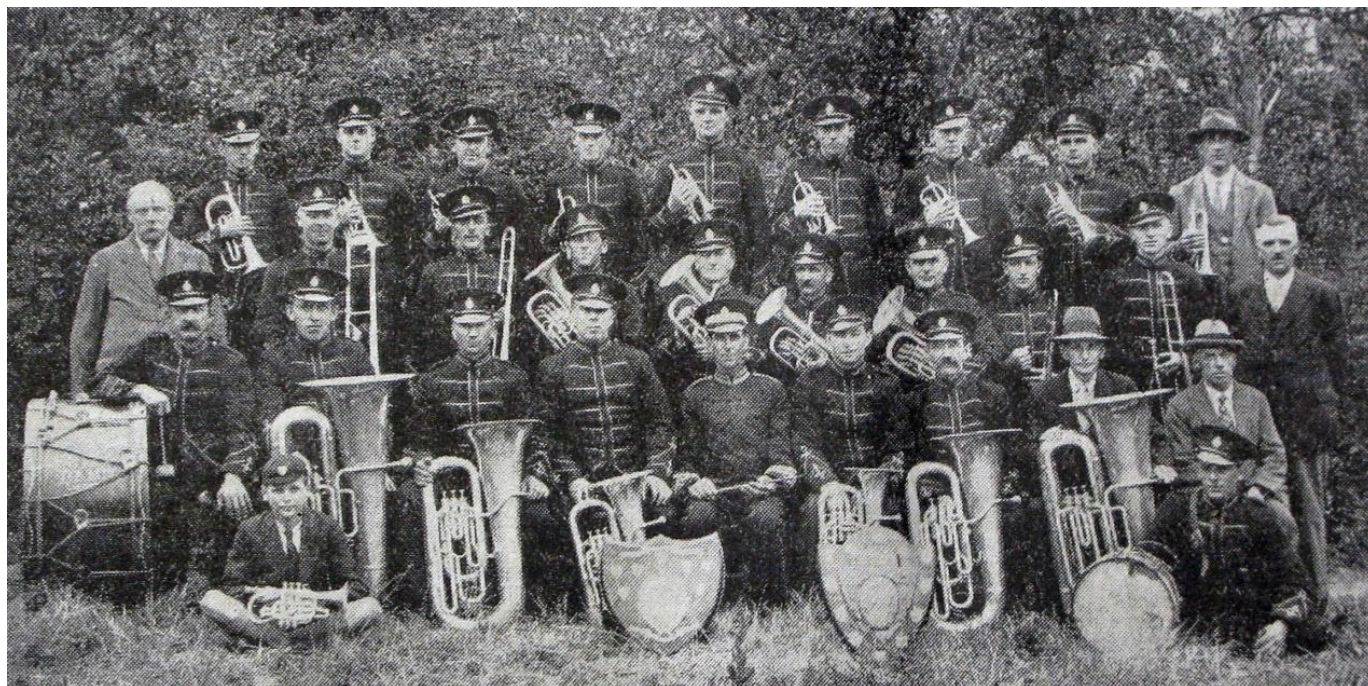
1925: "... With regard to the refusal of [Truro Town Band](#) to play when the Mayor and Corporation joined the procession to Cathedral last Sunday – Hospital-day – Maj. A. W. Gill, president of the band, has written to the secretary that he is very sorry to read the action ..." (5 August 1925 – Cornishman)

1925: "Blackwater and District Hospital Sunday demonstration was held Sunday. A procession, headed by [Truro Silver Prize Band](#) toured the village. Addresses were given by Rev. J. R. Jones (vicar of Mithian) and Mrs. Atkins (Goonear)." (20 August 1925 - Cornubian and Redruth Times)

1925: "Chacewater. ... procession of the Sunday-school, accompanied by the Girl Guides and Boy Stouts, assembled in the Square, and, headed by [Truro Silver Prize Band](#), perambulated the neighbourhood, a collection being taken en route. Addresses were given on the village green by Rev ..." (24 September 1925 - Cornubian and Redruth Times)

1926 – 25th September: [Truro Brass Band](#) withdrew from Fifth section / Junior Shield A of the National Brass Band Championships of GB at Crystal Palace.

1928: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting under W E Cuttance. (Contest archive)



[Truro Brass Band 1928](#) (Photo: Opie Ltd, Truro)

Those in the group are:—Back row—H. Rule, V. Vercoe, S. Broadhurst, G. Roberts, L. Martin, A. Heayn, L. Wills, J. Dunstan and J. Heayn. Second row—H. Heayn (treasurer), J. Evans, J. Clift, R. Scantlebury, F. Pentecost, C. Hocking, H. Hocking, C. Gay, F. Harding, and R. Farley (committee members). Third row—C. Sleeman, C. Whitford, A. Harding, W. Tremaine, W. E. Cuttance (bandmaster), F. Trehwella, E. Annear, F. Arthur, and A. Sweet (committee members). Front row—G. Roberts and A. Trebell.





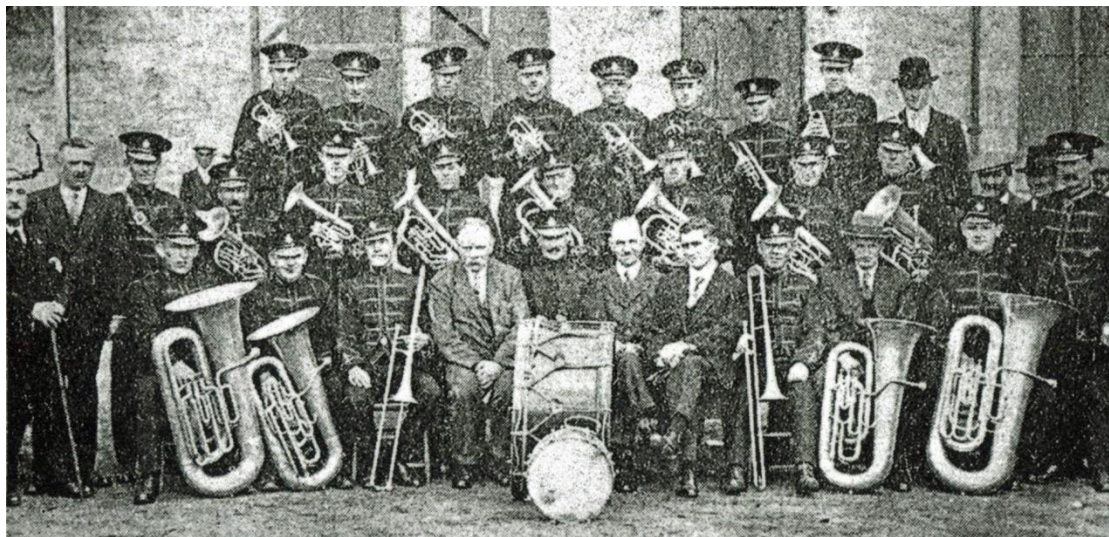
[Truro City Band](#) at Baldhu Wesleyan celebrations (Photo: unknown)

1929 to 1935: George Cave [Truro Brass Band](#) MD. Well-known cornet player, adjudicator and arranger.
(Band website / Contest archive)

1932: "Mr. G. W. Cave, Bandmaster of [Truro City Band](#), a former bandmaster of the [Penzance Silver Band](#), was one of the adjudicators at the great Crystal Palace Band Contest. This was the fourth time that he has officiated in that ..."
(6 October 1932 – Cornishman)

1934: "Mr. Geo. William Cave, bandmaster of [Truro City Band](#), and formerly bandmaster of [Penzance Silver Band](#), was the adjudicator of twenty-five bands in Class B at the 43th annual July Belle Vue Band Contest, Manchester, on Saturday ..."
(19 July 1934 – Cornishman)

1934: "Cornish Bands At Crystal Palace. ... returned to [Redruth](#) on Sunday morning, very proud of their success and greatly encouraged. Mr. G. W. Cave, conductor of [Truro City Band](#), was one of the adjudicators at the festival for the fifth time. Among the bands from the West which took part in the festival were ..."
(4 October 1934 - Cornishman - Penzance, Cornwall, England)



[Truro Brass Band](#) with George Cave MD 1930



Truro Town Silver Prize Band



Truro Town Silver Prize Band (Photo: Gay, Truro)



Truro Salvation Army circa 1935 (Photo: courtesy Alan Johns)

The Bandmaster is thought to be Eddie Tremain

Back row: Stanley Chapman second from left, Bill Johns second from right

Middle row: Jack Bedding extreme left, Harold Johns second from right

1936: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting under F C Thomas. (Contest archive)

1936: "Mr. W. G. Cave, who for some years was bandmaster of [Penzance Silver Band](#), and more recently bandmaster of [Truro City Band](#), and Mr. A. W. Parker, bandmaster of [Camborne Town Band](#), were adjudicators." (14 May 1936 – Cornishman)

1938: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting under W E Cuttance. (Contest archive)



Not a brass band but included anyway – [Truro Accordians](#) in 1938 (Photo: courtesy Bert Biscoe)

1939: "... its way through the streets of the city to the combined music of [Truro City Band](#) (under Mr. W. E Cuttance), and [St Agnes Town Band](#) (under Mr. C.J. Langford)." (31 July 1939 - West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser)

WWII: [Truro Brass Band](#) members joined the 10th Battalion Home Guard Band. (Band website)



[Truro Home Guard Band](#) (Photo: unknown)

1946/47: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting under W E Cuttance. (Contest archive)

1947: "Carnival Week a Triumph. ... and Jacqueline Simpson, on horseback, depicting an Indian prince and princess. Music was supplied by [Redruth](#) and [Truro Silver Bands](#) and the [Bugle Band of Redruth Ambulance Divisions](#). At the Recreation Ground the prizes were distributed by Cmdr. Agnew ..." (21 August 1947 – Cornishman)

1948 to 1951: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting under W A Parker. (Contest archive)

1950: "[Truro](#) win leading honours in West Brass Band Contest, Second section. ... thus carrying these teams forward to the National Finals at Manchester in September. [Mount Charles Silver Band](#), which won second place in the third section, also go to Manchester. It requires a good deal of patience and fortitude ..." (1 May 1950 – Western Morning News)

1950: "... Mr Cuttance was interested in the [Manaccan Band](#), being one the earliest members. Nearly 30 years ago, with his brother, Mr E W Cuttance (now bandmaster of [Truro City ...](#))" 14 August 1950 – Western Morning News)

1950: "Inspiration Of [Camborne Band](#). ... musicians to train. A lot of people were wondering what was going to happen next year in that he was now training [Truro City Band](#) as well as [Camborne](#). Truro had done very well during the past season and had now reached the stage where next July they would ..." (30 November 1950 – Cornishman)

1950: [Truro Brass Band](#) contesting in the Second Section final of the Brass Band Championships of GB under A W Parker.

1950: [Truro Brass Band](#) placed 1st in the Open section of the SWBBA Contest.

1950: "I was a young cornet player with the old [Truro City Band](#) but too inexperienced to actually play in the contest band. If I remember correctly, in those days Stenalees Contest followed Bugle a few weeks later and had the same test pieces. There was no top section at Stenalees. Looking up the Bugle website, I see it was 1950 when the set pieces were Comrades in Arms and Songs of Wales. At that time there was, I believe, great rivalry between [Truro](#) and [Mount Charles](#) as the conductor of Mount Charles was Mr Tom Hubbard, a former conductor of Truro, and the legendary A W Parker who had taken over the helm at Truro. At Bugle, [Truro](#) won the test piece with [Mount Charles](#) 4th and in Comrades in Arms, [Mount Charles](#) prevailed with [Truro](#) second. At Stenalees I think the adjudicator was J A Greenwood and [Truro](#) this time made no mistake winning on both pieces, playing band number five." (Arthur Allen via Phillp Hunt)



TRURO CITY BAND, 1950. A photograph taken in the Regent and the members are: Back row, left to right: A. Clift, L. Piper, R.G. Stone, F. Braund, A. Andrew, C. Reed, A.F. Furse, J. Nicholls, J. Bedding. Centre, left to right: A. Lamerton, F.A. Allen, E. Pooley, A.H. Heayn, A. Verran, W. Clif, F. Harding, J. Clift, K. Heayn, C. Jones, S. Heayn, G. Wilton. Front row, left to right: E. Tremaine, W. Hodge, G. Trevarton, W.J. Russell (chairman), S. Morris (bandmaster), W. Tremaine, C. Harding, R. Medlin and A.W. Parker (musical director). They had four successes during 1950: Area champions for the *Daily Herald*, West of England champions, Mid-Cornwall champions and SWBB Association champions.



Truro Band under A W Parker 1950s

1950s: Stanley Chapman Truro Band MD (Alan Johns)

1950s: Truro School Brass Band active.



Truro School Band (Photo: Courtesy Robert Johnson)



Truro School Band 1956 Frank Moore MD (Photo: Courtesy Robert Johnson)

Standing : MARSH, C. L., DANIEL, J. W., GLUYAS, W. P., HAYCOCK, G. B., WILLIAMS, J. R., PHILLIPS, C. H., HARVEY, T. R. O'D., SOUTHGATE, D. F., PHILP, R. S., KNIGHTS, G. W., JARVIS, R.
Seated : JOHNSON, R. R., ELLIS, D., HALL, G. H., Mr. F. E. MOORE, (Bandmaster), KNIGHTS, J. J. F., RICHARDS, J. L. BOURDEAUX, A. P.

1955 circa: Alwyn Teasdale **Truro Band** MD – ex cornet player of St Hilda Colliery Band.



Truro Band 1955 in the grounds of Malabar Home, a week after Bugle Contest where they won the silverware (Photo: unknown)

Alwyn Teasdale MD (not in photo)

Back row: Rex Little, Fritz Braund, Louis Piper, Stanley Parsons, H Eddy, Howard Blee, Harry Newberry, Arthur Allen, Frank Allen, Ken Moyle
 Middle row: Jack Bedding, F Rider, Douglas Piper, Bill Clift, Frank Harding, Peter Richards, Ken Heayn, Eric Pooley
 Front ro: Albert Lamerton, Les Little, Arthur Verran, Jack Clift, Billy Tremaine, Cecil Harding, Eddie Tremaine

1955: **Truro Brass Band** contesting under J G Clift. (Contest archive)



Playing for the Queen's visit in May 1956

1957: [Truro City](#) participated in the Championship Section at the West of England Brass Band Championships under Alan Teasdale playing Themes from Symphony No. 9 (Beethoven).

1963: Clifton Allen [Truro Band](#) MD. (Contest archive)



[Truro School Band](#) with MD Frank Moore behind shield on the right

1969: [Truro Band](#) disbanded. (Band website)

1975: [Truro Band](#) re-formed when Rex Little, soprano player of the old Truro Band and current MD of [Gwennap Band](#), approached the City Council regarding the possibility of using the Cemetery Chapel as a band room. This was agreed providing it was re-named the [City of Truro Band](#). (Band website)

1988 circa: Rex Little died.

1988 to 1996: Brian Stansmore [City of Truro Band](#) MD. (John Brush)

1996 to 2010 Roger Polmear, well-known percussionist and ex-military musician [City of Truro Band](#) MD. (Band website)

■ **Truro Band** has appointed Roger Polmear to the post of MD following the relocation of its former conductor. Roger, who started as a drummer with Falmouth Town, joined the Regimental Band of the Staffordshire Regiment, later passing through Kneller Hall and joining the Band of the Coldstream Guards. Another new addition is the Viscountess Falmouth, who has agreed to be the band's Patron.

(Courtesy British Bandsman 11th October 1997)

■ A bandstand centenary celebration saw **St Agnes Band, City of Truro Brass Band** and **Lostwithiel Band** join forces with Four Lanes Choir at Truro's Victoria Gardens.

Two new pieces of music, written by Truro's MD Roger Polmear, were premièred. The event, which was compèred by the opera singer Ben Luxon, was so successful that it is hoped to be running annually.

(British Bandsman 11th July 1998)



Truro City Band 2001

Stephen Gale, John Fillbrook, John Rickard, Sophie Pellowe, Duncan Smith, Jeremy Smith, Felix Hall, Natasha Pellowe, Joan Smith, Donald Pellowe, Jeremy Harris, Shaun Pellowe, Ben Strange, James Bryder-Rowe, Robert Hallett, Stephen Smith and Dennis Smith. The Musical Director, Roger Polmear, is on the right of the picture.

2010 to 2014: Four [City of Truro Band](#) MDs covered this period. (Band website)

2014: Jake Barlow City of [City of Truro Band](#) MD. (Band website)

2015: Band room is in St Clement Chapel by Truro Cemetery, it was built in 1883. Over the years much work has been done to improve the interior. The plaster on the lower walls was taken off and wood panelling put up. All the work was carried out by band members, who got covered in dust, but had a real laugh. Carpet was laid and new lighting and heating installed. Previous band rooms include the top floor of a jam factory, Harvey's timber yard and a builder's workshop in Carclew Street. (Stephen Smith)

2016: Francis Shepherd [City of Truro Band MD.](#) (Band website)