

GOODWICK BRASS BAND

PROFILE

Goodwick Brass was originally formed in 1911 by Mr Lake the headmaster of the local school, sadly nearly a quarter of a century later despite surviving the war years, for reasons unknown the band later disbanded in around 1936. Fortunately, the band was reformed in 1987 by John Evans and since then has grown from strength to strength, it now has both an active senior band, community band and youth band which takes its membership from a wide cross section of the community from all over Pembrokeshire.

The Band has seen increasing success in the contest arena having recently been promoted to the first section and also growing acclaim on the concert stage. The band rounded off a tremendous string of achievements last year by becoming Welsh Second Section champions with Matthew Jenkins being named Welsh Conductor of the Year principally for his commitment to developing new young brass talent.

Goodwick's Musical Director Matthew Jenkins was a part of many prestigious title-winning performances as a member of The Cory Band while studying at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Matthew reflects the youthful make-up of the Goodwick Band which has only a dozen members currently older than his 28 years. He is working with his brother Luke, Chairman Tony Evans and Secretary Mike Hughes to secure the future of the band which can look to a steady supply of talent from its Community and Youth Bands.

Matthew started playing the euphonium at eight and worked his way up from Fishguard High School ensembles through the county ensembles up to the National Youth Brass Band of Wales and the European Youth Brass Band.

The band is very proud of their achievements over the years and as an established competition band have competed in both regional and national competitions, with some of their most notable recent successes being:

- 1st in the National Championships of Great Britain (1st Section) at Cheltenham (Sep 15) - UK National Champions
- 2nd in the Welsh Regionals (1st Section) at Swansea (Mar 15)
- 1st in the South East Wales Brass Band Association (1st Section) at Ebbw Vale (May 14)
- 2nd in the Welsh Regionals (1st Section) at Llandudno (Mar 14)
- Welsh League Champions for 2013.
- 1st in the South East Wales Brass Band Association (2nd Section) at Blaenavon (Nov 13)
- 1st in the West Wales Brass Band Association (2nd Section) at Burry Port (Oct 13)
- 1st in the National Championships of Great Britain (2nd Section) at Cheltenham (Sep 13) - UK National Champions
- 1st in the South East Wales Brass Band Association (2nd Section) at Ebbw Vale (May 13)
- 1st in the Welsh Regionals (2nd Section) at Swansea (Mar 13).

- Welsh League Champions for 2012.
- 1st in the South East Wales Brass Band Association (2nd Section) at Blaenavon (Nov 12)
- 1st in the West Wales Brass Band Association (2nd Section) at Fishguard (Oct 12)
- 1st in the Welsh Regionals (2nd Section) at Swansea (Mar 12)
- 3rd in the National Championships of Great Britain (3rd Section) at Cheltenham (Sep 11)
- 2nd in the National Championships of Great Britain (3rd Section) at Harrogate (Sep 10)
- 2nd in their inaugural appearance at the Pontins National Brass Band Championship in Prestatyn during October 2009.
- Welsh League Champions for 2009.