

BROUGHTON TEMPERANCE BRASS BANDby H.A.C. (Bimbo) Palmer

I joined the band in the early 1930's as a Cornet player. Other members at that time included -

Arch Maidment	-	Cornet
Charlie Ralph	-	Cornet
Frank Cable (who came from Wallop)	-	Cornet
Arch Stone	-	Cornet
Ted Lansley	-	Cornet
George Pragnell	-	Tenor Horn
Harry Munday	-	Tenor Horn
Harry Davis	-	Baritone Horn
John Stone	-	Euphonium
Steb Russell	-	Trombone
Jack Knight	-	B Flat Base
Fred Brewer	-	Circular Base
Jack Lewington	-	Kettle Drum
Bill Lansley	-	Base Drum
Conductor	-	Horace Lansley
Fred Musselwhite	-	Tenor Horn

Edgar Davis joined later on Base and Fred Andrews helped out at times on Cornet, but he also played for Wallop Band.

Band practice was held every week at the Band Room which was next to the old Chapel in Chapel Lane.

The Band performed at all the local Fetes and Flower Shows including Hildon House, Melchet Court and Winterslow. They played for Armistice Day and Carols at Christmas. They also took part in Andover Carnival. Transport was an old open top coal lorry belonging to Harry Davis; it had to be washed out before they could use it and seats were put along the sides. The fees charged for playing at the various functions helped to pay for uniforms, music and instruments.

The Band wore uniforms of black tunic and trousers with silver braid and buttons.

The Base Drum with the name of the Band painted on it still exists and is stored by Mrs. Pat Edwards in Rookery Lane.

The Band was unable to continue after 1939 due to the War as many of the Bandsmen were called to serve in the War. Unfortunately the Band was not reformed after the War.

(As told to Rosemary Dawkins, October 1988.)