

Hadstock Silver Band Again Victorious.

10 May 2010



*Solo Horn Player
(Edwin Taylor)*



*3rd Cornet Section
(Jennie Ingrey & Ian Jacobs)*



*Musical Director
(Lisa Jardine-Wright)*

Hadstock Silver Band once again secured 2 prizes after promotion to the “A” section of the East Anglian Brass Band Association Spring Contest. The band gained **first prize** in the A Section Hymn Tune competition and 2nd place in the entertainments contest in Norwich yesterday. Last year saw Hadstock return to competing after a 15 year break from contests. Lisa Jardine-Wright, the band’s musical director was thrilled with the result, “To return to a contest promoted to a higher section was achievement enough, but to come away with 1st and 2nd prizes was quite literally a dream come true.” Adjudicator David Hirst congratulates and encourages the band in his comments, “Well done to soloists who are consistent throughout. Chanson d’Amour; good feel and a good contrast. Well played with good attention to detail.”

After last year’s triple victory the village band continues to thrive, attracting both experienced and beginning players with its dwindling form merely a thing of the past. The band’s chairman, Andrew Jardine, said, “Last year I said, ‘we hope now that the only way is up’ – I didn’t realise that ‘up’ would happen so quickly. Once more competing has given the band a very positive outlook and is a credit to everyone involved.”

Hadstock was founded over 140 years ago and until last year was unable to enter competitions due to decreasing numbers of players. However, by the end of 2008 through the appointment of a new musical director and connections with other local bands Hadstock Silver Band had grown sufficiently to consider contesting once again.

The band already has a very full calendar of engagements for the year which began with a joint concert with Haverhill Youth and Community Band in March, kindly supported by the TWI in Abington. Throughout the summer they can be heard at a number of local fetes around the region including performances in Haverhill Bandstand and in their own village of Hadstock. Anyone interested in playing with the band should contact the musical director, Lisa and if you wish to book the band for 2011 you can contact the band treasurer, Alison Missen, details on our webpage www.hadstockband.org.uk/contact.

Engagements:

Date	Start Time	Event
19 th Jun	2pm	Hadstock Village Fete
4 th July	2pm	Stambourne Village Fete
22 nd Aug	2:30pm	Haverhill Bandstand
28 th Aug	7pm	Finchfield
4 th Sept	4pm	Hadstock Village BBQ
5 th Sept	TBC	Thurlow Fete
28 th Nov	Evening	Radwinter Church
10 th Dec	6pm	Sawston Christmas Fayre

Background Notes:

Hadstock Silver Band

Hadstock Silver Band is a traditional British brass band that was formed over 130 years ago by residents of Hadstock. The band rehearses in Hadstock Village church hall, a few miles outside Cambridge, and has members from all over Cambridgeshire and Essex.

We are a 4th section band that is keen to improve, whilst maintaining a friendly and sociable environment. The band currently includes players ranging from age 10 to 72 and includes ex-professionals as well as enthusiastic amateurs.

We rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and as always are keen to hear from any one interested in joining us. We play a range of modern and traditional brass band music at local events throughout the year.

Our Musical Director

In September 2004 we appointed a new musical director to take the band forward.

Lisa Jardine-Wright is a young conductor who has over 20 years brass band experience. She began her brass band career as a cornet player in the North West playing for top class bands and as a prize winning soloist.

As a musical director, Lisa has a wide range of experience including the direction of orchestras and wind-bands as well as successful brass bands. She currently teaches a number of brass players and has experience with youth and training groups.

Interested in Playing with Us?

The Band is always keen to welcome new players.

If you're new to playing brass don't worry - we can arrange tuition for any level of player even for complete beginners. We have plenty of good quality instruments for band members' use, so there is no need to pay for an expensive instrument in order to learn or play.

Although we are keen to hear from players of any instrument we are currently particularly keen to hear from:

- cornet (or trumpet) players
- bass players
- percussionists

We rehearse in the village hall, next to the church, just off the village green.

If you think you might be interested, please contact us to find out more.

Thinking about joining us?

If you would like to join the band or learn an instrument we suggest that you come along to a rehearsal:

- If you already play an instrument we suggest that you sit in on a rehearsal and have a play with us.
- If you are a beginner, come and try the different instruments and listen to us rehearse.

Get in touch with our Musical Director, Lisa Jardine-Wright:

Tel: 01954 211590 / 07981 135048

Email: ljw21@cam.ac.uk

Booking the Band

Hadstock Silver Band plays at events in the Essex and Cambridgeshire area throughout the year (e.g. Fetes, Events, Concerts).

If you are interested in booking the band for events, phone, email or write to our engagements secretary, Sylvia Martinelli

Tel: 01440 730668

Email: sylvia.martinelli@yahoo.co.uk

For more information about the band and our current engagements please see our website:

<http://www.hadstockband.org>.

