

Village band returns to winning form after 20 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 20 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.

Engagements:

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