

Over 129 Years of Proud History!

In addition to having a first class and formidable reputation for highly entertaining concerts of wide public appeal, the Brighouse and Rastrick Band has many other notable triumphs to its credit in the highly competitive contesting field - the major means bands use to match themselves against each other. Whilst obviously not winning every competition they enter, they are often amongst the prizes and their record of major championship victories since they first came to national prominence during the 1920s is certainly impressive.

- July and September Belle Vue Champions: 1929
- September Belle Vue Champions: 1932, 1933, 1934, 1936 (barred 1935)
- British Open Champions: 1978
- All England Masters Champions: 1993, 1998, 2001
- National Champion Band of Great Britain: 1946, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1980, 1997, 1998, 2010
- Champion Band of Europe: 1981, 1998
- World Champion Band: 1968, 1969
- BBC Band of the Year: 1968
- Granada TV Band of the Year: 1975
- 'Brass in Concert' Champions: 2006 and 2007
- Saddleworth Open Champions: 2006, 2007 and 2008
- Saddleworth Whit Friday March Contests - more prizes won than any other band.

One extra 'purple patch' in this fine record came in 1998 when the band held concurrently the English Masters, British National and European Championships, a unique 'Triple Championship', still not equalled!

Amongst the general public Brighouse and Rastrick is perhaps most popularly known for its famous 1977 hit parade success 'The Floral Dance' for which it won both Silver and Gold Discs for massive record sales and tremendous national and international acclaim.

In this new century, the band continues to strive for the highest standard in whatever it does, but keeping one eye on its past and its proud traditions. Success has continued at the Whit Friday March Contests in Saddleworth and also at the 'Brass in Concert' Entertainment style competition held annually at The Sage in Gateshead. Numerous Best Soloist, Best March and Best Entertainment prizes have been won along with the overall 'Brass In Concert Championship' title two year running in 2006 and 2007. Nearer home Brighouse and Rastrick are the current 2010 Yorkshire Area Champions beating off the very stiff local competition that, arguably, only Yorkshire can provide. **In October 2010 they went a step further at London's Royal Albert Hall when they became the Champion Band of Great Britain for the eighth time.**

It is still true to say that no other public subscription band has held such high status for as long as the Brighouse and Rastrick Band!