

## Village band returns to winning form after 15 year break.

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Hadstock Silver Band secured **3 first prizes** in the B Section of the East Anglian Brass Band Contest in Norwich yesterday. Lisa Jardine-Wright, the band's musical director was thrilled with the result, "I am so pleased that the band achieved the recognition that they deserved for all their hard work over the past few months. When I took the band on I hoped that this would be possible but I never dreamed that it would happen so quickly." The village band was founded over 130 years ago and for approximately the last 15 years has been 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's chairman, Andrew Jardine, said, "Two or three years ago we thought that the band might have to fold and we worked hard to stop this from happening. To have entered and won this competition has given the band a very positive outlook and is a credit to everyone involved. We hope now that the only way is up and that we continue to attract new and young players to keep us on top form for the future."

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 Welding Institute to raise money for EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospices) . 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 2010 you can contact the band treasurer, Alison Missen, details on the band website, [www.hadstockband.org.uk](http://www.hadstockband.org.uk).

### Engagements:

Date	Start Time	Event
20 <sup>th</sup> Jun	2pm	Hadstock Village Fete
21 <sup>st</sup> June	2pm	Stambourne Village Fete
5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	12:45pm	RSPCA Wethersfield
11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	5pm	Ashdon Baptist Church
28 <sup>th</sup> Jul	8pm	Cambridge University
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	2:30pm	Haverhill Bandstand
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	2pm	Radwinter Fete
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Evening	Hadstock Village BBQ

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:sylvia.martinelli@yahoo.co.uk)

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

<http://www.hadstockband>

