

Dalmellington Band



FIFE CHARITIES 2005

On Saturday 29th October the Band returned to the Carnegie Hall in Dunfermline to compete in the Fife Charities Contest. Last year we took part in the contest for the first time since 1993 and this time, as last, ended up in second place. Since last years Contest the band has made progress due to a mixture of signing quality players and good rehearsals under the baton and expertise of Archie Hutchison.

For this Contest each band has to play a March, a Hymn Tune and an own-choice test-piece. For the March and Hymn Tune Archie opted for two of the items that proved successful at the Brass in the Park Contest in Newtongrange - Saint Saens' "French Military March" and Philip Wilby's arrangement of "The Day Thou Gavest". For the test-piece we experimented with two or three different ones before settling for Philip Sparke's "Partita". This is a fiendishly difficult work which requires virtuoso playing from every section of the band. There is literally no hiding for anyone in this piece. Due to the unavailability of a couple of players we played with two guests player: Ron on Bass Trombone and Carrie Wilson on Percussion. Both are players with the Irvine and Dreghorn Band.

On the day the band played extremely well and adjudicator Stan Lippeatt (former Flugel Horn player with Grimethorpe Colliery Band and conductor of Thoresby Colliery Band) was suitably impressed to award us first in the Hymn Tune, third in the March and second in the test-piece which put us in overall second place. Same as last year!

So we returned to Dalmellington, pleased with our performance and clutching three trophies: Hymn Tune Winners, Best first section band and second place. Next comes the Scottish Shield Contest in the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, where we are going to play Partita again but this time hope to go one place better!

	Band	Conductor	Section	Draw	Pts
1.	Kingdom Brass	C Anderson	C	15	190
2.	Dalmellington	A Hutchison	1	13	189
3.	Clackmannan District	B Wallace	1	11	187
4.	Newmilns & Galston	C Anderson	C	14	186
5.	Dalkeith & Monktonhall	J Chamberlain	2	9	185
6.	Buckhaven & Methil Miners	R McDonald	3	4	184
7.	Dunaskin Doon	J Boax	1	1	183
8.	Dunfermline Town	D Neil	3	6	182
9.	Perthshire Brass	G. Annan	3	2	181
10.	Brass Sounds Inverclyde	A. McCorkell	4	5	180
11.	Annan Town (APD)	D. Shanks	2	12	179
12.	Penicuik Silver	F Culross	4	3	178

Best Fife A Band (Fife Miner's Welfare Trophy) - Kingdom Brass

Best Fife B Band (The CISWO Trophy) - Buckhaven & Methil Miners

March Contest Winners (W. Fife Ex Serviceman's Trophy) - Kingdom Brass

Hymn Tune Contest Winners (The Rogerson Trophy) - Dalmellington

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SECTIONAL WINNERS

1st Section (The Barry Osterle Shepherd Trophy) - Dalmellington

2nd Section (The Barratt Trophy) - Dalkeith & Monktonhall

3rd Section (The D. Sharp Cup) - Buckhaven & Methil Miners

4th Section (The McKenna Trophy) - Brass Sounds Inverclyde

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Cornet (Royal Oak Social Club Trophy) - Kingdom Brass

Horn (James Cooney Memorial Trophy) - Kingdom Brass

Euphonium (Sandy Cochrane Memorial Trophy) - Kingdom Brass

Trombone (Charles McEwan Trophy) - Clackmannan District

Bass Section (David Wallace Memorial Trophy) - Kingdom Brass