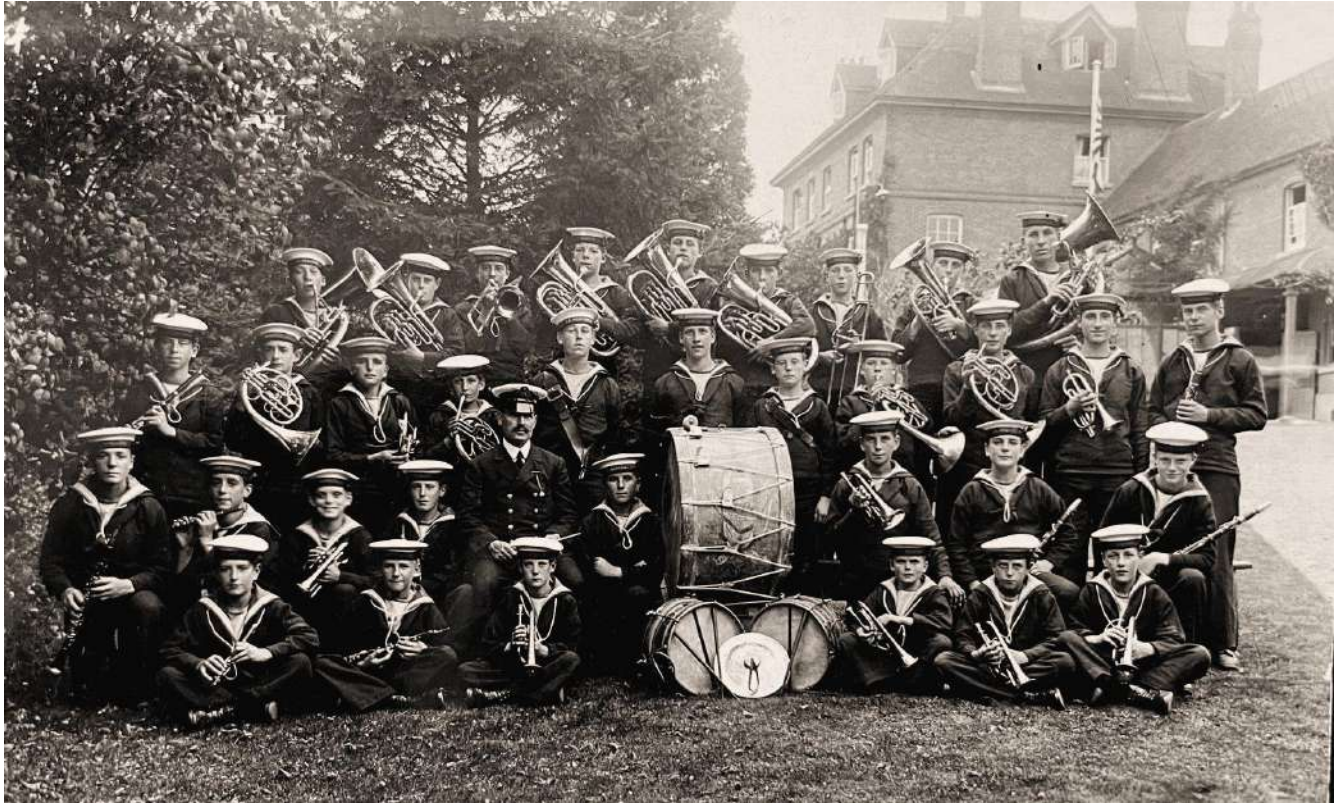


Music at anchor - engagements of the boys' bands from British industrial school, reformatory, and training ships

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The boys' band of the Training Ship "Mercury"

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Introduction

From the early 17th century through to WW2, at least, large numbers of institutions were established to provide for various segments of society which did not fit into “normal” life. These included orphans, the sick, criminals the destitute, paupers, and those, that today, we would refer to as physically and mentally handicapped. Through various local and national initiatives and laws the workhouses, poor law unions, asylums and prisons were established to house and, hopefully, reform or rehabilitate their inmates.

Workhouses, prisons, lunatic asylums, orphanages, and “industrial schools” were just some of these institutions. Some were operated by the state, others by local organisations established by or sanctioned by the state in some cases. Charitable, philanthropic and religious organisations also set up home for orphans and the poor. They were variously funded by local taxes, parent organisations (e.g. the Church), rich sponsors, grants and their own fund raising. These children’s orphanages and poor homes were spread across the country, and one particular type of institution was the ‘training ship’.

These were usually old naval sailing vessels that had been taken out of service and anchored at or near the shore. Three types of training ships existed. The first were those established by the Navy, for boys to be trained ready for a naval career. Reformatory ships were for boys who had committed a crime. Industrial training ships were mainly for boys who were from broken homes, were orphaned, homeless or otherwise destitute.

The boys were given training in seamanship and other disciplines, and generally made fit for entry into society and the workforce in their mid to late teens. Many would join the Royal Navy, but that was not a condition of their education in the training ships. Each ship was headed by a former

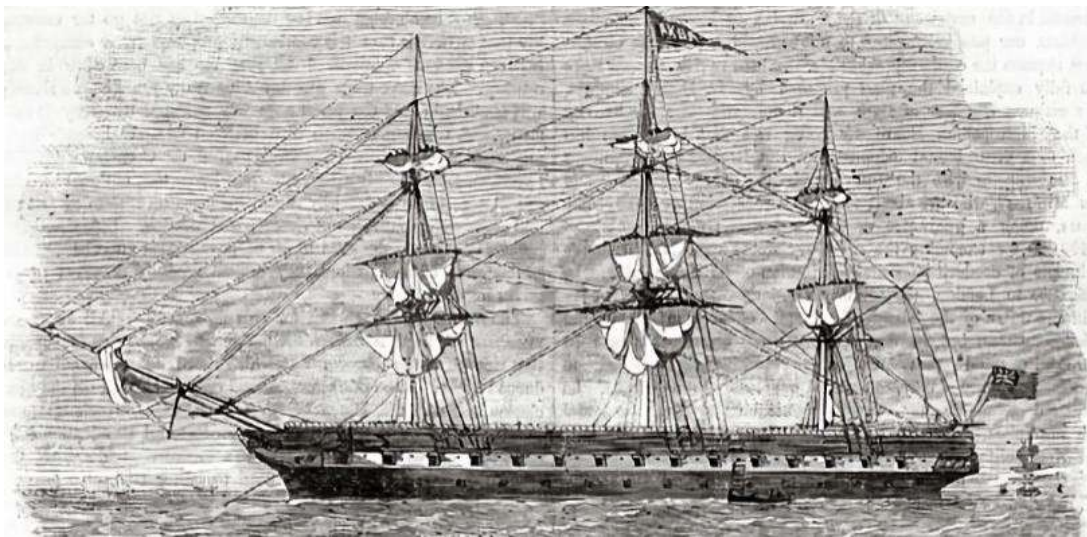
Naval ship's captain, who led the team who looked after the boys. In addition to naval and seamanship training, the boys were also taught various practical skills such as woodworking, metalwork, tailoring, and shoe-making. Basic educational classes were given in reading, writing and arithmetic; with occasional geography and history lessons also. Religious instruction was a central tenet of the ship's life, with attendance at church, where possible, on Sundays.

A number of the training ships established musical bands for the boys, providing another aspect of discipline and recreation for the boys. These were usually brass bands, perhaps with the occasional woodwind instrument and, more rarely, drum and fife bands. In addition to giving the boys a musical skill, useful in later life, the bands would also be used to entertain on behalf of the ships' officers, provide concerts for institutions and people in the locality, and raise funds for the ship by fees collected by performances of the bands. These bands were not necessarily continuous through the life of a particular training ship.

Details of known Training Ship bands and their engagements are given below.

Akbar Training Ship Band (Rock Ferry, Cheshire)

Akbar was opened as a Reformatory School Ship in 1856, accommodating 200 boys, aged 14 to 16, from any locality, who had been committed to detention for a period of at least five years. It was run by the Liverpool Juvenile Reformatory Association, a group of the city's merchants, ship-owners, for the reform of Protestant boys. The boys were taught tailoring and shoemaking and made and repaired their own clothes and shoes. The Akbar ship's band was active by 1859, and there was still a band associated with the ship as late as 1906. The ship was scrapped in 1907 and replaced by an on-land school at Heswall, which was still in operation in 1925.



Training Ship Akbar



Training Ship Akbar boys and band, 1907

- Friday 7 October 1859 – the band played at the Bebington Bazaar, under the auspices of Captain Fenwick, *'greatly to their credit and to the delight of everyone. A noble set of boys they were, and nobly were they treated.'*
- Tuesday 6 March 1860 – performed at the presentations given to Rev. R.H. Brown at Tranmere.
- Monday 29 July 1861 – led the procession of the Co-operative Provident Association on their excursion to Rufford Park.
- Wednesday 14 August 1861 – accompanied the excursion of the New Jerusalem Church Conference on the Mersey to Rock Ferry.
- Tuesday 10 September 1861 – played *"Britannia Rules the Waves"* on board the Wasp, as the *Great Eastern* steamship left Liverpool for her transatlantic crossing.
- Tuesday 10 March 1863 – the band followed the Romand Catholic schools' procession through the streets of Birkenhead as part of the town's celebration of the wedding of the Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra.
- Saturday 23 June 1866 – the band performed for the Duke of Edinburgh during his visit to the Akbar, after seeing the shipbuilding works at Messrs. Laird, Birkenhead.
- Thursday 14 February 1867 – the band entertained the guests at a large party for the wives and children of seamen on H.M.S. Donegal.
- Saturday 13 August 1870 – performed for the New Brighton annual Regatta
- Saturday 2 September 1871 – played at the races of the Liverpool Rowing Club at Rock Ferry, at which crews from the Akbar and Clarence reformatory ships also competed.
- Saturday 6 September 1890 – took part in the Great Trades procession in Liverpool, leading the coachmakers' society.
- Saturday 16 March 1895 – played at the funeral of Rev. Robert Gawne Brearey, who had been chaplain of the reformatory ship Akbar.

- Thursday 28 May 1896 – led the Welsh Presbyterians in the Tyldesley Whitsuntide procession.
- Tuesday 22 June 1897 – took part in the celebrations in Birkenhead for Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee. Other bands which also were in attendance were the Shore Road Station Brass Band, Birkenhead Borough Band, Ellesmere Port Volunteer Band, Price’s Candle Company Band, Tranmere Gleam Prize Band, Ellesmere Port Public Band, Port Sunlight Brass Band, Birkenhead Excelsior Band, and St Mary’s Drum and Fife Band.
- Saturday 7 August 1897 – played at the New Ferry and District Horticultural Allotment and Window Gardening Society exhibition.
- Saturday 16 June 1900 – led a procession at the Liverpool Children’s Temperance Demonstration, to St George’s Hall. The T.S. Indefatigable and Kirkdale Industrial School bands were also part of the procession.
- Friday 13 July 1900 – the band played music for the annual athletic sports of the Training Ship Conway, at Rock Ferry.
- Thursday 27 June 1901 – performed for the Birkenhead Elementary Schools’ Athletic Festival.
- Friday 8 August 1902 – played in Victoria Park, Birkenhead, as part of the celebrations for the upcoming coronation of King Edward VII.
- Tuesday 28 June 1904 – played at the Birkenhead Preparatory School sports.
- Saturday 16 June 1906 - played at the sports of the Liverpool and London and Globe, London and Lancashire and Royal Insurance Companies, at Wirral Park, Bebington.
- Friday 13 December 1907 – led a procession of Akbar boys to the Parish Church, where they were to be confirmed.

Arethusa Training Ship Band (Greenhithe, Kent)

Following the success of Lord Shaftesbury’s initiative in establishing the Chichester Training Ship (see below) a second ship was officially opened in 1874, following a donation of £5,000 from Lady Burdett-Coutts. The *Arethusa*, a wooden frigate which could accommodate staff and 250 boys, had been built in 1849 and had seen action in the Crimea and was the last British ship to go into battle under sail. By the late 1920s, the *Arethusa* was in a poor state and a replacement was sought. In 1932, the steel-hulled *Peking* from Germany, was purchased for £6,250. She was towed to Greenhithe, converted at a cost of £15,000, and became the new *Arethusa*, and finally moored at Upnor near Rochester, being officially opened by HRH Prince George on July 25, 1933.

Originally, the *Arethusa* boys were known on board only by their number - when they met up in later life, none of them knew each other’s names. This custom continued until 1927, after which time boys were referred to by their surnames. The band was active in 1876. Bandmaster was Mr Harper in 1878, and William Armstrong in 1889-1900.



Training Ship Arethusa

- Wednesday 10 July 1878 – the Arethusa’s brass band, conducted by Mr Harper, played at the Greenhithe, Stone, and Swanscombe Mutual Improvement Society’s Flower Show, at Ingress Abbey, Greenhithe.
- Wednesday 19 February 1879 – the bands of the Chichester and Arethusa played a farewell in music for the soldiers on board the *Dublin Castle*, which was sailing to provide reinforcements at the Cape, in South Africa.
- Monday 20 October 1879 – the Chichester and Arethusa boys’ bands played at a meeting in the Public Hall, Dorking, which was arranged to promote the good cause of the National Refuges, and raise funds on its behalf - £34 9s 8d was collected.
- Thursday 19 February 1885 – the Arethusa boys’ band played “*Auld Lang Syne*” as the ships carrying the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards sailed out of the Thames en route to Sudan. The bands of the training ships Chichester, Exmouth, and Shaftesbury, also added their strains to the musical salute.
- Monday 29 July 1889 – the Arethusa Training Ship Band played at the Gravesend Habitation of the Primrose League Fete, conducted by W. Armstrong. The Gravesend Town Band was also part of the entertainment.
- Saturday 3 August 1889 – the band played at the prize-giving at the Worcester Nautical Training College (H.M.S. Worcester) on the Thames.
- Wednesday 22 August 1894 – the band played during the presentation of the prize boat for the Gravesend Regatta.
- Thursday 27 December 1894 – the combined bands of the Arethusa and Chichester played at a ‘Robin’ dinner at St Martin’s Town Hall, London, raising money for the ragged schools of the district.
- Tuesday 22 June 1897 – the band had travelled to Banbury to perform at the sports arranged by the Oxfordshire Hussars and Banbury Volunteers.
- Saturday 3 July 1897 – the band played at the Jubilee celebrations in Swanscombe, which was giving a treat to the young and a dinner to the aged poor.



Arethusa boy

- Wednesday 6 July 1898 – the band took part in Croydon’s first Lifeboat Day, parading through the streets. It took home £3 3s od. in expenses.
- Wednesday 21 September 1898 – the band took part in Guildford’s Lifeboat Day processions, together with Guildford Temperance Band and the Cornwall Training Ship Band.

The Arethusa and Chichester training-ships for poor boys of good character, moored at Greenhithe, Kent, have undoubtedly rendered great service to the nation by sending over 6,000 sturdy young British seamen into the Royal navy and mercantile marine. Many of these young fellows are now at the seat of war, and an interesting instance is mentioned in the society's illustrated monthly publication: John S—— was received on the Arethusa in 1893, where he won several medals and became an excellent member of the band. In due course he went into the Royal navy, joining H.M.S. Impregnable, whence he was drafted to the Admiral’s ship - H.M.S. Terrible. H.R.H. the Duke of York, when inspecting the ship, personally complimented the lad for his cornet solos. The cruiser was recently ordered to Durban. and in his last letter to his mother the lad says: “We expect to land next week to relieve the Powerful's men at Ladysmith, so I dare say we shall see some fighting. We (the band) are to go as an ambulance party.”¹



- Monday 30 April 1900 – the band took part in the torchlight procession at Greenhithe in aid of the Local Reservists’ Transvaal War Fund.
- Tuesday 31 July 1900 – played at the Kemsing Horticultural Society exhibition.
- Tuesday 14 August 1900 – played at the Perry Street and Northfleet Flower Show.
- Wednesday 29 July 1903 – played at the Kemsing Horticultural Society exhibition.
- Tuesday 25 June 1907 – provided musical entertainment at the Milton-next-Gravesend church fete.
- Thursday 20 June 1907 – played at the fete at Bedford Park, London.
- Saturday 27 June 1908 – performed at the Temperance Fete in Croydon, conducted by S.C. Siggers. Some lads from the ship demonstrated exercises on the parallel bars and Indian clubs.
- Wednesday 25 December 1912 – Christmas Day on the Arethusa, for those boys who had no home to go to, was enjoyed with steaming hot joints brought on board, with the band playing the “*Roast Beef of England*”.

Yesterday Albert Edward Peat, 17, of Fleet Road, Hampstead, told the Pensions Tribunal that he enlisted as a bandboy in the Navy in February 1915, and was transferred to the training ship Arethusa as a cornet player. He remained for over a year, until he broke down and was invalided out of the service. Mrs. Simon, hon. Secretary of the Hampstead War Pensions Committee, said that her Committee had discovered that the cornet practice hours on the Arethusa were from 9 a.m. till nearly 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5. They considered that these long hours were too much for growing lads.²

¹ Eastbourne Chronicle, 20 January 1900

² Kent Messenger & Gravesend Telegraph, 27 October 1917



Training Ship Arethusa Band on board an excursion steamer, 1908

- Saturday 19 July 1930 – the ship's band played at the annual treat organised by the Stone, Swanscombe and Greenhithe Labour Party, held at the T.S. Arethusa sports ground. The Swanscombe and Greenhithe Silver Band and the Brotherhood Band were also in attendance.
- Thursday 15 July 1937 – the band played at the Conservative Fete at Ellington Park, Ramsgate.

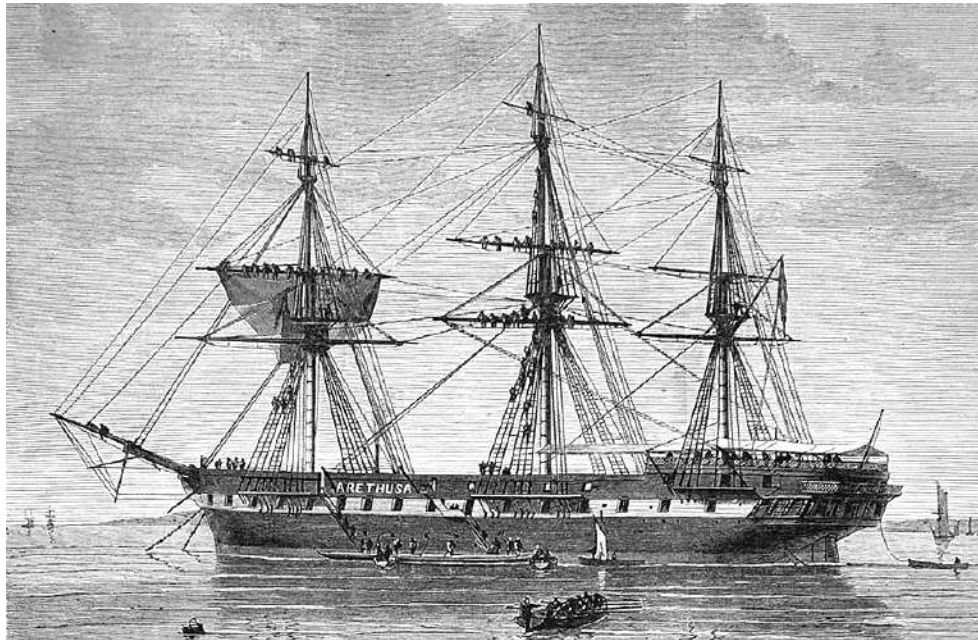


Band of the Training Ship Arethusa

- Sunday 18 June 1950 – the boys' band entertained the Whitstable British Legion members at their parade at Ditton, together with the Borough Green (A.T.C.) Band and the Maidstone British Legion Band.
- Saturday 8 July 1950 – the band took part in the procession for Hoo Gala.
- Saturday 22 July 1950 – the band provided music for the Minster & Monkton Flower Show.
- Saturday 21 June 1952 – played at the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, Sittingbourne Works Welfare, Family Day Fete.
- Saturday 18 July 1953 – marched with various youth organisations in the Eastcote Community Association parade.
- Saturday 14 July 1956 – played at the Crockham Hill Church Fete.
- Saturday 7 July 1962 - played at the Kent Co-operative Society Fete at Chatham Sports Ground.

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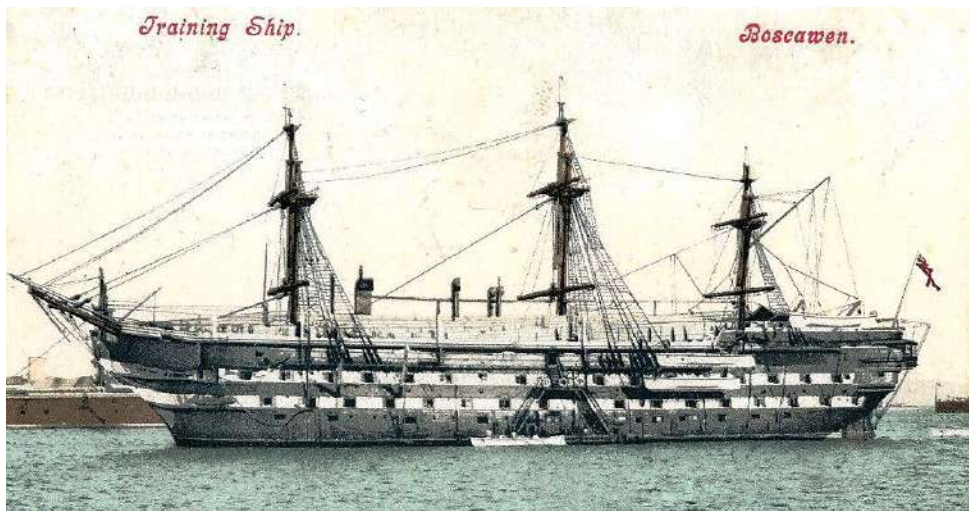
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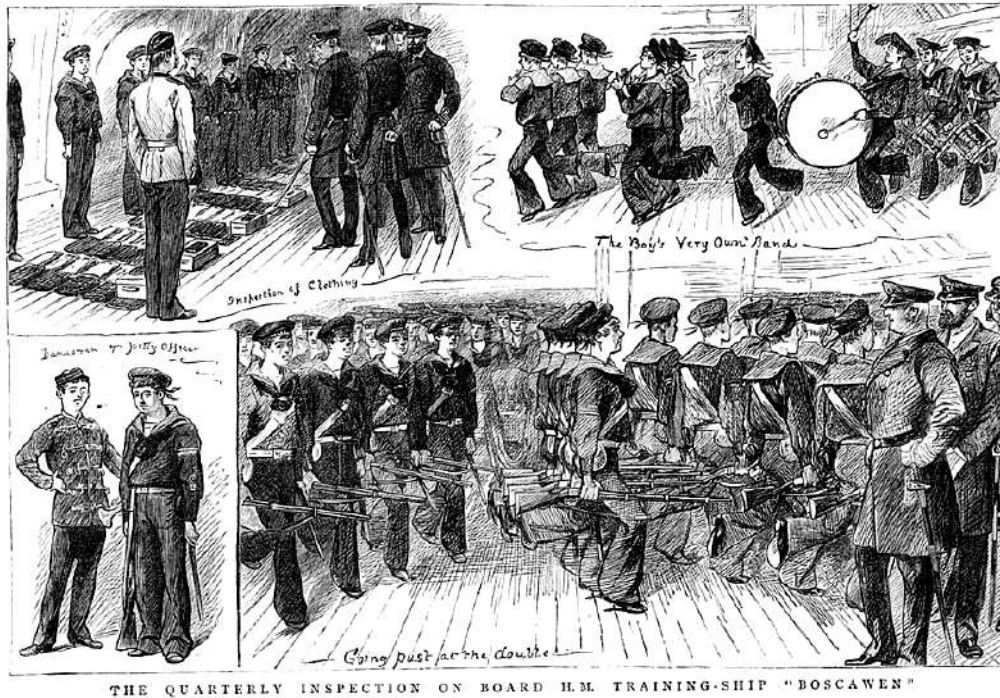
Boscawen Training Ship Band (Portland, Dorset)

The training ship Boscawen first arrived in Portland Roads in February 1862. She was a three decked sailing ship of the line, launched in 1844 but reduced to a hulk in 1862 and converted into a training ship for boy seamen. This ship was replaced by HMS Trafalgar in 1874, under the command of Commodore Markham, which took on the name Boscawen and remained at Portland until she was sold in 1906. Two old broadside ironclad warships were also brought into service to expand the Boscawen 'school', first *Minotaur* in 1898, and then *Agincourt* in 1904, which were renamed Boscawen II and Boscawen III.



Training Ship Boscawen

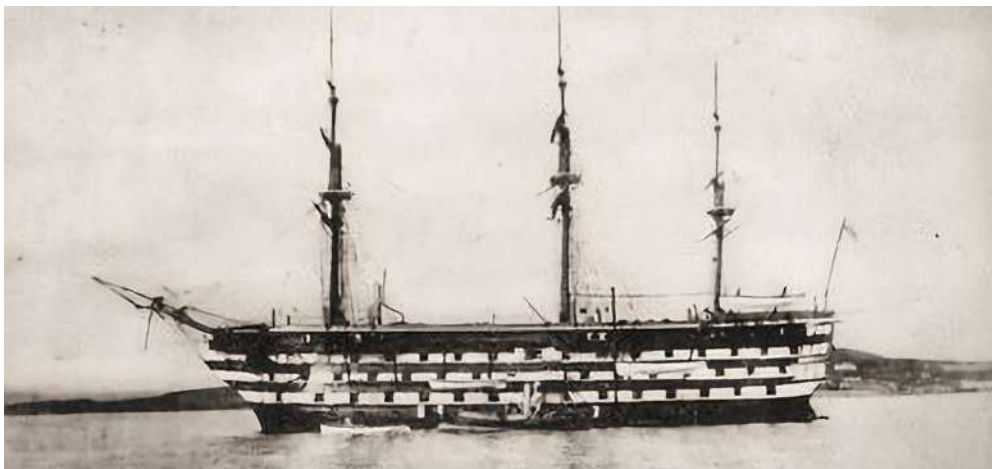
- Wednesday 15 October 1862 – the first known engagement of the Training Ship Boscawen Boys Band was at the parade celebrating the inauguration of the Hartley Institution in Southampton. The boys shared the musical elements of the procession with the Southampton Volunteer Artillery Band, 2nd Hants Volunteer Band, Band of the Foresters, Band of the Order of Oddfellows, and the Hants Yeomanry Band.
- The band's conductor was H. Tiller in 1863.
- January 1877 – two boys, Alfred Ede and Thomas Larkman, both aged 14, who had been under the care of the Bethnal Green Board of Guardians, were allowed to join the Boscawen ship's band.
- Friday 28 March 1879 – the band, led by F.J. Brook, played for the departure of H.M.S. Medina.
- Monday 2 June 1879 – the band (21 players and 2 drummers), led by J. Francis Brooks, took part in the Whit Monday parade in Dorchester, leading the Oddfellows' lodges.
- Thursday 11 September 1879 – the boys' band played at the 4th Dorsetshire Volunteer Artillery sports at Portland, sharing the musical entertainment with the Artillery Band under Bandmaster S. Miller.
- Thursday 30 October 1879 – the band played for an entertainment and dance aboard H.M.S. Warrior. Their programme included 'nigger' songs, instrumental pieces and dances, two of which were: "*Down the Ohio*" and "*Dreams of Childhood*".
- Saturday 18 September 1880 – the band entertained visitors to the H.M.S. Warrior athletic sports at Portland.
- Wednesday 4 March 1885 – the band, led by Bandmaster Sheppard, played at the funeral of two Boscawen seamen - a marine name Bowyer, 51 years old, and an unnamed boy.
- Wednesday 27 July 1892 – the band entertained competitors and visitors at the Portland Annual Sports.
- Wednesday 27 May 1896 – the band led the combined boys, numbering 350, from the Boscawen and Minotaur training ships to the Naval Cadet Ground where various drills were undertaken.
- October 1907 – J. Holwill was appointed bandmaster of Teignmouth Military and Town Band, coming from the Okehampton Band. He had joined H.M.S. Boscawen as a band boy, served 24 years and later became the bandmaster on board the Boscawen.



Caledonia Training Ship Band (Queensferry, West Lothian)

The ship was moored at Queensferry as a training establishment in September 1891. The ship was built in 1810 as H.M.S. Impregnable, becoming a training ship at Devonport in 1862, renamed H.M.S. Kent in 1888 before moving to Queensferry.

- Friday 25 March 1892 – the Caledonia Training Ship band played at a party arranged by the petty officers on the ship, at the Masonic Hall in Queensferry, conducted by Mr Jarvis.
- Friday 19 August 1892 – the 'Ferry Fair' was held in Queensferry, with the Caledonia boys' band entertaining the crowds, together with the Blackfriars Street School Band.
- Friday 4 May 1894 – the band, conducted by G. Daines, entertained the guests at the third Assembly promoted by the Caledonia officers at the Masonic Hall.
- Monday 14 May 1894 – the band for the funeral procession of Instructor Lawrence, who had lost his life in an accident on H.M.S. Galatea.



Training Ship Caledonia

- Thursday 7 June 1894 – the band performed at the cricket match between Colonel Noble’s team and Staff-Paymaster Wood’s team at Butlaw, near Port Edgar. Their programme included: march “*Punjab*” (arranged Daines), danse “*Roumanian*” (Reusch), lancers “*Dorothy*” (Cillier), selection “*Life on the Ocean*” (Binding), valse “*Children’s Carnival*” (Lasserre), schottische “*Blue Bonnets*” (Balfour), selection “*Scotch*” (Hartmann), and galop “*Jolly Brothers*” (Budil).
- Friday 10 August 1895 – the band played at the Bo’ness Regatta.
- Saturday 17 April 1897 – the band took part in the Easter Holiday Entertainment at Waverley Market, Edinburgh, which also featured the Band of the Royal Scots.
- Tuesday 8 June 1897 - the band played at the H.M.S. Caledonia “At Home” arranged by the officers of the ship on the occasion of the ship’s boys’ athletic sports at Butlaw.
- Monday 27 August 1900 – the Caledonia boys’ band had an outing to Linlithgow.
- Thursday 3 April 1902 – the band led the funeral processions to Dalmeny Parish Cemetery for two of the Caledonia ship’s boys who had died, being A.E. Edwards and John Smith.
- Saturday 18 June 1904 – the Great Naval and Military Tournament, in aid of the Motherwell Drill Hall, took place at Baron’s Haugh, Motherwell. The Caledonia boys’ band contributed to the musical entertainment, together with the Band of 3rd Battalion Scottish Rifles, Band of the 3rd Battalion Highland Light Infantry, the Pipe and Brass Band of the 2nd Lanarkshire Royal Engineer Volunteers, and the Pipe and Brass Band of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion (The Cameronians) Scottish Rifles.
- Saturday 19 August 1905 – the band, under the baton of Mr Dorsett, C.B.M., performed during the Queensferry Regatta, on the balcony of the Viewforth Temperance Hotel.



H.M.S. Caledonia – Commander & officers, 1896



H.M.S. Caledonia boys, 1896

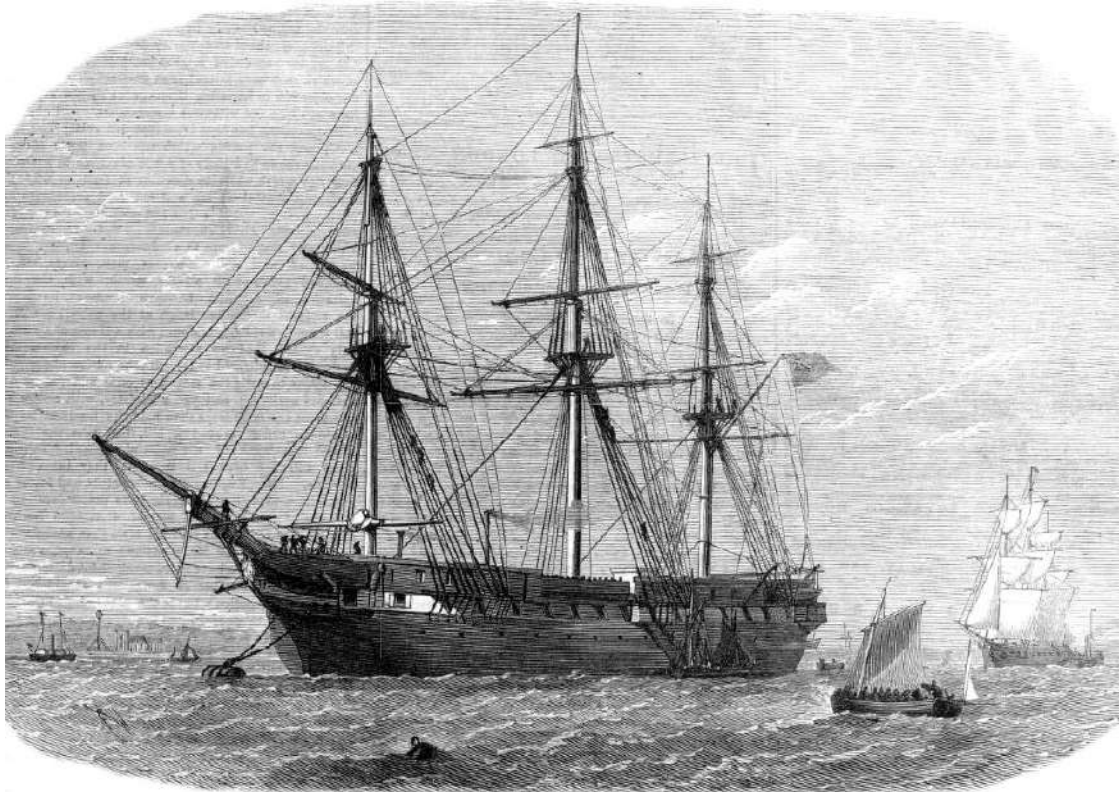
Chichester Training Ship Band (Greenhithe, Kent)

In 1866, Lord Shaftesbury, a campaigner for the rights of children, promoted the idea of a naval training ship for homeless boys in London. He persuaded the Admiralty to loan a redundant 50-gun frigate, the *Chichester*. The ship was fitted up and moored on the Thames off Greenhithe. On 18th December 1866, the ship received its first intake - 50 boys from a children's refuge at Parker Street near Covent Garden. The ship was managed by the Committee of the National Refuges for Homeless and Destitute Children (later known as 'Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa'). In 1889 the *Chichester* was replaced by a 83-foot twin-masted gaff-rigged schooner which took over the Chichester name, holding over 200 boys (protestants only).

The Chichester Training ship band was active in 1877 through to 1898.

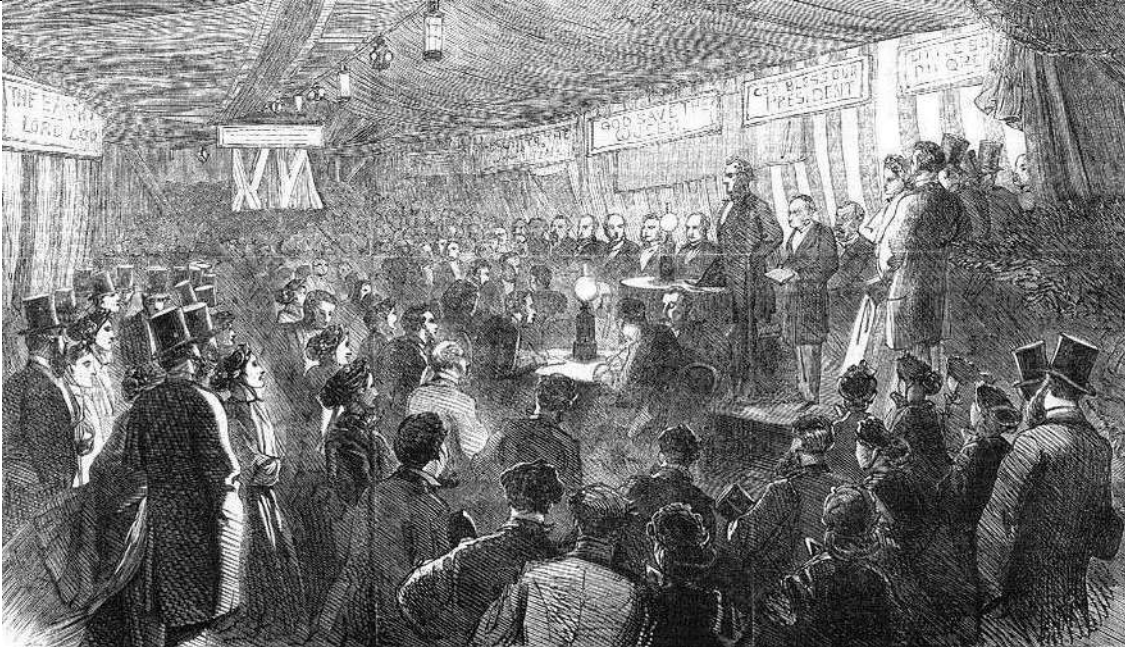
- Wednesday 21 May 1873 - the Chichester training ship's band played at the annual meeting of the National Institution for Providing Refuges and Ragged and Industrial Schools for Homeless and Destitute Children, at Exeter Hall, London.
- Saturday 7 March 1874 – the Chichester boys' band were part of the procession for the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh when they disembarked at Gravesend.
- Thursday 21 May 1874 - the band played at the 29th annual meeting of the National Refuge for the Homeless and Destitute, at Exeter Hall, London.
- Wednesday 10 July 1878 – the Chichester ship's drum and fife band, conducted by Mr Houldren, played at the Greenhithe, Stone, and Swanscombe Mutual Improvement Society's Flower Show, at Ingress Abbey, Greenhithe.

- Wednesday 19 February 1879 – the bands of the Chichester and Arethusa played a farewell in music for the soldiers on board the *Dublin Castle*, which was sailing to provide reinforcements at the Cape, in South Africa.



Training Ship Chichester, 1867

- Monday 20 October 1879 – the Chichester and Arethusa boys' bands played at a meeting in the Public Hall, Dorking, which was arranged to promote the good cause of the National Refuges, and raise funds on its behalf - £34 9s 8d was collected.
- Tuesday 24 June 1884 – the Chichester ship's band took part in the National Refuge for Homeless and Destitute Children's "Grand Day" at Fortescue House, Twickenham. Other bands in attendance were the training ship Arethusa's band, the Farm School band, the Shaftesbury School band, and the Fortescue House band.
- Thursday 19 February 1885 – the Chichester boys' band played "*Auld Lang Syne*" as the ships carrying the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards sailed out of the Thames en route to Sudan. The bands of the training ships Arethusa, Exmouth, and Shaftesbury, also added their strains to the musical salute.
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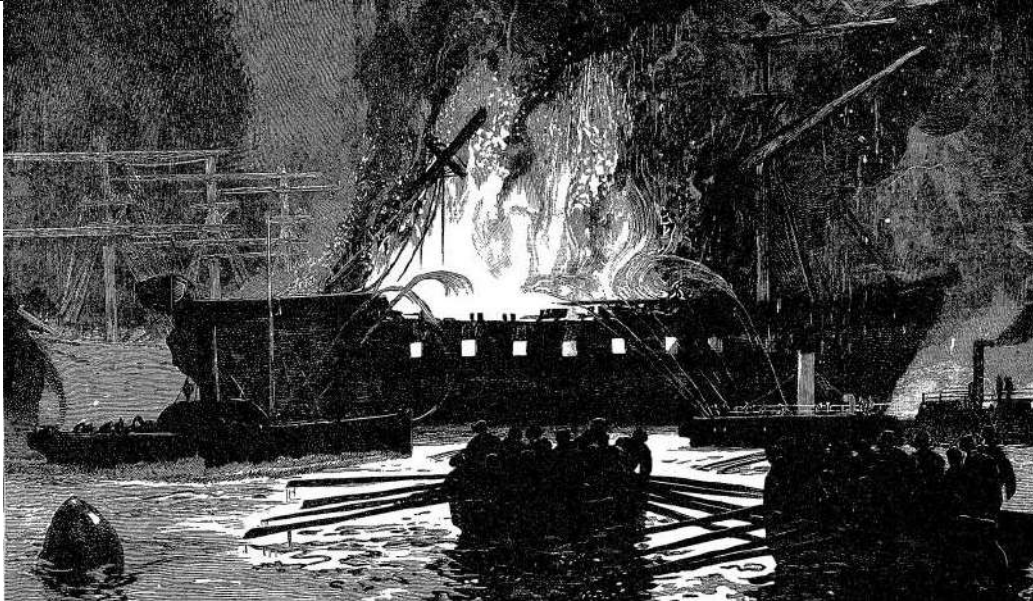


Inauguration of the Chichester Training Ship for boys at Blackwall, 1866

Clarence Training Ship Band (Liverpool, Lancashire)

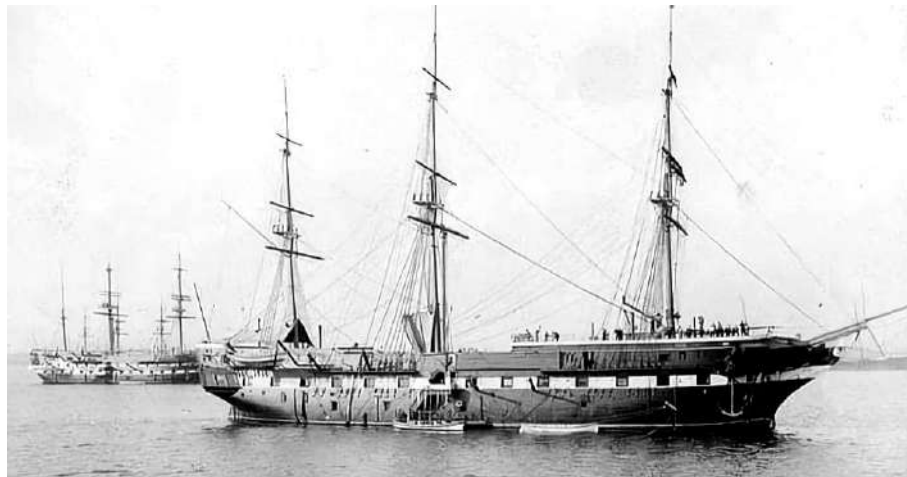
The first Training Ship Clarence was an 84-gun warship, which had originally been called the Goliath. She had never been commissioned and had lain in Devonport since her launch in 1827. She was towed from Devonport and arrived in Liverpool on 15th August 1864 and was converted to accommodate around 250 boys. The boys were instructed in seamanship, carpentry, shoemaking, tailoring etc. as well as reading, writing, arithmetic and geography. A chaplain was appointed by the Bishop of Shrewsbury to look after the religious instruction of the boys. The Clarence was remarkably successful in its early years. During the night of 17/18th January 1884, a serious fire broke out. The Clarence was destroyed, and eight days later six of the boys were arrested for starting the fire. The ring-leader, a 14 year old boy, admitted pouring paraffin on ropes in the magazine and setting fire to it. The boys were sentenced to five years penal servitude.

The H.M.S. Royal William, constructed in 1833, was converted to a screw-driven steamer in 1860, and became the new Clarence Training Ship in 1884. This ship suffered a similar fate, being burnt to the water's edge on Tuesday 25 July 1899, the fire also destroying all the band instruments, happily with no loss of life.



The burning of the Training Ship Clarence in 1884

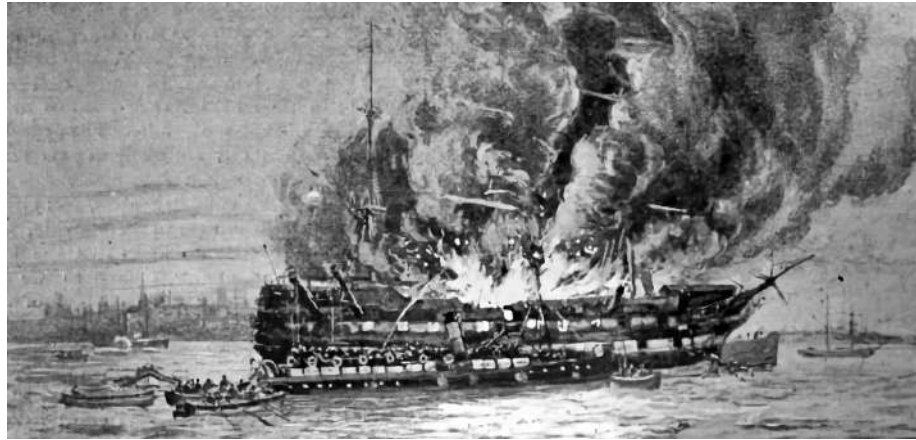
- Friday 7 July 1899 – the Clarence Training Ship band, conducted by John J. Farrell, gave a concert in the Aubrey Street Pleasure Gardens, Liverpool. Their programme included: march “*Mollie’s Answer*” (John Farrell), valse “*Gertrella*” (Ord Hume), schottische “*Immer Wieder*” (E. Verner), selection “*Pirates of Penzance*” (Sullivan), quadrille “*Caller Herrin*” (Keelip), valse “*Sappho*” (G. Allan) and march “*Manhattan Beach*” (Sousa).



The replacement Training Ship Clarence

After the ship’s demise, the Clarence training ‘ship’ moved to a land-based location at St David’s College, near Mold, in Flintshire. The boys were soon supplied with replacement instruments and the band resumed its activities.

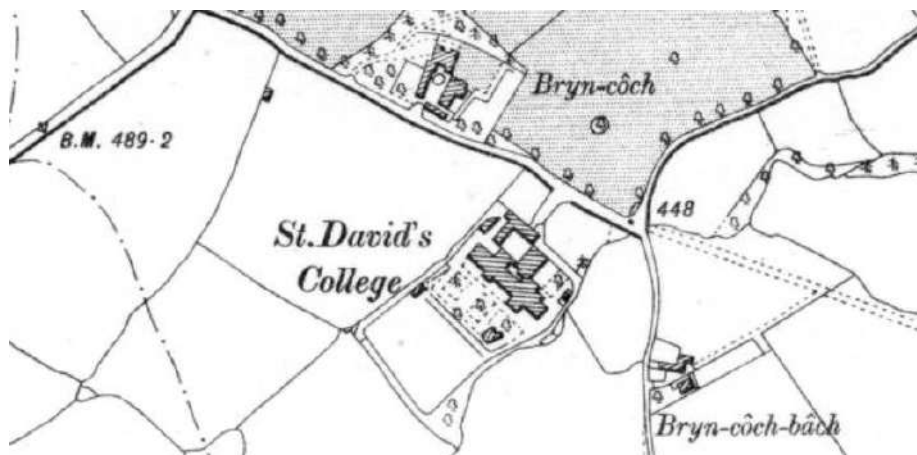
- Monday 27 November 1899 – the band played at a meeting to inaugurate a fund for the widows and orphans of British soldiers in the Transvaal War, at the Mold Town Hall. The Clarence band played “*Hen Wlad fy Nhadan*” for which an encore was sought, “*In Coonland*”, and “*Songs of Wales*”. The Mold Volunteer Band was also in attendance, with the combined bands playing several pieces together.
- Thursday 28 December 1899 – the band performed at a war fund entertainment at Mold Town Hall, which featured the Mold ‘Empire’ Minstrels among others.



The burning of the Training Ship Clarence in 1899

- Monday 22 January 1900 – the band escorted Captain Keene and six volunteers as they departed for Wrexham from the station at Mold. The band played “*Men of Harlech*”, “*Auld Lang Syne*”, “*The Absent-Minded Beggar*”, and “*The Girl I Left Behind*”.
- Tuesday 27 February 1900 – the band led a parade in Mold marking the surrender of General Cronje of the Boers, and played music as the townsfolk enjoyed the evening’s celebrations.
- Thursday 31 May 1900 – the Clarence boys’ band provided musical entertainment for the celebrations in Mold for Queen Victoria’s birthday.
- Monday 6 August 1900 – the band played at the annual Conference of Roman Catholic Men’s Societies of Great Britain, being held in Chester.
- Wednesday 22 August 1900 – the band performed at the Flint Castle Fete.
- Saturday 6 July 1901 – the Clarence boys’ band provided musical entertainment at the celebrations at Brynbella, St Asaph on the occasion of the return from South Africa of the invalided Lieutenant Mainwaring.

In September 1901 the ‘Clarence’ boys were transferred to the Kirk Edge Reformatory near High Bradfield, in Yorkshire, where the band boys became the Kirk Edge Reformatory Brass Band.

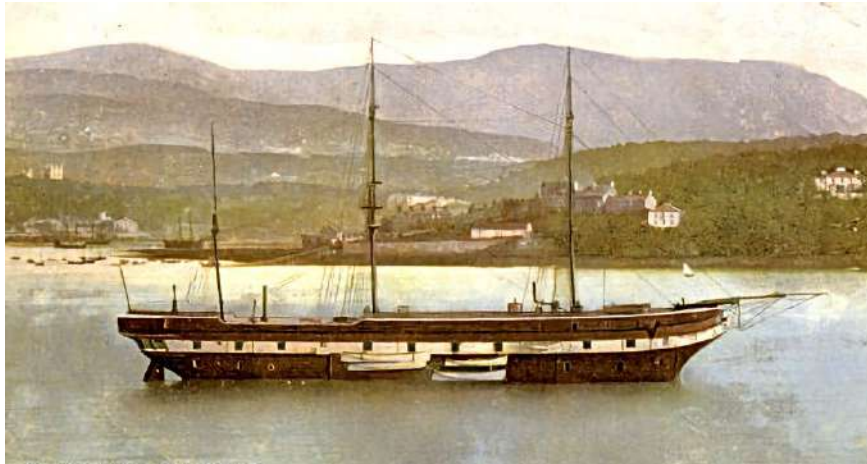


St David's College, Mold, 1899

Clio Training Ship Band (Bangor, Caernarfonshire)

In 1876, Captain William Milner Moger, R.N., formed a charity, the City of Chester and Border Counties Training Ship Society, to oversee and raise funds for a naval training ship for homeless and destitute boys of good character from North Wales, Chester and the Border Counties. The ship “Clio”, was lent by the Admiralty. The former warship, built in 1858, had steam power, square-rigged masts and a single open gun deck. After refitting she was moored on the Anglesey side of the Menai Straits, almost opposite Bangor. She was formally certified to begin operation as an Industrial School on 29 August, with accommodation for 260 boys aged from 11 to 16 years. Most of these would be placed by magistrates, with a charge of 8s. a week being made for each inmate. In 1917, the Clio broke from her moorings and drifted down the straits, only a very strong telephone cable guided her to ground on soft mud. The Training Ship was closed in 1919, and in 1920 Clio was towed to Bangor to be broken up.

The boys on the ship were instructed in various disciplines including boat-pulling, knots, signalling, compass, steering model, sail-making, swimming, tailoring, carpentry, shoe-making, gunnery, rifle and, of course, band practice.



Clio Training Ship

The Clio Training Ship Band was founded in 1878, and was active through into the 1900s. The ship was proud of its brass band and the 1879 third annual report on the ship notes that: “*The band has made real progress since the appointment of Mr. Jackson as Musical Instructor and the boys now sing remarkably well.*” The bandmaster was Mr McElwee in 1904. On special occasions the band put on public concerts and sometimes, on a Sunday, Bangor residents willing to donate a shilling were welcomed aboard the Clio for a religious service followed by afternoon tea and a concert performed by the boys.

- Wednesday 19 June 1878 – the Clio boys’ brass band played at a garden party at Baron Hill Grounds for the benefit of the “Clio”. A similar event was held on Wednesday 10 July.
- Thursday 11 July 1878 – the Clio band entertained visitors to the Wesleyan Bazaar at Penrhyn Hall, where the Port Penrhyn Brass Band was also in attendance.
- Friday 2 August 1878 – the band played at the Menai Bridge Bazaar in the National Schoolrooms.
- Monday 5 August 1878 – the band, stationed on the pier, provided music for the Beaumaris Regatta.
- Tuesday 6 August 1878 – the band took part in the Menai Bridge Eisteddfod.

- Saturday 1 March 1879 – the band took part in a St David's Day promenade concert at the Penrhyn Hall, Bangor, together with the 2nd Carnarvonshire Artillery Volunteer Brass Band and the Port Penrhyn Brass Band.
- Thursday 29 May 1879 – the Clio band played at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Bangor People's Café on Castle Hill, after leading a procession there.
- Friday 27 June 1879 – the band played at the Bangor Skating Rink.
- Tuesday 19 August 1879 – the band performed at the prizegiving ceremony for the Clio Training Ship, at Penrhyn Hall.
- Monday 17 May 1880 – the band led a procession to welcome the Marquis of Anglesey at Menai Bridge.
- Thursday 17 June 1880 – the Clio band played at the opening of the new water works at Llandudno Junction, Conway. Afterwards the boys were treated to a visit to Conway Castle and were given refreshments at the mansion of the ex-Mayor, at Bodlondeb.
- Monday 19 July 1880 – the band played various selections at the Temperance Festival at Willington Hall.
- Monday 26 July 1880 – the Clio brass band performed during the afternoon at the Clio ship's annual fete, held at Baron Hill, Beaumaris.
- Tuesday 24 August 1880 – the Clio boys' band, together with the Carnarvon Brass Band, took part in the procession to open the National Eisteddfod at Carnarvon.
- Wednesday 25 August 1880 – the Clio band took part in the band contest at the Eisteddfod. Six bands had entered, but only three competed – the Clio Training Ship Brass Band, Nantlle Vale Brass Band, and Llanrug Royal Brass Band. Each band played the test piece "Maritana" for a prize of £20 and a gold medal, which was won by Llanrug, with Nantlle taking second place, and the Clio boys, third.
- Tuesday 31 August 1880 – the band played for the annual meeting of the North Wales branch of the British Medical Association at the Williams-Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris.
- Thursday 2 September 1880 – the band played at the Anglesey Horticultural Show at Llangefni.
- Friday 1 October 1880 – the boys and officers of the Clio had their annual trip to Rhyl, during which time the Clio band played for visitors on the sands.
- Tuesday 13 September 1881 – the band played at the bazaar and fete at Gloddaeth.
- Tuesday 7 February 1882 – the Clio band played selections from "H.M.S. Pinafore" during the intervals of the operetta H.M.S. Pinafore being staged at the Penrhyn Hall in addition to accompanying the production.
- Wednesday 9 August 1882 – the band played at the Pensarn-Abergele English Presbyterian Church bazaar.
- Wednesday 16 August 1882 – the band, conducted by Mr Jackson, played at the St Seiriol's Church bazaar, Penmaenmawr.
- Thursday 6 July 1893 – the band led the procession through Bangor to celebrate the wedding of Prince George, Duke of York and Princess Victoria Mary of Teck. The Bangor Volunteer Band also took part.





Boys of the T.S. Clio, Menai Straits, Bangor, Empire Days

- Saturday 25 August 1900 – the band performed at the Vaynol Park Show.
- Wednesday 13 September 1905 – the Clio band provided music for the Exhibition and Sale of Anglesey Industries at Beaumaris Town Hall.
- Monday 12 February 1906 – the band led the funeral procession to Llandegfan Church of William Crook, of Bury, a Clio boy who had died after an accident on board the ship.
- Monday 4 June 1906 – the band entertained visitors to the Bangor Amateur Athletic Sports day.
- Wednesday 27 June 1906 – the band played at the Welsh Calvinist Chapel's strawberry tea and sale of work, at Conway.
- Sunday 1 July 1906 – the Clio band led a parade of the Bangor Royal Artillery Volunteers from the skating rink to the Cathedral for their service.
- Monday 6 August 1906 – the band played at the Annual Athletic Sports and Cycle Races at Colwyn Bay.
- Saturday 25 August 1906 – the band played at the Vale of Conway Horticultural Show.
- Wednesday 1 May 1907 – the Clio band led the May Day procession for the crowning of Miss Doris Ward as May Queen in Llandudno. The Llandulas Brass Band was also in the parade.
- Wednesday 14 August 1907 – the band played at the Colwyn Bay Horticultural Society Show.
- Friday 1 May 1908 - the Clio band led the May Day procession in Llandudno. The Conway Borough Band was also in the parade.
- Wednesday 21 July 1909 – the band entertained visitors at the Chester Regatta.
- Thursday 5 August 1909 – the band played at the Nanboron Garden Party at Pwllheli.
- Friday 6 August 1909 – the band played selections of music during the water carnival at Beaumaris.



Training Ship Clio Brass Band

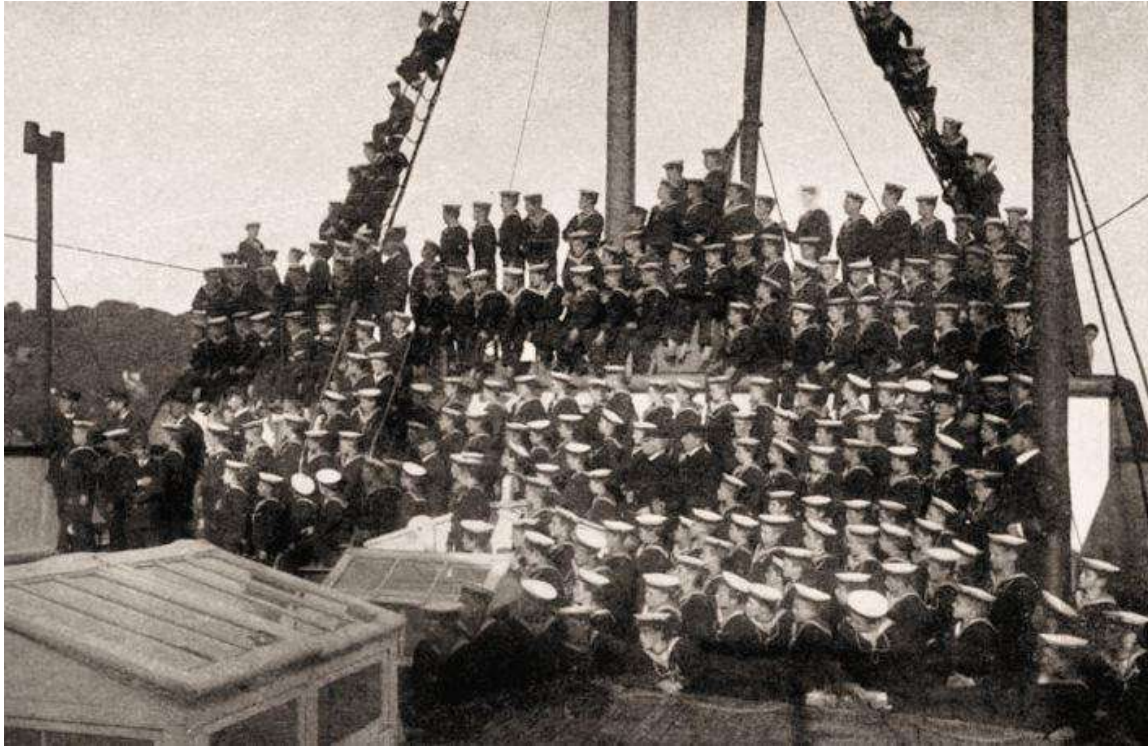
- Tuesday 24 August 1909 – the band entertained visitors to Plasnewydd during the Unionist Association demonstration. The Llangefni Brass Band was also there.
- Saturday 16 October 1909 – the band led a procession of children to welcome Major L. Williams and his bride to Parciau, Anglesey.
- Wednesday 25 May 1910 – the band provided music during the the Llanfairfechan May Festival.
- Saturday 2 July 1910 – the band led a parade of the Glan Geirionydd Friendly Society.
- Monday 1 May 1911 – the band took part in the Llandudno May Day procession, together with Llandudno Silver Band and the St Tudno Band.
- Thursday 22 June 1911 – the band led the procession through Bettws-y-Coed, celebrating the coronation of King George V.
- Monday 7 August 1911 – the Clio band was playing at Penmaenmawr, marching through the town in the direction of Conway, when one of the band boys, playing the bombardon, was knocked down by a car passing the procession. The unnamed boy was taken to Bangor Infirmary, where he was still a patient two months later.
- Thursday 6 June 1912 – the band led a procession of tenants of the Caerhun Estate to welcome Major-General H.S. Gough and his wife back to their old home after an absence of eight years.
- Tuesday 6 May 1913 – the May Day holiday festival in Holyhead had the Clio band providing a display of musical and physical drills.
- Wednesday 21 May 1913 – the Clio band, together with the Llandudno Town Band, took part in the procession for the crowning of the Llandudno May Queen, Miss Margaret E. Jones.
- June 1913 – the Clio boys went camping at Llandudno. During their time under canvas the Clio band were given permission to play in the streets of Colwyn Bay for two days.



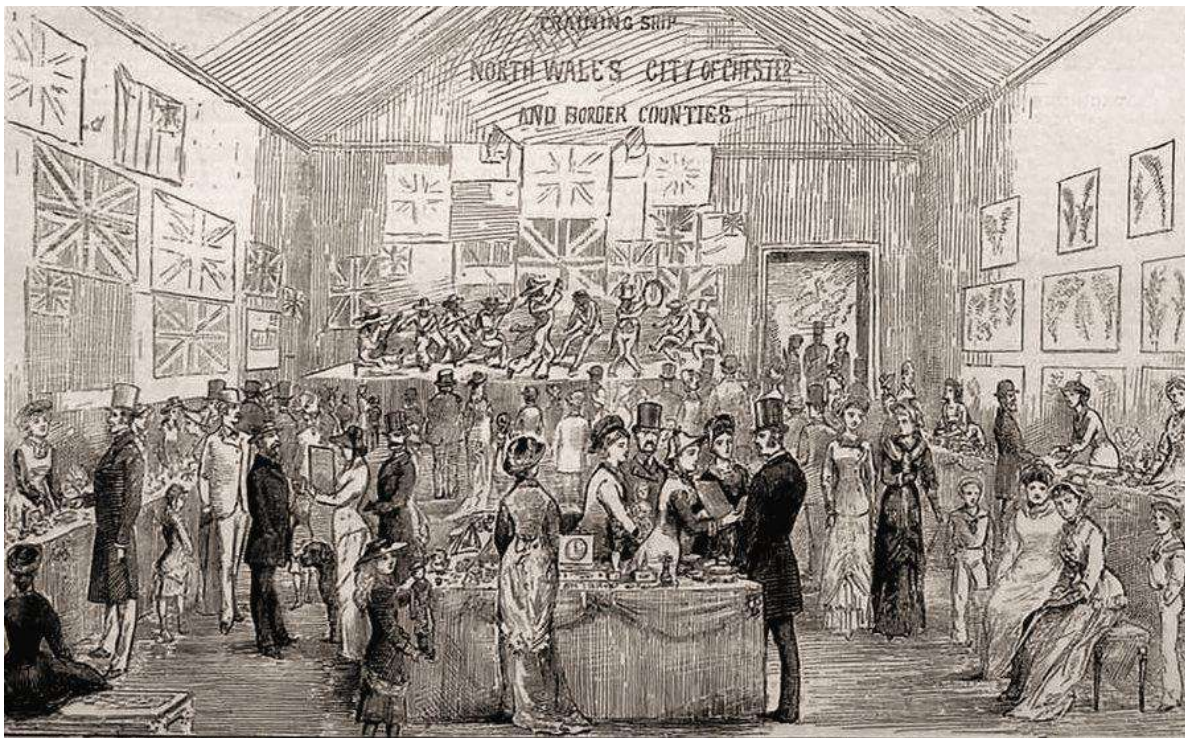
The Clio Band at camp in Llandudno, 1913

- Thursday 7 August 1913 – the band provided musical selections at the Welsh National Show at Porthmadoc, where Gustav Hamel, the well-known aviator, was to be giving aeroplane flights.
- Tuesday 26 August 1913 – the band entertained visitors at the Bodedern Horticultural, Horse, Dog and Poultry Show.
- Tuesday 23 June 1914 – the Clio band played during the reception of the wedding of James Whitmore Scott and Agnes Jones, at the Royal Hotel, Carnarvon.
- Wednesday 29 July 1914 – the band performed at the celebrations of the Caerhun tenantry on the marriage of the heir of Caerhun, William Gough.
- Wednesday 24 February 1915 – the band led the funeral procession of Lance-Corporal Morris Ward to the Glanadda cemetery. The 11th South Lancs Military Band also took part in the procession.
- Saturday 23 October 1915 – the Clio band played selections at the charity football match at Bangor, between Bangor F.C. and a team of members from the 3rd Line Battery Welsh (Carnarvonshire) Royal Garrison Artillery, stationed at Bangor.
- Saturday 27 November 1915 – the band led a procession from Tregarth to the home of Sergeant J. Williams, a local war hero, where they played various selections before they led Sergeant Williams and his family to Brynhela for a public celebration.
- Tuesday 18 January 1916 – the Clio band led 80 officers and men of the R.G.A. to the station for their departure to another training centre.
- Wednesday 24 May 1916 – the band met a former schoolmaster of the Clio, Quartermaster-Sergeant Gastall, at Bangor railway station, in advance of a presentation and concert to honour the officer who was wounded at Gallipoli.
- Friday 11 May 1917 – the band took part in the funeral service for Lieutenant-Commander E.L. Milner Barry, at Bangor Cathedral.
- Tuesday 11 September 1917 – the Clio band played at the Carreglwyd Fete, Holyhead.
- Saturday 14 September 1918 – the band performed at the Pansy Day Street Collection in aid of the Seamen's Mission in Bangor.
- Thursday 31 October 1918 – the band led a procession in Llangefni to a ceremony honouring Able Seaman William Williams, V.C., D.S.M. with additional medals and monetary awards.

- Sunday 17 November 1918 – the band played after the thanksgiving service at Bangor Cathedral which marked the cessation of hostilities.
- Wednesday 30 April 1919 – the Clio band, conducted by J.E. Jones, played at the University College athletics sports at Bangor.



The Clio Training Ship company



*Bazaar at Bangor in aid of the funds of the "Clio" Training Ship
[The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News, 6 September 1879]*

Cornwall Training Ship Band (Purfleet, Essex)

The Reformatory School Ship Cornwall was the third ship of this type to be founded, following the two Merseyside vessels, “Akbar” and “Clarence”. George Chambers, a London businessman, had been impressed by the Akbar and he proposed that London would benefit from a similar institution. The Admiralty donated an old frigate, the “Cornwall”, and £2,000 was raised by public donations to fit it out. The Cornwall was moored on the River Thames off Purfleet in Essex, and was certified for operation on May 2, 1859, with the first boy being admitted in June. The ship could house 250 boys, aged 11 to 14. A payment of 2s 6d per week was required for each boy's upkeep.

In 1868, the ship's committee discovered that the Wellesley, a receiving ship for the Royal Navy, based on the River Tyne, was about to be scrapped. They took over the vessel from the Admiralty, and in June 1868, the Cornwall and Wellesley switched places, and names. In 1926, the Cornwall moved to a new mooring at Denton, near Gravesend, and it became designated as an Approved School in 1934. The boys were evacuated in 1939 to Brandon in Suffolk, and the ship itself was destroyed by a German bomb in September 1940.



Training Ship Cornwall

The Cornwall ship's band was active from 1875 through to 1915. A typical schedule for the boys included band practices on Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 6.30 p.m.

- Wednesday 14 July 1875 – the Training Ship Cornwall's brass band, conducted by Mr Sherringham, played some 'excellent pieces' at the Garrison Sports, in Purfleet.
- Saturday 19 August 1876 – the ship's band played for the employees of the Grays Chalk Quarries Company on their annual excursion.

- September 1876 – the Cornwall boys' band led the 23rd Brigade of the Royal Artillery in parade when they departed the garrison in Purfleet for a new posting at Woolwich. They similarly welcomed the new residents of the garrison, the 5th Infantry Regiment.
- Tuesday 15 January 1889 – the band, conducted by Mr Sherringham, took part in a concert at Aveley.
- September 1892 – the band provided musical entertainment for visitors to the Gravesend Regatta. Other bands which also performed were the Training Ship Exmouth Band, the Band of the Children's Homes, and a military band conducted by Mr T. Williams.
- Wednesday 16 August 1893 – the band took part in a promenade concert at West Thurrock.
- Saturday 28 August 1897 – the Grays United Club Athletic and Cycle Sports took place in Belmont Park, with music provided by the Cornwall boys' band and the Grays Town Band.
- Wednesday 21 September 1898 – the band took part in Guildford's Lifeboat Day processions, together with Guildford Temperance Band and the Arethusa Training Ship Band.
- Wednesday 6 September 1899 – the band played at the Southend Regatta, together with the Shoebury Royal Artillery Band and the Southend Town Band.
- Thursday 26 June 1902 – the Coronation festivities at Purfleet carried on, despite the King's illness, and a procession through the town was led by the Cornwall ship's band.
- Thursday 17 September 1903 – the band played at the fancy dress cricket carnival at Barking, in aid of the Barking Almshouses. The Barking Town Military Band was also there.
- Wednesday 14 September 1904 – the band played at the Southend Regatta, together with the Southend Corporation Band.



Boys of the Training Ship Cornwall

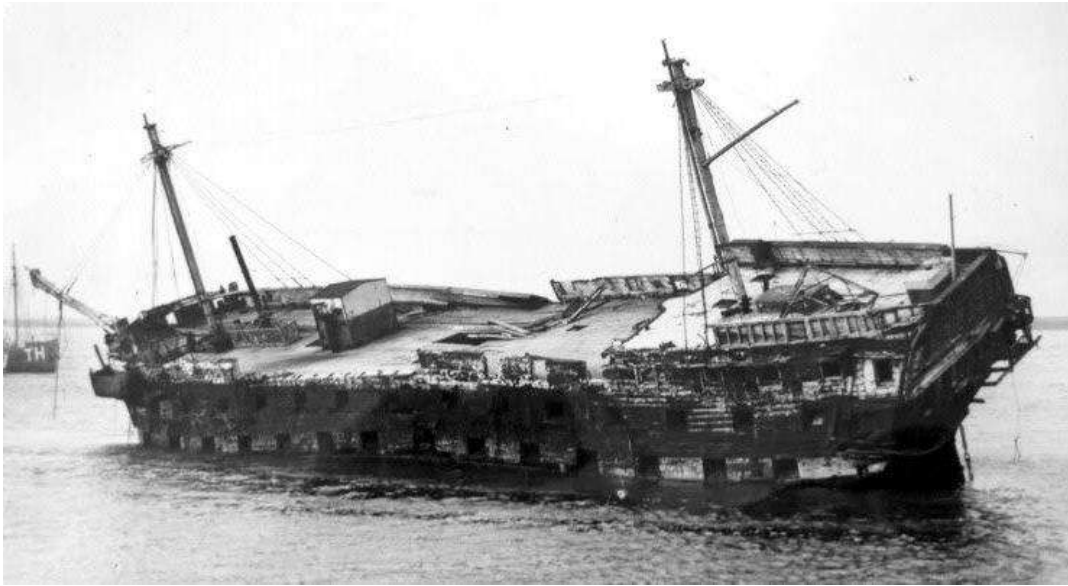
- Tuesday 1 August 1905 – the band played at the Purfleet sports, in The Dipping. The Purfleet Village Band also performed during the afternoon.
- Thursday 21 June 1906 – the band played at the 7th Anniversary of the Aveley Church Mothers' Class, at High House, Purfleet.

- Thursday 26 July 1906 – the boys' band, conducted by Bandmaster Layzell, played at the annual Training Ship Cornwall Sports, in The Dipping, Purfleet.
- Saturday 11 August 1906 – the band took part in the Lifeboat Day procession in Southend. The Southend Town Band and the Southend Salvation Army Band were also part of the parade.
- Wednesday 31 July 1907 – the band played at a bazaar at Coppid Hall, Stifford.
- Tuesday 20 August 1907 – the band played at the Purfleet Council School Sports.
- Thursday 29 August 1907 – the boys' band provided music for the Barking Philanthropic Society's Carnival. Two other bands also played – the Barking Town Prize Band and the band from St Georges-in-the-East School.
- Wednesday 22 July 1908 – the band led a parade of over 1,000 children from the Barking National Schools on their annual treat.
- Tuesday 25 August 1908- the band led a parade of the children from the Purfleet Council Schools on their annual treat.
- Thursday 12 August 1909 – the band took part in the Hornchurch Carnival. Other bands in attendance were the Hornchurch Village Band (conductor W. Reed), the Cottage Homes Band (A. Larter), and the Church Lads' Brigade Band (Major J.M. Ewing).



Band and boys of the Cornwall Training Ship

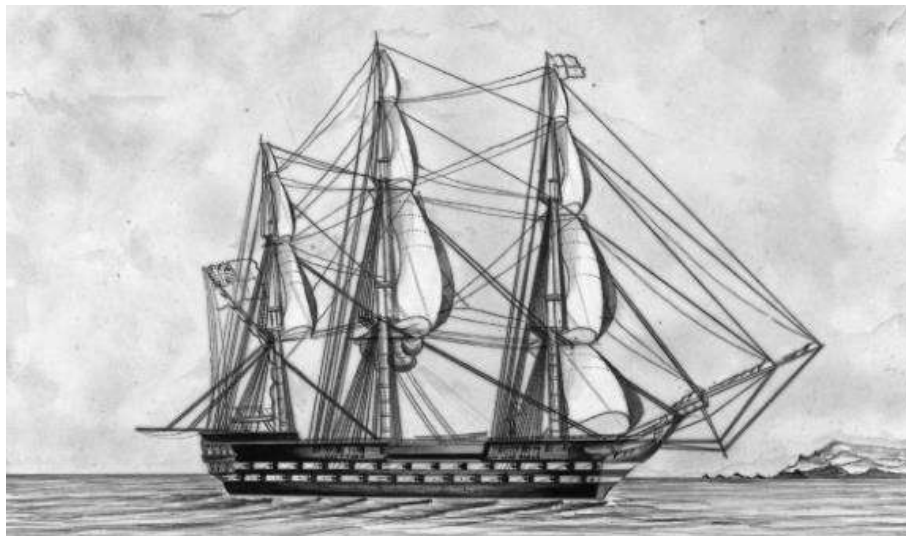
- Saturday 25 September 1909 – the Cornwall boys' band travelled to the Crystal Palace to compete in the Boys Section of the National Brass Band Championship. Conducted by W. Layzell, and playing the test piece "*Gems of Old England*", they were unplaced.
- Saturday 1 October 1910 – the Cornwall band once again competed in the Boys Section at the Crystal Palace contest. Conducted by W. Layzell, and playing the test piece "*Athenia Golden Casket*", they were unplaced.
- October 1913 – the Cornwall boys' band played "*Three Cheers for the Red, White, and Blue*" and "*A Life on the Ocean Wave*" as they stood on the tug which pulled the ship *Narragansett* to its berth on the Thames, after it has been involved in the rescue of passengers from the sinking ship *Volturno*.
- March 1914 – an advertisement was placed in local newspapers stating that the T.S. Cornwall Band was 'open for engagements at fetes, athletic meetings etc. Good programme of bright music. Terms very moderate.'
- Wednesday 8 September 1915 – the Cornwall ship's band led a sombre funeral procession to West Thurrock Churchyard for the seventeen victims from the ship of the collision of the Cornwall's cutter with a tug, in fog.



Training Ship Cornwall after being hit by a Luftwaffe bomb in 1940

Cumberland Training Ship Band (Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire)

The Cumberland, built in 1842 at Chatham, and served in the Crimean War with a crew of up to 620 men. In 1869, she was taken over for use as a training vessel by the newly formed Clyde Industrial Training Ship Association, which aimed to provide for the education and training of boys who were destitute, homeless, or in danger from association with vice or crime. The ship was destroyed by a fire in February 1889, and was replaced by the Empress, a wooden battleship originally known as HMS Revenge. She continued under the name of Empress until being sold off in 1923.



H.M.S. Cumberland

The band was active from 1870 until the ship was replaced by H.M.S. Empress in late 1889. It had 30 players in 1870, conducted by Mr Miller. The conductor was Howard H. Smith in

1888. The band inaugurated the bandstand season at Rothesay in May 1875, conducted by Howard Smith.

- Monday 10 January 1870 – the Cumberland ship’s boys’ band provided music for a ‘Grand Meeting’ of Cumberland boys and boys from the Glasgow Foundry Boys’ Religious Society, at the City Hall. The band from the Foundry Home also performed during the evening.
- Tuesday 25 April 1871 – the band played during the half-yearly inspection of the ship by the General Committee.
- Wednesday 28 June 1871 – the Cumberland Brass Band accompanied the scholars from the Park Free Church, Helensburgh on their trip to Garelochhead.
- Saturday 29 July 1871 – the band performed at the Scottish National Regatta at Garelochhead – just one of many regatta engagements they fulfilled that season.

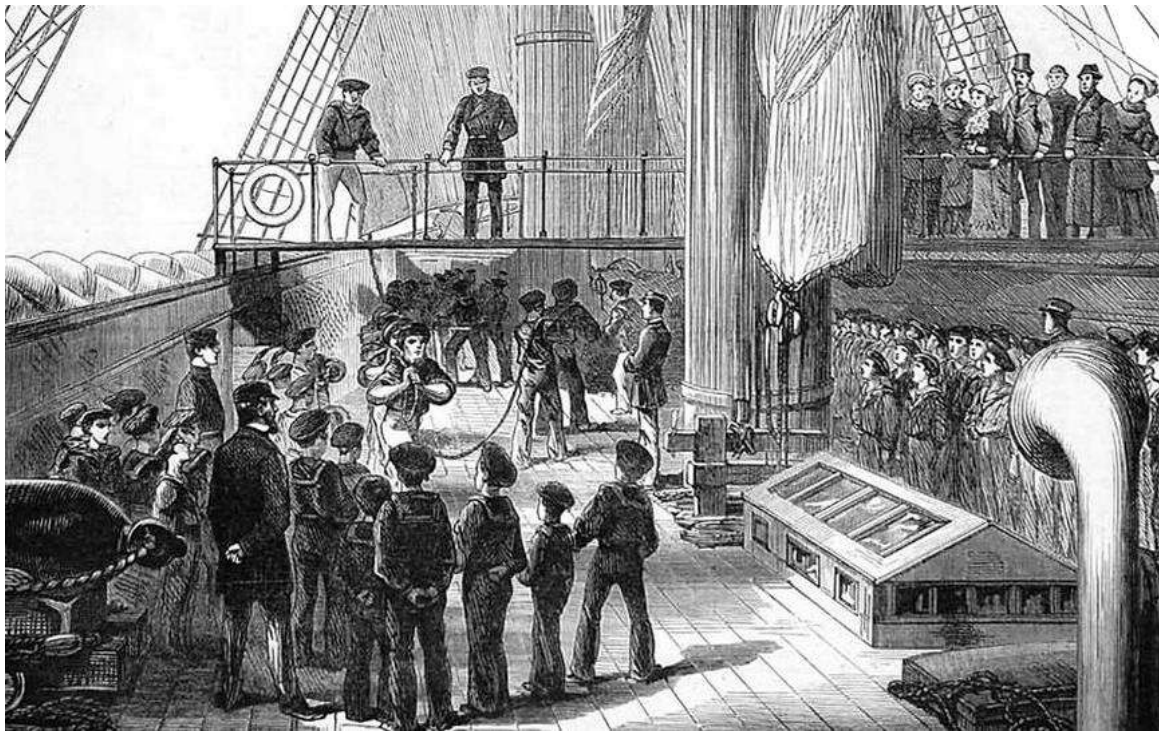


Training Ship Cumberland – music class, 1871

- Wednesday 29 January 1873 – the band, conducted by Mr J. McEntee, took part in a musical evening at the King Street Hall, Helensburgh, raising funds for the band’s instruments. The clarinet soloist of the band was particularly well received.
- Saturday 22 February 1873 – the Cumberland Band gave a concert at the Queen’s Rooms, Helensburgh, to raise funds for the Western Infirmary. Their programme included: overture “*Guy Mannering*” (Bishop), valse “*Genevieve*” (C. Coote), selection “*Echoes of Killarney*” (C. Coote), galop “*Burlesque*” (Cassidy).
- Saturday 24 May 1873 – the band provided music for the Royal Northern Yacht Club Cruise, at Lamlash – but it was noted that ‘their “drum” and “trombone” had suffered so much in the breeze of Friday that they were not fit for much in the evening.’
- Wednesday 9 September 1874 – the band led the procession of the Gourock trades for the laying of the foundation stone of the Gamble Institute.
- Saturday 22 May 1875 – the band provided music for the Royal Northern Yacht Club Cruise, on board the cutter *Racer*.
- Tuesday 20 July 1875 – the Cumberland boys’ band gave a concert at Cairndhu Park, Helensburgh, which included the pieces: march “*Auld Robin Gray*”, overture “*Guy Mannering*” (H. Bishop), valse “*Soldaten Lieder*” (Gung’l), selection “*Maritana*” (Wallage), quadrille “*La Fille de Madame Angot*” (Coote), and galop “*Zephyr*” (Christophe). This was

the first of a series of concerts that the Cumberland band gave in the park each Tuesday evening during the summer of 1875.

- Wednesday 4 August 1875 – the Cumberland ship's prizegiving took place, at which the band provided music for dancing, conducted by Howard H. Smith.
- Saturday 21 August 1875 – the band, together with a chorus of 200 boys from the ship, gave a concert in the King's Hall, Helensburgh to raise funds for the ship.
- Tuesday 7 September 1875 – the band gave a concert at the Bowling Green, Helensburgh.
- Saturday 22 July 1876 – the band performed at the Western Yacht Club Regatta at Millport, on board their cutter, *Racer*.



Visit of the boys of the Clyde Training Ship Cumberland to H.M.S. Aurora, 1876

- Saturday 23 September 1876 – the band played at the opening of the new roller-skating rink at Helensburgh.
- Tuesday 23 January 1877 – the Cumberland band gave a concert at the Helensburgh Skating Rink to raise funds for a monument commemorating the Cumberland boys interred in the Row Churchyard.
- Wednesday 24 January 1877 – the band provided music for the annual treat for the children of Michael and All Angels Church, Helensburgh.
- Saturday 11 August 1877 – the formal opening of Cairndhu Park, recently gifted to the burgh of Helensburgh, was held, with the Cumberland boys' band and the Band of the 26th Cameronians providing music during the afternoon.
- Thursday 11 October 1877 – the band gave a concert in the Skating Rink Hall.
- Wednesday 5 June 1878 – the band played the "*Dead March*" as the ship *Gondolier* passed by, carrying the coffin of the Duchess of Argyll en route to her final resting place.
- Thursday 15 August 1878 – the band led a procession of dignitaries to the ceremonial laying of the memorial stone of the new Municipal Buildings of Helensburgh.
- Friday 30 August 1878 – the band performed at the Luss Highland Gathering.
- Thursday 10 October 1878 – the band gave its annual concert in the King Street Hall.

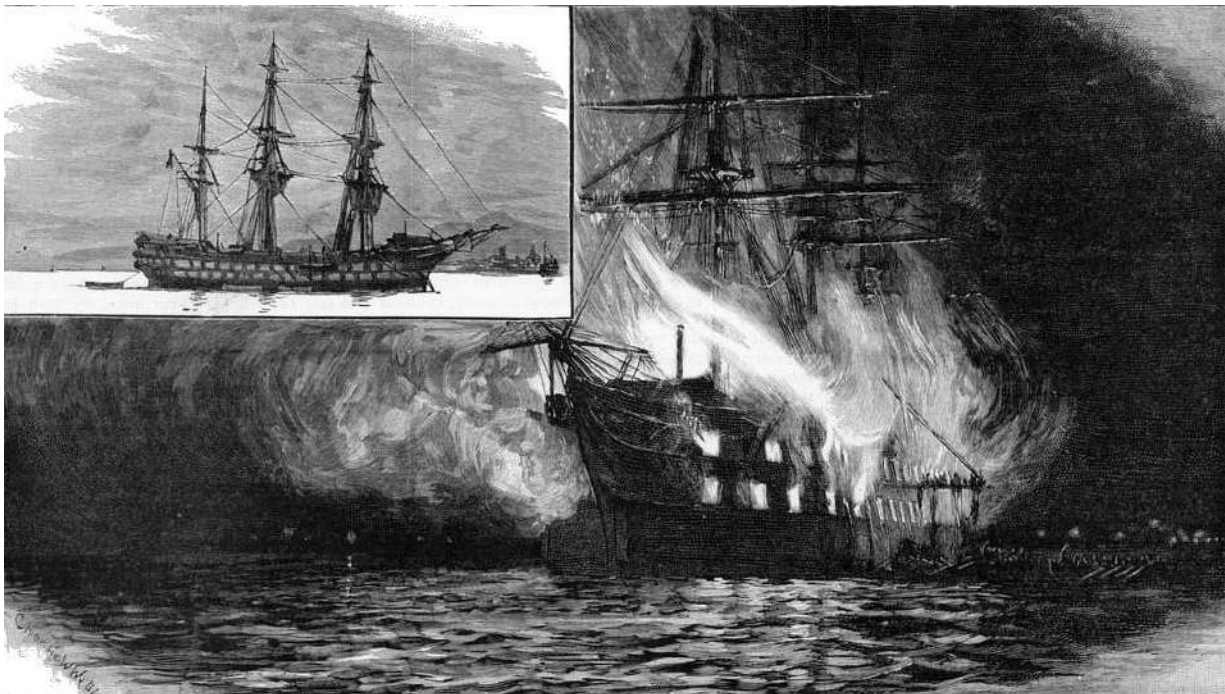
- Friday 23 May 1879 – the band played, on the *Racer*, for the Royal Northern Cruise which ranged from Lamlash to Ardrishaig.
- Thursday 29 May 1879 – the band gave a concert at the Royal Yacht Club, Hunter’s Quay, which included the music: march “*Platt Memorial*” (Lees), overture “*Guy Mannering*” (H. Bishop), quadrille “*Les Cloches de Corneville*” (Cooke), selection “*Genevieve de Brabant*” (Offenbach), polka “*Bric-a-Brac*” (Coote), selection “*Songs of Scotland*” (Howard Smith), valse “*Tres Jolie*” (Waldteufel), and galop “*Amanda*”.
- Thursday 7 August 1879 – the band gave a concert at the Henry Bell Monument, which included: grand march “*National*” (Howard Smith), overture “*Heart of Midlothian*” (Bishop), valse “*Blue Alsations*” (Lamothe), fantasia “*Echoes of Killarney*” (Riviere), quadrille “*English*” (Bosisio), polka “*Bric-a-Brac*” (Coote), “*Scotch Fantasia*” (Howard Smith), and galop “*Amanda*” (Faust).
- Friday 8 August 1879 – the band performed at the Cardross Flower Show in the Drill Hall.
- Saturday 9 August 1879 – the band accompanied the Greenock Band of Hope Union on their excursion to Largs.
- Thursday 21 August 1879 – the band gave a concert at the Henry Bell Monument, which included: “*War March of the Priests (Athalie)*” (Mendelssohn), overture “*Guy Mannering*” (H. Bishop), valse “*Tres Jolie*” (Waldteufel), potpourri “*Favourite Ballads*” (Kappey), Scotch quadrille “*Echoes of the North*” (Howard Smith), “*Gavotte in F*” (Reyloff), “*Grand National Fantasia*” (Browne), and galop “*Festival*”.
- Wednesday 27 August 1879 – the band gave a concert at the Henry Bell Monument, which included: grand march “*Preciosa*” (Weber), Scotch quadrille “*Lord of Lorne*” (Godfrey), selection “*Daughter of the Regiment*” (Donizetti), cornet solo “*Mazurka*” (Zikoff), selection “*Genevieve de Brabant*” (Offenbach), valse “*Edinburgh*” (Bonnisseau), grand fantasia “*England*” (Basquit), and galop “*Promenade*” (Howard Smith).
- Saturday 15 May 1880 – the band performed at the Larchfield Academical Amateur Athletic Games and Musical Promenade, at Ardencaple Park.
- June 1880 – the Cumberland band gave several concerts on Cumberland Terrace, Helensburgh.
- Saturday 31 July 1880 – the band played at the Shandon Fete, at the Shandon Hydropathic.
- Tuesday 17 August 1880 – the band gave a concert at East End Park in the evening.
- Thursday 19 August 1880 – the band’s concert at Cairndhu Park included the pieces: march “*Jock the Piper o*” (Howard Smith), valse “*La Valette*” (Beamish), fantasia “*Gems of Sir H. Bishop*” (Browne), quadrille “*Echoes of the North*” (Howard Smith), grand chorus “*Hallelujah*” (Handel), polka “*Drink, Puppy, Drink*” (C. D’Albert), and march “*Killarney*” (Riviere).
- Tuesday 24 August 1880 – the band’s concert at East End Park was: march “*Bells of Scotland*” (Howard Smith), selection “*Grand Duchess*” (Offenbach), valse “*Blue Alsations*” (Lamothe), polka “*Figaro*” (Schiller), serio-comic fantasia “*An Evening About Town*” (Basquit), and selection “*Reminiscences of Scotland*” (Godfrey).
- Saturday 11 September 1880 – the band gave a concert in the Glasgow Botanic Gardens.
- Thursday 30 December 1880 – the Cumberland band led a procession of Sunday school children on their annual treat to Ardenvohr House.
- Thursday 10 March 1881 – the band took part in a benefit concert at the King Street Hall in aid of Mr Glen.
- Wednesday 20 July 1881 – the band provided music during the Royal Yacht Club Regatta at Helensburgh.
- Tuesday 23 August 1881 – the band played the Queen’s Anthem to welcome the Duke of Edinburgh on his visit to the Cumberland ship.

- Tuesday 6 September 1881 – the band gave its last concert at Cairndhu Park for the season.
- Sunday 1 January 1882 – the Cumberland band played at a service in Rosneath Church for the boys of the ship.
- Friday 23 June 1882 – the band performed during the bazaar at the West Established Church in Helensburgh.
- Tuesday 12 September 1882 – the Cumberland ship’s prizegiving took place, at which the band provided a selection of popular music.
- Saturday 9 June 1883 – the band gave a concert in Kelvingrove Park, which included: march “*March of the Cameron Men*” (Wright), “*Melita*” (Poutet), quadrille “*La Mascotte*” (O’Metra, grand fantasia “*Caledonian Beauties*” (Kappey), valse “*Bright Eyes*” (Doorly), lutano “*Old Italian Dance*” (Bugetti), polka “*Midshipmite*” (Loffler), and galop “*Um Die Wette*” (Faust).
- Saturday 28 July 1883 – the band gave a concert in West End Park, Glasgow.
- Saturday 4 August 1883 – the band provided music for the Helensburgh Regatta, situated on the steam yacht *Jennie*.
- Saturday 11 August 1883 – the Cumberland band played during the Western Yacht Club Regatta, situated on the cutter *Racer*.
- Saturday 14 June 1884 – the band played at the Western District of Dunbartonshire Agricultural Show.
- Tuesday 1 July 1884 – the Cumberland band played on the cutter *Racer* during the Mudhook Yacht Club Regatta.
- Thursday 17 July 1884 – the band played at the Helensburgh Rose Show, in Westwood Park.
- Saturday 23 August 1884 – the band played during the Helensburgh Regatta on the commodore’s barge.
- Thursday 21 May 1885 – the band, on the cutter *Racer*, provided music for the Royal Northern Squadron’s cruise.
- Saturday 6 June 1885 – the band gave a concert in Queen’s Park, Glasgow.
- Thursday 2 July 1885 – the Cumberland band played on the cutter *Racer* during the Mudhook Yacht Club Regatta.
- Saturday 11 July 1885 – the band gave a concert on Glasgow Green.
- Saturday 1 August 1885 – the band gave a concert in Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow.
- Friday 11 September 1885 – the Cumberland band provided music at the Volunteer Bazaar at Helensburgh.
- Saturday 22 May 1886 - the band performed at the Larchfield Academical Athletic Games in Ardencaple Park, Helensburgh.
- Friday 11 June 1886 – the band played at the Dunoon Agricultural Society Exhibition at Auchamore Farm.
- Saturday 3 July 1886 – the band played for the Royal Yacht Club’s races, in front of the Royal Marine Hotel.

“It is quite a treat in itself to see the youngsters – small mites, indeed, some of them – puffing their little cheeks to bursting-point at a trumpet in some instances on a little less in size than themselves. They went through a pretty lengthy, and in some cases difficult, programme in an exceedingly correct manner, giving evidence of a very careful training.”³
- Thursday 15 July 1886 - the band played at the Helensburgh Rose Show, in the new Volunteer Drill Hall.

³ Glasgow Evening Post, 5 July 1886

- Saturday 7 August 1886 – the band gave a concert in one of the Glasgow parks.
- Saturday 20 November 1886 – the Cumberland band gave a concert in St Andrew’s Hall, Glasgow as part of the Foundry Boys’ Society “majority” meetings celebrations.
- Saturday 21 May 1887 - the band performed at the Larchfield Academical Athletic Games.
- Saturday 4 June 1887 – the Cumberland band played at the Greenock Amateur Athletic Sports, at the Glenpark Cricket grounds.
- Saturday 11 June 1887 - the band played at the Western District of Dumbartonshire Agricultural Show, at Sinclair Street, Helensburgh.
- Thursday 30 June 1887 - the Cumberland band played during the Mudhook Yacht Club Regatta.
- Saturday 2 July 1887 – the band played for the Royal Yacht Club’s races, in front of the clubhouse.
- Friday 5 August 1887 – the band performed at the Courock Free Church Bazaar.
- Saturday 5 May 1888 - the band performed at the Larchfield Academical Athletic Games.
- Saturday 9 June 1888 - the band played at the Western District of Dumbartonshire Agricultural Show, at Sinclair Street, Helensburgh.
- Saturday 7 July 1888 – the band gave a concert in Queen’s Park, Glasgow, which included: march “*Tannhauser*” (Wagner), overture “*Guy Mannering*” (H. Bishop), valse “*Tender and True*” (Bucalosi), cornet solo “*The Lost Chord*” (Sullivan), selection “*Maritana*” (Wallace), gavotte “*Feuille d’Amour*” (Lagrange), valse “*Little Sailors*” (Crowe), and galop “*Narren*”.
- Saturday 28 July 1888 – the band provided music for the unveiling of a statue in Elder Park, Govan, of John Elder, engineer and shipbuilder.
- Sunday 17 February 1889 – a fire broke out on the Cumberland Training Ship, which burnt to the water line. The officers and boys were all saved and relocated to the training brig *Cambria*. Five of the boys were accused of starting the fire – William Lewis, John Rankin, Jacob Napier, James McVey, and Daniel Gowan. A jury found Gowan not guilty and the case against the others not proven.



The burning of the Training Ship Cumberland on the Clyde

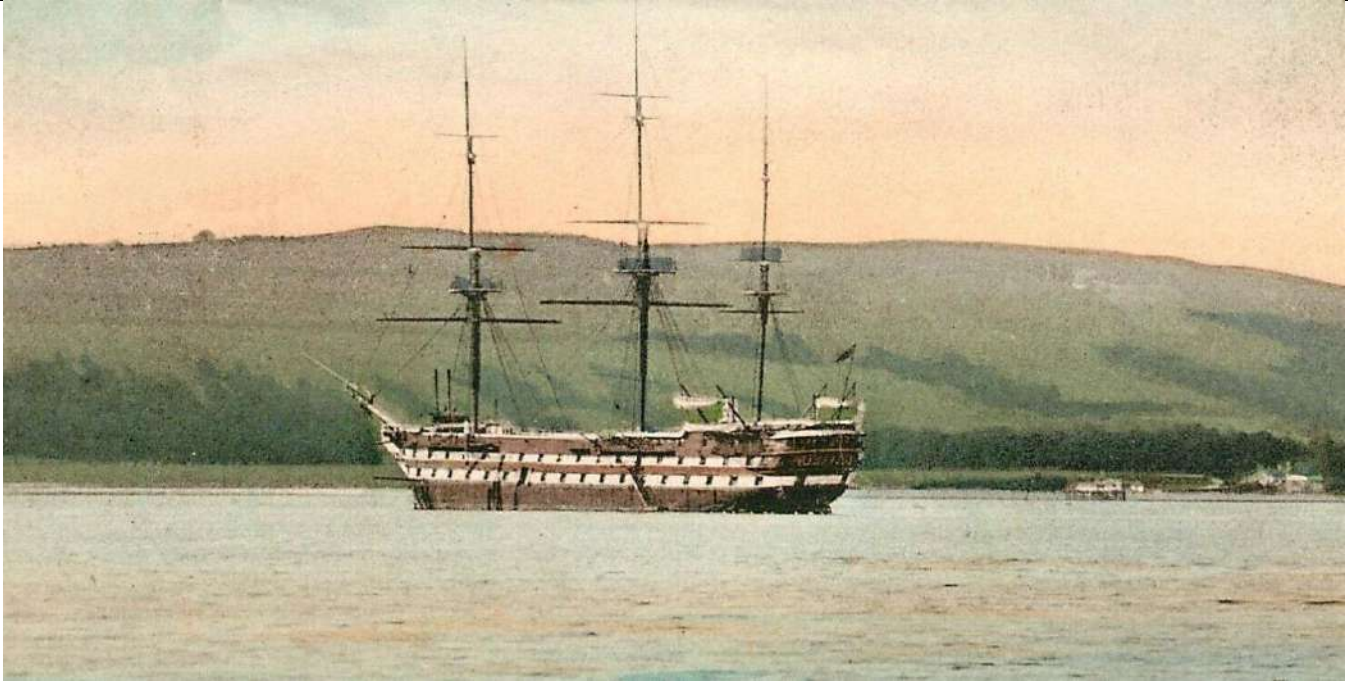
- Saturday 4 May 1889 - the band performed at the Larchfield Academical Athletic Games.
- Saturday 1 June 1889 – the Cumberland band performed in Alexandra Park, Glasgow.
- Saturday 8 June 1889 - the band played at the Western District of Dunbartonshire Agricultural Show, in Ardencaple Park.
- Wednesday 10 July 1889 – the band gave a concert in Elder Park, which included: march “*Auld Caledonia*” (Millar), quadrille “*Indiana*” (Liddell), selection “*La Fille de Madame Angot*” (Lecocq), polka “*Village Festival*” (cornet solo) (Clement), selection “*Life on the Ocean Wave*” (Binding), valse “*Love’s Dreamland*” (Otto Roeder), selection “*Scotch*” (Hartmann), and march “*Mussinán*” (C. Carl).
- Tuesday 16 July 1889 - the band gave a concert in Kelvingrove Park, which included: march “*Scotland*” (Sibold), selection “*Welsh Airs*” (Hecker), polka “*Village Festival*” (cornet solo) (Clement), fantasia “*Erin*” (Kappey), quadrille “*The Plough Boy*” (Godfrey), selection “*Gems of England*” (Basquit), glee “*Allegiance We Swear*” (H. Bishop), selection “*Bonnie Scotland*” (Hare), and selection “*A Life on the Ocean Wave*” (Binding).
- Saturday 10 August 1889 – the Cumberland band took part in a promenade concert under the auspices of the Bonnybridge Brass Band, at Wheatlands and Hope Park. The two bands, joined by the Falkirk Pipe Band, paraded through the village. The Cumberland band’s contributions included: overture “*Guy Mannering*” (H. Bishop), polka “*Village Festival*” (cornet solo) (Clement), selection “*Gems of England*” (Basquit), valse “*Love’s Dreamland*” (Otto Roeder), selection “*Bonnie Scotland*” (Hare), and selection “*A Life on the Ocean Wave*” (Binding).

This was the last engagement by the Cumberland band under this name, until they reformed under the banner of H.M.S. Empress.

Empress Training Ship Band (Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire)

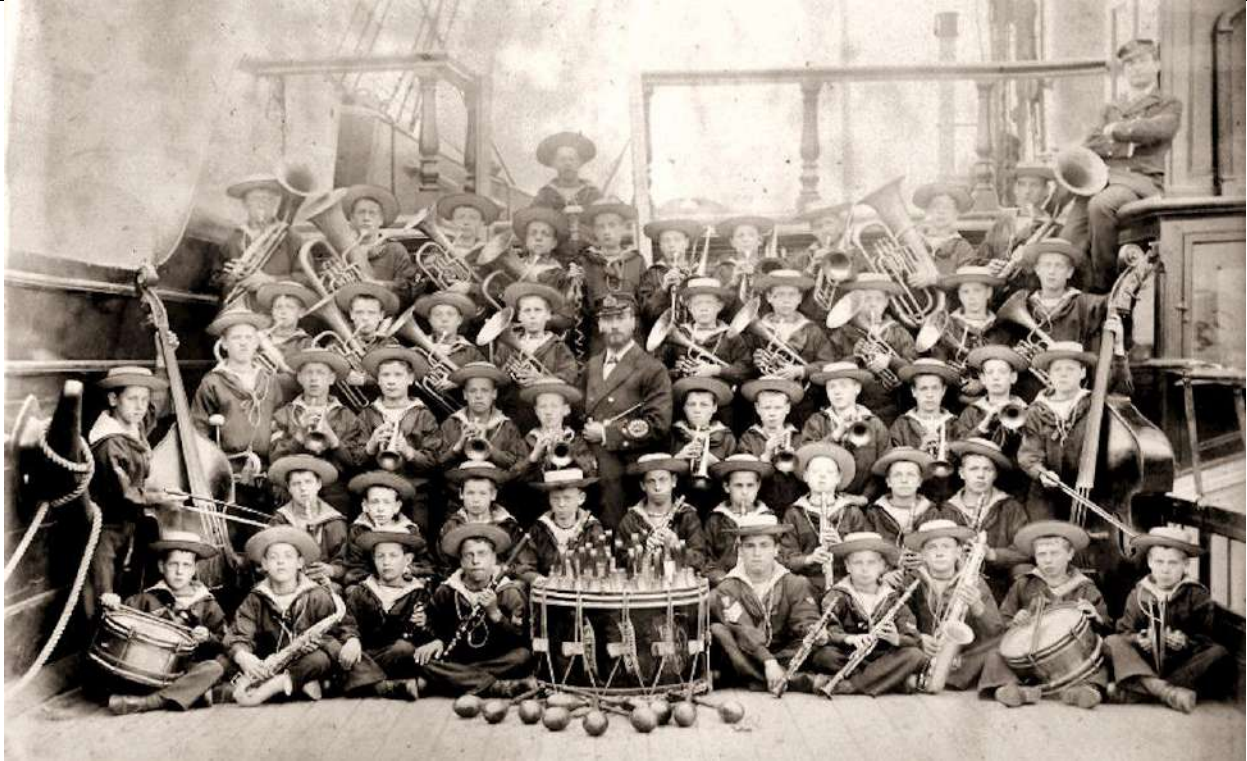
Training Ship Empress was operated at Helensburgh, on the Clyde, by the Clyde Industrial Training Ship Association. She replaced an earlier vessel, the Cumberland, which had been destroyed by fire earlier in 1889. H.M.S. Empress was a wooden battleship originally known as H.M.S. Revenge, and she served as a training vessel until being sold off in 1923. The 3318-ton *Revenge*, built in 1859, was 245 feet long and had a complement of 860 men during its seafaring days.

The band was active from 1889 through to WW1. It had 60 performers in 1898. Bandmaster was Harry Wadsworth at some point.



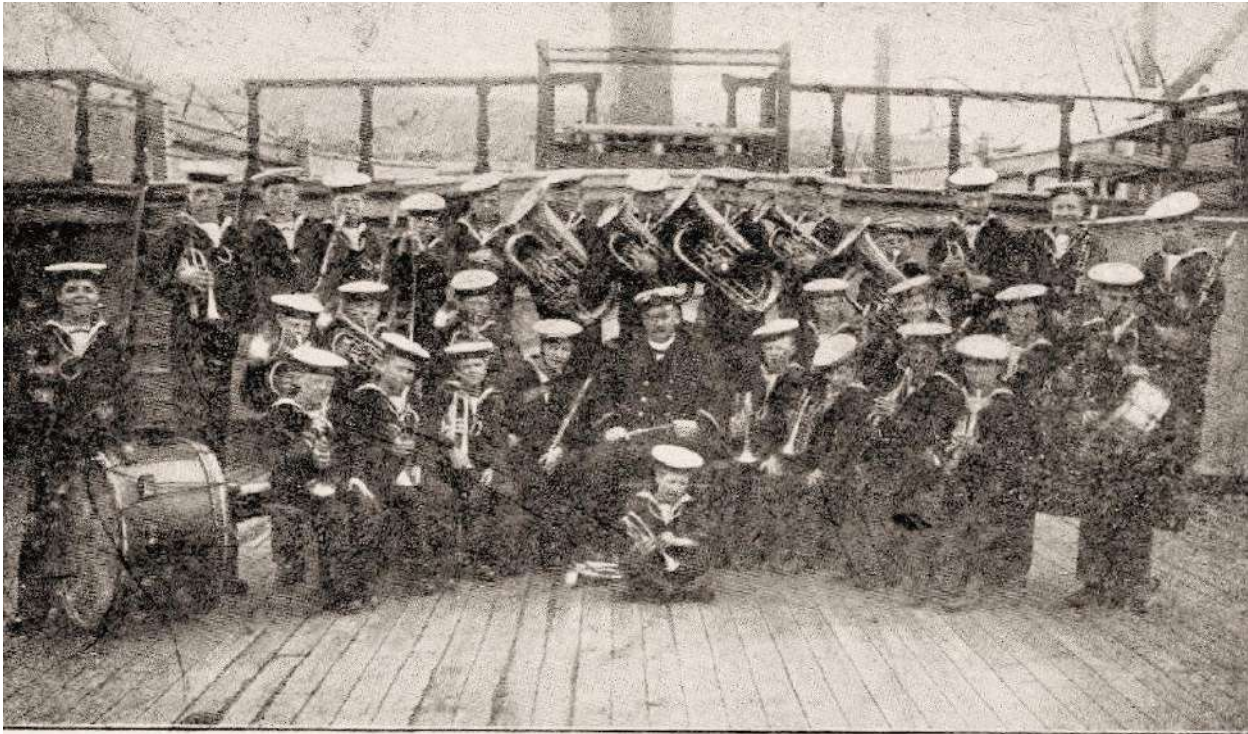
Training Ship Empress

- Saturday 28 June 1890 – the band of T.S. Empress, conducted by Howard H. Smith, gave a concert in Elder Park, Govan, which included: march “*Queen’s Review*” (Theo. Bonheur), overture “*The Crown Diamonds*” (Auber), valse “*Ever and Ever Mine*” (Coote), fantasia “*Erin*” (Kappey), dance “*The Choroliatha*” (Scott), grand fantasia “*Caledonian Bouquet*” (Kappey), galop “*Bon Voyage*” (Faust).
- Saturday 4 July 1891 – the band gave a concert in Alexandra Park, Glasgow, comprising: march “*Scotland*” (Sibold), overture “*Glorious Apollo*” (Lindheim), cornet & euphonium duet “*The Sailor Sighs*” (Balfe), selection “*Genevieve de Brabant*” (Offenbach), gavotte “*Queen May*” (Howard Smith), selection “*Scotch*” (Hartmann), valse “*Ferryman John*” (Otto Roeder), and galop “*Valentine*” (Reile).
- Saturday 11 July 1891 – the band gave a concert in Glasgow Green: march “*My Pretty Jane*” (Cooke), overture “*The Bohemian Girl*” (Balfe), cornet solo polka “*The Village Festival*” (Clement), “*Fantasia on Standard English Songs*” (Lasquit), valse “*Eldorado*” (Royle), gavotte “*Dresdina*” (Malberg), fantasia “*Bonnie Scotland*” (Hare), and galop “*Empress*” (Howard Smith).
- Saturday 25 July 1891 – the band gave a concert in Kelvingrove Park: march “*A Roving We Will Go*” (Howard Smith), selection “*H.M.S. Pinafore*” (Sullivan), valse “*Ferryman John*” (Otto Roeder), cornet & euphonium duet “*The Sailor Sighs*” (Balfe), polka “*The Jolly Tars*” (Dudley Roy), selection “*A Life on the Ocean*” (Binding), valse “*Little Sailors*” (Crowe), and galop “*The Jolly Sailor Boys*” (Howard Smith).
- Saturday 1 August 1891 – the band gave a concert in Elder Park, Govan: march “*Royal Salute*” (Ord Hume), overture “*Montrose or the Maid of the Mist*” (H. Bishop), cornet solo bolero “*Toreador*” (Le Thiere), quadrille “*Top o’ the Morning*” (W. Williams), selection “*Grand Duchess*” (Offenbach), valse “*Fiddle and I*” (Otto Roeder), fantasia “*Scottish Songs*” (Howard Smith), and galop “*Valentine*” (Reile).



Training Ship Empress Band

- Saturday 15 August 1891 – the Empress band took part in a promenade concert at Wheatlands, Bonnybridge, together with the Falkirk Pipe Band and the Bonnybridge Brass Band, raising funds for the latter.
- Saturday 29 August 1891 – the band gave a concert in Elder Park, Govan: march “*A Roving We Will Go*” (Howard Smith), overture “*Glorious Apollo*” (Lindheim), cornet solo “*Jessie, the flower of Dunblane*”, valse “*Ferryman John*” (Otto Roeder), grand fantasia “*Gems of Sir H. Bishop*” (arr. J. Browne), gavotte “*Dresdina*” (Malberg), fantasia “*Bonnie Scotland*” (Hare), and galop “*The Jolly Sailor Boys*” (Howard Smith).
- Saturday 5 September 1891 - the band played at the Helensburgh Regatta.
- Saturday 11 June 1892 – the band gave a concert at Elder Park, Govan.
- Saturday 18 June 1892 – the band played at the Highland Games at Clydebank.
- Saturday 20 August 1892 - the band gave a concert at Kelvingrove Park.
- Saturday 27 August 1892 - the band concluded their Glasgow concerts season with a performance in Glasgow Green.
- Saturday 24 June 1893 – the band gave a concert in Kelvingrove Park: march “*Scotch Memorial*” (Howard Smith), overture “*Guy Mannering*” (H. Bishop), cornet solo “*Jessie, the flower of Dunblane*”, fantasia “*Caledonia*” (Howard Smith), and fantasia “*Bonnie Scotland*” (Hare).
- Saturday 22 July 1893 – the band played in Glasgow Green: grand march “*Campania*” (Howard Smith), overture “*Montrose or the Maid of the Mist*” (H. Bishop), cornet solo polka “*The Village Festival*” (Clement), selection “*H.M.S. Pinafore*” (Sullivan), valse “*Lucania*” (Howard Smith), comic selection “*Pantomania*” (Warwick Williams).
- Saturday 19 August 1893 – the band gave a concert in Alexandra Park, Glasgow: march “*Honour and Arms*” (Handel), selection “*La Fille de Madame Angot*” (Lecocq), valse “*Lucania*” (Howard Smith), selection “*Bohemian Girl*” (Balfe), glees “*Allegiance We Swear*” and “*Sleep Gentle Lady*” (Bishop), fantasia “*Caledonia*” (Howard Smith), and polka “*The Merry Bells*” (Howard Smith).



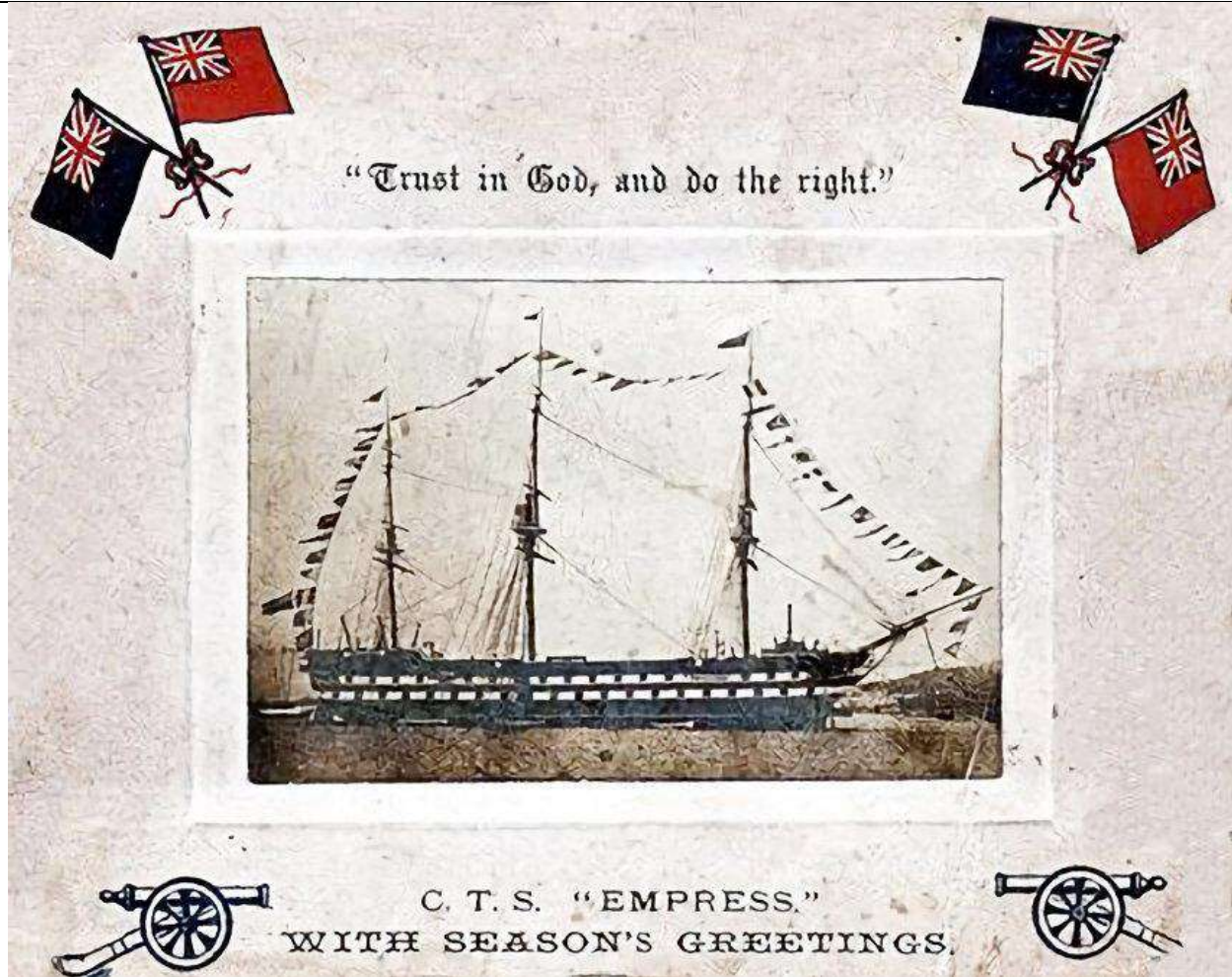
C.T.S. "EMPRESS" BAND.
Training Ship Empress Band

- July 1894 – the Empress band was engaged by Miss Kidston to play in Kidston Park, Helensburgh each Wednesday evening during the month.
- Saturday 4 August 1894 – the band took part in the Trades Procession on the occasion of the opening of the Greenock Eye Infirmary.
- Wednesday 13 March 1895 – the band took part in an entertainment, organised by the officers of H.M.S. Benbow, in Greenock Town Hall.
- Saturday 15 June 1895 – the band performed in Phoenix Park, Glasgow.
- Tuesday 18 June 1895 – the Empress band gave a concert in Maxwell Park, Glasgow: march “*Honour and Arms*” (Handel), selection “*Bohemian Girl*” (Balfe), cornet solo “*There is a Green Hill Far Away*” (Gounod), descriptive piece “*The Royal Naval Patrol*” (G. Asch), selection “*The Legend of the Bells*”, air varie “*Blue Bells of Scotland*”, waltz “*Le Triomphe*” (Gomez), potpourri “*Operatic Bouquet*”.
- Saturday 31 August 1895 – the band performed in Maryhill Park, Glasgow.
- Thursday 5 December 1895 – the band played at the launch of H.M.S. Diana, at Fairfield.
- Saturday 15 February 1896 – the band, numbering 45 boys, took part in a recital at the Theatre Royal, Greenock.
- Saturday 13 June 1896 – the band performed in Phoenix Square, Glasgow.
- Thursday 18 June 1896 – the band played at the opening gala of the Helensburgh Swimming Club.
- Saturday 28 August 1897 – the Empress band provided musical entertainment during the Row and Gareloch Regatta.



Training Ship Empress Band

- Saturday 9 July 1898 – the band gave a concert in Springburn Park, Glasgow.
- Saturday 23 July 1898 – the band gave a concert in the Glasgow Botanic Gardens.
- Saturday 6 August 1898 – the band gave a concert in Queen's Park, Glasgow.
- Thursday 1 June 1899 – the band played at the Renfrewshire Agricultural Society Cattle Show, at Ferguslie Park.
- Saturday 9 June 1900 – the band entertained the crowds in Queen's Park, Glasgow, as part of the city's Children's Day activities.
- Saturday 23 June 1900 – the band gave a concert in Glasgow Green.
- Thursday 23 May 1901 – the band played in Queen's Park, Glasgow.
- Saturday 15 June 1901 – the band performed in Elder Park, Govan.
- Monday 8 July 1901 – the Empress band played for the Royal Clyde Regatta.
- Saturday 27 July 1901 – the band performed in Phoenix Square, Glasgow.
- Monday 21 July 1902 – the Empress band performed at Glentyan House for the reception in honour of the visit of King Lewanika of Barotseland.
- Saturday 25 April 1903 – the band entertained the competitors and visitors at the Larchfield Games, Helensburgh.
- Wednesday 10 June 1903 – the band performed at the L.W. of R. Agricultural Society Annual Show, at Fort Matilda, Greenock.



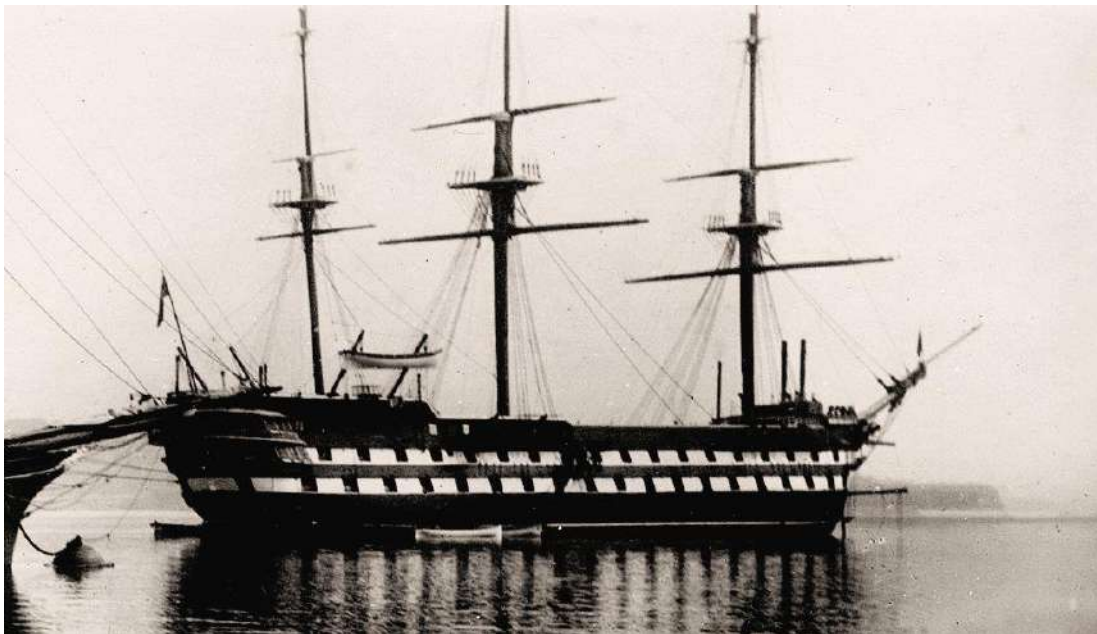
Christmas greetings card from the Training Ship Empress, c. 1900

- Thursday 4 June 1903 – the band played at the Renfrewshire Agricultural Society Cattle Show, at Ferguslie Park.
- Thursday 27 August 1903 – the Empress band entertained visitors to the ship during the prize-giving on board.
- Wednesday 22 June 1904 – the band performed at the Greenock Cattle Show at Fort Matilda.
- Wednesday 16 January 1907 – the band played the *Dead March* as the coffin of Principal Story, on the steamer, passed the Empress.
- Wednesday 1 January 1908 – the band played at the New Year's Day Festival at Greenock Drill Hall.
- Thursday 13 May 1909 – the band performed at the Empress Recreation Ground, Helensburgh, on the occasion of Victoria Memorial Day.
- Saturday 23 April 1910 – the band entertained the competitors and visitors at the Larchfield Games, Helensburgh.
- Saturday 3 September 1910 – the Empress band played at the Gareloch Regatta.
- Saturday 8 August 1914 – the band played at the Celtic Football Club Sports.
- Saturday 1 July 1916 – the band entertained the visitors at the Dumbarton Castle Fete. Kirkintilloch Silver Band were also in attendance.
- Saturday 7 June 1919 – the band gave a concert in West End Park, at 3pm and in East End Park at 6pm.



Training Ship Empress Band

- Wednesday 3 September 1919 – the band, conducted by Harry Wadsworth, gave a concert at East End Park at 3pm, with the programme: march *“The Crystal Palace”* (Kessels), selection *“Romeo and Juliet”* (Gounod), valse *“Decembre”* (Godin), selection *“Lohengrin”* (Wagner), intermezzo *“Cavalleria Rusticana”* (arr. Round). Also, at Dunbeth Park, at 6pm, with the programme: march *“Old Comrades”* (Teike), overture *“La Coquette”* (Laurent), selection *“Maritana”* (Wallace), valse *“Casino Tanze”* (Gung’l), fantasia *“A Carnival of Flowers”* (Leduc), fox trot *“The Tickle Toe”* (Hirsch), selection *“Songs of Scotland”* (Round), and march *“Entry of the Gladiators”* (Fucik).



Training Ship Empress

- Saturday 14 August 1920 – the band gave two concerts in Drumpelier Park, Glasgow at 3.30pm: march “*The Empress*” (Ward), overture “*The Land of the Hills*” (Douglas), valse “*The Kiss of Love*” (Kape), selection “*Maritana*” (Wallace), cornet solo [by Band Corporal Watson] “*Until We Meet Again*” (Shirley), selection “*English Songs*” (Green), and march “*Just Keep Marching Along*”. The evening programme, at 6pm, was: march “*Little Dixie*” (Gumble), sketch “*The Little Nigger Boys*” (Ward), selection “*The Bohemian Girl*” (Balfe), valse “*Erin*” (Dacre), euphonium solo [by Band Sergeant Williamson] “*When God Gave You To Me*” (Nicholls), selection “*Scotch Melodies*” (Haines), dance intermezzo “*My Dear Home Town*” (McCarthy), potpourri “*Panto Choruses*” (arr. Ward), and two step “*Paddy’s Outing*” (Holiday).
- Friday 22 September 1922 – the last known engagement of the Empress band was at the celebrations for the seventh centenary of the Royal Charter for Dumbarton. It took part in the large procession of officials, tradespeople and children through the town.

Exmouth Training Ship Band (Grays, Essex)

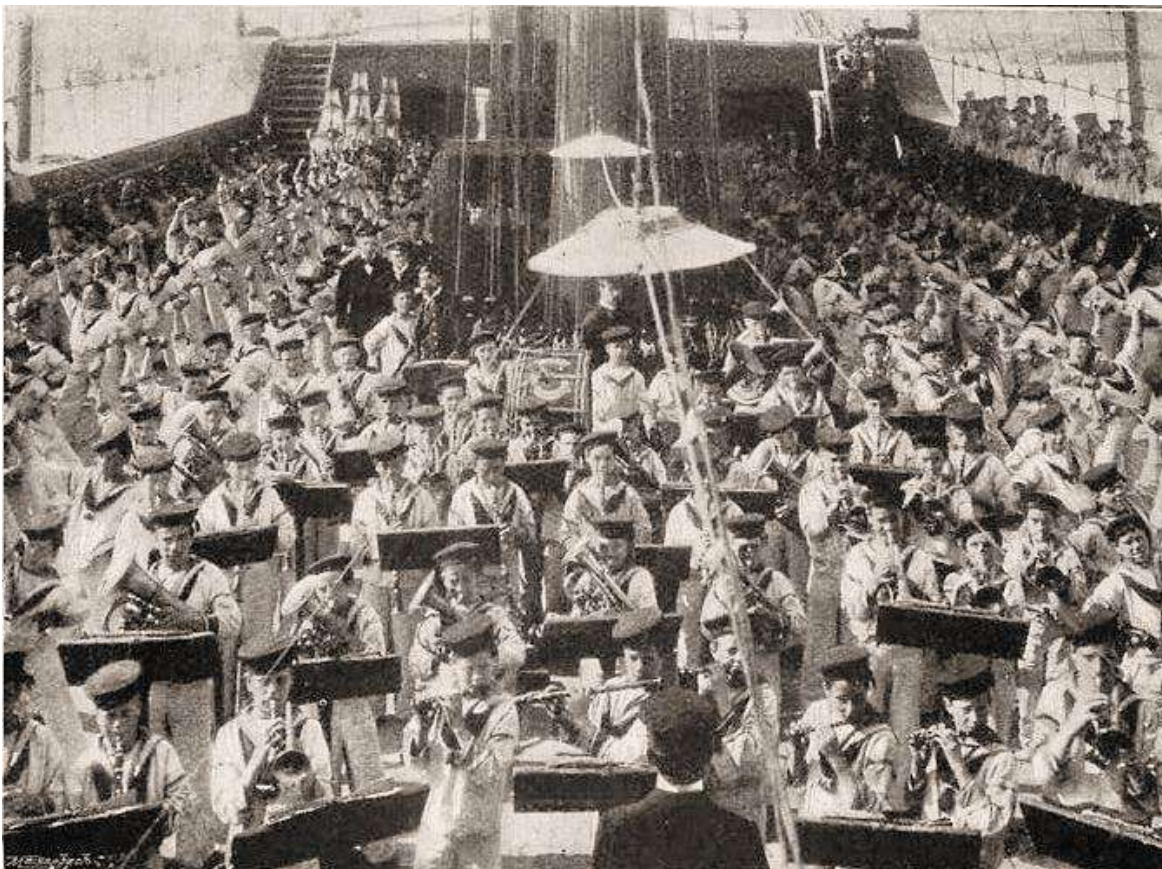
The Training Ship Exmouth was established in 1877, replacing the *Goliath*, which had been destroyed by fire two years earlier. The *Exmouth* was moored on the Thames off Grays in Essex and was managed by the Metropolitan Asylums Board. The ship was an old wooden two-decker line-of-battleship, originally built in 1854, refitted at a cost of £30,000, with a capacity of around 500 boys at an ongoing cost of 10s. per head per week. Boys could join the ship from the age of twelve, and their first task was to learn how to mend and patch their own clothes. In addition to learning the skills of sailing, rowing, sail and rope-making, gunnery, and signalling, they continued ordinary school work, and other physical activities such as swimming and gymnastics. Musical training was accomplished for the boys in the ship’s brass and bugle bands. Captain W.S. Bouchier commanded the ship in 1899. In 1903, the ship's hull was found to be unsafe. A replacement ship, built of iron and steel, was commissioned from the Vickers company in Barrow-in-Furness, and the *Exmouth* was towed round the coast to Grays where she was inaugurated in August 1905. She remained at anchor off Grays until 1939.



Training Ship Exmouth (prior to 1903)

The Exmouth Training Ship Band was active in 1879 through to the early 1900s. Bandmaster was Mr Crompton in 1880, when the band numbered 50 boys.

- Tuesday 28 August 1877 – the Exmouth Boys' Band provided music at a bazaar at The Lodge, Stifford, Essex.
- Friday 15 March 1878 – the Exmouth band led the funeral procession for John Bingham, 15, one of the Exmouth boys, who had died of rheumatic fever.
- Thursday 4 September 1879 – the band provided music at the Church Sunday School Treat at Belmont, Grays.
- Monday 10 November 1879 – the band took part in the Grays Lord Mayor's Day procession.
- Thursday 1 November 1883 – the band paraded around the town of Grays, playing various musical selections.
- Tuesday 22 June 1897 – the band took part in the Jubilee celebrations in the town, parading to the Children's Fete.
- Wednesday 16 April 1890 – a musical entertainment was provided by the boys of the Exmouth at the Quarry Hill Board School, Grays. In addition to various vocal and athletic contributions, the Exmouth band played: overture "*Boulanger March*", and waltz "*Loch Lomond*".
- Tuesday 28 July 1891 – the Exmouth band was one of the band providing music for the Royal Naval Exhibition, at Chelsea.
- September 1892 – the band provided musical entertainment for visitors to the Gravesend Regatta. Other bands which also performed were the Training Ship Cornwall Band, the Band of the Children's Homes, and a military band conducted by Mr T. Williams.

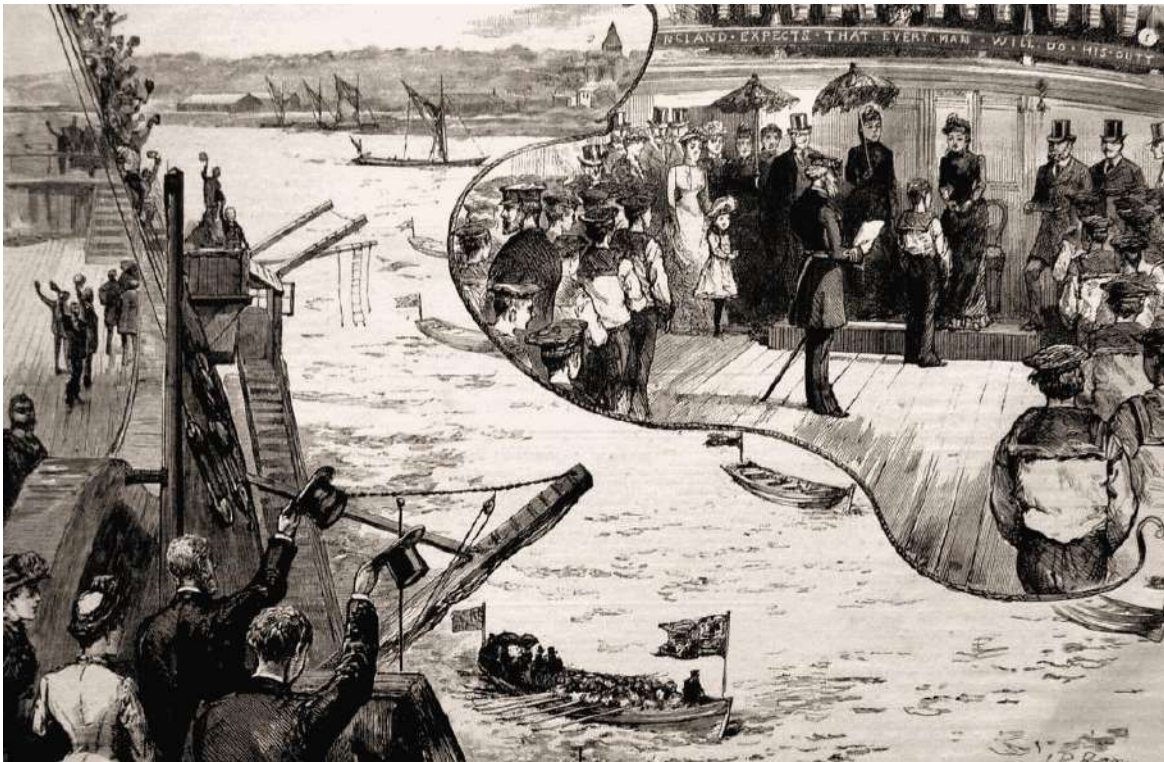


Musical drill on Training Ship Exmouth, 1899

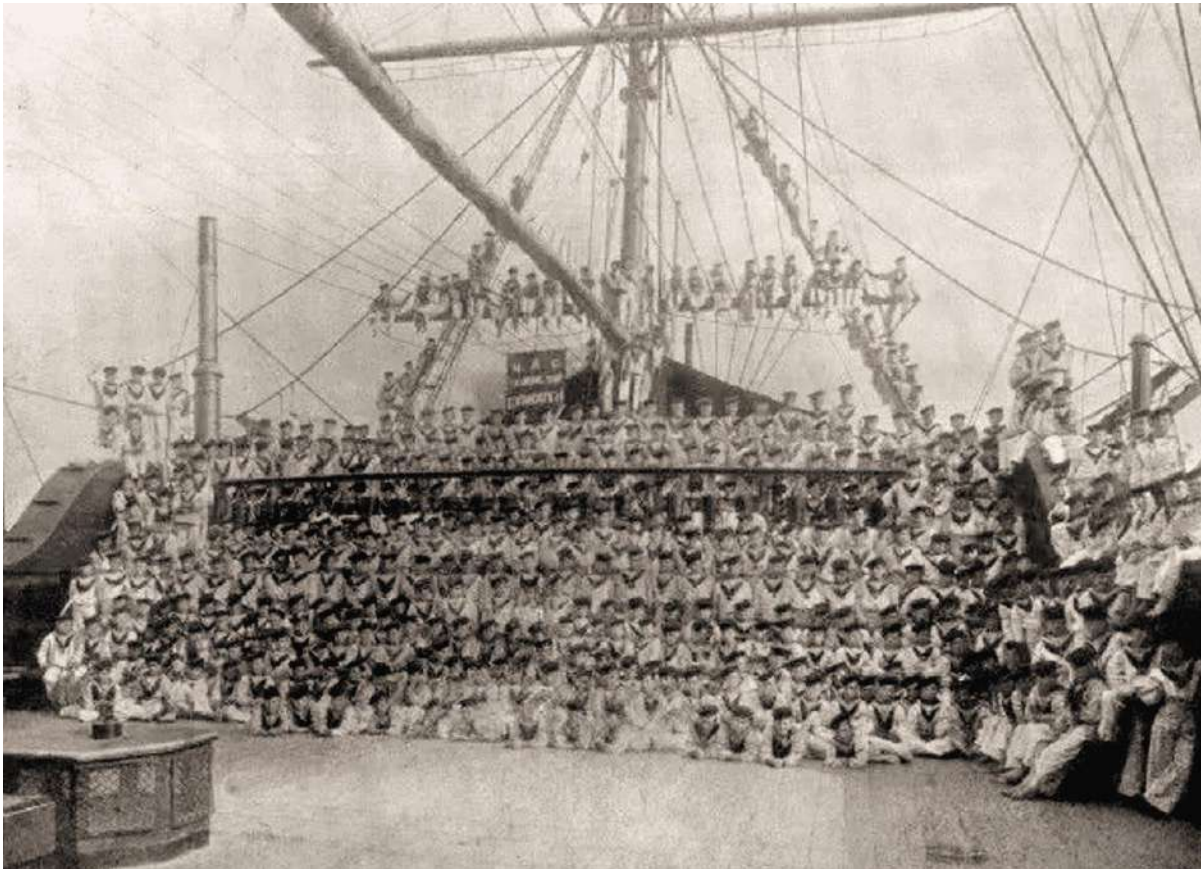
- Saturday 28 September 1907 – the band entered the brass band contest at the Crystal Palace, in the Boys Section, conducted by G. Daines. They were drawn number 3, but they were unplaced. The contest was won by Greenwich and Deptford Boys Band.
- Thursday 22 June 1911 – the band took part in the Coronation celebration in Grays, at the Children’s fete in the Recreation Ground.
- September 1914 – the Exmouth band, bandmaster Mr Daines, led the army recruits, each day, on their march from the mustering parade ground at the Drill Hall to the railway station.
- Wednesday 6 September 1916 – the band played the piece “*Hammerton’s Ferry: the Ferry to Fairyland*” at the Marble Hill Regatta.



T.S. Exmouth boys' band



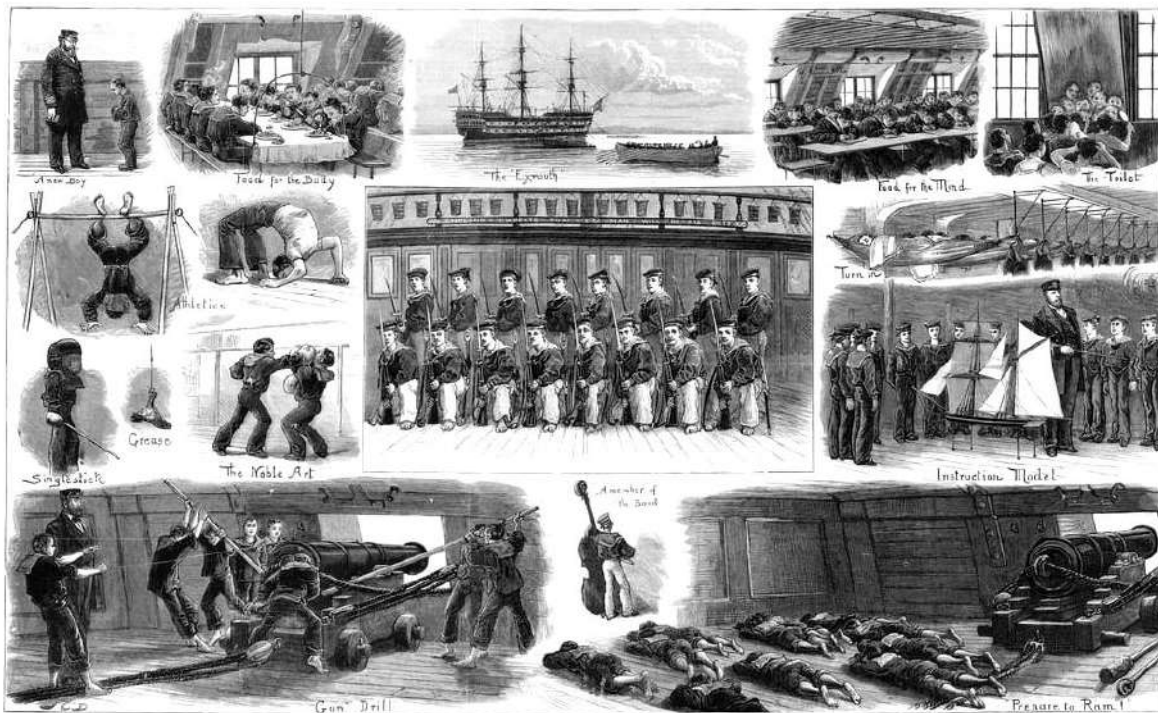
Visit of Princess Louise to T.S. Exmouth, 1887



All the Exmouth boys, 1904



Training Ship Exmouth (after 1905)



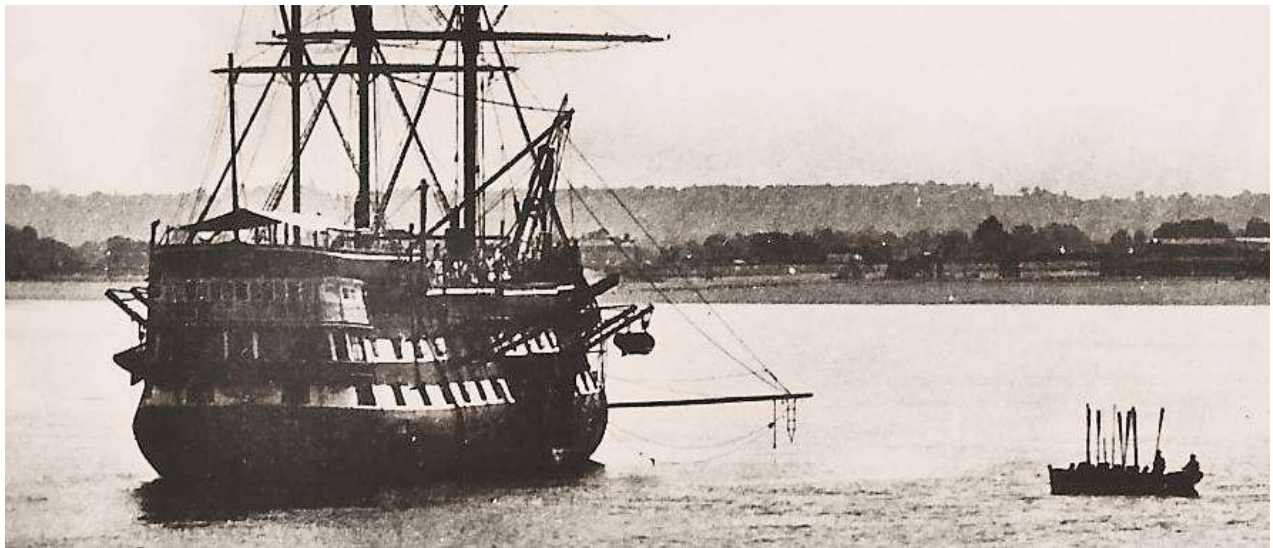
Life on board the T.S. Exmouth

Formidable Training Ship Band (Portishead, Somerset)

The *Formidable* was leased from the Admiralty in 1869 for use as a training ship by several Bristol businessmen, who were concerned about the high numbers of urchins wandering the city's streets. The ship was converted, at a cost of around £3,000, and could house up to 350 boys aged from 11 to 14. She was withdrawn from service early in 1906 after suffering damage in strong gales, with the boys moving to a new onshore establishment at Portishead.

The ship's band was founded in 1870, and it was still active in 1900. The bandmaster was Mr G. Watkins in 1883-1887.

- Saturday 27 July 1872 – the Formidable ship's band provided music for the Bristol and West of England Regatta, at Kingroad, which was held in aid of funds for the ship.
- Tuesday 8 June 1875 – the Formidable's tender, *Polly*, made her trial trip, with the Formidable boys' band playing on board. The band was directed by Mr McGavan and Mr Maby.
- Saturday 7 February 1880 – Professor Duvale gave a 'magical entertainment' to the boys on board the Formidable. The band played during his performance.
- Saturday 22 April 1882 – the band played music for the opening of the new Portishead Seaman's Institute.
- Saturday 29 July 1882 – the band provided music for the Portishead Lawn Tennis Tournament.
- Monday 7 August 1882 – the Formidable band played during a cricket match at Clevedon.
- Wednesday 13 September 1882 – the band gave a concert in Herbert Gardens, Clevedon.
- Saturday 25 August 1883 – the band performed at the North Perrot Horticultural and Cottage Garden Society's Flower Show, conducted by Mr Watkins.
- Thursday 17 July 1884 – the band led a procession of South Clevedon schoolchildren on their annual treat to Herbert Gardens, where the young musicians also gave a concert.
- Monday 25 May 1885 – the band took part in the Bristol Horse Parade and were entertained to tea by the High Sheriff at Glenside House.
- Saturday 31 July 1886 - the band provided music for the Portishead Lawn Tennis Tournament.



Training Ship Formidable

- Tuesday 21 June 1887 – the band took part in the Jubilee celebrations in Portishead, playing for the children's treat in the town. The band raised £2 for their own funds, with 10s also for their bandmaster.
- Saturday 27 August 1887 – the band performed at the Shirehampton and Kingweston Horticultural Show, at Kingweston Park.
- Saturday 23 June 1888 – the band gave a concert in Mina Road Gardens, Bristol.
- Wednesday 15 August 1888 – the band performed at the Shirehampton Annual Flower Show, at Kingweston Park.
- Saturday 18 August 1888 – the band gave a concert at the Ropewalk, Bristol.

- Saturday 25 August 1888 – the band gave a concert at St James Churchyard, Bristol.
- Wednesday 29 August 1888 – the band gave a concert at the G.W. Cotton Works, Bristol.
- Tuesday 3 September 1889 – the band led the procession of children in the annual Portishead Children’s Treat to the Rectory Grounds.
- Tuesday 23 September 1890 – the band played at a garden party in the Shirehampton vicarage grounds.
- Thursday 25 September 1890 – the band led the procession of children in the annual Portishead Children’s Treat to the Rectory Grounds.
- Wednesday 15 July 1891 – the band provided music for the treat of the St John’s Day and Sunday Schools in Clevedon, at the Herbert Gardens. They were conducted by Mr Giles.
- Saturday 1 August 1891 – Captain and Mrs Nicholette gave an afternoon dance on board the Formidable, and the boys’ band provided the music for the guests’ dancing.
- Saturday 2 December 1893 – the band took part in the Junior Section of the brass band contest at the Bristol Exhibition. They won the contest, beating the Clifton Industrial School, playing “*War March of the Priests [Athalie]*” (Mendelssohn), and were conducted by L.R. Squire. Their prize was £10 together with a gold medal for Mr Squire. The senior band contest, with a prize of \$40, was won by Llanely Town Band, with Batley Old, Rotherham Temperance, 1st Glamorgan Artillery, Bristol Volunteer Royal Engineers, and Bristol Hall of Freedom bands taking the places 2 to 6.



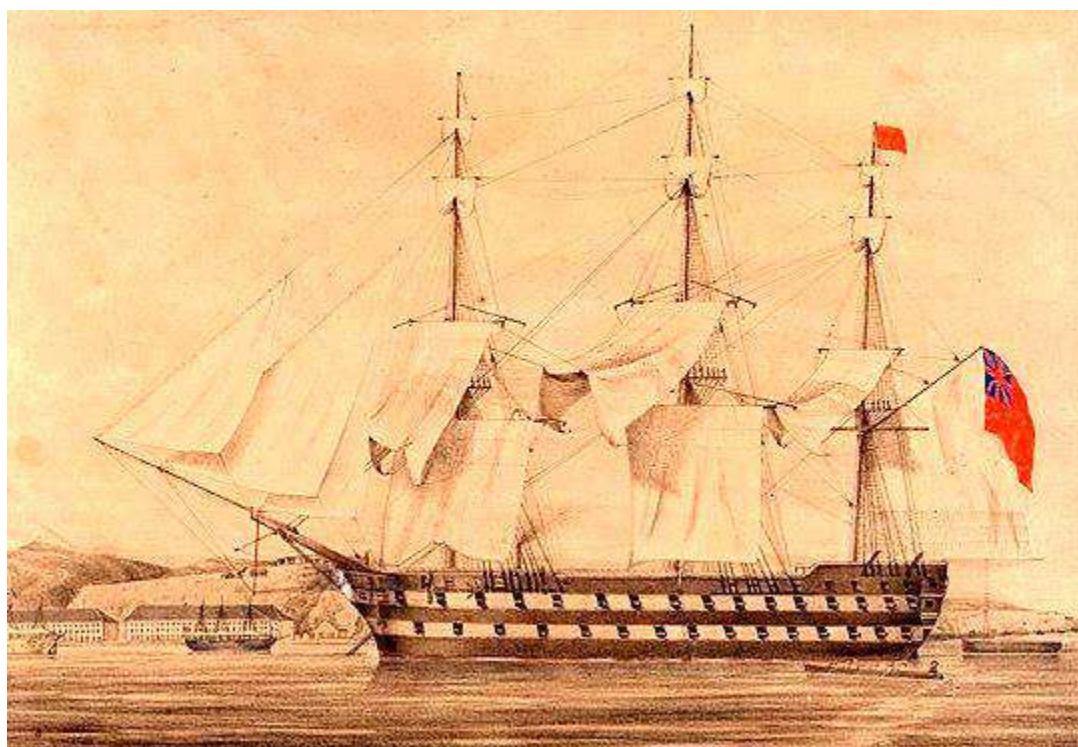
Training Ship Formidable

- Wednesday 22 August 1894 - the band led the procession of children in the annual Portishead Children’s Treat to the Rectory Grounds.
- Saturday 22 September 1894 – the band took part in the Bristol Lifeboat Demonstration procession through the city. The various bands in the procession were afterwards treated to free admission and a tea at the Zoological Gardens.
- Friday 5 July 1895 – the boys of the Formidable visited the Zoological Gardens in Clifton, where the annual distribution of prizes took place. During the day the Formidable boys’ band played various selections of music. Band prizes were awarded to the players C. Clark, W. Dursley, W. Gingall, and B. French.
- Wednesday 14 August 1895 – the band provided music for the treat of the St John’s Day and Sunday Schools in Clevedon, at the Herbert Gardens. They were conducted by Mr Squires.

- Saturday 19 October 1895 – the band played music outside the Victoria Rooms, during the Bristol Lifeboat Saturday.
- Wednesday 21 October 1896 – the Training Ship Formidable was presented with new colours in a ceremony at the Mansion House, Bristol. The boys' band led a parade of 240 boys from the ship from Temple Meads station to Clifton.
- Tuesday 17 August 1897 – the band led the procession of children in the annual Portishead Children's Treat to the Rectory Grounds.
- Saturday 23 October 1897 – during the Bristol Lifeboat Saturday, the Formidable band were driven through the streets in a break, playing as they went, on the sides of which were the words 'Lifeboat men give their lives. What will you give?' The day raised over £300 for the National Lifeboat Institution, and the Formidable band expenses on the day were £3 18s 10d.
- Thursday 29 September 1898 – the band took part in the procession for the Bath Lifeboat Day parade.
- Thursday 13 July 1899 – the opening of the new hospital at Ham Green was celebrated by the Health Committee – the guests were entertained by the Formidable band.
- Thursday 27 July 1899 – the boys of the Formidable visited the Zoological Gardens in Clifton, where the annual distribution of prizes took place. During the day the Formidable boys' band played various selections of music.
- October 1899 – the band took part in the Bristol Lifeboat Demonstration procession through the city.
- Tuesday 29 August 1899 – the band led the procession of children in the annual Portishead Children's Treat to the Rectory Grounds.
- Saturday 21 October 1899 – the band entertained guests at the Bristol Navy League's Trafalgar Day meetings.
- Saturday 18 August 1900 – the Formidable band took part in a grand procession and loyal demonstration at Shirehampton, to celebrate the success of British Arms in South Africa.
- Saturday 15 September 1900 – the band played on Portishead Pier to entertain visitors on a steamer which was part of the perambulation of the Bristol Water Boundary.
- Thursday 4 July 1901 – the Formidable ship's company held its fourth annual sports at the Portishead Recreation Ground. The band played throughout the afternoon.
- Wednesday 24 July 1901 – the band played at the Kingsweston Al Fresco Bazaar.
- Saturday 19 October 1901 – the band took part in the Bristol Lifeboat Demonstration procession through the city.
- Thursday 26 June 1902 – the band took part in the Coronation celebrations in Portishead, consisting of a parade through the town and tea, sports, games and prizes for the town's children.
- Tuesday 26 August 1902 – the band led the procession of children in the annual Portishead Children's Treat to the Rectory Grounds.
- Saturday 21 February 1903 – the band provided music for the service at the graveside in Portishead for the funeral of Dr George Wigan.
- Tuesday 17 July 1903 – the band led the procession of children in the annual Portishead Children's Treat to Portishead House.
- Thursday 23 June 1904 – the band entertained visitors to the grand exhibition and fete at the Portishead Rectory Grounds.
- Monday 24 October 1904 – the band played at the bazaar at Avonmouth School.

Ganges Training Ship Band (Falmouth, Cornwall & Harwich, Essex)

H.M.S. Ganges was established as a boys' training establishment at Falmouth in 1865, and was based aboard a number of hulks before finally moving ashore. H.M.S. Ganges was towed from Falmouth to Harwich in 1899 having had some 14,000 boys passing through on their way to the fleet in that time. H.M.S. Minotaur became the 'new' H.M.S. Ganges at Shotley in 1906, and was renamed H.M.S. Ganges II in 1908. H.M.S. Caroline was renamed H.M.S. Ganges at the same time as her replacement – both at Shotley, with the ships being used as overflows for the shore establishment at Shotley. The Ganges brass band was active from 1871.



H.M.S. Ganges in 1857

- Tuesday 30 May 1871 – H.M.S. Ganges brass band took part in the procession and celebrations for the laying of the foundation stones of the new landing places at Falmouth.
- Friday 2 August 1872 – the Ganges band performed at the Penrhyn Regatta.
- Friday 22 August 1873 – the Ganges band performed at the Truro Regatta.
- Tuesday 10 June 1879 – the Ganges band, together with the Truro Volunteer Band, led a procession at the opening of the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Society's Exhibition.
- Thursday 23 September 1880 – the band entertained guests at the Mylor Harvest Festival public tea on the recreation grounds.
- Tuesday 18 July 1882 – the Ganges band performed at a bazaar in aid of St Gluvias Church, conducted by G.W. Bishop. A report in the local newspaper noted that they: 'marched "Toreador" into a "Mellow" walse, had a "Gavotte" with the "Pirates", and a "Polka-Mazurka" with a "Tyrolean" galop to teach us "Patience".'
- Tuesday 27 March 1883 – a portion of the Ganges band took part in a concert arranged by the organist of the Free Methodist Chapel, at the Druids' Hall, Redruth.
- Monday 11 February 1884 – the band played at a grand naval and military Assault-at-Arms, at the Polytechnic Hall, Falmouth.

- Thursday 19 November 1885 – the Ganges band gave a concert on behalf of their conductor G.W. Bishop, at the Polytechnic Hall.
- Tuesday 6 April 1886 – the band contributed their brass instrumentalists to perform in the Falmouth Musical Association's sacred concert, comprising "*Lauda Zion*" (Mendelssohn) and "*The Messiah*" (Handel).
- Thursday 6 December 1888 – the band entertained visitors to the sale of work held at the Polytechnic Hall in aid of All Saints' Church.
- Monday 22 April 1889 – the band entertained competitors and visitors at the Falmouth sports.
- Wednesday 9 October 1889 – Mr William Lynd gave a lecture at Falmouth, with Edison's latest phonograph, to a large audience. He played a phonograph recording of the H.M.S. Ganges Band that had been previously captured. He had been touring the country giving similar lectures and playing musical recordings.
- Tuesday 9 June 1891 – the Ganges band performed during the Ganges Athletic Sports held at the Mylor recreation ground. Their conductor was Thomas Holmes, and their performance included: march "*Ingomar*", quadrille "*Dick*", overture "*Poet and Peasant*", valse "*Swinging*", selection "*Pirates of Penzance*", dance "*Viennese*", selection "*Gondoliers*", troop "*Masonic*", valse "*Fusiomen*", selection "*Life on the Ocean Wave*", selection "*Scotch Airs*", and march "*Return Home*".



H.M.S. Ganges in Falmouth



Some of the Ganges boys, 1892

- Monday 24 July 1893 – the band performed during the Flushing Regatta, at Falmouth Harbour.
- Friday 1 September 1893 - the band performed during the Port of Falmouth Regatta.

- Friday 13 April 1894 – the Ganges band played at the laying of the foundation stone of the Free Library and Municipal Buildings in Falmouth.
- Friday 23 November 1894 – the band played at the annual meeting of the Missions to Seamen, in Falmouth.



H.M.S. Ganges band

- Tuesday 6 August 1895 – the band performed at the Mylor Regatta.
- Saturday 4 July 1896 – the band gave a concert in Kimberley Park, Falmouth.
- Tuesday 22 June 1897 – the band took part in the celebrations in Falmouth for Queen Victoria's Jubilee, including the laying of the foundation stone of the new board school at Wellington Terrace.
- Friday 13 May 1898 – the band performed at the Falmouth Grammar School Sports.
- Friday 18 November 1898 – the band took part in the ceremonies around the unveiling of the Post Office Packet Service Memorial in Falmouth.
- Friday 25 November 1898 – the band played at the annual meeting of the Mission to Seamen at Falmouth.
- Friday 26 May 1899 – the Ganges band took part in the welcome at Falmouth for the visiting soldiers of the 2nd Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
- Wednesday 23 August 1899 – the band played at the Ladies Day of the Falmouth Sailing Club.
- Sunday 27 August 1899 – the Ganges band gave its last concert in Falmouth, at Kimberley Park, before leaving for their new berth at Harwich. Their programme, conducted by Thomas Holmes, was: overture "*Le Duc D'Olonne*" (Auber), intermezzo "*Aerial*" (Ord Hume), selection "*Il Trovatore*" (Verdi), trio "*Lift Thine Eyes*" (Mendelssohn), song "*The Better Land*" (Sullivan), selections "*Stabat Mater*", "*Cujus Animam*", "*Quis est Romo*" (Rossini), and descriptive "*Husavenritt*" (Spindler).



By special permission of Commander W. V. ANSON, the splendid

BAND OF "H.M.S. GANGES,"

Under chief bandmaster T. Holmes, will play the following Selections of Music in

Kimberley Park, on Sunday Afternoon, August 27th,

Commencing at 3 p.m.

This will be the last Programme of Music the Band will give at Falmouth as she leaves for Harwich in a day or two.

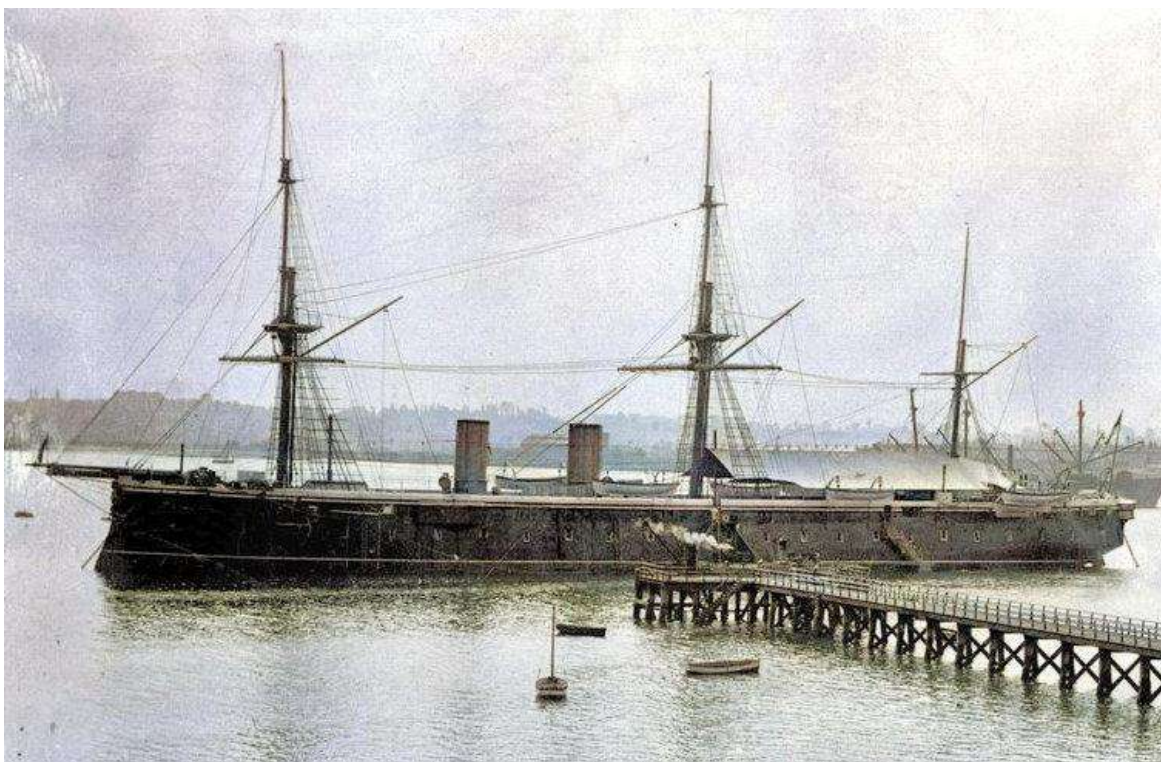
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SONG	"The Better Land"	Sullivan.
SELECTION	(1) "Stabat Mater"	}	Rossini.
			(2) "Cujus Animam"						
			(3) "Quis est Romo"						
DESCRIPTIVE	"Husavenritt"	Spindler.

THOS. HOLMES, Chief Bandmaster.

A Collection will be made on entrance in aid of the Funds of the Falmouth Hospital.

- Wednesday 29 August 1900 – the Ganges band played during the athletic sports of the Harwich and Dovercourt Young Men's Society, on the Royal Oak Meadow, Dovercourt.



H.M.S. Ganges II

- Saturday 30 August 1902 – the band took part in the Ipswich Lifeboat Saturday parade and demonstration. Other boys from the Ganges acted as collectors for the lifeboats.

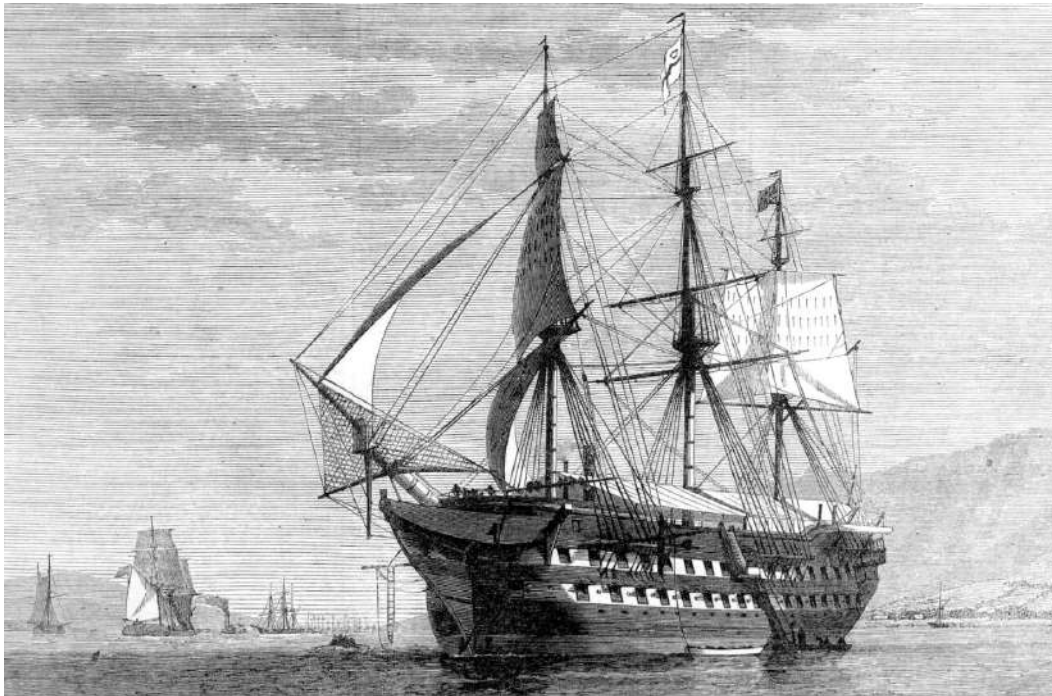
"The Ganges' bandmaster has the good fortune to possess quite a talented company of musicians, and the numerous entertainments and other such functions at which the band is required in the district bear sufficient testimony to their excellence."⁴

⁴ East Anglian Daily Times, 1 September 1902

- Wednesday 31 August 1904 – the Ganges band performed at the Wesleyan bazaar at Harwich, conducted by S.C. Pearce.
- Saturday 9 April 1910 – the band played at the football match between H.M.S. Ganges and Harwich and Parkeston Reserves, for the Harwich Tollemache Charity Cup.
- Saturday 20 April 1912 – the band led a procession of new army recruits in Harwich at the conclusion of the Harwich Recruitment Week.
- Monday 27 May 1912 – the band gave a concert in Harwich Park.
- August 1912 – the H.M.S. Ganges band was transferred to Devonport, and was absorbed into the institution there.

Gibraltar Industrial Ship Band (Belfast, County Antrim)

The Industrial School Ship Gibraltar was established in 1872, moored at Belfast Lough, at the mouth of the River Lagan. After refitting at a cost of £8,000, it was certified to accommodate 310 destitute Protestant boys, aged 10 to 14. The ship was renamed the "*Grampian*" in 1889, finally being decommissioned and broken up in 1899. Unlike most other training ships, the Gibraltar never acquired a sea-going tender which limited the boys' experience of practical seamanship, with most of the boys ending up working at the Belfast shipyards rather than going to sea.



H.M.S. Gibraltar, 1873

The ship's band was active in 1875 until the ship's end in 1899. Conductor G. Weir in 1896. It was known as the Grampian Brass Band in the 1890s.

- Saturday 3 April 1875 – the Gibraltar band played various selections during the Irish Temperance League Band of Hope Demonstration in the Ulster Hall.
- Monday 29 November 1875 – the band played suitable airs for the visit of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chief Secretary for Ireland, to H.M.S. Gibraltar.

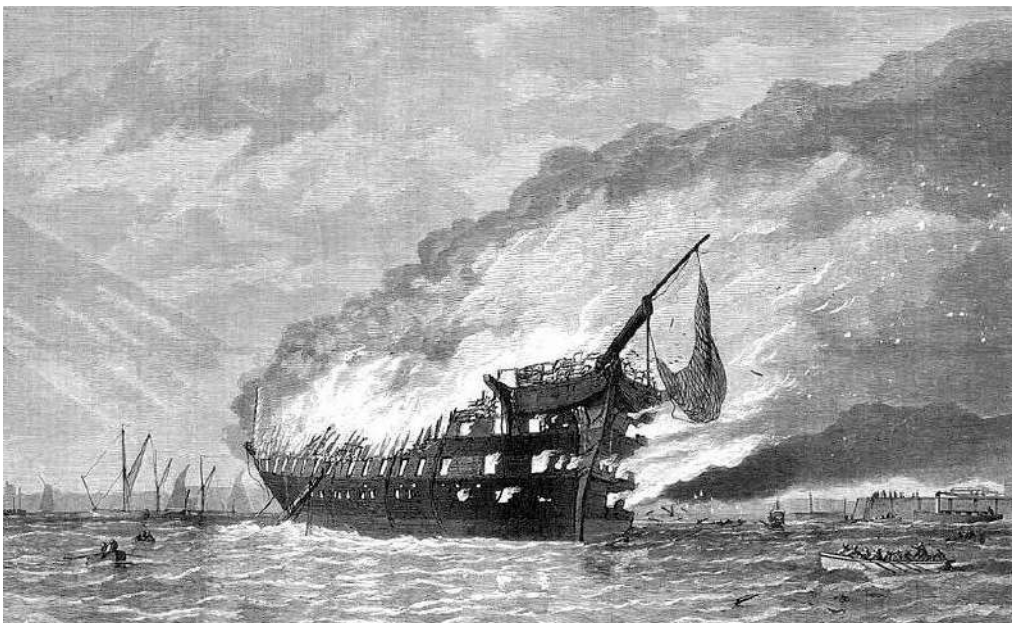
- Saturday 18 April 1876 - the band, conducted by Mr Northcote, performed during the Irish Temperance League Band of Hope Demonstration in the Ulster Hall.
- Friday 2 June 1876 – the band played at the Industrial Exhibition in Belfast.
- Saturday 22 July 1876 – the band led a procession of 600 people on the Ballymacarrett Church Sunday School excursion.
- Saturday 22 June 1878 – the band led a procession of St Enoch’s Presbyterian Church Sunday School, some 1,150 people, to the railway station for their annual trip to Brookbill, near Lisburn.
- Saturday 24 May 1879 – the band played at the Drew Memorial Church Sale of Work.
- Thursday 12 June 1879 – the band led a procession of the Ormeau Road Methodist Church Sunday School to the County Down Railway for their trip to Ballynahinch.
- Saturday 28 June 1879 – the band led the procession of St Enoch’s Presbyterian Church Sunday School to the railway station for their annual trip to Brookbill, near Lisburn.
- Friday 25 July 1879 – the band played various selections before and after the annual meeting of the subscribers and friends of H.M.S. Gibraltar, on board the ship.
- Saturday 26 June 1880 - the band led the procession of the Donegall Pass Presbyterian Church Sunday School to the railway station on their excursion.
- Saturday 2 July 1881 - the band led the procession of the scholars of Sinclair’s Seamen’s Church to the railway station for their excursion to Castle Upton, Templepatrick.
- Monday 4 July 1881 – the band played various selections before and after the annual meeting of the subscribers and friends of H.M.S. Gibraltar, on board the ship.
- Saturday 16 July 1881 - the band led the procession of the St Anne’s Church Sunday Schools to the Northern Counties railway station for their excursion to Seapark.
- Saturday 23 July 1881 - the band led the procession of the Whitehouse Sunday School to the railway station for their excursion to Templepatrick.
- Saturday 7 July 1883 - the band led the procession of the scholars of Sinclair’s Seamen’s Church to the railway station for their excursion to Carnalea.
- Tuesday 31 July 1883 – the band played at the annual school feast of the Church of S.S. Philip and James, Holywood.
- Tuesday 13 November 1888 – the band took part in a concert at the Victoria Hall, Belfast, which included naval exercises by boys from the ship.
- Wednesday 25 December 1889 – the band played on board the ship during the Christmas festivities, which included cornet solos by W.J. Bramston (of the 3rd Battalion Irish Rifles) who was a former boy of the ship.
- Saturday 28 June 1890 - the Grampian band led the procession of the scholars of Sinclair’s Seamen’s Church to the railway station for their excursion.
- Thursday 12 July 1894 – the band accompanied the Y.M.C.A. on their excursion on board R.M.S. Prince of Wales, performing on the promenade deck, conducted by Mr Weir, who had recently reorganised the band.
- Saturday 13 October 1894 – the band took part in the procession for the Belfast Lifeboat Saturday parade.
- Saturday 18 May 1895 – the Grampian band took part in a ‘grand juvenile demonstration’ arranged by the International Organisation of Good Templars at the Grosvenor Hall.
- Monday 17 June 1895 – the band gave various performances in the grounds of the Belfast Exhibition during this week.
- August 1895 – the Grampian band gave a concert at Whiteabbey, consisting of: “*Bellemonde*” (Jabb), “*The Ship I Love*” (Bonheur), “*Comin’ Thro’ the Rye*” (Hare), “*Tip Toe*” (Norman), “*Massa’s in the Cold, Cold Ground*” (Newton), “*Merry Men and Maids*”

(Hume), “*Come Back Soon*” (Bonheur), “*Le Sentinel*” (Hume), and “*Country, Home and Queen*” (Hare).

- Monday 25 May 1896 – the band accompanied a ‘grand pleasure excursion’ to Campbeltown and Lamlash, on board the R.M.S. Adder.
- Thursday 4 June 1896 – the band played at the Ballylesson Church bazaar.
- Saturday 5 September 1896 – the band led a procession of the St Patrick’s, Ballymacarrett, day and Sunday school scholars, on their trip to Troopers’ Lane, Carrickfergus.
- Thursday 17 June 1897 – the band performed during the Castlewella sports, conducted by Mr Philip Bell.
- Saturday 31 July 1897 – the band provided music at the Ballynahinch bazaar in Montalto Demesne.
- Saturday 28 August 1897 – the Grampian band led a procession of the employees of the New Northern Spinning and Weaving Company, to the railway station, on their excursion to Larne.
- Saturday 21 May 1898 – the band provided music on board R.M.S. Adder for the excursion to Ardrossan.
- Tuesday 4 April 1899 – the band entertained visitors at the Ballymena Cycle Club sports held at Ireland’s Cement Trank.
- Saturday 20 May 1899 – the band provided music on board R.M.S. Adder for an excursion to Rothesay. By this time the H.M.S. Grampian had been evacuated and the boys housed in the Balmoral Industrial School on land. The Grampian band thereafter was named and associated with this school.

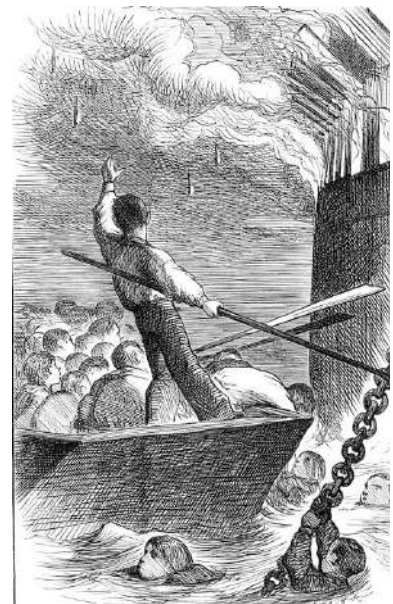
Goliath Training Ship Band (Grays, Essex)

The Forest Gate School District operated the training ship Goliath on the Thames at Grays from 1870. It provided boys from London's Poor Law authorities with training to enter the Royal or Merchant Navy. The ship was destroyed by fire on 22 December 1875, with the loss of twenty-three lives. In 1877, a replacement vessel, the Exmouth, took over the role, managed by the Metropolitan Asylums Board.



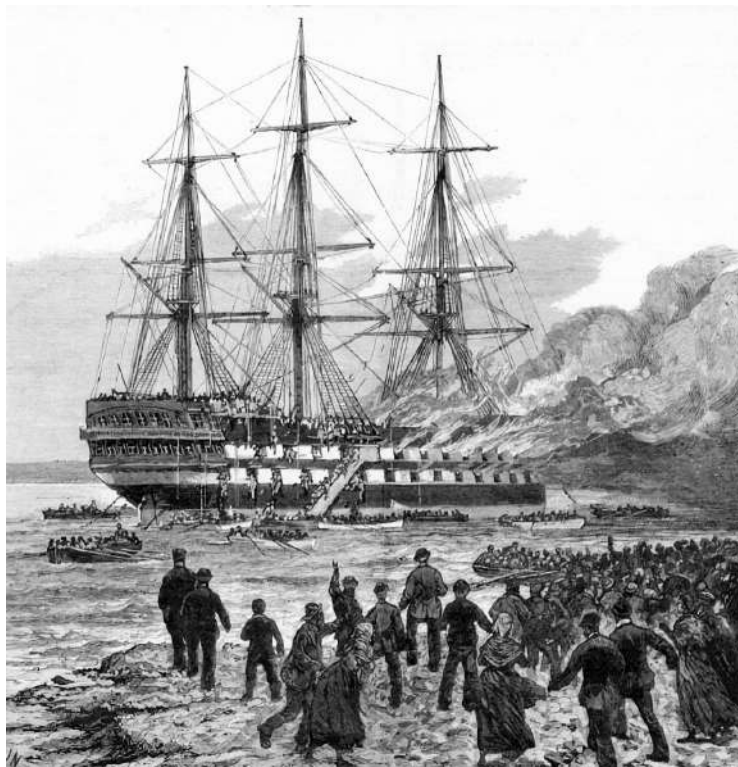
Burning of H.M.S. Goliath

- April 1873 – Captain W.S. Bouchier, of the Goliath Training Ship, requested that George Tullett and David McCarthy, two of the boys in the Goliath band, be sent to the band of the Royal London Militia on a trial. Sadly, this was rejected as the Board of Guardians felt that other musicians from land-based schools would be better suited and the Goliath lads could be found situations at sea.
- Saturday 24 May 1873 – the band took part in the celebrations at Tilbury for the birthday of Queen Victoria. They were conducted in their performances by Mr Mahoney.
- Wednesday 7 July 1875 – the Goliath band took part in a contest at the Alexandra Palace in London, against five other industrial school bands. Playing the test piece “*Orpheus in the Underworld*” (Offenbach), they won the third prize.
- Thursday 22 July 1875 – the band was one of the bands selected to play during the march past at the drill of the London Board Schools, at Regent’s Park.
- October 1875 – the Goliath band gave a concert at the Forest Gate School.



Boys being rescued

Three brothers, Albert William Slatter (b. 1862), John Daniel Slatter (b. 1864), and Henry Arthur Slatter (b. 1866) were members of the Goliath band. All three transferred to the *Exmouth*, and went on to successful musical careers as bandmasters in Canada – Albert as bandmaster of the 7th London Fusiliers of Ontario, John as bandmaster of the 48th Highlanders of Toronto, and Henry as bandmaster of the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Vancouver.



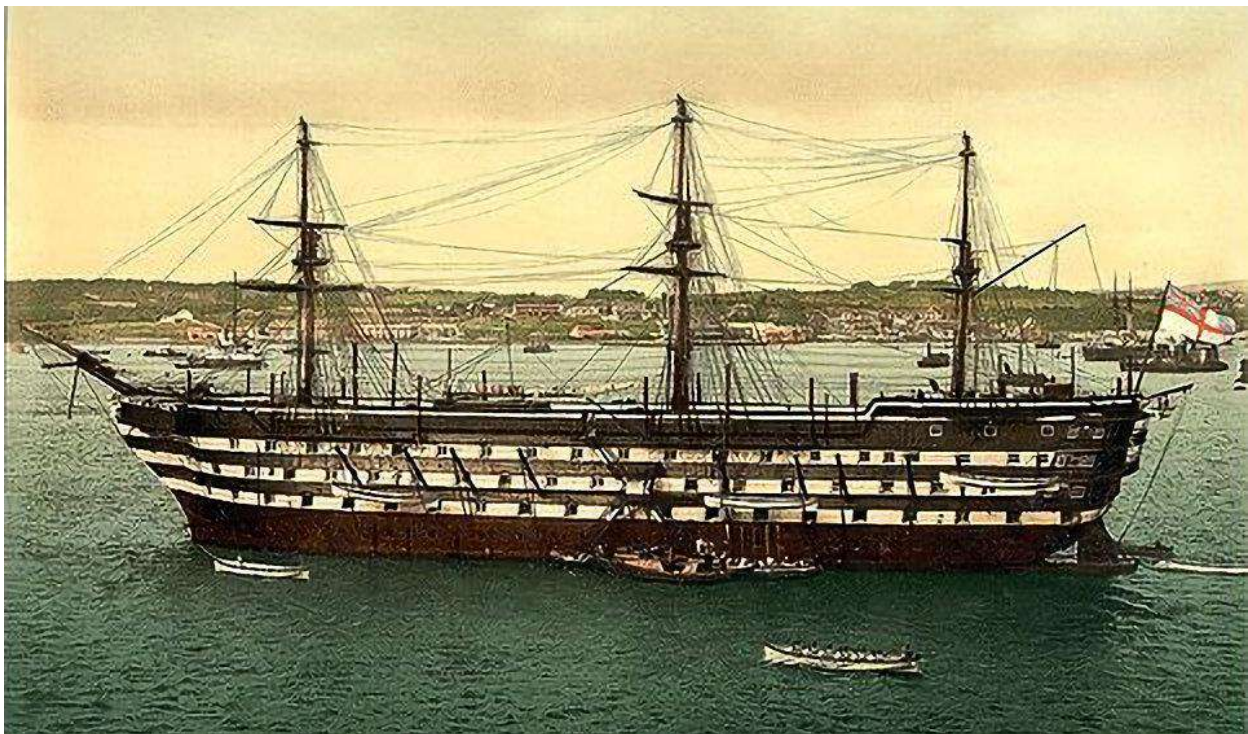
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Grampian Industrial Ship Band (Belfast, County Antrim)

See: Gibraltar Industrial Training Ship Band

Impregnable Training Ship Band (Devonport, Devon)

H.M.S. Impregnable was a Royal Navy training establishment started at Devonport in 1862, and active until 1929. Housed in H.M.S. Impregnable originally, located on the Hamoaze, the ship was replaced by H.M.S. Howe (renamed H.M.S. Impregnable), in 1885. Many of the boys were orphans or poor boys found begging on the streets. They were reported to a magistrate who then ordered them on to training ship. Parents or guardians of boys could also ask a magistrate to send them on to a ship if they felt they were 'unable to control the child'.



Training Ship Impregnable, c. 1900

The boys' band of H.M.S. Impregnable was active from 1873 through to 1928.

- Friday 6 June 1873 – the Impregnable ship's band played various selections of music during the mock naval attack on Mount Edgcumbe.
- Thursday 20 August 1891 – the Impregnable band, conducted by Mr H. Lidiard, welcomed six gun crews from H.M.S. Cambridge who were returning from displays in London, leading them in parade to the dockyard from the railway station.
- Saturday 14 January 1893 – the Impregnable band, together with those of H.M.S. Vivid and the Training Ship Lion, took part in the funeral procession of Captain Sir W. Wiseman, of H.M.S. Impregnable, to the railway station.
- Monday 25 September 1893 – the band performed on the S.S. Alexandra as it undertook an excursion from Saltash to Yealm and back.

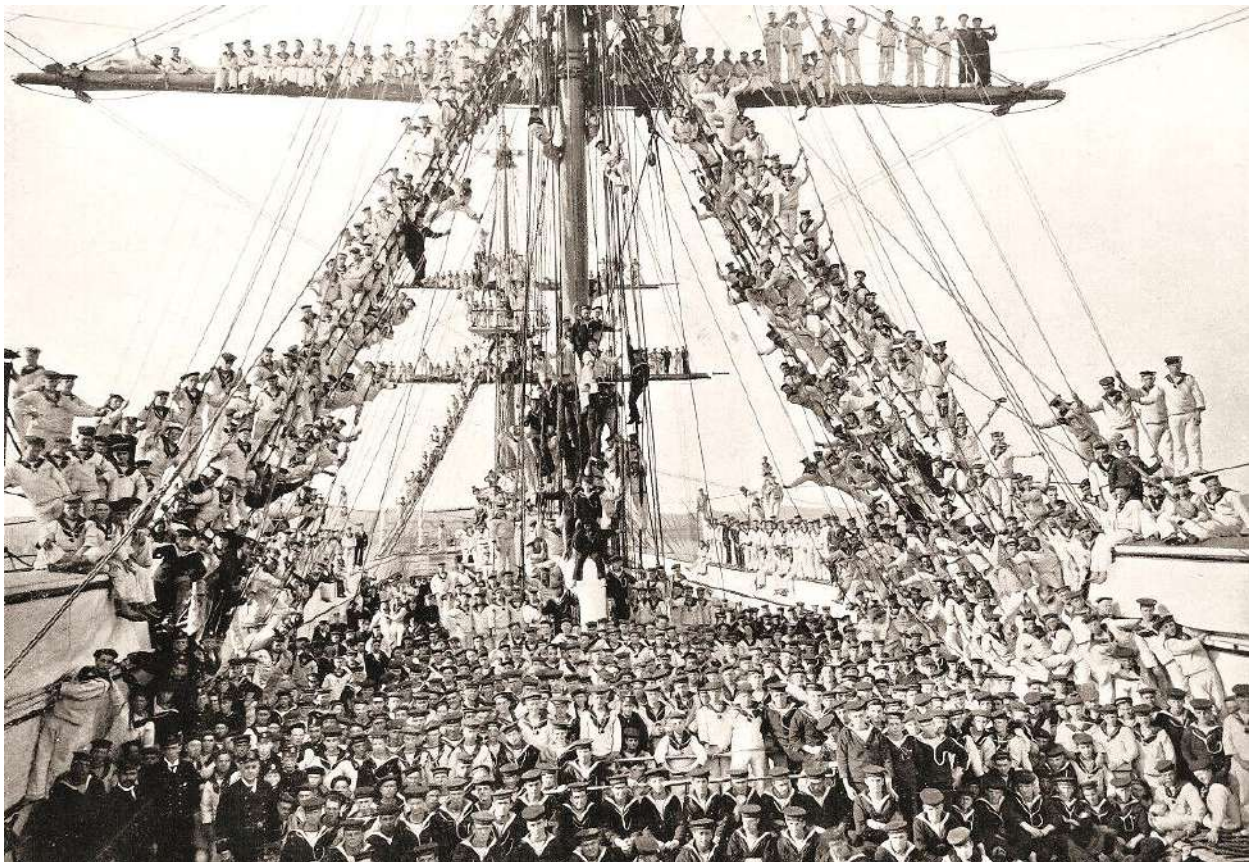
- Friday 20 September 1895 – the band, conducted by Mr J. Harding, entertained guests at the prize-giving of the Port of Plymouth Swimming Association and Humane Society at the Plymouth Guildhall.
- Wednesday 25 September 1895 – the band, conducted by Mr H. Lidiard, entertained guests at the prize-giving of the Devonport Swimming Association and Humane Society at the Devonport Guildhall.
- Monday 11 April 1898 – the band performed at a children's Easter party at Admiralty House, Devonport.
- Wednesday 28 September 1898 – the band took part in the funeral procession of a Russian seaman to Plymouth Cemetery.
- Monday 4 June 1900 – the Impregnable band led a procession of the temperance societies of St Germans to their fete at Port Eliot, where they played during the afternoon.
- Friday 8 June 1900 – the band provided music during the challenge race for training ships at Devonport.
- Monday 18 May 1903 – the band led the funeral procession for Harry Sandford, one of the Impregnable boys who fell to his death while bird-nesting on the cliffs at Rame Head. The band, conducted by Mr J. Harding, played Beethoven and Webster's funeral marches at the interment.
- Wednesday 22 July 1903 – the Impregnable band performed at the opening of the Royal Naval School of Music.



Training Ship Impregnable Band

- Saturday 27 August 1904 – the band played on the village quay during the Kingsland and Cawsand Regatta.
- Saturday 17 June 1905 – the band entertained guests at Vice-Admiral Henderson's home, following the launching of H.M.S. Hibernia.

- Monday 27 May 1912 – the Impregnable band, conducted by Chief Master (Bandmaster) H.G. Cornfoot, led a procession of children to the St Germans temperance fete at Port Eliot, where they played during the afternoon.
- Friday 14 June 1912 – the Impregnable band joined several others in the King's Birthday Parade in Devonport.
- Friday 2 August 1912 – the band performed during the H.M.S. Impregnable sports in the Obelisk Field, Cremyll.
- Wednesday 21 May 1919 – the band, conducted by H. Callow, performed during the H.M.S. Impregnable sports at Cremyll.
- Monday 1 August 1921 – the Impregnable band performed at the Saltram Park Fete.
- Friday 24 April 1925 – the band played on board H.M.S. Defiance during the party for the children of that ship's company.
- Wednesday 25 July 1928 – the band played at the Fete held at Antony House Grounds, Torpoint.

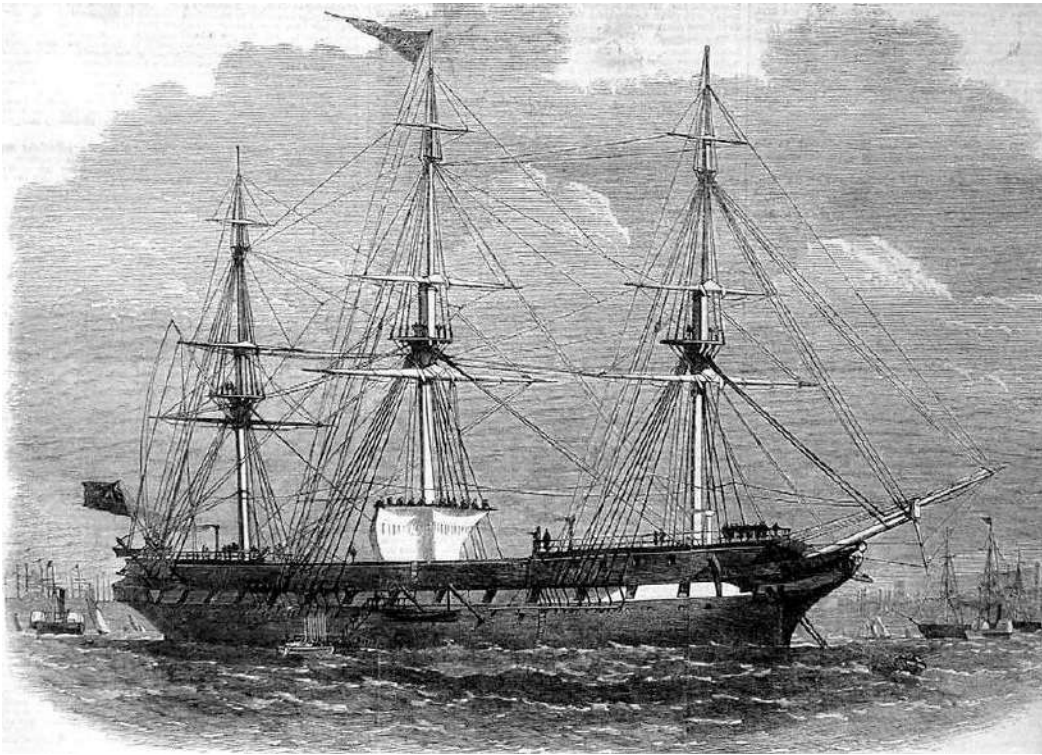


Boys and crew of Training Ship Impregnable, 1901

Indefatigable Training Ship Band (New Ferry, Cheshire)

In 1864 John Clint, a Liverpool shipowner, founded a charitable institution to train the sons of sailors, destitute and orphaned boys to become merchant seamen. H.M.S. Indefatigable was loaned by the Admiralty and it was outfitted at a cost of £5,000, and moored on the River Mersey, off New Ferry, Cheshire. In 1874, the ship acquired a floating bath, 50 by 20 feet, in which the boys learnt to swim in safety. An inspection in 1912 showed that this ship needed replacing and H.M.S. Phaeton, a steel-built warships, was fitted out and took over the name and duties of H.M.S. Indefatigable in January 1914. It continued until 1941, when the heavy bombing of Liverpool during WW2 made it

unsafe to stay in the River Mersey. The school found temporary premises near Ruthin in Wales and then moved permanently to a mansion at Plas Llanfair, Anglesey, in December 1944.

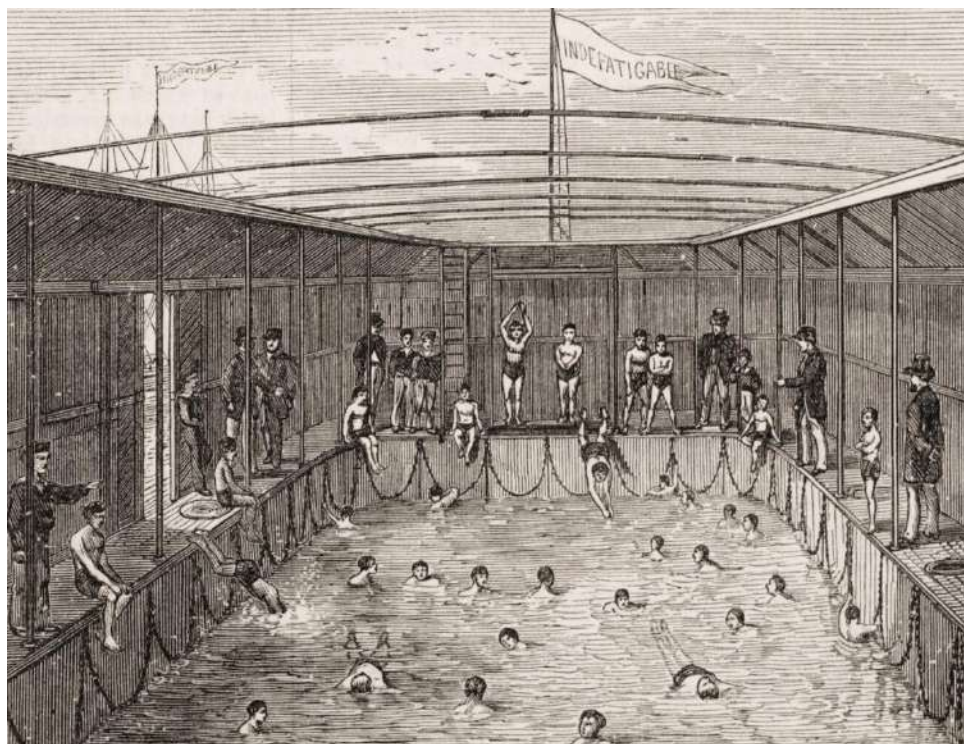


Training Ship Indefatigable, 1866

The Indefatigable boys' band was active from 1868 through to 1908. In 1871 it consisted of 27 boys, conducted by Mr Ormesby.

- Friday 31 July 1868 – the Indefatigable band performed at the cricket match between Bootle Cricket Club and the Australian team, at Bootle.
- Saturday 4 June 1870 – the band took part in the Great Charitable Festival at Stanley Park, Liverpool. Other bands also performing in the event were the 1st Lancashire Rifle Volunteers, Liverpool Police, West Derby Union, Industrial School, Beacon Lane Orphanage, North Shore Mills, South Corporation School, and Mr G.A. Wielopolski Phillipp's Brass Band.
- Saturday 2 March 1872 – the band accompanied the Indefatigable boys on a treat outing to the D'Arc's Marionettes exhibition at the Queen's Hall.
- Tuesday 9 July 1872 – the band led a procession of Bromborough school children on their annual treat.
- Monday 15 September 1873 – the band played at the Hoylake Athletic Sports, at the race course.
- Monday 3 August 1874 – the band played at the Druids' Gala, at the Great Eastern Pleasure Grounds, New Ferry. In addition, some of the band boys won a race, taking home silver watch and concertina as prizes.
- Saturday 18 November 1876 – the Indefatigable band performed at the ceremony laying of the foundation stone of a new school in Upholland.
- Saturday 26 May 1877 – the band played at the Bebington Athletics Sports.
- Monday 20 August 1877 – the Indefatigable band played at the opening ceremony of the Training Ship Clio, in the Menai Straits.

- Tuesday 21 August 1877 – the band led a procession for the opening of the National Eistedfodd in Carnarvon.



The Indefatigable's swimming pool, 1874

- Saturday 31 August 1878 – the band led a procession of the widows and orphans of the Haydock Colliery explosion to a festival in Haydock Park. The Haydock Colliery Band also took part.
- Monday 16 September 1877 – the band led a procession for the opening of the National Eistedfodd in Birkenhead.
- Monday 17 May 1880 – the band led a procession of children from the Boys' and Girls' Refuge Homes, Strangeways, in Manchester.
- Saturday 25 September 1880 – the band performed at a garden party in Knowsley. The Liverpool Police Band was also there.
- Wednesday 9 March 1881 – the band played at the Cab and Bus Drivers' Soiree at Hope Hall, Liverpool.
- Monday 29 May 1882 – the Indefatigable band played throughout the week at the Grand Monstre Gala in Stanley Park, Liverpool.
- Saturday 5 August 1882 – the band performed at the Liverpool Horticultural Association's exhibition in Sefton Park.
- Friday 11 August 1882 – the band led a procession of the children of Seacombe and Oakdale Mission Schools to their treat in Somerville.
- Thursday 16 August 1883 – the band played at the Little Woolton and Gateacre Cottagers' Flower Show, at Gateacre Priory.
- Thursday 23 August 1883 – the band led a procession of the children of Seacombe and Oakdale Mission Schools to their treat at New Brighton.
- September 1883 – the band travelled to Wrexham to play at the Wrexham Floral Horticultural and Industrial Show.
- Saturday 5 July 1884 – the band performed at the New Brighton Rose Show.

- Saturday 12 July 1884 – the band entertained visitors to the Bromborough Pool Horticultural Society Show.
- Thursday 22 January 1885 – the band took part in the Cheshire Masonic Charities Concert at the Music Hall, Claughton Road, Birkenhead. Their contributions included: march “*Cropper Art*”, and as selection “*Il Trovatore*”.
- Friday 19 June 1885 – the band performed at the Wirral and Birkenhead Agricultural Show.
- Friday 10 July 1885 – the band accompanied their ship mates on the Indefatigable boys’ annual sea trip on a Liverpool steamer. The band played selections during the voyage.



Training Ship Indefatigable Band

- Saturday 22 August 1885 – the band entertained visitors to the Bromborough Pool Horticultural Society Show.
- Monday 15 February 1886 – the band took part in a concert at the Assembly Room, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, in aid of funds for the Training Ship Indefatigable. The band was conducted by Mr A.B. Smith.
- Tuesday 21 June 1887 – the band took part in the Jubilee celebrations in the village of Caldy.
- Saturday 18 July 1887– the band entertained visitors to the Bromborough Pool Horticultural Society Show.
- Wednesday 3 April 1889 – the band entertained visitors to St Matthew’s Church bazaar.
- Saturday 1 June 1889 – the band led a procession of some fifty fire brigades, steamers and manuals, through the streets of Bootle on the occasion of the meeting of the Lancashire Fire Brigades Friendly Society.
- Saturday 8 June 1889 – the Indefatigable band played at the Bootle Cricket Club Athletic Sports.
- Monday 10 June 1889 – the Indefatigable band played throughout the week at the Grand Monster Gala in Stanley Park, Liverpool.

- Saturday 15 June 1889 – the band played at the Royal Institution School Sports at Aigburth.
- Saturday 7 December 1889 – the band took part in a ‘grand dramatic performance’ in aid of funds for the ship, at St George’s Hall, Liverpool.
- Tuesday 11 February 1890 – the band led the funeral procession of Lucy Fanny Bridger (wife of Rev. John Bridger - both of whom had worked extensively with the boys of the Indefatigable) to Bebington Church.
- Thursday 22 May 1890 – the band played various selections on board the steamer St Tudno on its maiden voyage along the Welsh coast.
- Saturday 16 August 1890 – the band accompanied an excursion to Rossett and Gresford, Denbighshire.



Training Ship Indefatigable Band

- Saturday 23 August 1890 – the band accompanied a party of Messrs. Livers employees and guests on a boat trip to Beaumaris to celebrate the completion of Port Sunlight.
- Tuesday 29 December 1891 – the band entertained residents at the Home for Ancient Mariners at Egremont.
- Monday 1 February 1892 – the band took part in the celebrations for the opening of the Naval Exhibition at the Walker Gallery, in Liverpool. They continued with various performances through the week in the Winter Gardens.
- Thursday 17 March 1892 – the band played at the Charity Athletic Carnival in Birkenhead.
- Saturday 21 May 1892 – the band performed at the Mersey Rowing Club races.
- Friday 10 June 1892 – the band played at the Liscard Gala.
- Thursday 23 June 1892 – the band accompanied the inmates of the Liverpool Home for Ancient Mariners, at Egremont, in their annual sea trip, on board the steamer Sea King, to Llandudno.
- Sunday 24 July 1892 – the band led the large funeral procession for the three Liverpool Lifeboatmen who lost their lives in the recent disaster – Daniel Morgan, William Ruffler, and Emmanuel Rodriguez – from Pier Head to Ford Cemetery. The procession moved at

walking pace until Bankhall, where the band was placed on a conveyance and the wagons and hearses then moved forward briskly.

- Saturday 6 August 1892 – the band entertained visitors at the Garden Fete at Thornton Hough arranged for the employees of Messrs Lever Bros. at Port Sunlight.
- Saturday 5 November 1892 – the band, conducted by Mr Smith, played at the launch of H.M.S. Royal Oak at Birkenhead.
- Saturday 18 March 1893 – the band took part in the Cyclists' Lantern Parade, which was in aid of the National Lifeboat Institution. Other bands in the procession were the Boys' Refuge Band, Cope's Band, and Hignett's Band.



Training Ship Indefatigable Band, in Liverpool

- Thursday 4 May 1893 – the band performed at the Arts and Crafts exhibition at Strangeways Refuge. The Hulme Lads' Club Band was also in attendance.
- Saturday 20 May 1893 – the band played at the Liscard Charity Gala.
- Saturday 21 October 1893 – the band took part in the Manchester Lifeboat Saturday parade.
- Thursday 5 April 1894 – the Indefatigable band provided music on board the *Conway* on the occasion of the wedding of Grace Miller, daughter of the *Conway's* commander.
- Wednesday 20 June 1894 – the band played at the New Ferry Wesleyan Bazaar.
- Thursday 20 June 1895 – the band took part in the procession for the Cyclists' and Harriers' Demonstration in Liverpool.
- Monday 4 May 1896 – the band took part in the Wallasey May Day parade.
- Tuesday 21 July 1896 – the band played on the common at Buckley during the Buckley Sunday Schools Festival.
- Monday 27 July 1896 – the boys of the Indefatigable were camping at Oswestry for a week or so. During that time the band was often requisitioned to play in the local area.
- Thursday 17 December – the band played on the Training Ship *Conway* during an entertainment evening held there.

- Monday 3 May 1897 – the band took part in the Wallasey May Day parade.
- Tuesday 22 June 1897 – the band, conducted by Mr J. Hiney, performed at the Childrens' Treat at Birkenhead to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.
- Saturday 3 July 1897 – the band played selections during the departure of the Canadian Jubilee Contingent from the Mersey on the Dominion Liner Scotsman. Pieces played included: "*The Girl I Left Behind Me*", "*Tommy Atkins*", and "*Rule Britannia*".
- Sunday 25 July 1897 – the boys of the Indefatigable were camping at Lytham for a fortnight. The band played for a service on the recreation ground on this Sunday, and during the camp, the band played at various times in the local area.

The Indefatigable band gets a large number of followers, some of whom seem to have almost lost their heads over the boys, and no wonder, for they are smart lovable fellows.⁵

- Saturday 14 August 1897 – the band led part of the procession of the Manchester contingent of the National Association of Operative Plasterers, in their demonstration in Liverpool.



Training Ship Indefatigable Band

- Friday 23 September 1898 – the band performed on the Saloon Steamer *Australia*, as it took a special excursion to meet the Channel Fleet at their anchorage in the Mersey.
- Thursday 9 November 1899 – the Indefatigable band played various tunes to salute the 1st Gordon Highlanders as they passed on their troop ships en route for the Cape and the Boer War.
- Monday 11 December 1899 – the band played in the Kirkdale streets, helping to raise funds for the Kirkdale Help for Soldiers' Families.

⁵ Blackpool Gazette and Herald, 27 July 1897

- Friday 25 May 1900 – the band paraded the town of Birkenhead in support of the May Queen’s coronation – Miss Ada Birchall, aged 10 – arranged by the Poor Children’s Mission in the town.
- Saturday 16 June 1900 – took part in a procession at the Liverpool Children’s Temperance Demonstration, to St George’s Hall. The T.S. Akbar and Kirkdale Industrial School bands were also part of the procession.
- Thursday 20 September 1900 – the band took part in the procession for the Cyclists’ and Harriers’ Fancy Dress Carnival and Lantern Parade in Birkenhead. Other bands in attendance were the Tranmere Gleam Silver Band, Birkenhead Borough Band, St Mary’s Band, Shore Road Brass Band, and the L. & N.W. Employees Band.



Training Ship Indefatigable Band

- Saturday 29 June 1901 – the band led a procession of Eastham schoolchildren on their annual treat to Carlett Park.
- Saturday 10 August 1901 – the band led a procession of schoolchildren to the Toxteth Co-operative Provident Society’s children’s festival in Wavertree Playground.
- Thursday 27 February 1902 – the band played at the Liverpool Theatrical Gala at the Anfield Football Ground.
- Saturday 28 June 1902 – the band played at West Derby as part of their coronation celebrations.
- Monday 10 November 1902 – the band played at the dedication of the new steamer *Good Cheer*, which had been purchased by the Mersey Mission to Seamen.
- Tuesday 17 February 1903 – the band took part in the funeral procession for Charles Thompson, founder of the Poor Children’s Mission, to Flaybrick Hill Cemetery.
- Saturday 21 February 1905 – John. Williams, the Indefatigable’s bandmaster, took part in an instrumental solo contest arranged by Crewe Borough Band, in Crewe. He won the cornet first prize with the set test piece “*Mia*” (Hartmann), a silver cup worth £3 3s.

It is interesting to note that the winner of the open contest (Mr. J. Williams), has played the solo cornet in the following prize bands: Kingston Mills, Eccles Borough, Wingates Temperance, Nazebottom Temperance, Crooke, Royal Oakley, Silverdale Town, and Coppull. Mr. Williams has also won the following solo cornet contests:

Liverpool, 1896; Llangefin, 1897; Birkenhead, 1898; Bagilit. 1898; Liverpool, August 1900; West Kirby, 1900; and Liverpool, December 1900.⁶

- Saturday 13 June 1903 – the band took part in the Hospitals Demonstration procession in Birkenhead. Other bands taking part were: Volunteers Bugle Band, Bromborough Pool Band, Tranmere Gleam Silver Band, Birkenhead Borough Band, Birkenhead Postal Band, Protestant Boys' Band, L. & N.W. Employees Band, and the Albert Industrial School Band.
- Friday 1 January 1904 – the band provided music at the Grand Comic Football Match between the Arabs & College Boys and the Half Holiday F.C., at Tranmere Rovers ground.
- Saturday 2 July 1904 – the band took part in the procession for the Birkenhead Charities Festival.

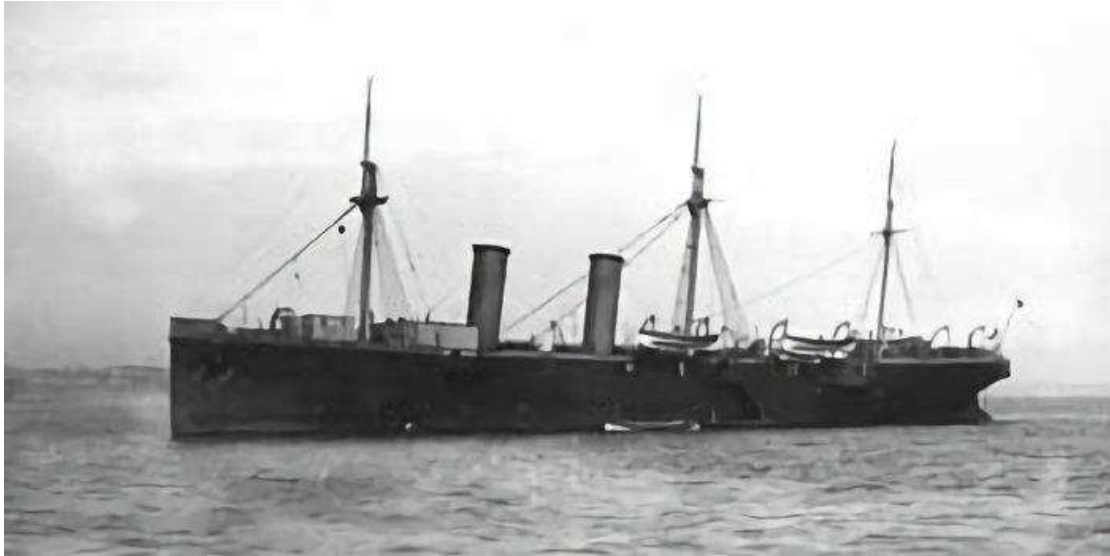


Training Ship Indefatigable Band, 1907

- Saturday 27 August 1904 – the band provided music at the christening of the new lifeboat, *John Harling*, at Southport, during the Lifeboat Saturday celebrations.
- Saturday 30 June 1906 – the band played at the Southport Ladies Auxiliary Lifeboat Saturday Fund open-air fete in Hesketh Park.
- Monday 30 July 1906 – the band played at a gala held at the Corporation Baths, in Oswestry.
- Saturday 18 August 1906 – the band, conducted by John Williams, entertained visitors to the Bromborough Horticultural Society's show, in Bromborough Hall Park.

⁶ Runcorn Guardian, 25 February 1903

- Wednesday 26 July 1907 – the 17th annual sports of the Training Ship Indefatigable were held at the Dell nursery grounds, Rock Ferry. The band played at intervals during the event.
- Saturday 5 September 1908 – the band played at the Whitby Fete, in the grounds of Whitby Hall, Ellesmere Port.



Training Ship Indefatigable, 1914

James Arthur Training Ship Band (Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire)

Unlike the other training ships, *S.S. James Arthur* was not a re-purposed man-o'-war, nor was it moored off-shore. It was, in fact, a ship constructed at an inland children's home.



S.S. James Arthur at the Orphan Homes of Scotland

William Quarrier established the Orphan Homes of Scotland at Bridge of Weir in 1878, based on the cottage homes principle, which eventually included around fifty houses together with everything needed for it to be a self-contained community including a post-office, general store, and, later, its own fire station.

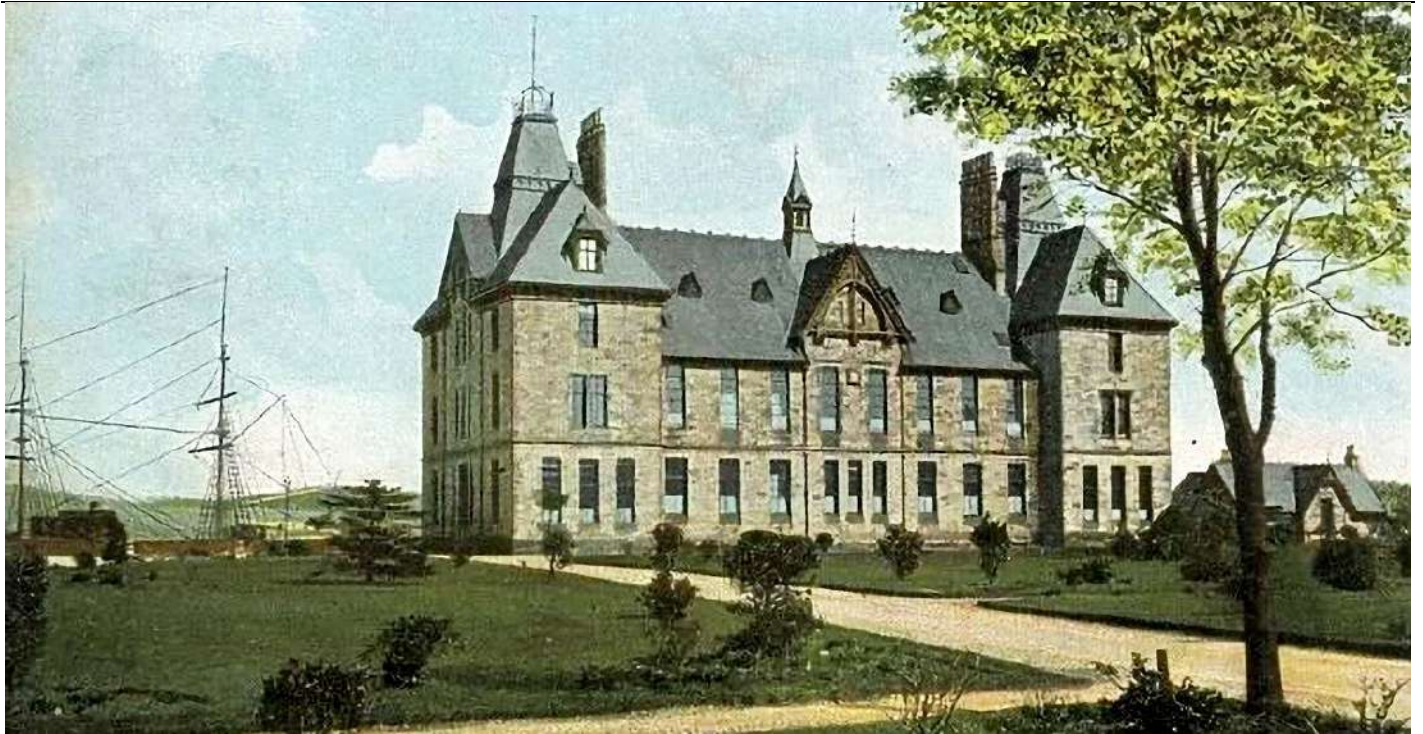
In 1887 the widow of a Clydeside ship-builder, Mrs Arthur, provided £3,000 to build a fully-rigged sailing ship, the *James Arthur*, which was cemented into the ground behind the Central Hall of the homes. She was a fully rigged brig with double topsail, 120ft in length, 23 feet beam and 9ft between decks. The ship was fully equipped in gear and stores, as if bound on a foreign voyage. The boys slept in the fo'castle, and took their food in a large main cabin aft. There were also two chart rooms. In addition to a thorough nautical education, the boys were taught to mend their own clothes, to make rope mats, and to do other handy jobs. A full-time sea captain was appointed to teach 30 of the boys the necessary seafaring skills, albeit entirely on land, with occasional forays onto the river Gryffe.

In 1900 a brass band was established, though very little is known about its activities as yet. The only clear engagement is on Tuesday 5 August 1902, when the girls from the Homes were treated to an outing to Ayr, and they marched in procession to the railway station headed by the Homes' brass band. The boys had a similar outing two days later.⁷



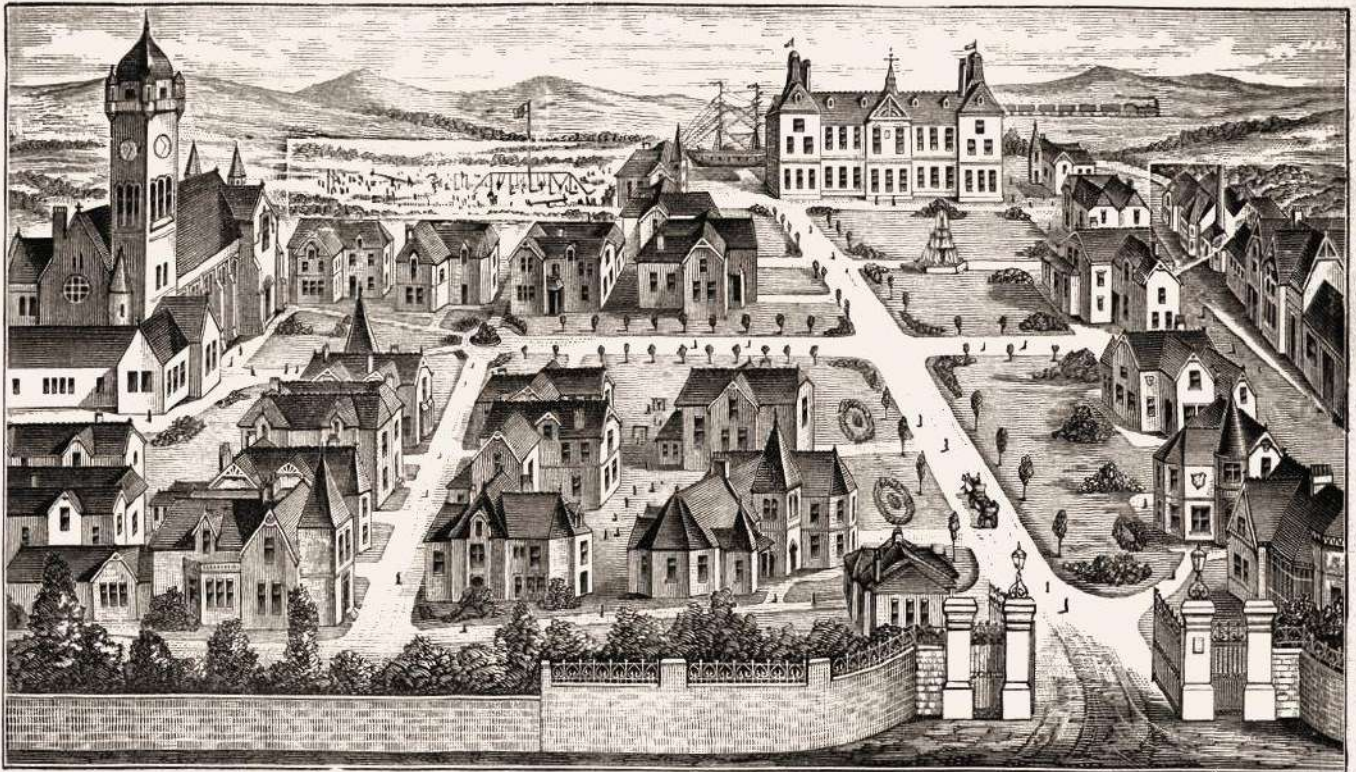
Training Ship James Arthur band at the Orphan Homes of Scotland

⁷ Paisley & Renfrewshire Gazette, 9 August 1902



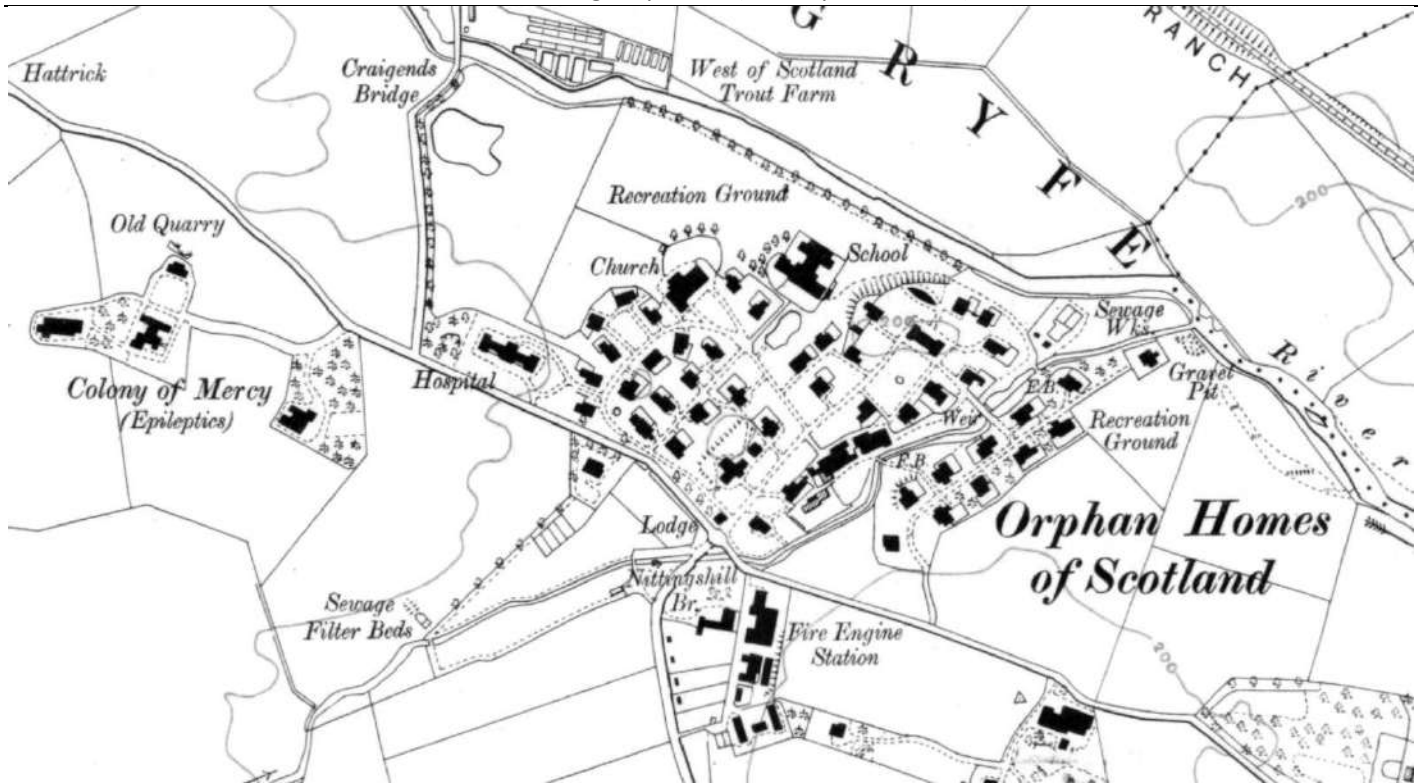
Orphan Homes of Scotland, main house, with the Training Ship behind

ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND for DESTITUTE CHILDREN, BRIDGE-OF-WEIR, RENFREWSHIRE.
There are 36 Buildings connected with the work, which have cost over £100,000. We hope to add 8 more to the number as the Lord sends the money.



Orphan Homes of Scotland, Bridge of Weir

Lion Training Ship Band (Devonport, Devon)



Lion Training Ship Band (Devonport, Devon)

H.M.S Lion was built at Pembroke Dockyard and launched in 1847 as an 80 gun ship, carrying a company of 750 men. She was converted to act as a training ship in 1871. She was moored with the Implacable astern of and attached to her, off Torpoint, nearly half-way up the Hamoze. The ship has a striking gilded figure-head representing the British lion rampant. As the ship gradually deteriorated she was deactivated in 1904 and the boys were transferred to Harwich to the new land-based training facility at Shotley.

The Training Ship Lion band was active from the mid-1880's until the ship closed.

- Wednesday 4 February 1885 – the Training Ship Lion band, together with other boys from the ship, visited Ginnett's Circus, at St James Hall, Plymouth.
- Thursday 10 November 1887 – the Lion band performed at a special performance of "Cinderella" at Ginnett's New Grand Olympia, Martin Street, Plymouth.
- Monday 20 February 1888 – the Lion band took part in the fourth of a series of winter concerts on board the Training Ship Lion.
- Friday 4 September 1891 – the Training Ship Lion held its annual sports at Keyham Barracks. During the day the Lion band, conducted by Mr John Lowman, played various selections.
- Saturday 14 January 1893 – the Lion band, together with those of H.M.S. Vivid and H.M.S. Impregnable, took part in the funeral procession of Captain Sir W. Wiseman, of H.M.S. Impregnable, to the railway station.



Training Ship Lion

- Saturday 11 February 1893 - the Lion band performed at a matinee performance of “Dorothy”, by Battersby and Blair’s Juvenile Opera Company, at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth.
- Friday 16 June 1893 – in the morning the Lion band played during a race between the cutters of the Training Ships Ganges and Lion. In the afternoon the Training Ship Lion held its annual sports at Keyham Barracks, during which the Lion band, conducted by Mr J. Lowman, played various selections.
- Wednesday 29 November 1893 – the Lion band took part in the second of a series of winter concerts on board the Training Ship Lion.
- Thursday 1 March 1894 – the command of the Training Ship Lion was handed over from Captain R.A.J. Montgomerie to Captain Frederick O. Pike. The Lion band played during the farewell dinner on board the ship, and Mr Lowman, the bandmaster, was presented with a handsome decanter service ‘in recognition of the trouble he has always taken in the training of members of the band’. Mr Harrison, the second bandmaster, was presented with an ivory and ebony baton.
- Monday 24 June 1895 - the Training Ship Lion held its annual sports at the Recreation Field, Torpoint. During the afternoon the Lion band, conducted by Mr J. Lowman, played various selections.
- Monday 22 March 1897 - the Lion band took part in the last of a series of winter concerts on board the Training Ship Lion.
- Friday 18 May 1900 - the Training Ship Lion held its annual sports at the Recreation Field, Torpoint. During the afternoon the Lion band played various selections.

Lion Training Ship Band (Devonport, Devon)



Band and company of Training Ship Lion, 1896



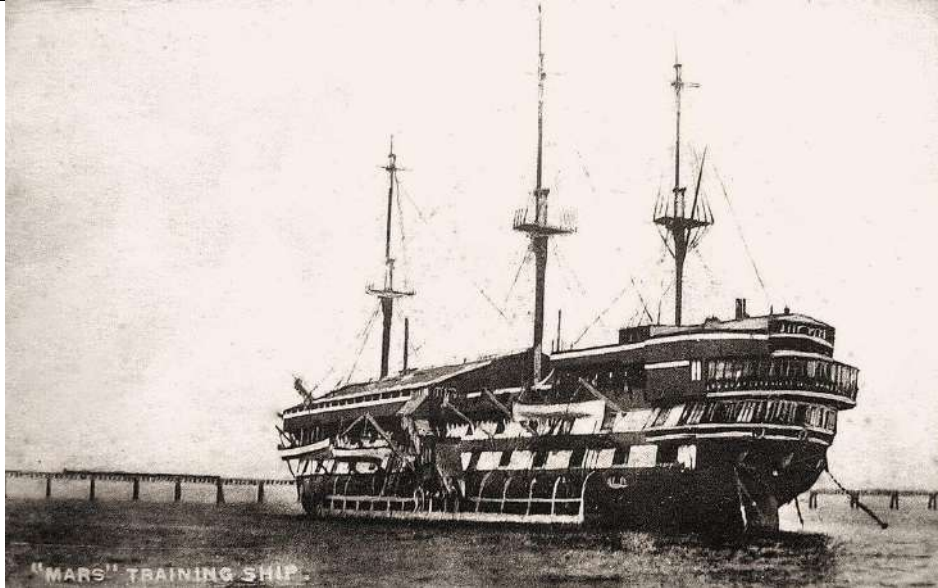
Training Ship Lion Band, 1896



Full company of Training Ship Lion, 1903

Mars Training Ship Band (Newport-on-Tay, Fife)

H.M.S. Mars operated as a industrial training ship between October 1869 and 1929, housing over 6,500 boys aged between ten and sixteen years old, with up to 400 boys at a time. The ship accepted both Catholic and Protestant boys and many children were sent from the west coast. As well as the traditional education and skills training, the ship supported three musical groups – a choir, a bagpipe band and a brass band. These musicians were popular in Dundee in particular, and many events were enhanced by the boys' attendance. The bands were also used as a recruiting tool and fund-raiser for the institution, travelling to other Scottish towns and cities. Any performance was usually followed by a splendid tea party for the boys. Members of the pipe band and the choir also enjoyed this privilege, and this provided an added incentive to play or sing to the best of their ability. In March 1875, a Dundee textile manufacturer donated a sea-going tender, the *Francis Molison*, which provided the boys with greater experiences of practical seamanship.



Training Ship Mars

The Mars brass band was founded in 1871 and was active until the ship closed in 1929. The band conductors included William Douglas Davidson in 1871 & 1890, Mar Barnett in 1873, J.E. Butler in 1881-1883, and D.C. Strachan in 1904.

- Friday 30 August 1878 – the Mars brass band performed for two days at the Montrose Horticultural Society’s show, at Melville Terrace Gardens.
- Saturday 25 August 1883 – the band, conducted by Mr Butler, played at the Markinch Horticultural Society show at the Balbirnie Estate.

Proposal that the Mars Band play on the [Dundee] Esplanade - In proposing the above, I would also take the liberty of naming a company which I think is quite capable of supplying us with music of the highest standard - that is, the Mars Training Ship Band. It is an honour to the town that we have such a band of young lads, who for the most part had no knowledge of and probably no ear for music until they went there, but under the careful and excellent training of Mr Butler, the bandmaster, have attained to as great a command of music and instrument as any of our local bands. I think it just requires a few public exhibitions of their playing to prove all that I have said and a great deal more.⁸

- Saturday 20 August 1887 – the band played at the Dalmeny Society’s show, held in the Forth Bridge workmen’s canteen.
- Tuesday 1 July 1890 – the band entertained guests at the wedding of Lady Mildred Marion Bowes Lyon to A.E. Jessop of Philadelphia, at Glamis Castle. Conducted by William Douglas Davidson, the band played: selection “*Hail Smiling Morn*” (Spofforth), selection “*Wedding March*” (Mendelssohn), valse “*Bridal Rose*” (Webbe), quadrille “*Land o’ Cakes*”, (T. Wadson), part song “*Oh Valleys Fair*” (Mendelssohn), march “*Songs of Britain*” (W.V. Scholes), overture “*Fair Maid of Perth*” (Bizet), Scotch selection “*Robert Burns*” (Widdel), valse “*Partita*” (Buccalossi), galop “*Valentine*” (W. Relle), fantasia “*O’er Land and Sea*” (E. Newton), and selection “*Martha*” (Flotow).

⁸ Dundee Advertiser, 30 October 1883

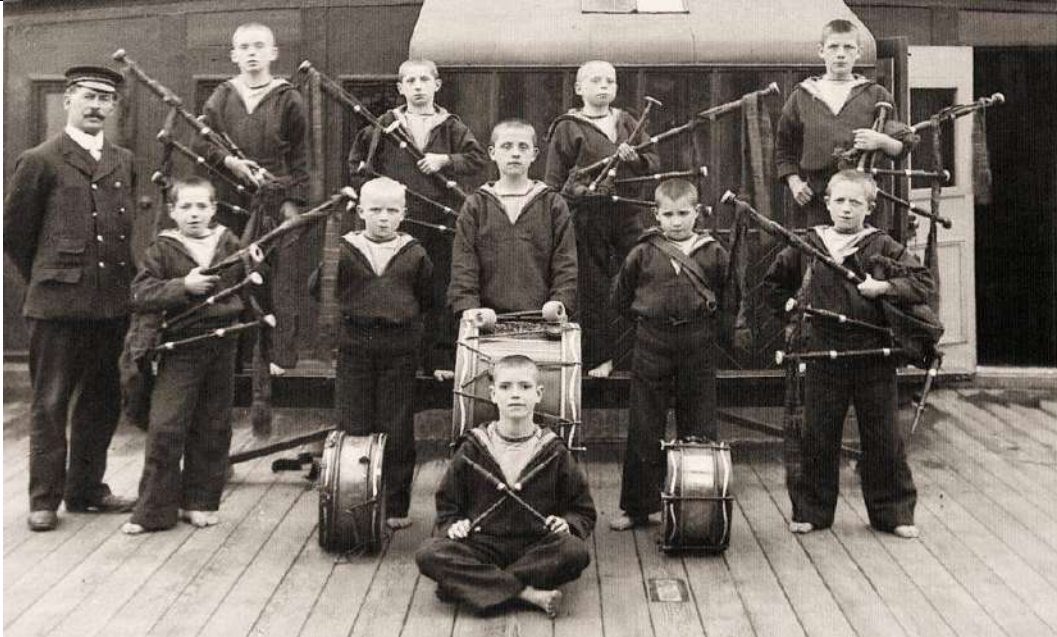


Mars brass band, 1908

Since the bandstand has been opened, I have been often asked the reason why so few concerts are given. I would beg to inform the public generally that every band which gives a concert must carry their music stands with them, and, as there are no seats in the band stand, they have to play there for two hours and stand all the time. Just only last Saturday, the Mars Ship Band gave a concert, and as the music stand they use on board the ship is too heavy for the boys to carry about with them, and as there was nothing to put their music on, the policeman was asked by the bandmaster to get some boys to hold the music. Another thing I would like to say is this, that the bands belonging to the city get too little money for these concerts. I am sorry to say that for six concerts that they gave this season they received the sum of £10 16s. Now if you take into consideration that there would be an average of 24 performers at each of the concerts, this gives something like 1/6d to each performer per concert, and for this they had in some cases to come from the North, and East, and South and West points of the city and carry their music stands or employ someone to do it. The public will see by these facts that the bands are not to blame if they refuse to put themselves to so much trouble for so little encouragements.⁹

- Saturday 11 June 1892 – the band played at the Clifton Bank School Athletic Sports.
- Saturday 19 August 1893 – the band (of 35 players) entertained visitors to the Cupar and District Flower Show, in Bonvil Park.

⁹ Dundee Advertiser, 2 September 1890



The Mars bagpipe band

- Saturday 30 March 1895 – the Mars band took part in the Charity Demonstration promoted by the Arbroath Total Abstinence Society. Conducted by Mr Yeats, their performances included: “*Life on the Ocean Wave*”, “*Carnavalia on Popular Airs*”, “*Sustenool Waltz*”, and “*Scotch Selections with Jacobite Airs*”.

The boys were warmly applauded for their performance. One little lad gave a splendid performance in cornet solo playing ¹⁰and was loudly applauded. A gentleman stepped forth from the audience, and, through the bandmaster, presented the young cornet player with a sum of money as a token of his appreciation of the playing.

- Saturday 3 August 1895 – the band played at the Letham and District Horticultural Society show.
- Thursday 15 August 1895 – the band played at the Largo Horticultural Society show, at Largo House.
- Saturday 21 August 1897 – the band played at the Pitlessie and District Horticultural show in Lotch Park.
- Saturday 17 June 1899 – the band, of 40 players, performed at the Cupar and North Fife Agricultural Society’s show, in Cupar.
- Wednesday 18 July 1900 – the Mars band gave a concert in Barrack Park, Dundee.

The young sailor lads, clad in a natty white jacket, with navy blue trousers and cap, discoursed music appropriate to the musical tastes of their audience, which consisted of a large number of young lads and lasses, while there were also some mothers present watching after their olive branches.¹¹

- Wednesday 21 August 1901 – the band provided music at the Elie and Earlsferry Athletic Sports.

¹⁰ Arbroath Herald, 4 April 1895

¹¹ Dundee Evening Post, 18 July 1900

- Tuesday 28 July 1903 – the Mars brass band, conducted by Bandmaster D.C. Strachan, played at the Strathearn Agricultural Society show in the Market Park, Crieff.
- Thursday 28 July 1904 – the band, and the Mars pipers, played at the Angus Agricultural Association's show at Arbroath.



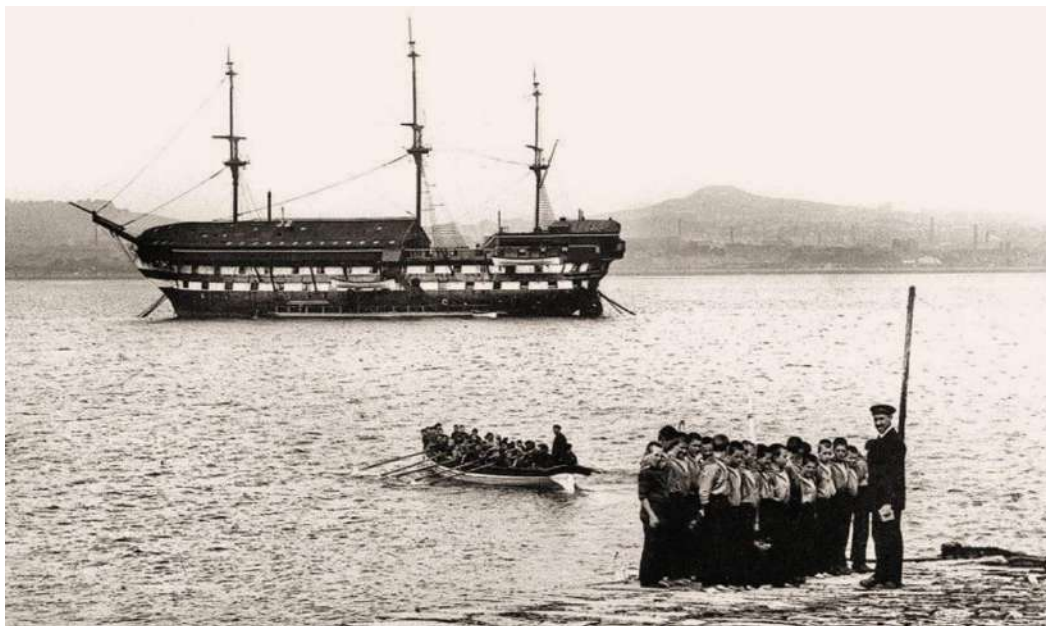
The Mars bagpipe band

- Saturday 13 August 1904 – the band played at the Arbirlot Horticultural and Industrial Society show at Kelly Castle.
- Saturday 9 September 1905 – the Mars brass band and pipers took part in the Dundee Hospital Saturday Charity Day. Other bands that took part were Carnoustie Borough, Arbroath Instrumental, Cupar Town, St Andrews, and Arbroath Pipe Band.
- Wednesday 20 September 1905 – the band gave a concert in the St Andrews bandstand, consisting of: quickstep *“The Belle of Chicago”* (Sousa), valse *“Breezes from Vienna”* (Trichred), action song *“Only Lads in Blue”* (Strachan), selection *“Scotland”* (Scholes), cornet solo *“Ashore”* (Trotere), dance *“The Sailor’s Hornpipe”*, dance *“The Minuet”*, selection *“Happy Days in Dixie”* (Bidgood), dance *“The Cake Walk”*. The Mars pipers also played some quicksteps, strathspeys and reels.
- Thursday 21 September 1905 – the band gave a concert in the St Andrews bandstand.
- Friday 22 September 1905 – the band gave a concert in the St Andrews bandstand.
- Thursday 28 September 1905 – the band gave a concert in the St Andrews bandstand.
- Saturday 1 June 1907 – the band led the procession of the Dundee Lifeboat Demonstration.
- Wednesday 15 July 1908 – the Mars band played at the Edinburgh Exhibition in the quadrangle, while some of the ship’s boys gave displays of gymnastics and physical drills. The pipers also took part. The band later gave a concert in the Concert Hall, where the euphonium solo *“Nazareth”*, and a cornet solo *“The Holy City”* by the bandmaster, were highlights of the afternoon.
- Wednesday 11 August 1909 – the band, pipers and choir gave a concert in Dudhope Park, consisting of: quickstep *“Mandla Road”* (Adams), valse *“The Choristers”* (Phelps), part song *“O Open the Door”* by the choir, dance by 16 boys *“The Minuet”*, quicksteps, strathspeys and reels by the pipers, selection *“The Crown of Scottish Song”* (Round), dance *“The Sailor’s Hornpipe”* by 4 boys, part song *“Maggie Lander”* by the choir, intermezzo *“Onckel Fichte”* (Lincke), valse *“Ensueno Seductor”* (Rosas), dance *“The Cake Walk”* by 2 boys.

- Wednesday 18 August 1909 – the band, pipers and choir gave a concert in Dudhope Park, consisting of: quickstep “*If I Should Plant a Tiny Seed of Love*” (Hume), walse “*Liebstraum*” (C. Zibulka), selection “*Faust*” (Gounod), quicksteps, strathspeys and reels by the pipers, part song “*The Hundred Pipers*” by the choir, dance by 16 boys “*The Minuet*”, mazurka “*La Favorite*” (Gautier), dance “*The Sailor’s Hornpipe*” by 4 boys, part song “*The Lea Rig*” by the choir, selection “*Havana*” (L. Stuart), dance “*The Cake Walk*” by 2 boys.
- Thursday 22 June 1911 – the Mars band took part in the Coronation celebrations in Earlsferry.
- Monday 1 September 1913 – the band entertained trippers on the *Marchioness of Bute* on its excursion from Broughty Ferry to Perth and back.
- Tuesday 27 July 1920 – the Mars band played at the Errol Games.
- Wednesday 6 September 1922 – the band played at the Dundee Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, at Ashcliffe, Perth Road, Dundee.
- Saturday 21 July 1923 – the band played at the Grand Garden Fete and Baby Show at Craigfoodie House.
- Thursday 20 August 1923 – the band played, conducted by Andrew Fraser, during the visit of the Queen to Cupar.



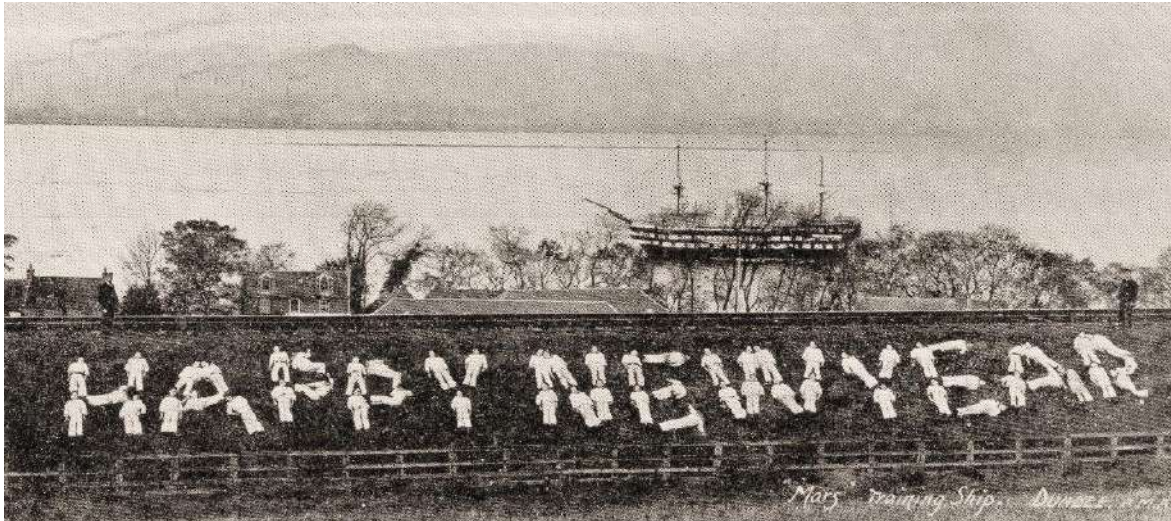
Boy from HMS Mars



The Mars boys and the ship

- Monday 28 July 1924 – the band played at the Forfar Games, in Steele Park.
- Saturday 23 August 1924 – the Mars band entertained guests at the Unionist Rally Garden Fete at Kemback House.
- Friday 26 June 1925 – the Mars band provided music for the Grand Garden Fete at Raith, Kirkcaldy.

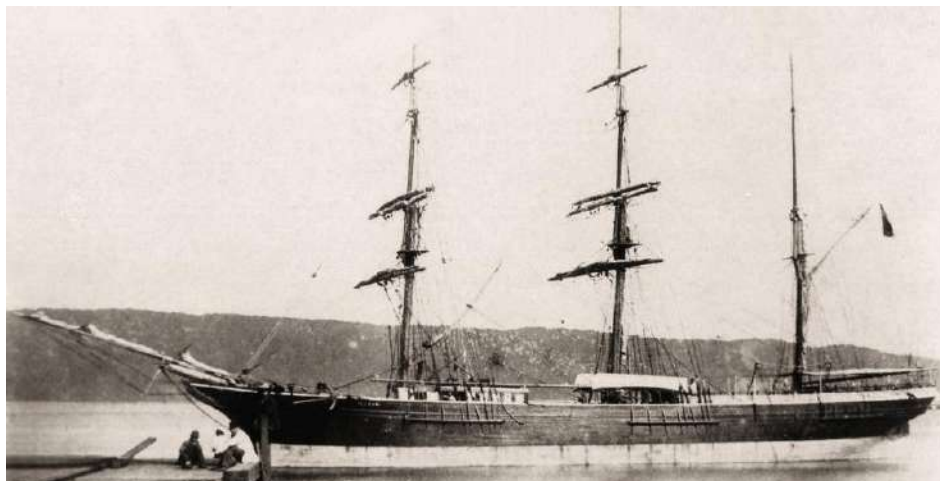
- Saturday 18 July 1925 – the band played at a sale of work at Fowlis Wester to raise funds for a new public hall in Abercairny.
- Sunday 16 August 1925 – the band gave a concert in Hood Park, Cupar.
- Wednesday 6 July 1927 – the Mars band entertained visitors to the East Fife Unionist Association Grand Demonstration and Fete, at Graingemuir, Pittenweem.
- Tuesday 23 August 1927 – the band, conducted by Bandmaster Fraser, played at the Strathardle Highland Gathering, at Aldchlappie, Kirkmichael.



Mars boys spelling out a New Year's greeting

Mercury Training Ship Band (Binstead, Isle of Wight)

The Training Ship Mercury was moored off Binstead, housing 150 boys between 12 and 15 years of age. Originally established in 1885 by London philanthropist Charles Hoare with the objective of rescuing poor boys of good character and training them for naval service. The ship had originally been the barque *Illovo*, renamed *Mercury*. It moved to the River Hamble near Southampton in 1892, to become a shore-based school. The ship itself was used as dormitory accommodation. The sloop *HMS Gannet* was loaned as a floating dormitory in 1914. The old *Illovo* sold off in 1916, being replaced by *HMS President*, which was renamed *Mercury*. The school was still in operation until 1968.



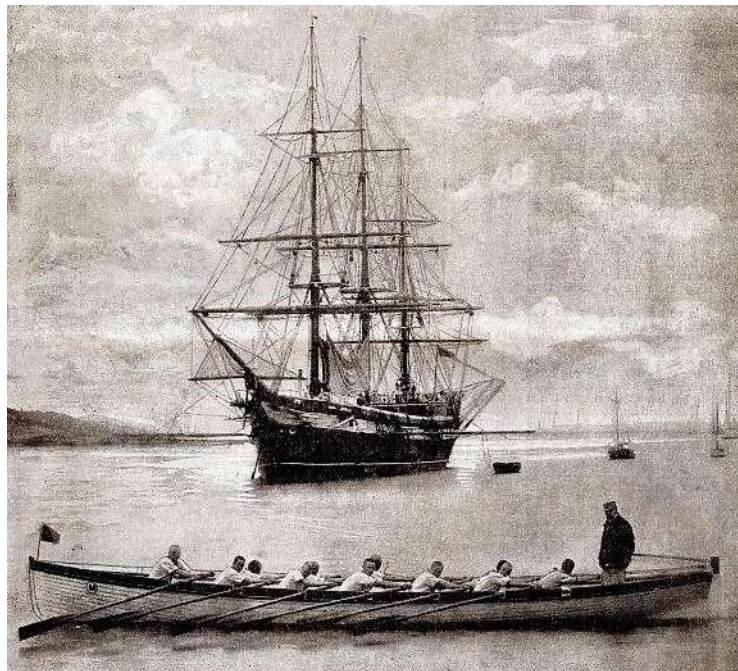
Training Ship Mercury, 1890

The band was active in 1889 and was still performing in 1924. The ship's bandmaster was James John McGavin from at least 1891, when he was aged 25, until at least 1916. Many of the times that the band boys were engaged to play music, they also undertook various gymnastic and military drills as part of the entertainment.

- Sunday 12 May 1889 – the band provided music for a church service at St James, Ryde. The ship's boys had new uniforms, those of the band had red tunics.
- Monday 5 August 1889 – the Mercury band took part in a Grand Promenade Concert at the Isle of Wight Corinthian Yacht Club, together with the Ryde Subscription Military Band.
- Thursday 15 August 1889 – the band took part in the procession for the Ryde Carnival.
- Thursday 12 September 1889 – the band performed during the Ryde Regatta.
- Tuesday 1 October 1889 – the band performed during the Hardway Regatta.

Not one of the least agreeable features of the Regatta was, indeed, the admirable playing of these young musicians. Considering the class of music usually heard at our local Regatta; the Hardway Committee are to be heartily congratulated on securing so competent a band, who, we may remark, will favourably compare for accurate and intelligent playing with many adult bands.¹²

- Friday 22 August 1890 – the Mercury band played at the Wootton and Fishbourne Regatta, together with the Wootton Brass Band.
- Thursday 4 September 1890 – the band played in the Esplanade Gardens, Ryde, for visitors to the Ryde Royal Regatta.



Training Ship Mercury and boys

- Friday 12 September 1890 – the band played on the gunboat *Pike*, entertaining spectators for the Portsmouth and Southsea Regatta.
- Saturday 19 October 1891 – the band performed during the Hardway Regatta.

¹² Portsmouth Evening News, 2 October 1889

- Wednesday 24 August 1892 – the band performed during the Hardway Regatta.
- Thursday 15 December 1892 – the band played various suitable airs on board *TS Mercury* as she was towed by the tug *Hercules* from her berth at Binstead to her new mooring at Hamble. The ship and crew were welcomed by crowds and the Sarisbury Band.
- Monday 3 July 1893 – the Mercury band gave a promenade concert at the Royal Pier, Southampton.
- Friday 14 July 1893 – the band gave a promenade concert at the Royal Pier, Southampton.
- Wednesday 19 July 1893 – the band gave two promenade concerts on the Royal Pier, Southampton.
- Tuesday 25 July and Wednesday 26 July 1893 – the band played at a bazaar at St Edmund's Church, Southampton.



- Tuesday 5 September 1893 – the band performed at the Fareham & Hants Farmers' Club Annual Horse Show, on the cricket field, Fareham.
- Tuesday 3 October 1893 – the band entertained visitors to the Grand Naval & Military Exhibition and Bazaar, at the Philharmonic Rooms, Southampton.
- Saturday 4 November 1893 – the band took part in the procession of Southampton's first Lifeboat Saturday Demonstration.
- Monday 14 May 1894 – the band, conducted by Mr McGavin, played at the Loyal Hardwicke Lodge of Oddfellows annual dinner and fete, at Ravenswood, Hamble.
- Monday 25 June 1894 – the band played at the Foresters' Fete at the Antelope Cricket Ground, St Mary's Road, Southampton.
- Wednesday 25 July 1894 – the band played at the Burlesdon & Hamble Horticultural Society Fete at Hound St Mary Extra, in the grounds of Netley Abbey.
- Thursday 26 July 1894 – the band led a procession of members of the Ringwood Juvenile Band of Hope on their annual treat.
- Monday 6 August 1894 – the band gave two promenade concerts on the Royal Pier, Southampton.
- Friday 10 August 1894 – the band gave a promenade concert on the Royal Pier, Southampton.
- Tuesday 14 August 1894 – the band played during the Southampton Regatta.

- Friday 31 August 1894 – the band gave a promenade concert on the Royal Pier, Southampton.
- Saturday 1 September 1894 – the band took part in the procession for the Lifeboat Saturday Demonstration in Southampton.
- Wednesday 19 September 1894 – the band performed during the Hamble River Regatta.

The band of the Training Ship Mercury played a well-selected programme of popular music, under the direction of Mr. McGavin, the bandmaster. Their admirable performances were frequently and deservedly applauded, their singing giving the greatest pleasure, and showing the careful training they received at the hands of their instructor.¹³

- Friday 21 September 1894 – the band performed during the Southsea Regatta.
- Monday 1 July 1895 – the band, with 30 performers, played at the Foresters' Fete at the Antelope Cricket Ground, St Mary's Road, Southampton.
- Wednesday 17 July 1895 – the band played at the Shirley, Millbrook and Freemantle Flower Show at Whithedwood Park.

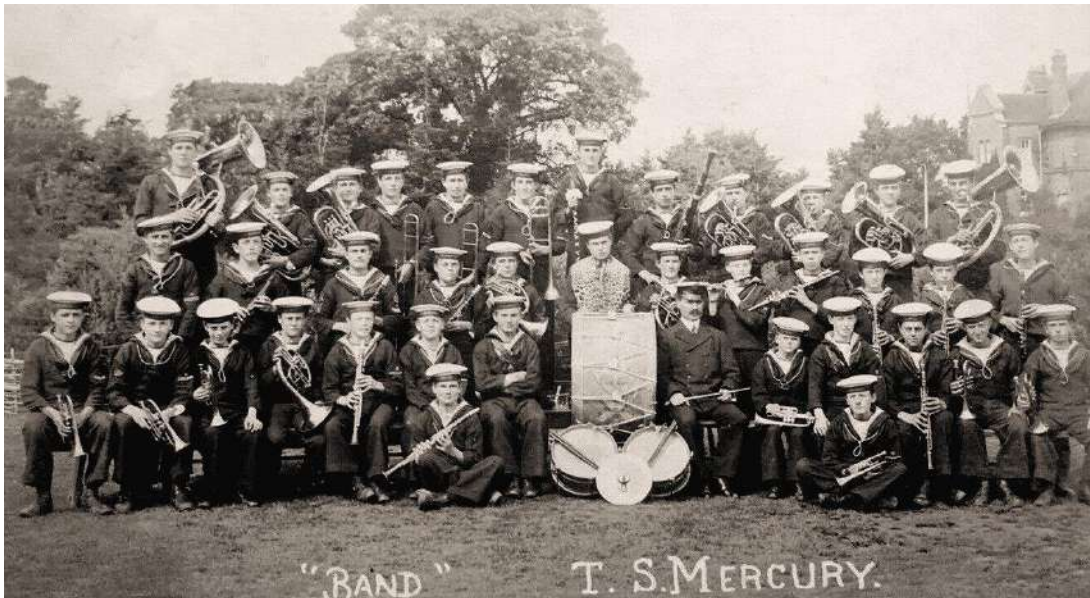


- Tuesday 23 July 1895 – the band played at the Oddfellows Fete at Westbrook Park, Droxford.
- Wednesday 24 July 1895 – the band, conducted by J.J. McGavin, played at the Burlesdon & Hamble Horticultural Society Fete at Hound St Mary Extra, in the grounds of Netley Abbey.
- Monday 12 August 1895 – the band played during the Castle Yacht Club Regatta at Calshot Castle.
- Tuesday 20 August 1895 – the band entertained visitors to the Fareham Flower Show.
- Wednesday 18 September 1895 – the Mercury band, together with the South Hants Temperance Band, performed at the St Mary's Club World Fair Bazaar at the Victoria Hall, Southampton.
- Tuesday 24 September 1895 – the band played at the Hamble Regatta.

¹³ Hampshire Advertiser, 22 September 1894

The training ship Mercury moored off Hamble, near Southampton, in the Solent, is the property of Mr C.A. Hoare, the principal of the old banking house in Fleet-street. Mr Hoare started it about ten or twelve years ago, and has maintained it at his own expense, the cost being about £6,000 a year. He has workshops, schools, a cricket ground, gymnasium, and other educational appliances at Hamble, within sight of the ship, and the latter is fully officered and ready to sail anywhere at twenty four hours' notice. Mr Hoare takes his boys from the poorer classes chiefly, making the sons of small struggling tradesmen pay a small annual fee. All boys are well fed, well clothed, and well trained, and a competent bandmaster is retained to teach them music. The Mercury band, 60 in number, and not afraid to tackle Wagner, has a reputation far beyond Hampshire, and is much in demand at garden parties.¹⁴

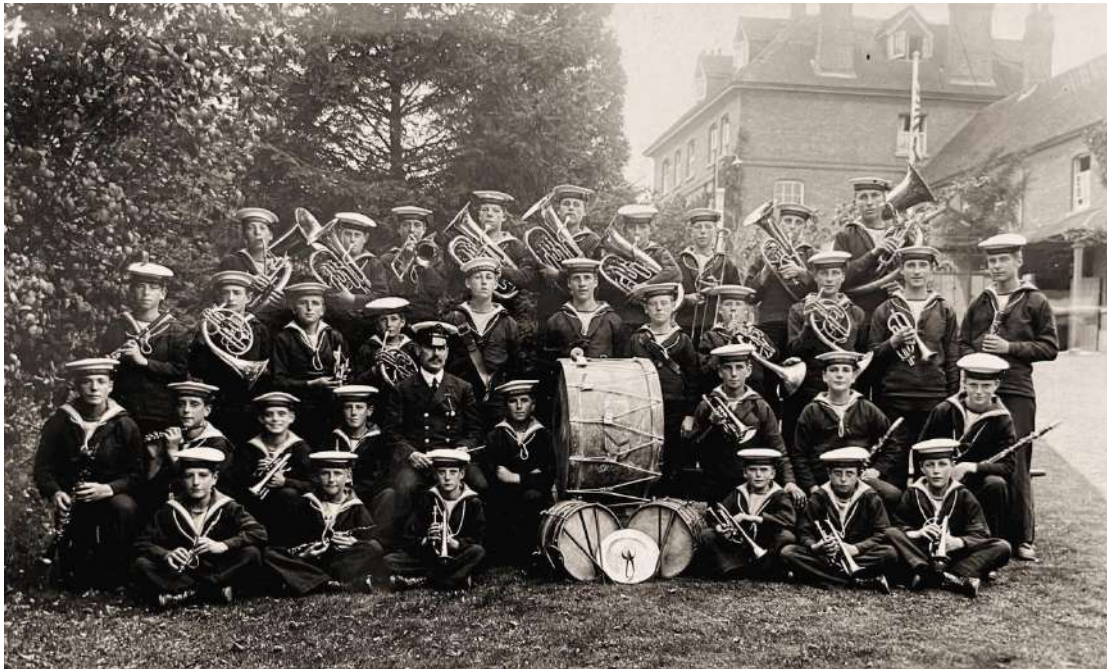
- Tuesday 5 May 1896 – the band played at the Freemantle Church bazaar.
- Monday 25 May 1896 – the Mercury band performed for the Oddfellows Fete at Hamble.
- Wednesday 22 July 1896 – the band played at the Burlesdon & Hamble Horticultural Society Fete at Hound St Mary Extra, in the grounds of Netley Abbey.
- Thursday 23 July 1896 – the band led the procession of the combined friendly societies (Oddfellow, Foresters and Hants Friendly) to their combined fete at Sarisbury.
- Thursday 6 August 1896 – the band played at the Bishop's Waltham Flower Show at Swanmore Park.
- Saturday 15 September 1896 – the band took part in the procession for the Lifeboat Saturday Demonstration in Southampton.
- Thursday 17 December 1896 – the Training Ship Mercury held its annual prize day, with the Mercury band providing musical accompaniment and entertainment to the boys and visitors.



- Monday 7 June 1897 – the band played for the Bournemouth Cycle Club Annual Sports at the Dean Park Cricket ground.

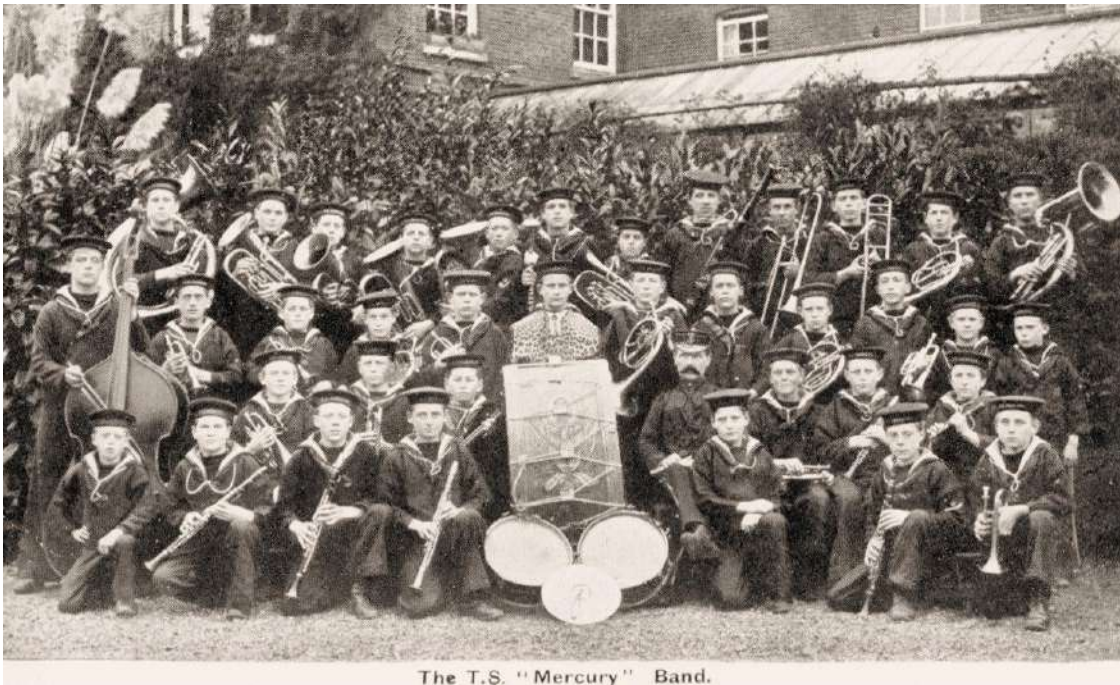
¹⁴ Southern Echo, 18 January 1896

- Sunday 20 June 1897 – the band led a procession of the Raymond Lodge and Oswald Lodge of Oddfellows, Court Florence Nightingale Lodge of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and the Canute Friendly Society to their annual service at Pear Tree Church.
- Tuesday 13 July 1897 – the band performed at the Bitterne School bazaar.
- Monday 2 August 1897 – the band played at the Winton and District Horticultural and Poultry Society Exhibition and Sports, at Rush Corner, Bournemouth.
- Wednesday 4 August 1897 – the Mercury band played during the Southampton Regatta.
- Thursday 26 August 1897 – the band played at the Fareham and Hants Farmers' Club Annual Horse Show, at Aldersnap Meadows, Petersfield.
- Tuesday 7 September 1897 – the band during the Hamble River Regatta.
- Friday 11 February 1898 – the Mercury band played to welcome Queen Victoria on her arrival at Netley Station for her visit to Netley Hospital.



- Thursday 23 June 1898 – the band gave a concert in The Close, Southampton.
- Sunday 19 June 1898 – the band led a procession of the Raymond Lodge and Oswald Lodge of Oddfellows, Court Florence Nightingale Lodge of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and the Canute Friendly Society to their annual service at Pear Tree Church.
- Wednesday 6 July 1898 – the band played at the Titchfield Garden Fete in the grounds of West Hill Park.
- Wednesday 13 July 1898 – the Mercury band gave a two-hour concert in The Close, Southampton, which featured a euphonium solo by T. Davis, and a clarinet solo by J. Horsefield.
- Wednesday 27 July 1898 – the band entertained visitors to the Taunton Trade School Sports at the Hants County Ground, Southampton.
- Saturday 30 June 1898 – the band entertained guests at Lady Emma Crichton's At Home, at Netley Castle. Their programme included: march "*Castaldo*" (Navorek), selection "*Patience*" (Sullivan), euphonium solo, by T. Davis "*Thou art so near and yet so far*" (Rheichardt), fantasia "*America*", valse "*Weiner Madln*" (Zecihrer), galop "*Across Country*", cornet solo, by W. Hanmel "*The Better Land*" (Cowen), fantasia "*Ireland*", selection "*Anthems of Different Nations*", and the march "*Soldiers of the Queen*".

- Tuesday 9 August 1898 – the band played during the Castle Yacht Club Regatta.
- Saturday 3 December 1898 – the Mercury band played to welcome Queen Victoria on her arrival at Netley Station for her third visit to Netley Hospital, meeting wounded soldiers from the Soudan campaign.
- Wednesday 17 May 1899 – the band played at the Freemantle Bazaar at the Waterloo Road Schools.
- Thursday 8 June 1899 – the Mercury band took part in the Winchester Lifeboat Demonstration procession.
- Wednesday 28 February 1900 – the Mercury band played to welcome Queen Victoria on her arrival at Netley Station for her visit to Netley Hospital, meeting wounded soldiers.
- Sunday 20 May 1900 – the band took part in a church parade for all the trade and friendly societies in Southampton. Other bands taking part were the South Hants Temperance Band, Southampton Town Band, and Basingstoke L. & S.W. Railway Band.



- Wednesday 27 June 1900 – the band performed at the Foresters' Fete at Freemantle.
- Thursday 19 July 1900 – the band entertained visitors to the Taunton Trade School Sports at the Hants County Ground, Southampton. Solos were performed by H. Matthews (cornet), H. Gryce (euphonium) and Master Hickman (piccolo).
- Wednesday 8 August 1900 – the band played during the Southampton Regatta, on the Royal Pier.
- Monday 13 August 1900 – the band played during the Castle Yacht Club Regatta at Calshot Castle.
- Thursday 6 September 1900 – the band played for the al fresco fete at the Grand Hotel, Bournemouth, with 'gorgeous electric fountains and thousands of dazzling lights'.
- Wednesday 3 July 1901 – the Mercury band performed at the Parkstone Hospital Sports at Poole Park.
- Saturday 27 July 1901 – the band took part in the Southampton Lifeboat Saturday procession.

- Monday 5 August 1901 – the band played at a fete organised by the Southampton Band of Hope Union at South Stoneham House.
- Wednesday 7 August 1901 - the band played during the Southampton Regatta, on the Royal Pier.
- Thursday 8 August 1901 – the band played for the al fresco fete at the Grand Hotel, Bournemouth.
- Monday 12 August 1901 – the band played during the Castle Yacht Club Regatta at Calshot Castle.
- Tuesday 3 June 1902 – the band played at the Rustic Bazaar and Fancy Fair at Freemantle.
- Thursday 26 June 1902 – the Mercury band took part in the procession in Winchester to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII.
- Saturday 19 July 1902 – the band took part in the Portsmouth Lifeboat Saturday parade.
- Saturday 30 August 1902 – the band entertained visitors to the Lock's Heath annual fete.
- Monday 1 June 1903 – the band played at the temperance fete at Hamble Cliff. The South Hants Temperance Band was also in attendance.



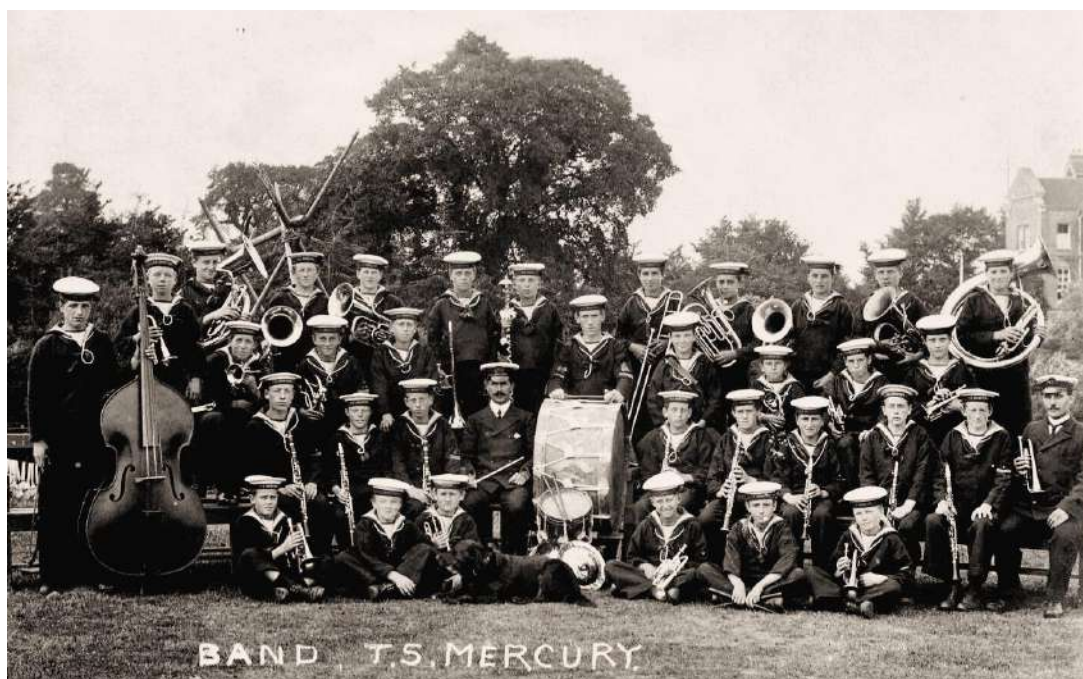
Inspecting the Mercury boys, 1903

- Sunday 12 July 1903 - the band took part in a church parade for all the trade and friendly societies in Southampton. Other bands taking part were the South Hants Temperance Band, and the Postmen's Band.
- Thursday 16 July 1903 – the band entertained the members of the Girls' Friendly Society at their festival at Shedfield Lodge.
- Saturday 22 August 1903 – the band took part in the Southampton Lifeboat Saturday parade.
- Monday 23 May 1904 – the Mercury band performed at the 'Star of Sarisbury' Band of Hope and Adult Temperance Society demonstration at Brookland Park, Sarisbury.
- Wednesday 6 July 1904 – the band played at the fete held at South Stoneham House, where the South Hants Temperance Band also performed.
- Thursday 7 July to Friday 8 July 1904 – the band played at a cricket match between Hampshire and the touring South African team, at the Alton Recreation Ground.



Boy from HMS Mercury

- Saturday 9 July 1904 - the band played at a cricket match between Alton Cricket Club and a team from the Training Ship Mercury, at the Alton Recreation Ground.
- Wednesday 20 July 1904 - the band played at the Burlesdon & Hamble Horticultural Society Fete at Hound St Mary Extra, in the grounds of Netley Abbey.
- Monday 1 August 1904 – the Mercury band played at the Ancient Order of Foresters’ Gala and Demonstration at Blighmont Park, Millbrook, Southampton. Other bands at this event were the South Hants Temperance Band and the Band of the 1st Hampshire Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers.
- Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 August 1904 – the band played for two events at Shawford Close, Shawford – a treat for the schoolchildren of Compton, and a treat for the inmates of the Hursley Union.
- Thursday 1 September 1904 – the band performed at the Westmeon Horticultural and Flower Association show at Hall Place, Westmeon. The Westmeon Brass Band was also in attendance. The Mercury band’s performance included: march “*El Capitan*” (J.P. Sousa), selection “*Stephen Adams’ Songs*” (J. Ord Hume), valse “*Syringa*” (G. Taylor), morceau “*Hiawatha*” (Neil Moret), selection “*The Country Girl*” (L. Monckton), cornet solo “*Killarney*” (Balfe), American fantasia “*Happy Days in Dixie*” (Bidgood), march “*The Gladiator*” (J.P. Sousa), valse “*Midsummer*” (Marigold), solo “*The Queen of the Earth*” (Pinsuti), American fantasia “*In Coonland*” (Bidgood), valse “*Eton Boating Song*” (Karl Kaps), nautical selection “*A Life on the Ocean Wave*” (Binding), and march “*Left Right*” (J. Ord Hume).
- Friday 16 September 1904 – the band played during the Hamble River Regatta.
- Wednesday 19 October 1904 – the band provided music for the Binstead Harvest Home service at the parish church.



- Wednesday 31 May 1905 – the band took part in the musical entertainments for the Cricket Bazaar held at the Hampshire Cricket Ground.
- Wednesday 5 July 1905 – the Mercury band played at the Pride of the Valley lodge of Oddfellows Fete at Droxford Park.

- Monday 7 August 1905 – the band played at the Eastleigh County Union Fete, in the grounds of The Mount, Bishopstoke.
- Wednesday 16 August 1905 – the band entertained guests at the Botley Oddfellows Demonstration.
- Thursday 24 August 1905 - the band performed at the Westmeon Horticultural and Flower Association show at Hall Place, Westmeon.
- Thursday 21 September 1905 - the band played during the Hamble River Regatta.
- Wednesday 18 October 1905 – the band provided music for the Binsted Harvest Home service at the parish church.
- Friday 8 June 1906 – the band played at the Fareham Primrose League fete at Rookesbury Park.
- Wednesday 27 June 1906 – the Mercury band played at the Pride of the Valley lodge of Oddfellows Fete at Droxford Park.
- Wednesday 11 July 1906 – the band played at the garden fete at St Patrick’s School, Woolston.
- Tuesday 24 July 1906 – the band entertained guests at the Botley Oddfellows Demonstration.
- Wednesday 22 August 1906 – the band entertained people at the South Stoneham Workhouse Inmates’ Treat, outside the Union Workhouse.
- Thursday 23 August 1906 - the band performed at the Westmeon Horticultural and Flower Association show at Hall Place, Westmeon.
- Tuesday 11 September 1906 - the band played during the Hamble River Regatta.
- Wednesday 17 October 1906 – the band provided music for the Binsted Harvest Home service at the parish church.
- Wednesday 3 July 1907 – the band took part in the procession for the Southampton Lifeboat Demonstration.
- Tuesday 16 July 1907 – the band headed the procession of the Ancient Order of Foresters Court Honesty, at Botley.
- Tuesday 30 July 1907 – the Mercury band played during the military drill executed by the boys of the Mercury, at the Dell, Hamble.
- Thursday 22 August 1907 - the band performed at the Westmeon Horticultural and Flower Association show at Hall Place, Westmeon.
- Friday 13 September 1907 - the band played during the Hamble River Regatta.



Training Ship Mercury band, 1908

- Wednesday 1 July 1908 – the Mercury band played at the St Patrick’s Catholic Mission bazaar at Roselands, Woolston. Their programme included: march “*Our Director*”, valse “*Inspiration*”, intermezzo “*Forget-me-not*”, fantasia “*Rose d’Amour*”, Japanese romance “*Poppies*”, intermezzo “*Rendezvous*”, march “*Soldier Boy*”, and nautical selection “*A Life on the Ocean Wave*”.
- Wednesday 15 July 1908 – the band played at the Southampton Hospital Mutual Aid Association fete, at Crowd Hill.
- Wednesday 29 July 1908 – the band played at the Fareham Primrose League fete at Cams Hall, Fareham.
- Monday 3 August 1908 – the band played at the Great Unionist Fete and Demonstration at Highcliffe Farm Field, Parkstone. The Branksome Town Band was also in attendance.
- Saturday 15 August 1908 – the band performed during the Hill Head Regatta.
- Thursday 10 September 1908 – the Mercury band entertained the crowd of over 5,000 spectators at the revival of the historic cricket match Hambledon v. All England, at Broadhalfpenny Down, Hambledon.
- Friday 18 September 1908 - the band played during the Hamble River Regatta, at Bursledon, performing on the committee boat.

Behind the stage - which is almost over-full of scenery and stage effects - is the band practice-room, where the boys of the band daily practice not only simple marches, but classic music. The band is known all over the country, and those who have heard its performances must know that the members could not play so well did they not practice continually. The bandmaster knows well how to get the best out of his boys, and he has a boundless store of patience and tact, which is good for his pupils. His is that laborious and wearisome task of going back and teaching the rudiments over and over again. So sooner has he brought on promising pupils, made them capable musicians, and feels a pride in them as they skillfully play in the band, then off they go, taking their places in the military or naval bands and delighting the hearts of the Army and Navy bandmasters with their proficiency.¹⁵

- Tuesday 2 March 1909 – the Mercury band took part in an evening concert at the Oddfellows Hall, Bishop’s Waltham, have previously played selections in St George’s Square in the afternoon. Their concert programme included: waltz “*Eleen Alannah*”, and selection “*A Life on the Ocean Wave*”.
- Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 June 1909 – the band played at a bazaar at Corhampton House.
- Wednesday 14 July 1909 – the band played at the Palace Habitation of the Primrose League fete in the Palace ground, Bishop’s Waltham.
- Thursday 15 July 1909 – the band played at the Crowd Hill Hospital Fete.
- Friday 30 July 1909 – the band led a procession of the Hook-with-Warsash branch of the Hampshire and General Friendly Society around Warsash.

[Warsash fete & procession] ... The band of the training ship “Mercury” was pouring forth music in excellent time and with great spirit, and it is marvellous that such a result can be obtained from lads who are in the ship much a comparatively short time, and says much for the care and capability of their musical instructor. After a time some of the boys disappeared and returned clad only in trousers and vests, to give us a delightful and clever gymnastic display.¹⁶

¹⁵ Hampshire Post and Southsea Observer, 25 December 1908

¹⁶ Hampshire Post and Southsea Observer, 13 August 1909



Mercury band at Corhampton House, 8 June 1909

- Monday 2 August 1909 – the band led the procession of the combined friendly societies of Winchester through the city.
- Wednesday 4 August 1909 – the band played at the Lee-on-the-Solent annual flower show.
- Thursday 26 August 1909 – the band performed at the Fareham & Hants Farmers' Club Annual Horse Show, on the Causeway, Petersfield.



Band practice at TS Mercury

- Wednesday 22 September 1909 - the band played during the Hamble River Regatta.
- Saturday 30 October 1909 – the Mercury band played hymns during the dedication of the new church tower at Bishopstoke.
- Tuesday 15 March 1910 – the band gave two concerts in the Winter Gardens, Bournemouth.

- Thursday 16 June 1910 - the band took part in a procession of the Ringwood Friendly Societies through the town. The Ringwood and Verwood Brass Bands also took part.
- Wednesday 22 June 1910 – the band played for the Poole District of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows, at Poole Park.
- Wednesday 13 July 1910 – the band played at the Portsmouth and District Scouts annual sports and rally at Alexandra Park, North End.
- Monday 1 August 1910 – the band took part in the Sarisbury Football Club fete, in Victoria Park. The Odstock Band also performed.
- Thursday 25 August 1910 – the band performed at the Fareham & Hants Farmers' Club Annual Horse Show, at Leigh Park, Havant.
- Monday 12 September 1910 – the boys of the Training Ship Mercury were entertained by Mrs Carr at Upton Lodge, Bursledon, on the occasion of her daughter's birthday. The boys' gave a gymnastics display and the band played various selections during the evening.
- Monday 17 July 1911 – the band played at the Southampton Cricket Festival.
- Thursday 31 August 1911 – the band performed at the Fareham & Hants Farmers' Club Annual Horse Show, at Rookesbury Park, Wickham.



Mercury band at Swanmore Houe Harvest Home, 1911

- Wednesday 10 July 1912 – the band played at the Palace Habitation of the Primrose League fete in the Palace ground, Bishop's Waltham.
- Wednesday 14 August 1912 – the band played at the Place House Habitation of the Primrose League fete at Sarisbury Court.
- Thursday 29 August 1912 – the band performed at the Fareham & Hants Farmers' Club Annual Horse Show, at The Causeway, Petersfield.
- Wednesday 13 June 1913 – the band entertained visitors to the Bournemouth and District Band of Hope Union Children's Fete, at Meyrick Park.
- Sunday 13 July 1913 – the band led a procession of the Loyal Hardwicke Lodge of Oddfellows to their service at Hamble.

- Monday 14 July 1913 – the Mercury band paraded around the village of Hamble visiting all the Oddfellows subscribers' residences.
- Tuesday 22 July 1913 – the band played at the Shedfield bazaar at Shedfield Lodge.
- Wednesday 23 July 1913 – the band played at the grand fete held in Laverstoke Park, raising funds for the ship.
- Monday 4 August 1909 – the band played at the Lee-on-the-Solent annual flower show.
- Thursday 28 August 1913 – the band performed at the Fareham & Hants Farmers' Club Annual Horse Show, at Leigh Park, Havant.

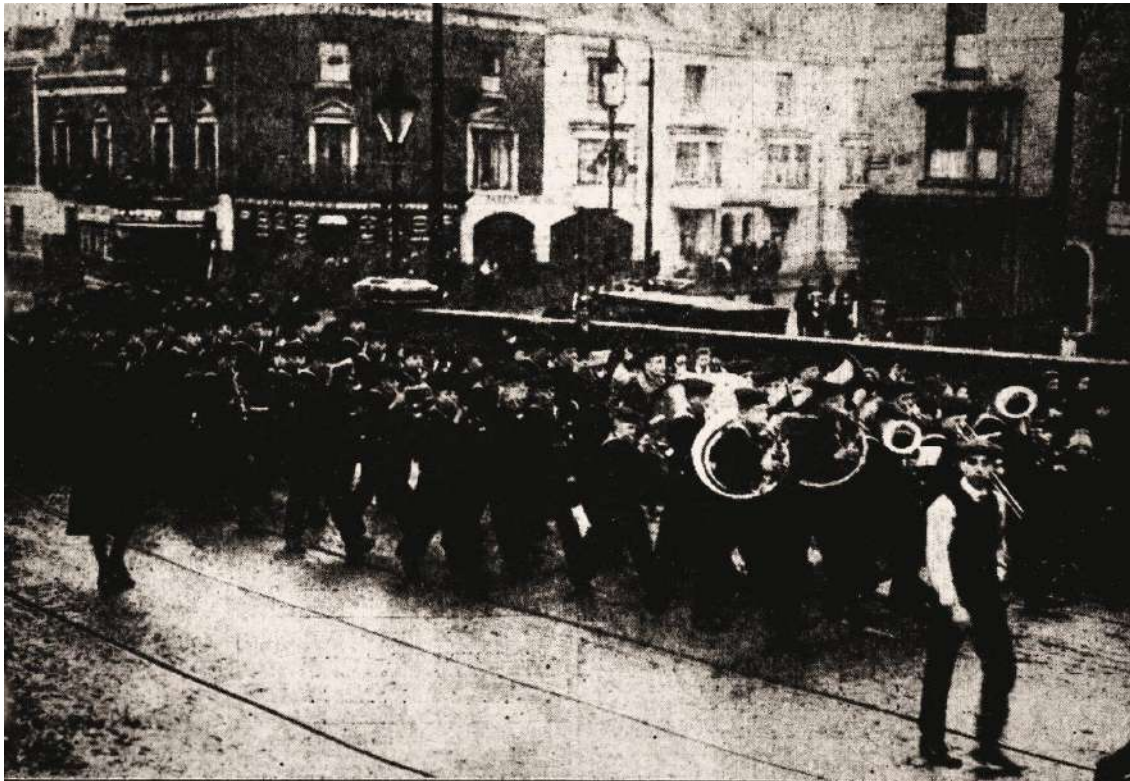


Mercury band, 1913

- Wednesday 17 June 1914 – the band entertained visitors to the Bournemouth and District Band of Hope Union Children's Fete, at Meyrick Park.
- September 1914 – the Mercury band played twice a week during September at the Netley Hospital for the wounded and convalescent patients.
- Thursday 11 March 1915 – the band led the complement of the Mercury boys on a parade through Southampton.
- Friday 15 September 1916 – the band played as the old training ship Mercury left her mooring at Hamble for the final time. The ship had been replaced by H.M.S. President.
- Saturday 21 October 1916 – the band played at the Sailors' Day ingathering at Hythe.
- Saturday 18 December 1920 – the Mercury band played at the unveiling of the memorial at Hamble to the boys of the Mercury who had fallen in the Great War.
- Saturday 16 December 1922 – the band played at the annual prize-giving of the Training Ship Mercury, at Hamble.
- Wednesday 26 November 1924 – the Mercury band played at the unveiling of the Temple of the Brave memorial at Hedge End, Botley.



H.M.S. Gannet as dormitory ship at TS Mercury



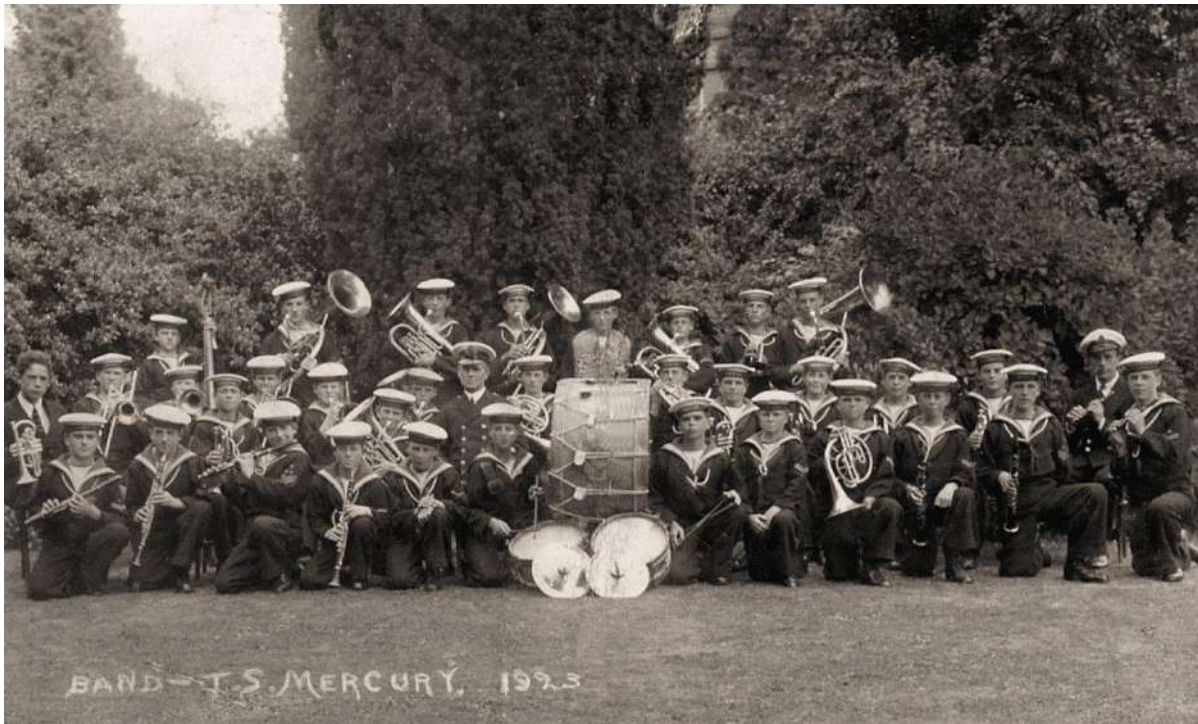
TS Mercury boys marching through Southampton, March 1915



Training Ship Mercury – shore site and dormitory ship at Hamble



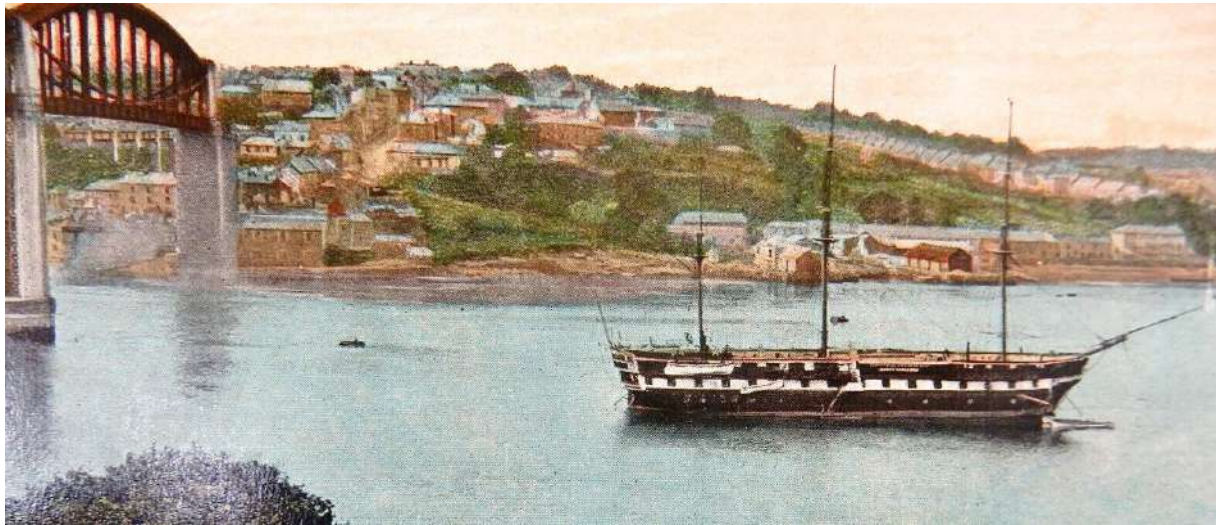
Training Ship Mercury band



Training Ship Mercury band, 1923

Mount Edgcumbe Training Ship Band (Saltash, Cornwall)

The ship was established in 1877 as an Industrial Training Ship for Homeless and Destitute Boys, housing up to 250 boys aged 12 to 16. The ship was originally a 56-gun ship *HMS Winchester*, built at Woolwich, then donated by the Admiralty and moored in the River Tamar, first off Saltash Passage, then off Brunel Green in 1913. The boys did their sea going training in the *Goshawk*, which was moored nearby. The ship was decommissioned in 1920.



Training Ship Mount Edgcumbe

A fife & drum band was established on the ship in early 1878, followed by a brass band in 1881, which was active until the ship closed. The bandmaster was W.H. White in 1910

The most popular activity was to be in the band with places being hard fought for, once in the band the 'perks' were considerable despite all the extra hours that had to be put in for practice. The band was very popular at local events and attended many church fêtes, fairs, regattas and garden parties, many of which were held or organised by the ship's patrons. They also performed in parks on Sunday afternoons passing round a collection box to boost funds.

Regulations for the Admission of Boys to the "Mount Edgcumbe" Industrial Training Ship - 1884

Until further notice, boys between the ages of twelve and sixteen will be received on board the "Mount Edgcumbe", if sent by the Magistrates, having been: found begging and receiving alms, found wandering and not having any home or settled place of abode, or proper guardianship, or visible means of subsistence, that is found destitute, either being an orphan, or having a surviving parent who is undergoing penal servitude or imprisonment, that frequents the company of reputed thieves. Also where the parent, step-parent or guardian of a child, represents that he is unable to control the child and that he desires the child to be sent to an Industrial School. No boys who have been to prison can be received into the Ship.

- Friday 13 September 1883 – the Mount Edgcumbe ship's band played for the annual excursion of the Royal Institution of Cornwall.
- Thursday 31 July 1884 – the band, conducted by Mr Battershill, performed during the annual meeting of the subscribers and friends of the Mount Edgcumbe Training Ship, which was held at the Plymouth Guildhall.



- Friday 5 September 1884 – the band entertained visitors to the ship from the Saltash Steamboat Company's excursion up the river Tamar.

- Thursday 30 July 1885 – the brass band performed during the annual meeting of the subscribers and friends of the Training Ship, at the Plymouth Guildhall. During the previous year 12 boys had left the ship to become musicians in Her Majesty's service.
- Tuesday 21 June 1887 – the band entertained the parishioners of St Stephens-by-Saltash in their celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee.
- Tuesday 28 June 1887 – the Mount Edgcumbe band led a procession of over 10,000 children to Mount Wise, Devonport, as part of the town's celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee. In addition to the local schoolchildren, those from the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, the Dockyard Female Orphan Asylum, children of the Workhouse, and the boys from the Mount Edgcumbe ship, also took part. Two other bands contributed to the music of the parade – those of the Gordon Institute and the Charles National School.
- Friday 30 September 1887 – the band played at the launching of the torpedo gunboat *Sandfly* at Devonport.



Mount Edgcumbe band practice, 1904

- Monday 17 October 1887 – the band played at the launching of the torpedo gunvessel *Spider* at Devonport.
- Wednesday 21 September 1892 – the Edgcumbe band entertained guests at the Antony Habitation of the Primrose League fete, at Antony.
- Monday 25 September 1893 – the band played in the square outside the Masonic Hall, Saltash, for the Saltash Fisheries and Art Exhibition.
- Monday 8 September 1895 – the band played for the supporters and friends at the annual meeting and prize distribution for the Industrial Training Ship Mount Edgcumbe, on board the ship.

In their report the Executive Committee stated: The ship has now been in commission as an industrial school for twenty-five years. During that period of time 1,532 boys have passed through the ship, 549 going to sea, 124 into the army bands, 43 to Canada,

transferred to other ships 55, died 25, and 722 returned to friends, of whom a considerable number went to sea eventually.¹⁷

- Friday 25 December 1903 – around 100 boys spent Christmas on board H.M.S. Mount Edgumbe, culminating with a dinner of roast beef, potatoes in their jackets, turnips, cabbage and carrots, and a basin full of plum pudding for each boy. The Edgumbe band played after the dinner, when nuts and sweets were distributed.
- Wednesday 3 May 1905 – the ship's band, conducted by Bandmaster F. Fealy, entertained visitors to the exhibition and sale of work on board the ship.
- Tuesday 5 September 1905 – the brass band performed at the annual meeting and prize giving of the Training Ship, on board the ship.
- Saturday 21 July 1906 – the band took part in the children's procession to the Temperance Fete at the Training College Grounds, Exeter. The Band of the 1st Royal Devon Imperial Yeomanry was also in the parade.



Mount Edgumbe band, 1910

- Thursday 8 August 1907 – the band played at the Tywardreath Rural Gardening Show, both in the town and at the showground.
- Saturday 14 September 1907 – the band played at a garden party for 200 nurses given by the Earl and Countess of St Germans, at Port Eliot.
- Wednesday 25 August 1909 – the band played on board the ship, entertaining the competitors and visitors to the Saltash Regatta.
- Monday 1 January 1912 – the Edgumbe band played on board the ship during the Christmas dinner and celebrations which had been postponed from the previous week due to sicknesses.

¹⁷ Western Morning News, 11 September 1901

- Monday 27 May 1912 – the band played at the Boys’ Brigade and Boy Scouts’ review, sports and fete in Mount Edgumbe Park.
- Friday 14 June 1912 – the band played on board the ship, entertaining the competitors and visitors to the Saltash Royal Regatta.
- Saturday 29 June 1912 – the band played at the Johnston Terrace School sports in Devonport.



Mount Edgumbe band - playing for boys' dumb-bell exercises

- Wednesday 28 August 1912 – the band played during the Sutton Harbour Regatta at Plymouth.
- Tuesday 21 October 1913 – the band played “*Trafalgar Bay*” and other patriotic airs on board the ship to celebrate Trafalgar Day, and gave a concert in the evening.

Captain Harkcom addressed the boys, speaking of the great sea battle, and what the victory meant for England. He then referred to the growth of the Navy since Nelson's time. After dinner the captain declared a half-holiday. Various games were indulged in. During "skylarking" Boy Nimn, in running out on the lower boom, managed to fall overboard, and as he could not swim he was in danger of drowning. Boys Tinnett, Sheehan, and Coombes promptly plunged overboard to his rescue, and both rescued and rescuers were quickly picked up by one of the ship's boats, none being the worse for their immersion. Rugby was the favourite game on the upper deck. Each boy received a generous portion of cake, in addition to the naval tea of bread and butter.¹⁸

¹⁸ Western Morning News, 22 October 1913

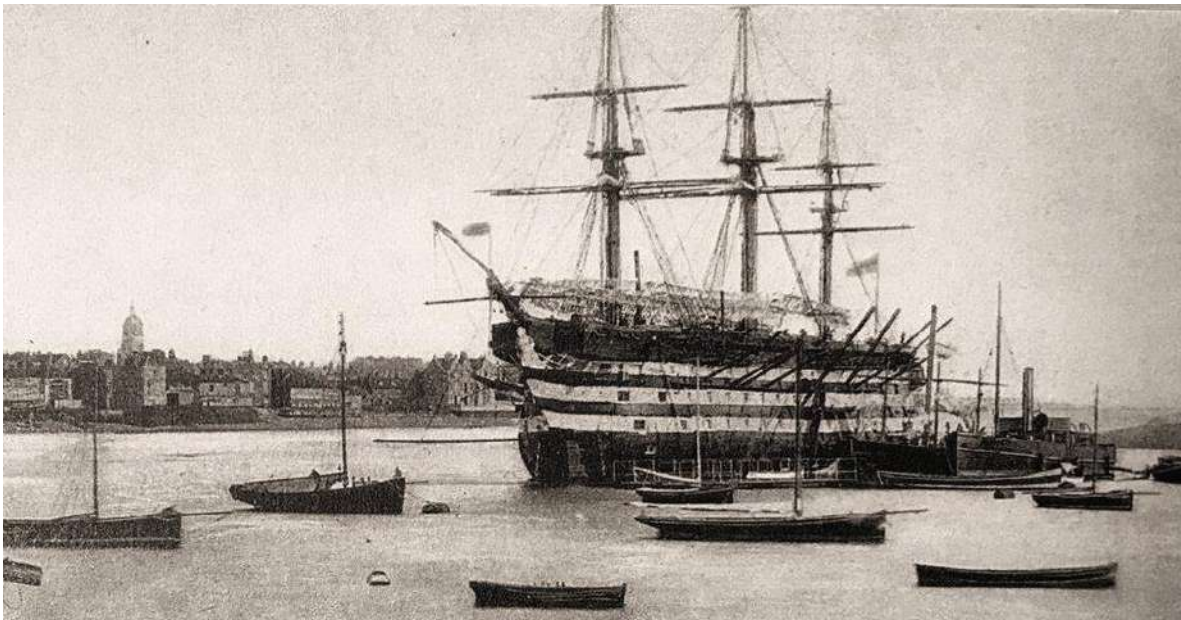


Mount Edgcumbe band and boys, 1917

St. Vincent Training Ship Band (Gosport, Hampshire)

H.M.S. St Vincent was launched as a 120-gun ship in 1815. She carried supplies to the Crimean War, and it was established as a training ship in 1862. The ship closed in December 1905, with the boys transferring to Shotley in January 1906.

The ship's brass band was active from 1864 until the ship closed.



H.M.S. St Vincent

- Monday 8 February 1864 – the St. Vincent ship's band took part in a vocal and instrumental entertainment at the Athenæum, Portsea.

- Thursday 17 August 1865 - the band provided musical entertainment to the guests on board the cutter *Lucifer*, during the Port of Portsmouth and Southsea Royal Regatta.

The juvenile of H.M.S St. Vincent was stationed on board the *Lucifer*, and played operatic and other selections with surprising proficiency. The difficulty of obtaining bandsmen for our men-of-war is so great that it has been determined to establish juvenile bands from which the ship's bands can be selected. The boys forming the band of the St. Vincent were picked up in the "back slums" of London; and the metamorphosis which they have undergone is truly astonishing. They are now scrupulously clean, smart, and well-behaved, and while we were on board on Thursday they played some difficult music in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on the painstaking bandmaster, Mr. A. J. White.¹⁹

- Tuesday 22 August 1865 – three ladies Mrs Knott, Miss Lander, and Miss Jones, and two sons of Mrs Knott, hired a boat to take them to the St Vincent to listen to the ship's boys' band play. After hearing the concert, on boarding the boat to return, Miss Lander missed her footing, capsized the boat, precipitating all into the water. Thankfully all were rescued by the officers and crew of the St Vincent.
- Saturday 8 September 1866 – the ship's band gave a concert on Southsea Pier.
- Monday 4 March 1867 – the band took part in an entertainment for the Court Robin Hood of the Portsmouth District of the Ancient Order of Foresters, at Landport Hall.
- Wednesday 12 June 1867 – the band played at the Gosport and Alverstoke Horticultural Show.
- Wednesday 10 June 1868 – the band played at the Gosport and Alverstoke Horticultural Show.
- Wednesday 19 August 1868 – the band played at the second Gosport and Alverstoke Horticultural Show of the year, in the drill-field on the Stoke Road.
- Tuesday 31 May 1870 – the band played at the bazaar held at St George's Hall, Portsea in aid of St John's New Schools.
- Friday 3 June 1870 – the lads of the St Vincent marched to a field at Haslar Hospital where they underwent a series of battalion movements. The ship's band was present and led the parade.
- Wednesday 10 July 1872 – the boys from the St Vincent had a day's outing to Carisbrooke Castle. Arriving at Newport, they marched to the castle, headed by the ship's brass band.
- Friday 25 October 1872 – the ship's band played various selections of music during the Lords of the Admiralty's inspection of the Dockyard.
- Thursday 29 May 1873 – Commander Hand and the officers of the St Vincent gave an "At Home" on board the ship. The ship's band entertained the guests and visitors, and their programme included: quadrille "*Caledonia*", valse "*Il Bacio*", galop "*Harum Scarum*", lancers "*Popular*", valse "*Mabel*", galop "*Burlesque*", mazurka "*Rose*", lancers "*Olden Time*", valse "*Guards*", galop "*Cliquot*", mazurka "*Polly Perkins*", quadrille "*Pretty Bird*", valse "*Hilda*", and galop "*Night Bell*".
- Wednesday 10 June 1874 – the ship's band gave a concert on the Southsea Clarence Esplanade Pier, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. This was the first of a series of such concerts by the band on Wednesday evenings during the summer of 1874.
- Monday 17 May 1875 – the band led the procession of the Fareham Trinity Benefit Society for their annual gathering and treat.

¹⁹ Plymouth Times and Naval Gazette, 19 August 1865

- Tuesday 13 July 1875 – the boys from the St Vincent had a day's outing to Carisbrooke Castle. Arriving at Newport, they marched to the castle, headed by the ship's band. As the boys were going ashore in the morning in a tug, they passed the yacht *Alberta* on which were the Queen, Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold. The ship's band played the *National Anthem* as the two boats passed.
- Saturday 9 February 1878 – the boys of the ship attended the pantomime at the Theatre Royal, Commercial Road, Portsmouth, accompanied by the ship's band.
- Monday 8 April 1878 – the boys of the ship set off on their 17-day holiday, and marched from the Point to the station, led by the ship's band.
- Saturday 6 July 1878 – the St Vincent band performed at the Annual Fete of the London & South Western Railway Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Society, at Leigh Park, near Havant. The Bands of "A" and "L" Divisions of the Metropolitan Police were also in attendance.
- Tuesday 13 July 1880 – the band took part in the procession of children for the Romsey Sunday School Centenary celebrations.
- Thursday 26 August 1880 – the ship's band, conducted by John Moore, led the procession of children for the Wymering Sunday School Festival, and played during the afternoon's celebrations.
- Tuesday 19 July 1881 – the boys from the St Vincent had a day's outing to Portchester. They marched to the railway station, headed by the ship's band.
- Tuesday 13 June 1882 – the band, conducted by John Moore, led the procession of the Midhurst Ancient Order of Foresters on their 32nd anniversary.
- Tuesday 31 October 1882 – the band, on board the St Vincent, played "*See the Conquering Hero Comes*" to welcome the Royal Marine Artillery on board the ship *Bolivar* as they returned to Portsmouth from their campaign in Egypt.
- Wednesday 15 November 1882 – the band, on board the St Vincent, played various selections to welcome the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards on board the ship *Batavia* as they returned to Portsmouth from their overseas campaign.
- Thursday 16 July 1885 – the ship's band entertained guests at the Romsey and District Sunday Schools Industrial Exhibition in Broadlands Park.
- Wednesday 27 January 1886 – the boys of the ship attended the pantomime at Portsmouth, accompanied by the ship's band.
- Saturday 28 January 1888 – the boys of the ship attended the pantomime "*Little Bo-Peep*" at Portsmouth, accompanied by the ship's band.
- Wednesday 16 September 1891 – the ship's band, conducted by Mr E. Dowell, entertained the visitors at the Gosport and Alverstoke Volunteer Fire Brigade's annual competition, at the Elms Meadow, Stoke Road.



- Wednesday 7 October 1891 – the St Vincent boys held their sports at the Haslar cricket field. The ship's band performed selections during the afternoon.
- Wednesday 10 May 1893 – the St Vincent boys held their sports at the Haslar cricket field. The ship's band, conducted by W.G. Fricker, performed during the afternoon.
- Wednesday 13 September 1893 – the St Vincent boys held their second sports of the year at the Haslar cricket field. The ship's band, conducted by W.G. Fricker, performed during the afternoon.
- Thursday 11 July 1895 – the ship's band led a procession of seamen from the Italian Squadron, visiting Portsmouth, from the Dockyard to the Town Hall.
- Tuesday 4 February 1896 – the body of Prince Henry, who had died at sea was transferred from the cruiser *Blenheim* to the yacht *Alberta* at Portsmouth. The St Vincent ship's band, together with that of H.M.S. Excellent, provided an honour guard.
- Saturday 25 February 1899 – the ship's band led the procession for the funeral of Rev. Ernest J. Vaughan, late chaplain of the St Vincent, to St Michael and All Angels' Church.
- Wednesday 28 June 1899 – the band played at the Gosport Cycling and Athletics Club sports, at Gosport Park.
- Wednesday 16 August 1899 – the ship's band played during the interval of a demonstration and animated picture show "*Our Navy*" at the Portland Hall, Southsea.
- Wednesday 12 August 1903 – the St Vincent boys held their sports at the Haslar recreation ground. The ship's band performed selections during the afternoon.
- Tuesday 13 September 1904 – the ship's band provided music, including Beethoven and Chopin's funeral marches, for the funeral service, at Kingston Cemetery, for Warrant Officer E. Thompson, of the St Vincent.

Shaftesbury Training Ship Band (Grays, Essex)

The Training Ship Shaftesbury was established in 1878 by the London School Board, to deal with problem boys. The Board bought the P&O vessel, *Nubia*, for £7,000, renamed her *Shaftesbury*, and moored her on the River Thames, off Grays. It was certified as an Industrial School Ship to accommodate 350 boys, aged 12-14, up to 70 of whom could be Roman Catholics. The ship's capacity was raised to 500 in 1881 then lowered to 400 in 1899. The ship was closed in 1905 when it was determined that she required extensive repairs, and the vessel was sold off the following year and was broken up.

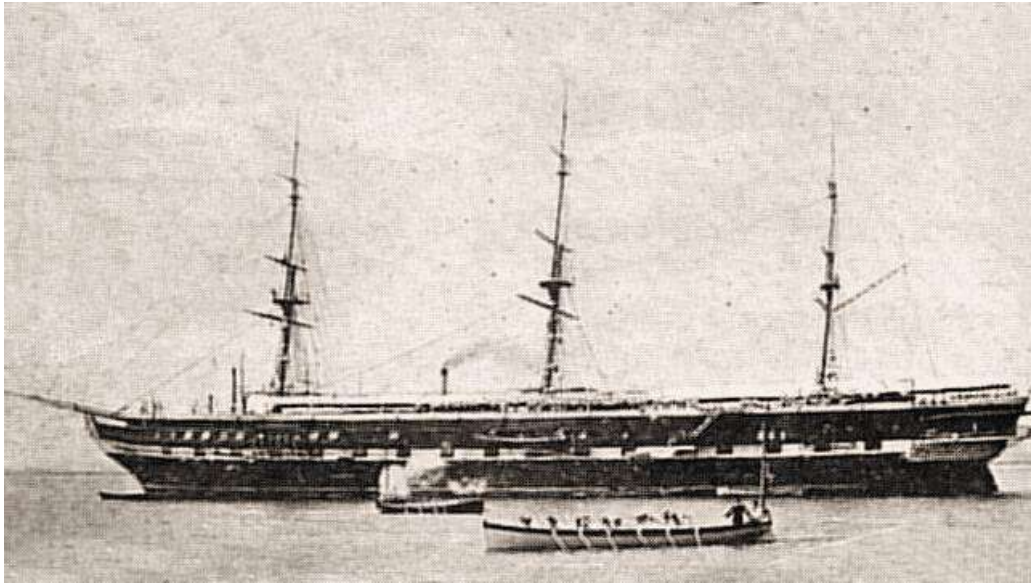
As the *Nubia* had been a cargo ship, it was ballasted with 800 tons of concrete during the conversion to a training ship, to ensure it did not rise too high in the water. On top of the ballast was built storerooms, the furnace room, and the band room – where 'musical instruction on the more martial and noisier instruments was confined'.²⁰

The band was active from 1879 through to 1904.

- Tuesday 16 August 1881 – the Shaftesbury ship's brass band, with 50 players, led the ship's company through Grays to a field where they had their annual sports day. The band played selections during the afternoon, conducted by Bandmaster J. Weston.
- Wednesday 5 October 1881 – the band took part in an entertainment concert at the Grays Elementary Schools on behalf of the Chadwell St Mary organ fund.

²⁰ The Daily News, 25 March 1879

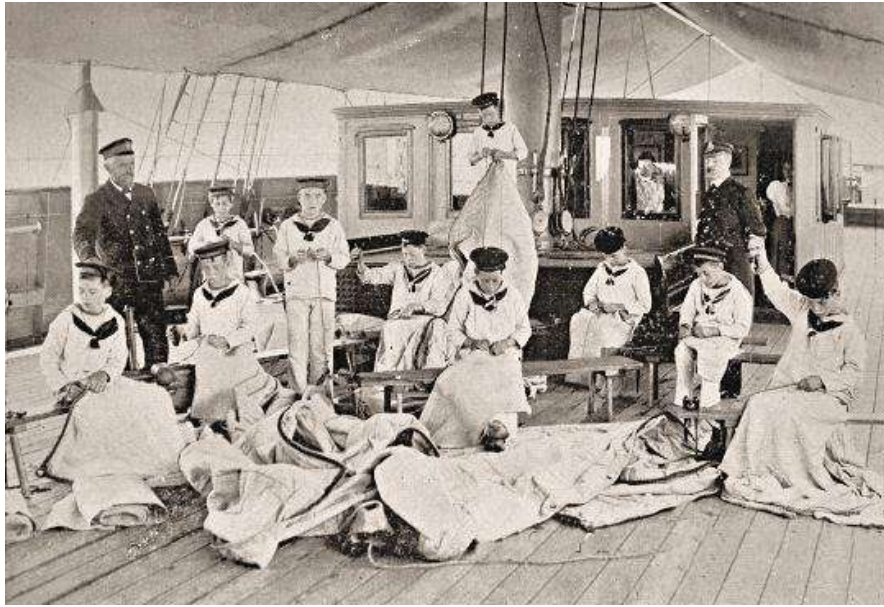
- Wednesday 26 July 1882 – the band, or 45 performers, played at a bazaar at the Chadwell St Mary Rectory.



Training Ship Shaftesbury

- Thursday 28 December 1882 – the boys of the Training Ship Shaftesbury gave a performance of the pantomime “*Cinderella*” on board the ship. Accompanying music, composed by Mr Weston, and various other selections, were given by the band during the evening’s entertainment.
- Saturday 23 June 1883 – the ship’s band played at the annual drill inspection of the boys and girls attending the London Board Schools, at Knighton Park, Woodford. The Prince and Princess of Wales were in attendance.
- Wednesday 18 July 1883 – the ship’s band played at the Woodford Horticultural Society Show at Knighton Park. The boys band of the Strand Union, conducted by Mr Binney, also took part.
- Wednesday 20 February 1884 – the band took part in a concert organised by Grays Choral Society at the Board Schoolroom, Quarry Hill. The band performed various selections of operatic, valse and other music.
- Saturday 26 July 1884 – the band played various pieces during the annual prize-giving on board the Shaftesbury, in the presence of Lord Carlingford.
- Wednesday 10 September 1884 – the band played during the Shaftesbury ship’s athletic sports day, held at the West Field, Grays.
- Wednesday 24 September 1884 – the band led the boys of the ship to the West Field, Grays, where the Shaftesbury swimming competitions were held in the large swimming bath there.
- Wednesday 3 December 1884 – the band took part in a concert at Tilbury Mission Hall. One of the pieces they played was the waltz “*Loving Hearts*”.
- Monday 3 August 1885 – the band played at the Grays Athletic Sports and Foresters’ Fete at the West Field, Grays.
- Saturday 18 July 1885 – the seventh annual inspection by the School Board and prize-giving by the Archbishop of Canterbury, took place on board the Shaftesbury. The ship’s band played various selections during the day, and Band Prizes were awarded to the boys J. Morgan, J. Pawley, T. Ogilvie, T. Harris, and E. Sandon.

- Wednesday 2 September 1885 – the band played during the Shaftesbury ship's athletic sports day, held at the West Field, Grays.



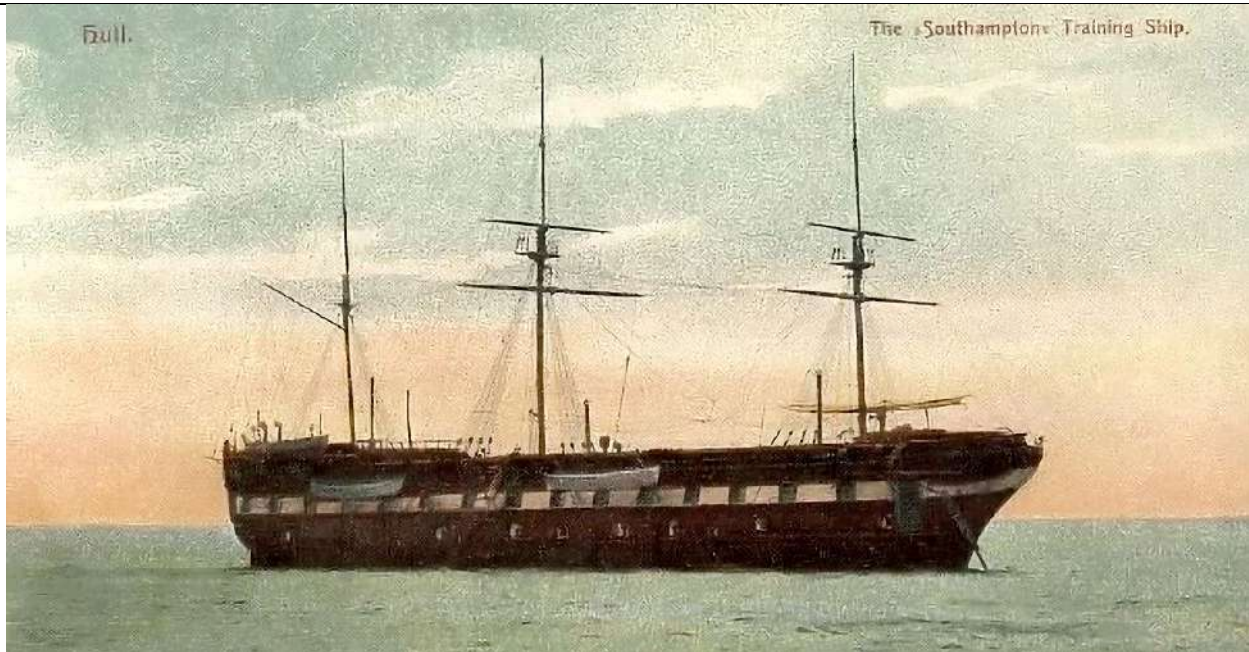
Shaftesbury boys sailmaking

- Monday 2 August 1886 – the band played at the Grays Athletic Sports and Foresters' Fete at the West Field, Grays. The Grays Town band was also in attendance.
- Monday 1 August 1887 – the band played at the Grays Athletic Sports and Foresters' Fete at the West Field, Grays. The Grays Town band was also in attendance. The band boys were given meat pies, milk and cake.
- Tuesday 12 July 1887 – the annual inspection by the School Board and prize-giving by His Eminence Cardinal Manning, took place on board the Shaftesbury. The ship's band played various selections during the day.
- Wednesday 20 July 1887 – the ship's band took part in the procession for Grays Children's Jubilee Fete.
- Wednesday 27 July 1887 – the ship's band played at the London Wesleyan Chapel bazaar in the grounds of Belmont Castle.
- Wednesday 1 May 1889 – the band, conducted by C. Vireyer, took part in a concert for the Grays Parliamentary Debating Society, held at the Board Schools, Grays. Their contributions included the selections "*Welsh Airs*", and "*Gems of England*".
- Wednesday 10 July 1889 – the band, conducted by Mr Kreyer, played selections at Social held at Grays Vicarage.
- Wednesday 31 July 1889 – the band played at the Temperance Demonstration held at Belmont Castle grounds, having first led a large procession through the town. The band of the Training Ship Exmouth was also in attendance.
- Monday 5 August 1889 – the band played at the Grays Athletic Sports and Foresters' Fete at the West Field, Grays. The Grays Town band was also in attendance.
- Saturday 28 September 1889 – the band played at the last cricket match of the season at the Grays Cricket Club.
- Monday 4 August 1890 – the band played at the Grays Athletic Sports and Foresters' Fete at the West Field, Grays. The Grays Town band was also in attendance.
- Friday 5 September 1890 – the band led the boys of the ship to the West Field, Grays, where the Shaftesbury swimming competitions were held.

- Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 June 1891 – the band played at the Grays Parish Church Bazaar and Fete.
- Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 August 1893 – the band played at the Grays Parish Church Garden Fete and Promenade Concert.
- Tuesday 10 July 1894 - the annual inspection by the School Board and prize-giving by the Duke of York, took place on board the Shaftesbury. The ship's band played various selections during the day.
- Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 July 1894 – the band played at the Grays Parish Church Bazaar and Fete.
- Thursday 5 September 1895 – the ship's band played at the Orsett Flower Show.
- Saturday 20 June 1896 – the band took part in the procession for the opening of the Passmore Edwards' Hospital at Tilbury.
- Monday 26 July 1897 – the band, conducted by Bandmaster King, played at the prize day of Palmer's Endowed Schools, Grays.
- Saturday 1 July 1899 – the band took part in the Chelmsford Lifeboat Saturday parade.
- Tuesday 5 September 1899 – the ship's band played at the Orsett Flower Show.
- Wednesday 20 June 1900 – the ship's band took part in the mile-long parade for the Grays War Carnival.
- Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 June 1900 – the ship's band played at the Grays National Schools Bazaar and Fete at the Bridge Road Recreation Ground.
- Monday 13 August 1900 – the band played during the Shaftesbury ship's athletic sports day, held at the West Field, Grays.
- Sunday 14 July 1901 – the band led a procession for the Grays Fire Brigade for the presentation of medals to the firemen.
- Saturday 9 November 1901 – the band, and the ship's boys, took part in the Lord Mayor's Procession in London.
- Wednesday 9 July 1902 – the band played at the Grays National School Coronation Treat.
- Wednesday 23 July 1902 – the ship's band, conducted by Bandmaster J. King, played at the St Thomas R.C. School annual treat at the West Field.
- Wednesday 1 July 1903 – the band played at the Grays Childrens' Day. The Grays Temperance Band was also in attendance.
- Wednesday 22 July 1903 – the ship's band played during the Shaftesbury "Camp Fete" which was in aid of funds for the ship.
- Thursday 21 July 1904 - the annual inspection by the School Board and prize-giving, took place on board the Shaftesbury. The ship's band played various selections during the day.

Southampton Training Ship Band (Hull, Yorkshire - East Riding)

The Humber Industrial School Ship *Southampton*, at Hull, was established in 1866 and had accommodation for 250 boys. She was officially certified as an Industrial School Ship, allowing it to take boys committed by magistrates, in 1868. The ship was closed on March 28th, 1912, and the boys were transferred to the Training Ship Mount Edgumbe.



Hull Training Ship Southampton

The Southampton ship's band was founded in 1869, with 26 boys, and bandmaster Mr Tidswell. It was still active in 1911, with bandmaster Mr Pitts in 1904 and D. Lorden in 1911.

- Monday 30 August 1869 – the first annual meeting for the friends and supporters of the Training Ship Southampton, was held on board the ship.

Meanwhile the newly-formed band were playing some tunes, which, if of elementary character, were at all events played in capital time, and really formed a very agreeable feature in the proceedings. Speaking to the bandmaster, Mr. Tidswell, subsequently we were informed that the lads evince great aptitude as learners of music - with one or two exceptions - and that they have the opportunity of studying on the finest set of instruments of almost any band in Yorkshire.²¹

- Monday 24 January 1870 – it was reported at a meeting of the ship's Executive Committee that 127 boys were now on board the ship and that there were 24 were under tuition in the band.²²
- Tuesday 26 April 1870 – the ship's juvenile band entertained the Mayor of Wakefield and other visitors to the ship.
- Monday 23 May 1870 – the ship's Committee agreed the construction of a 'house' on board the ship, for the use of members of the band when practising.

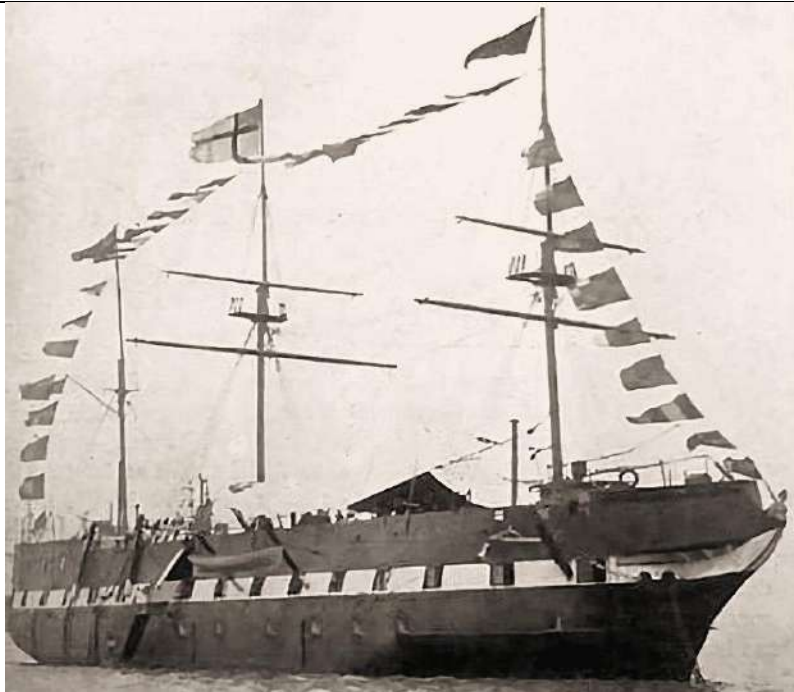
The band consists of 26 boys, and under the direction of Mr Tidswell continues to make progress. The new practising room has proved very useful in affording the band boys a convenient place for practice apart from the other lads.²³

²¹ Hull and Eastern Counties Herald, 2 September 1869

²² Hull Packet, 28 January 1870

²³ Hull Packet, 21 July 1871

- Wednesday 21 August 1872 – the annual inspection of the Southampton took place, with the Archbishop of York presenting prizes. During the day, the ship's band played various selections.
- Tuesday 28 January 1873 – the annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the Training Ship Southampton, together with the Hull Ragged and Industrial Schools, was held in the Public Rooms, Jarrett Street, Hull. The ship's band, and the Marlborough Terrace drum and fife band, played various pieces of music before the meeting.
- Wednesday 20 August 1873 – the annual inspection of the Southampton took place, with the Rev. Mr Lucas presenting prizes. The ship's band performed for the occasion.
- Tuesday 27 January 1874 – the annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the Training Ship Southampton, together with the Hull Ragged and Industrial Schools, was held in the Public Rooms, Jarrett Street, Hull. The ship's brass band, and the Marlborough Terrace drum and fife band, played before the meeting. The large public audience was composed largely of ladies.
- Saturday 30 May 1874 – the ship's band played the National Anthem as part of the port's celebrations of the Queen's birthday, with the ship's lads cheering as they manned the rigging.
- Thursday 20 August 1874 – the annual inspection of the Southampton took place, with Admiral Duncombe presenting prizes. The ship's band played as the guests and visitors arrived.
- Tuesday 3 August 1875 – the annual inspection of the Southampton took place, with the Mayor, Alderman C. Wells, presenting prizes. The ship's brass band played various selections during the afternoon.
- Tuesday 8 February 1876 – the annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the Training Ship Southampton, together with the Hull Ragged and Industrial Schools, was held in the Public Rooms, Jarrett Street, Hull. The ship's brass band, and the Marlborough Terrace drum and fife band, played before the meeting.
- Tuesday 6 February 1877 – the annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the Training Ship Southampton, together with the Hull Ragged and Industrial Schools, was held in the Public Rooms, Jarrett Street, Hull. The ship's brass band, and the Marlborough Terrace drum and fife band, played before the meeting.
- Thursday 19 August 1880 – the Southampton ship's brass band took part in the large procession for the demonstration and celebration for the passing of the bill for the new railway into Hull.
- Thursday 17 February 1881 – the annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the Training Ship Southampton, together with the Hull Ragged and Industrial Schools, was held in the Royal Institution, Albion Street, Hull. The ship's brass band, and the Hull Ragged School drum and fife band, played before the meeting.
- Thursday 16 April 1891 – the Christ Church Choral Society visited the Southampton and entertained the boys with a musical programme. In return the ship's brass band played several selections, including the new waltz "*Armored*" by a Hull composer.
- Saturday 15 September 1894 – the band took part in the procession for Grimsby Lifeboat Saturday.
- Thursday 24 May 1900 – the band performed at the opening of the Hull Patriotic Rifle Club's new range.
- Thursday 21 June 1900 – the band played at the opening ceremony of the new observatory in Grimsby Park.
- Saturday 22 June 1901 – the band took part in the procession for Hull Hospital Saturday.



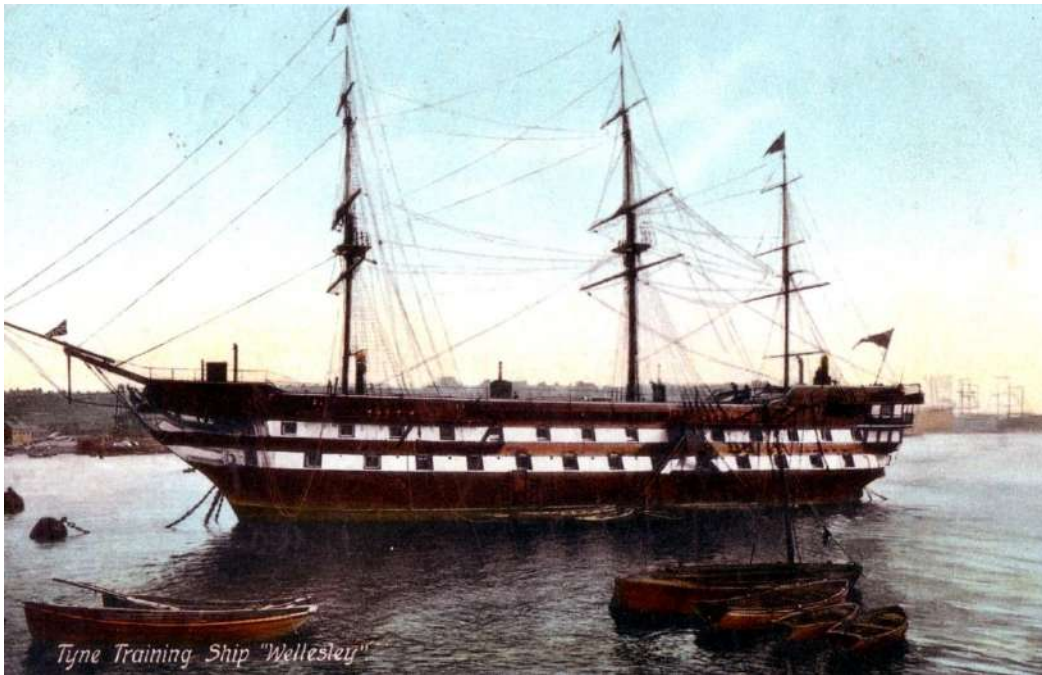
Hull Training Ship Southampton

- Thursday 10 July 1902 – the Southampton brass band paraded through the streets of Paull and played selections on the bazaar grounds.
- Monday 4 August 1902 – the band visited Paull and paraded through the village, and gave a concert in the evening.
- Saturday 9 August 1902 – the Southampton brass band, conducted by J.G. McDermott, gave two concerts, on the occasion of the coronation of King Edward VII. At 10 a.m at the Corporation Pier, with the programme: march “*Tivoli*” (Schroder), overture “*The Bohemian Girl*” (Balfe), valse Espagnole “*La Bohemienne*” (Florence Fare), selection “*Life on the Ocean*” (Binding), gavotte “*Beaux Esprits*” (McDermott), selection “*San Toy*” (Sidney Jones), song “*The Honeysuckle and the Bee*” (Penn), valse “*Mimosa*” (Bidgood), and coronation march “*Hail to the King*” (McDermott). The second concert, at West Park, at 2 p.m., was: march “*Sons of the Brave*” (Bidgood), overture “*Le Diademe*” (Herman), valse “*Wiener Mad’ln*” (Ziehrer), selection “*Pirates of Penzance*” (Sullivan), coronation march “*Hail to the King*” (McDermott), song “*Queen of the Earth*” (Pinsuti), lancers “*Belle of New York*” (Kerker), selection “*Gems of Sullivan*” (Ord Hume), valse “*Florodora*” (Sidney Jones), polka “*Floretta*” (H.M. Pitt), song “*The Honeysuckle and the Bee*” (Penn), and galop “*Bon Nuit*” (McDermott).
- Saturday 23 August 1902 – the band gave a promenade concert at the Victoria Pier, Hull.
- Saturday 30 August 1902 – the band gave a promenade concert at the Victoria Pier, Hull.
- Tuesday 12 May 1903 – the band was one of several in Hull to welcome the Prince and Princess of Wales on their visit to the city.
- Saturday 27 June 1903 – the band took part in the Hull Hospital Saturday demonstration and parade. Their collection contribution to the funds amounted to £1 2s 1d. The total amount raised was £530.
- Saturday 11 July 1903 – the band took part in the parade arranged by the East Hull Working Men’s Committee, in aid of the Hull Infirmary.
- Saturday 15 August 1903 – the band, conducted by Bandmaster McDermott, led a parade of the Tynemouth Royal Engineers from Paull en route to Tynemouth.

- Saturday 22 August 1903 – the band took part in the large Lifeboat Parade at Grimsby.
- Tuesday 5 April 1904 – the band took part in a concert organised by the Blue Bell Concert Party in aid of the Poor Children's Fund, at the Ripon Hall, Hull.
- Monday 13 June 1904 – the Southampton brass band performed at the City of Bradford Exhibition during the entire week.
- Saturday 9 July 1904 – the band led the procession of 2,500 of the poorest boys and girls of 54 schools in Hull to the station, for them to go on their treat to Willerby, spending the day in the country. This was arranged by the Sheriff of Hull and the Pearson's Fresh Air Fund.
- Thursday 2 February 1905 – the band took part in a concert organised by the Blue Bell Concert Party in aid of the Hull and Sculcoates Dispensary and Victoria Children's Hospital, at the Artillery Barracks.
- Thursday 28 July 1905 – the band entertained competitors at the Ladies Day of the Hull Bowling Club.
- Saturday 5 August 1905 – the band led the ship's company on a march to Hedon, from Paull where they had all been camping since the previous Tuesday.
- Saturday 2 September 1905 – the band gave a concert on the Victoria Pier, Hull.
- Saturday 30 December 1905 – the band played at the Hull Artillery Barracks, where 3,000 poor children were fed by the good works of the Buffaloes of Hull.
- Saturday 23 June 1906 – the band accompanied the annual outing of the H. and D.R. and K.S. Amalgamation, to Ferriby Sluice, via steamer.
- Saturday 25 August 1906 – the band played at the Stoneferry Flower Show.
- Thursday 30 August 1906 – the band played in the parade for the unveiling of the new North Sea (Russian) Outrage Memorial, in Hull. It then played various solemn pieces during the ceremony.
- Monday 20 May 1907 – the band played during the Ottringham Athletic Sports on the Station Grounds.
- Saturday 1 June 1907 – the ship's brass band played at the Broomfleet Feast and Sports.
- Thursday 13 June 1907 – the band played at the first annual athletic sports of the Hornsea Brampton House School, at the Scunthorpe Road football field.
- Saturday 27 July 1907 – the band took part in the procession of 1,500 children in the East Hull United Temperance Demonstration, to the Dansom Lane recreation ground. Other bands in the parade were the Sitwell Street Band and the Sons of Temperance Band.
- Sunday 24 May 1908 – the Southampton band took part in the Hull Empire Day procession.
- Sunday 23 May 1909 – the Southampton ship's brass band took part in the parades and processions for the Empire Pageant in Hull. Other bands that were in attendance were: the Postmen's Band, Orderly Boys' Band, Territorial Station Band, Church Lads' Brigade Band, Spring Bank Orphanage Band, Boys' Brigade Band, Life Brigade Band, Wilson Band, and the Hull Rifles Band.
- Saturday 3 July 1909 – the band played at the Hedon Sports.
- Saturday 17 July 1909 – the band played at the Rovers' Gala, at the Craven Street ground.
- Thursday 16 June 1910 – the band played at the Craven Street Secondary School sports.
- Saturday 9 July 1910 – the band, conducted by D. Lorden, played at the Hull Scouts Rally at the Hull City Football Ground.
- Saturday 16 July 1910 – the Southampton band played Craven Street Gala.
- Thursday 22 June 1911 – the band took part in the celebrations in Hull for the coronation of King George V, giving a concert at the Victoria Pier.

Wellesley Training Ship Band (Tynemouth, Northumberland)

The *Wellesley* Training Ship Institution was established in 1868 by a group of philanthropic Tyneside businessmen, to provide shelter for Tyneside waifs and train young men for service in the Royal and Merchant Navies. The first ship to be used was the ex-frigate *HMS Cornwall*, which had been previously used as a reformatory school ship on the river Thames. It was brought up to the Tyne and renamed *Wellesley*. In 1874 it was replaced by an old wooden battleship, *HMS Boscawen*, which was also then renamed *Wellesley*. The ship was moored on the Tyne at North Shields and provided accommodation for 300 boys. The *Wellesley* ship was destroyed by fire in 1914, and the boys were eventually established at a new land-based Wellesley Nautical School, at Blyth.

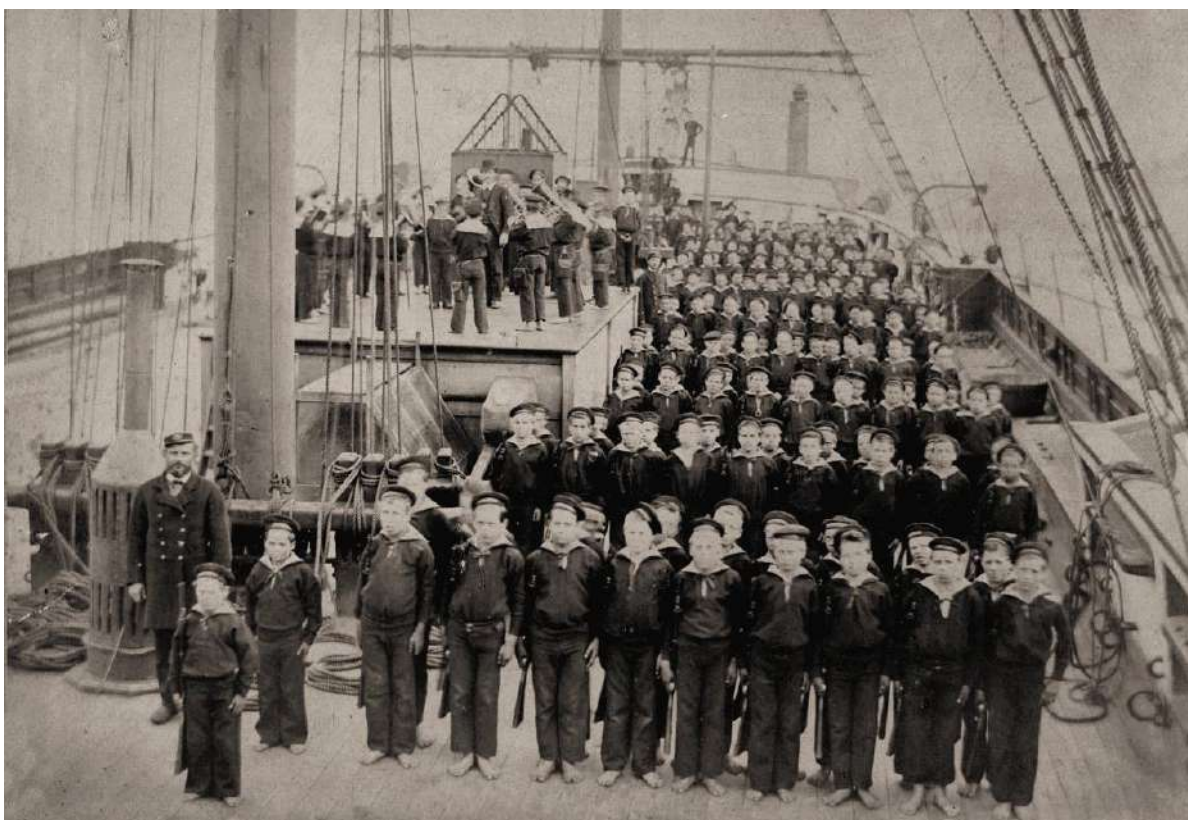


Training Ship Wellesley

The band made their first public appearance in April 1872, having been tutored by J.H. Amers, their first bandmaster. Subsequent bandmasters were James Moseley (1876), William Wigg (1888), James W.A. Eskdale (1892), and J.W. Shutt (1900). The band remained active after the ship's destruction in 1914, thereafter operating from the Wellesley school at Blyth.

- Friday 12 April 1872 – the Wellesley ship's brass band made its first public appearance marching through the streets of South Shields and performing several airs and selections, conducted by J.H. Amers.
- Saturday 13 July 1872 – the band played at the Grand Fete Champetre, at the Tynemouth Cricket Field, where the major attraction was Blondin the 'Hero of Niagara' and his acrobatic and high rope performances.
- Monday 15 June 1874 – the band accompanied the Nedderton miners to the Northumberland Miners Demonstration and Picnic, on Blyth Links.
- Saturday 8 July 1876 – the band took part in the procession of the United Friendly Societies of Consett, Blackhill, and Leadgate. Other bands taking part were the Leadgate Saxhorn Band, the Blackhill Teetotal Band, and the Blackhill Cadet Drum and Fife Band.

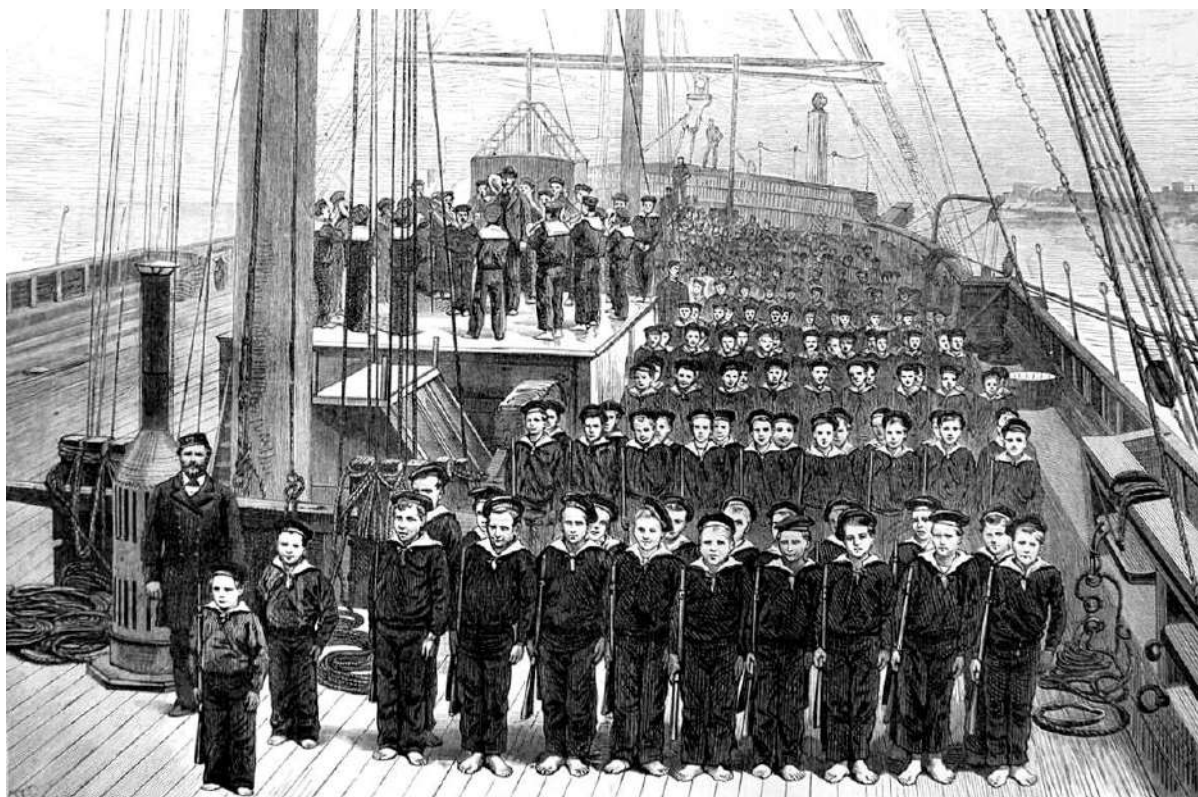
- Thursday 31 August 1876 – the band performed at the Tynemouth Floral and Horticultural Society Show, at the cricket field, Preston Lane, South Shields.
- Wednesday 13 September 1876 – the band, conducted by James Moseley, played at the Hedworth, Monkton, Jarrow, and Boldon New Winning Floral and Horticultural Society Show, at Hedworth.
- Saturday 18 August 1877 – the band, consisting of 28 boys in uniform, played at the Stanhope Flower Show.
- Wednesday 7 August 1878 – the Wellesley band played at the Whitley Flower Show.
- Saturday 17 August 1878 – the band performed during the annual race meeting of the Sunderland Amateur Bicycle Club, at the cricket ground, Chester Road, Sunderland.
- Friday 15 August 1879 – the band played at the tea treat for children at Morpeth.
- Monday 17 May 1880 – the band performed at the annual sports of the Durham City Cricket Club, at Wharton Park, Durham.
- Wednesday 7 July 1880 – the band, conducted by James Moseley, played at the Newcastle Summer Flower Show, in Leazes Park. Other bands in attendance were those of the Newcastle Workhouse, Newcastle Industrial School, and the Gateshead Workhouse, all conducted by J.H. Amers.



Training Ship Wellesley Band, 1876

- Saturday 4 September 1880 – the Wellesley ship's band, together with Seaton Burn Brass Band, played at the Seaton Burn Flower Show.
- Monday 30 August 1880 – the ship's band made an excursion to Usworth Hall. During their journey there, in two brakes, a young lad, John Robinson, son of the Usworth Colliery under viewer, was knocked down – happily only suffering various contusions to the legs.
- Wednesday 29 September 1880 – the band provided music for the Riding Mill Harvest Festival in St James' Church, Riding Mill.

- Monday 13 December 1880 – the band took part in a soirée in connection with the South Shields Town and River Mission, at the Public Library Hall, Ocean Road.
- Tuesday 2 August 1881 – the band performed at the Hartlepool Flower Show, at the cricket field on the Haugh, Hartlepool. Their concert included: march “*True for Ever*”, selection “*Grand Duchess*”, valse “*Potpourri*”, cornet solo by S. Halloway “*Torquatto Tasso Boy*”, selection “*The Bells of Corneville*”, quadrille “*Songs of the Day*”, fantasia “*On Standard English Songs*”, valse “*Winifred*”, overture “*Confidence*”, selection “*The Pirates of Penzance*”, galop “*Fox Hunters*”, “*D’ye Ken John Peel*”, overture “*Knight Templar*”, selection “*Les Huguenots*”, quadrille “*Flowers of Edinburgh*”, fantasia “*Scotch Songs*”, valse “*Rustic Queen*”, and grand national fantasia “*Night at Sea*”. The Durham Artillery Militia Band was also in attendance.
- Saturday 8 October 1881 – the band played at the Ecclesiastical and Educational Art Exhibition, at Joel’s Sale Rooms, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle.
- Thursday 2 February 1882 – the band played at the celebration marking the completion of the installation of the new dials for the clock in the tower of All Saints’ Church, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle. The Newcastle Industrial School Band was also in attendance.
- Wednesday 16 August 1882 – the band played at the Tynemouth Amateur Swimming Club Gala. The Tynemouth Union Band was also in attendance.
- Monday 28 August 1882 – the band competed in the brass band contest held during the Felling Flower Show, in a field near Felling Railway Station, but was not placed. The other competing bands were Blackhill Teetotal (1st), Felling (2nd), 5th Durham Rifles (Gateshead) (3rd=), Acomb (3rd=), the Dennison Family (South Shields), and Felling Rifles. The contest adjudicator was Signor Nifosi.



Line drawing of Training Ship Wellesley Band, from above photograph

- Thursday 8 February 1883 – the Wellesley band took part in a concert at the Albion Assembly Rooms, North Shields, in aid of the Flower Mission and Percy Creche.

- Wednesday 4 July 1883 – the band gave a concert in Percy Park Gardens, Tynemouth, with the programme: overture “*L’Emotion*” (Bousquier), valse “*Edina*” (Marle), fantasia “*La Vallée des Roses*” (Damian), quadrille “*The Singing*” (Dick), selection “*Les Cloches de Corneville*” (Planquette), polka “*Bon Gout*” (Stiles), fantasia “*Cambria*” (Bonnisan), and galop “*Polo*” (Dawson).
- Saturday 4 August 1883 – the band played at the Tynemouth Rowing Club Annual Regatta, in the Haven.
- Monday 30 June 1884 – the band gave a concert in the South Shields Recreation Ground.
- Monday 4 August 1884 – the band played at the Boldon Football Club Sports, at East Boldon.
- Wednesday 27 August 1884 – the band gave a concert at the Tynemouth Aquarium.
- Monday 27 October 1884 – the Wellesley band played for the laying of the foundation stone of the Seamen’s New Church and Institute, Mill Dam.
- Wednesday 19 November 1884 – the band played at the North of England Horticultural and Botanical Society’s Exhibition of Chrysanthemums, at the Tynemouth Aquarium, on this day and the following two days.
- Saturday 13 June 1885 – the band gave an open-air concert at All Saints’ Church, Fulwell Road.
- Thursday 2 July 1885 – the band performed at the Northumberland Cricket Club’s second annual Lawn Tennis Tournament, at Heaton Lane, on this day and the following two days.
- Monday 20 July 1885 – the band played at the St Oswald’s College Athletic Sports, Preston Avenue, North Shields.
- Wednesday 16 September 1885 – the band took part in a concert at the Tynemouth Aquarium, in aid of the Cullercoats Pier Restoration Fund.



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- Tuesday 12 January 1886 – the band took part in the annual tea and miscellaneous entertainment at Holy Trinity Church, North Shields.

- Saturday 5 June 1886 – the band took part in the procession for the Borough of Tynemouth Hospital Saturday. Other bands in the parade were: Hoggarth's Temperance Reed Band, Tynemouth Artillery Volunteer Band, Albert Edward Dock Band, and Tynemouth Union Band. At a grand open-air massed bands concert later in the day, the Wellesley band's contribution included: slow march "*Metropolitan and City Police*" (Carter), quick step "*Soldiers, Left, Right, Left*" (Schmuck), and selection "*The Mikado*" (Sullivan).
- Thursday 1 July 1886 – the band performed at the Northumberland Cricket Club's second annual Lawn Tennis Tournament, at Heaton Lane, on this day and the following two days.
- Tuesday 17 August 1886 – the band played at the Wallsend Floral and Horticultural Society Show, in the grounds of Wallsend Bicycle Club. They returned to repeat the engagement the following day.
- Wednesday 27 July 1887 – the band played at the Wallsend Parish Church Bazaar.
- Saturday 23 June 1888 – the band played at the Quebec Sports.
- Saturday 18 August 1888 – the band played at the Wolsingham Agricultural Show.
- Thursday 23 August 1888 – the band played at the Gala held in the football field, Linthorpe Road.
- Saturday 1 September 1888 – the Wellesley ship's band, conducted by Bandmaster Wigg, played at the Tow Law Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society Show. The West Pelton Prize Band was also in attendance.

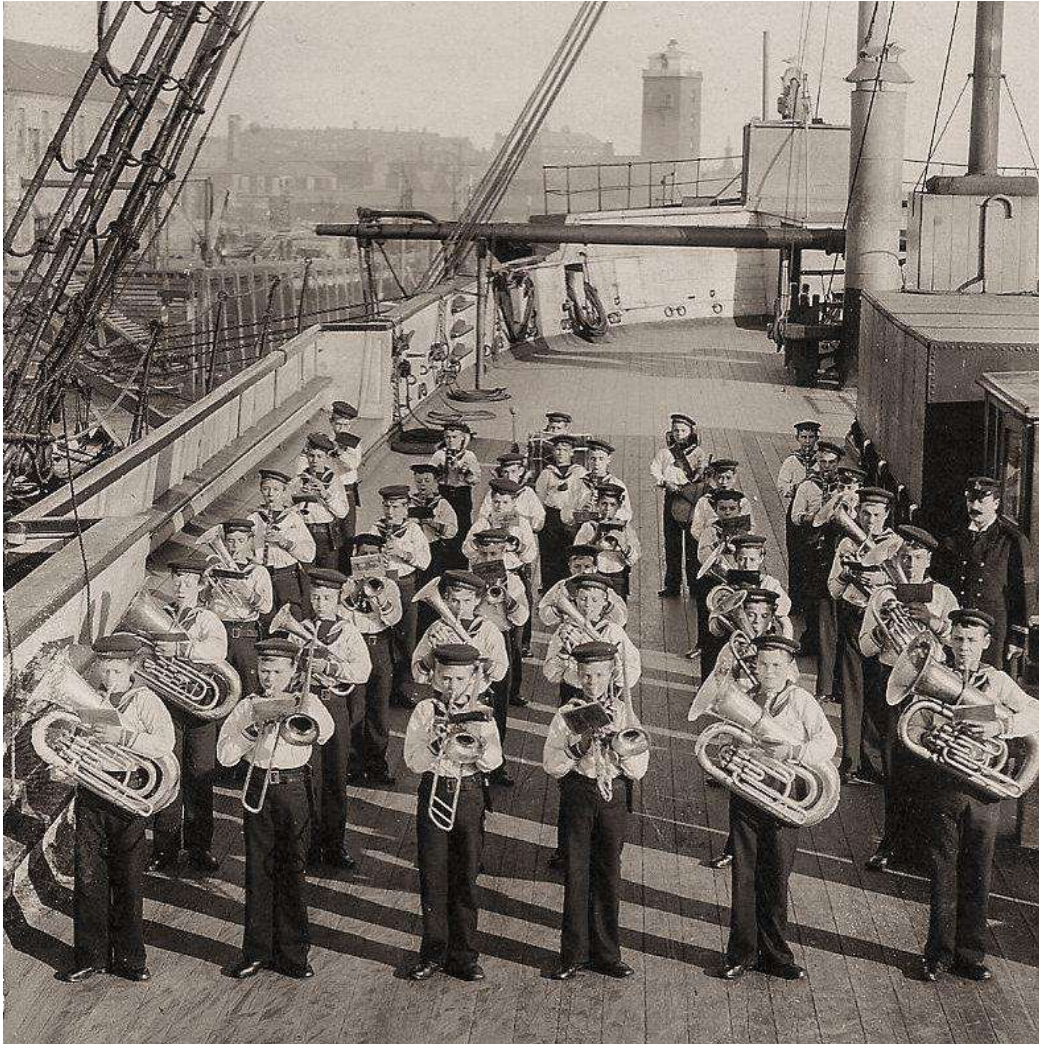


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- Monday 8 October 1888 – the band played at the laying of the foundation stone of the new block for the Whitley Village Homes, which would accommodate 50 girls.

The band of the Wellesley Training Ship, which is just now in a highly efficient condition, will early next month proceed to fulfil the largest and most important engagement they have yet undertaken. They are to travel for a fortnight in the south of England, giving concerts in Oxford, Reading, Banbury, Leamington, and other towns, finishing up in London, where they will give performances at the Royal Aquarium, the Zoological Gardens, and, it is expected, the Crystal Palace. Fifty boys will go on the tour, which

commences on Monday, June 3rd, and they will be in charge of Mr W. Wigg, the bandmaster. This will be an entirely new experience for the lads, who are looking forward to it with considerable pleasure, and the best wishes of all who know them so well in this district for a pleasant and successful journey will go with them. In connection with this engagement may be mentioned the fact that Mr Wigg, the leader, has just taken the degree of Bachelor of Music, Mr Wigg was formerly a Wellesley boy himself, and his first studies in music, were made on board the ship under Mr J.H. Amers of Newcastle, who was at that time bandmaster. Master William Wigg, his son, it may also be said, passed the primary examination in pianoforte playing of the International College of Music recently held in Newcastle, Dr Scott being the examiner, an event worthy of notice from the fact that the child was not six years of age when he did so, and has the honour of being the youngest student who has successfully gone through this examination.²⁴

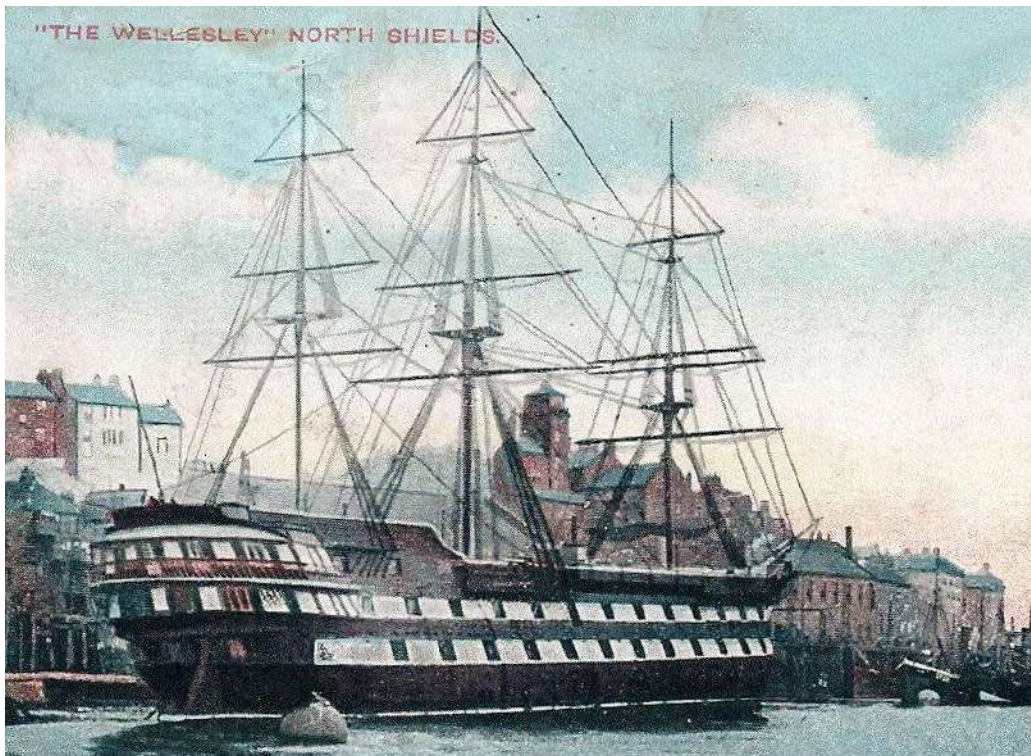


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- Wednesday 5 June 1889 – the band gave two concerts in Oxford Town Hall, which included: overture “*Tancredi*” (Rossini), “*Reminiscences of Scotland*” (Godfrey), fantasia “*A Voyage in a Troopship*”, polka “*Jolly Blacksmiths*”, fantasia “*A Hunting Scene*”.
- Wednesday 26 June 1889 – the band led a procession of poor children to the Newcastle Moor, for the treat arranged by Mr T. Stamp Alder, and provided music during the afternoon.

²⁴ Newcastle Journal, 24 May 1889

- Wednesday 21 August 1889 – the band played at the Hebburn, Monkton and Jarrow Floral and Horticultural Society Show, at the Jarrow recreation ground. Mr Amers' Exhibition Band was also in attendance.
- Saturday 24 August 1889 – the band played at the Wolsingham Flower Show.
- Saturday 7 September 1889 – the band played at the Witton-le-Wear Flower Show.
- Friday 20 December 1889 – the band gave two concerts at the Wooler Mechanics Institute.
- Friday 3 January 1890 – the band entertained the children at the breakfast and entertainment, arranged by Thomas Stamp Alder, for the poor children of the district, at the Bath Lane Hall.
- Wednesday 14 May 1890 – the band performed on various days at the Northern Wheeleries Cycling and Athletic Exhibition at the Tynemouth Aquarium, which ran to 27 May. Other bands during this time were: Tynemouth Artillery Volunteer Band, Tyne Sub-Marine Engineers Band, Albert Edward Dock Band, West Dock Military Band, Hoggarth's Reed Band, St Bede Band, Elswick Works Band.
- Wednesday 25 June 1890 – the Wellesley band took part in the processions celebrating the opening of the Marine Parks in South Shields. The band then played at the unveiling of the Lifeboat Memorial, and followed this with a concert in North Park, with the programme: overture "*William Tell*" (Rossini), selection "*The Mikado*" (Sullivan), valse "*The Gypsies*" (G. Crowe), "*Reminiscences of Scotland*" (F. Godfrey), polka "*Jolly Blacksmiths*" (C. Sukeley), valse "*Spirit of Love*" (J. Hartmann), selection "*Yeomen of the Guard*" (Sullivan), and fantasia "*A Voyage in a Troopship*" (C. Miller).



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- Saturday 19 July 1890 – the band played at the Polytechnic and Fancy Fair at the Tynemouth Aquarium during the week's exhibition. Other bands engaged during Fair were Mr R. Smith's Newcastle Military Band, Elswick Works Band, Mr Hoggarth's Band, and Boyd's Concertina Band.

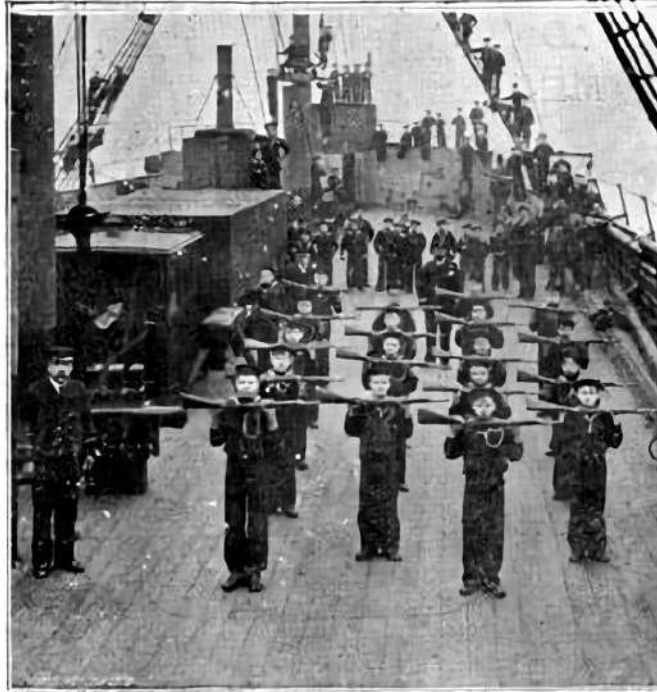
There was again a very large attendance at the Polytechnic Exhibition and Fancy Fair at Tynemouth yesterday. In the evening the winter garden was somewhat uncomfortably filled, and many of the visitors were glad to escape the turmoil and crush by parading the terrace, where they could enjoy the coolness of the atmosphere, and listen to the sweet strains of the music of the Wellesley Training Ship Band. The lads are playing wonderfully well just now, and the skillful way in which they went through a lengthy programme last night reflects much credit upon their amiable conductor, Mr W. Wigg. A descriptive fantasia, titled "A Voyage in a Troopship," introducing several popular nautical airs and a hornpipe by one of the lads, was performed with much finish. The hornpipe, which was gone through in true sailor-like fashion, so pleased the audience that a repetition was demanded, the youthful dancer at the close coming in for a good share of applause.²⁵

- Saturday 16 August 1890 – the band played at the Shildon Floral, Horticultural & Industrial Society fête, at Old Shildon Vicarage.
- Wednesday 20 August 1890 – the band entertained spectators at the Blyth Swimming Club Gala, in the Harbour at Blyth.
- Friday 22 August 1890 – the band played at the Barnard Castle Floral, Horticultural & Industrial Society show, in the castle grounds.
- Saturday 23 August 1890 – the band, with 40 performers, played at the Consett Floral, Horticultural & Industrial Society Exhibition, at the Reservoir Field, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.
- Wednesday 22 October 1890 – the Wellesley band played at the St Peter's Church bazaar at Spence's Buildings, Tyne Street, North Shields.
- Tuesday 15 February 1891 – the band played at the Band of Hope Union meetings at the Royal Assembly Rooms, Howard Street, North Shields.
- Wednesday 10 June 1891 – the band performed on various days at the Northern Wheeleries Cycling and Athletic Exhibition at the Tynemouth Aquarium, which ran to 27 June. Other bands during this time were: Tyne Sub-Marine Engineers Band, Albert Edward Dock Band, West Dock Military Band, Hoggarth's Reed Band, 5th Durham Volunteer Band, and South Shields Military Band.
- Wednesday 29 July 1891 – the band gave a concert in Mowbray Park, Sunderland, with the programme: overture "*Massaniello*" (Auber), valse "*Gondoliers*" (Otto Roeder), "*Reminiscences of All Nations*" (F. Godfrey), morceau descriptive "*Jolly Blacksmiths*" (C. Sukely), selection "*Yeomen of the Guard*" (Sullivan), and selection "*Sea Songs and Ditties*" (W. Wigg).
- Thursday 20 August 1891 – the band played at the Middlesbrough Sunday School Union Gala.
- Friday 21 August 1891 – the band gave a concert at the South Shields Exhibition in the Royal Assembly Hall: processional march "*Silver Trumpets*" (Vivian), overture "*Poet et Paysan*" (Suppé), valse "*Ferryman John*" (Otto Roeder), selection "*Yeomen of the Guard*" (Sullivan), morceau descriptive "*Jolly Blacksmiths*" (C. Sukely), "*Reminiscences of Scotland*" (F. Godfrey), valse "*La Serenata*" (Jaxone), and galop "*Midnight*".
- Saturday 22 August 1891 – the band played at the Conservative and Primrose League Picnic at Brancepeth Castle. The Northern Union Military Band was also in attendance.

²⁵ Newcastle Journal, 25 July 1890

Band of "Wellesley" Training Ship.

Captain - H. BAYNHAM, R.N., F.R.A.S.
Bandmaster - - - Mr. J. W. SHUTT.



No expense or trouble has been spared in order to make this Band (Military) efficient.

A new Bandmaster has been appointed, and the Band has been re-organised and considerably improved.

It consists of 30 Performers and a Hornpipe Dancer, dressed in Naval Costume, with new Plated Instruments. The Music has been carefully selected, being popular and high-class.

Engagements have been fulfilled at York, Sunderland, Stockton, Carlisle, Berwick, Newcastle, and surroundings.

The Boys travel by rail at a reduced rate.

A Field Gun, with a Crew of 18 boys, can also be engaged. In addition to the very interesting Gun Drill, they go through Physical Exercises with and without Arms, being accompanied by the Band.

For terms, &c., apply to Capt. H. BAYNHAM, R.N., H.M.S. "Wellesley," North Shields, to whom all communications should be addressed.

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- Friday 28 August 1891 – the band gave a concert at the South Shields Exhibition in the Royal Assembly Hall: overture "*Italiana in Algeria*" (Riviere), "*Reminiscences of Verdi*" (F. Godfrey), piccolo solo "*Danse de Satyrs*" (C. Le Thiere), selection "*Faust up to Date*" (Meyer Lutz), morceau descriptive "*Jolly Blacksmiths*" (C. Sukely), valse "*Gondoliers*" (Otto Roeder), "*Reminiscences of Sullivan*" (W. Winterbottom), and descriptive fantasia "*A Hunting Scene*" (Bucalossi).
- Saturday 29 August – the band entertained the visitors to the Throckley Flower Show.

- Monday 14 September – Mr W. Wigg, the Wellesley ship's bandmaster made his last public appearance at the helm of the band, having previously tendered his resignation.
- Friday 1 January 1892 – the band gave a concert in the Free Library Hall, South Shields, in aid of the Seamen's Church and Institute, Mill Dam.
- Thursday 18 February 1892 – the band took part in an entertainment at Howdon, given for the benefit of the widow and children of Ralph Arthur, who had been employed as a plumber on board the *Wellesley*.
- Monday 8 June 1892 – the band played at the North Country Cyclists Meet at Barney.
- Tuesday 9 June 1892 – the band played at the Blyth Athletic Carnival, together with the Gateshead Abbot Memorial Industrial Band.

An object of much admiration was the beautiful music discoursed by the Abbot Memorial Industrial Band from Gateshead on the Monday, and on Tuesday by the Wellesley Ship Band. So highly indeed did the youths of the latter band ingratiate themselves with the committee and spectators that one or two members of the committee took a voluntary offering, which amounted to some £2, and this was divided amongst the boys. General admiration was also elicited at this band of youths in their musical drill, an exercise which involves muscular movements, principally of the arms, to music, and which proved both very amusing and very artistic.²⁶

- Wednesday 10 June 1892 – the Wellesley band, conducted by Mr Eskdale, played at the Good Templars' bazaar, in Blyth Mechanics' Hall.
- Monday 20 June 1892 – the band gave two concerts in Mowbray Park and Roker Park, Sunderland, during this week.
- Friday 1 July 1892 – the band, conducted by James W.A. Eskdale, played at the Ryton Rowing Club bazaar.
- Wednesday 20 July 1892 – the band led a parade of the St Peter's Sunday Schools, North Shields, on their annual excursion to Holywell Dene.
- Wednesday 27 July 1892 – the Wellesley band led a procession of children for the Band of Hope Union Demonstration, from Northumberland Square, North Shields. They later gave a concert, as also did the North Shields Union Band.
- Thursday 28 July 1892 – the band gave a concert in the Jarrow Recreation Ground, consisting of: slow march "*City Police*" (O'Carter), overture "*Tancredi*" (Rossini), valse "*Immortellan*" (Gung'l), selection "*La Cigale*" (Audron & Caryll), overture "*Light Cavalry*" (Suppé), polka "*Jolly Blacksmiths*" (C. Sukeley), selection "*Il Trovatore*" (Verdi), cornet solo by J. Guthrie "*The Lost Chord*" (Sullivan), selection "*Babylonia*" (Williams), and galop "*Fox Hunters*" (Marton).
- Saturday 6 August 1892 – the band played at the Waterhouses and Esh Floral, Industrial, and Live Stock Show.
- Saturday 27 August 1892 – the band played at the Kyo Flower Show, at Catchgate, Stanley.
- Wednesday 7 September 1892 – the band performed for the South Shields Y.M.C.A. Swimming Gala at the South Shields Victoria Swimming Baths.
- Wednesday 21 September 1892 – the Wellesley band gave a concert at the end of the Dairy Competition and Dairy Maids' Supper, at the Royal Assembly Hall, Ocean Road, South Shields, in aid of St Aidan's Church.
- Sunday 25 September 1892 – the band led a procession of the Morpeth Loyal Wansbeck Lodge of Oddfellows (Manchester Unity) to their annual church service. The Band of the Morpeth Volunteer Corps also took part in the parade.

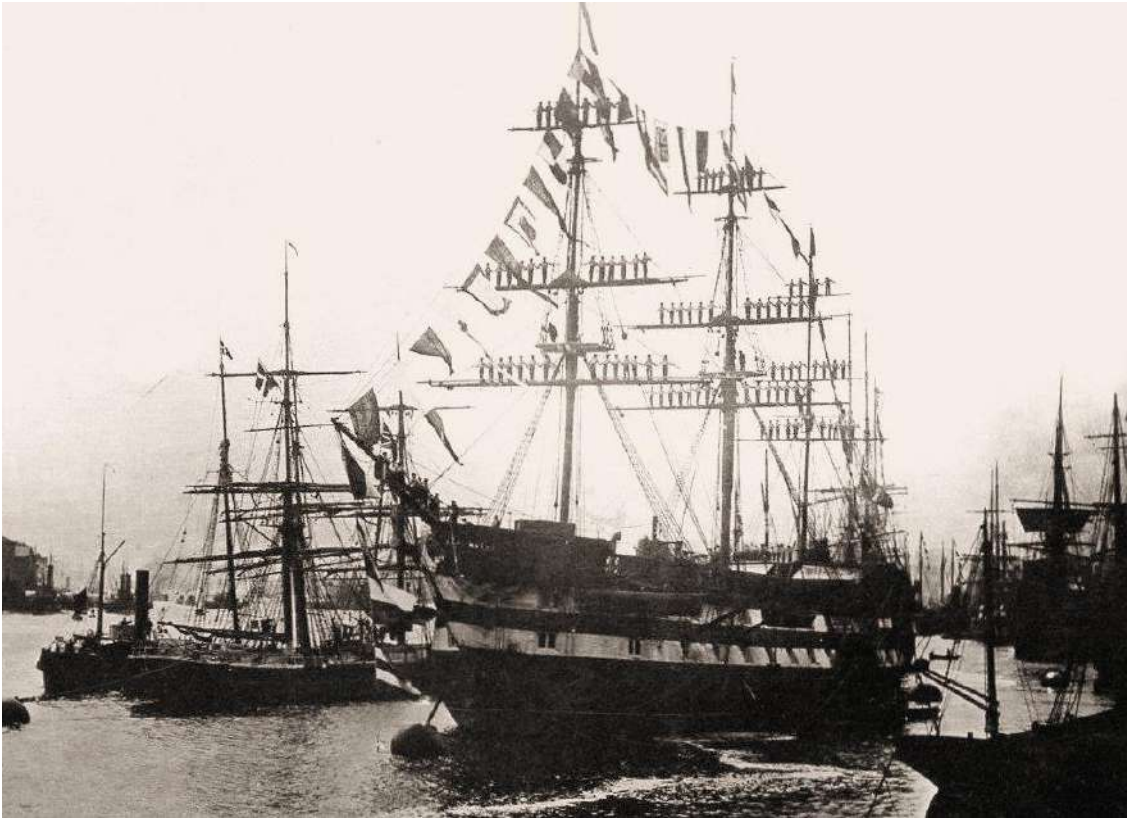
²⁶ Blyth News, 11 June 1892

- Monday 26 September 1892 – the band played during the Belford Athletic Sports.
- Thursday 6 October 1892 – the band played during the interval at the Theatre Royal, South Shields.

Last evening, by the special request of Mr T.B. Appleby, the band of the Wellesley Training Ship was present at the Theatre Royal, South Shields. During the interval between the two acts of the opera “The Vicar of Bray,” which was produced, the band under the conductorship of the bandmaster, Mr J.W.A. Eskdale, played a new descriptive fantasia entitled “The Life of a Soldier” in an exquisite manner. The boys gave evidence of the highest musical training, which reflects great credit on their present bandmaster. Cornet and euphonium solos by the boys Guthrie and Purvis C.P.O. were very finely rendered.²⁷

- Monday 14 November 1892 – the band gave a concert at the Presentations for Life-Saving of the South Shields Centre of the St John Ambulance Brigade, at the Royal Assembly Rooms, South Shields.
- Wednesday 23 November 1892 – the band played at Rowland’s Circus, which was visiting North Shields.
- Wednesday 25 January 1893 – the Wellesley band played at the Theatre Royal, North Shields, during the performance of Professor E.E. Crocker’s 30 Educated Horses.
- Thursday 4 May 1893 – the Jarrow Town Council agreed to pay the Wellesley ship’s band £6 6s for two concerts in the Jarrow parks.
- Wednesday 14 June 1893 – the band gave a concert in Northumberland Park, Tynemouth, consisting of: slow march “*Guelph*” (S. Cope), overture “*Caliph of Baghdad*” (Boilldieu), euphonium solo by E. Smith “*Big Ben*” (H. Pontet), selection “*Haddon Hall*” (Sullivan), polka “*Jolly Blacksmiths*” (C. Sukeley), comic fantasia “*Pantomime Airs*” (W. Williams), intermezzo “*Road to Moscow*” (P. de Loetz), overture “*Light Cavalry*” (Suppé), and musical joke “*The Jolly Musicians*” (C. Muscat).
- Saturday 17 June 1893 – the band played during the Tyne Regatta, at Scotswood.
- Wednesday 5 July 1893 – the band took part in the procession for the Newcastle Cyclists’ Costume and Blossom Parade. Other bands also attending were the Abbot Memorial School Band and the Newcastle Workhouse Band. Later in the day, at 6 p.m., the band led a procession of children from Northumberland Square for the Band of Hope Demonstration to the Cycling grounds.
- Thursday 6 July 1893 - the band gave a concert in Northumberland Park, Tynemouth, on the occasion of the Royal Wedding of Prince George and Princess Victoria Mary, consisting of: slow march “*Guelph*” (S. Cope), bridal march “*Lohengrin*” (Wagner), valse “*Ivy*” (F. Rose), piccolo solo by J.W. Porter “*Danse de Satyrs*” (Le Thiere), selection “*La Cigale*” (Audran), polka “*Jolly Blacksmiths*” (C. Sukeley), euphonium solo by E. Smith “*Big Ben*” (H. Pontet), fantasia “*Life of a Soldier*” (F. Mason), and galop “*Fox Hunters*” (Marion).
- Saturday 15 July 1893 – the band played at the Sports, Pony Racing, and Dog Show at Bedlington. The band were “dressed in naval costumes, with electro-plated instruments”.
- Tuesday 18 July 1893 – the band led a procession of the North Shields and District Co-operative Society on their excursion to Morpeth.
- Saturday 26 August 1893 – the band played at the Wingate Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society show.
- Saturday 9 September 1893 – the band played at the Humshaugh Floral and Horticultural Society show, in Chesters Park.

²⁷ Shields Daily Gazette, 7 October 1892

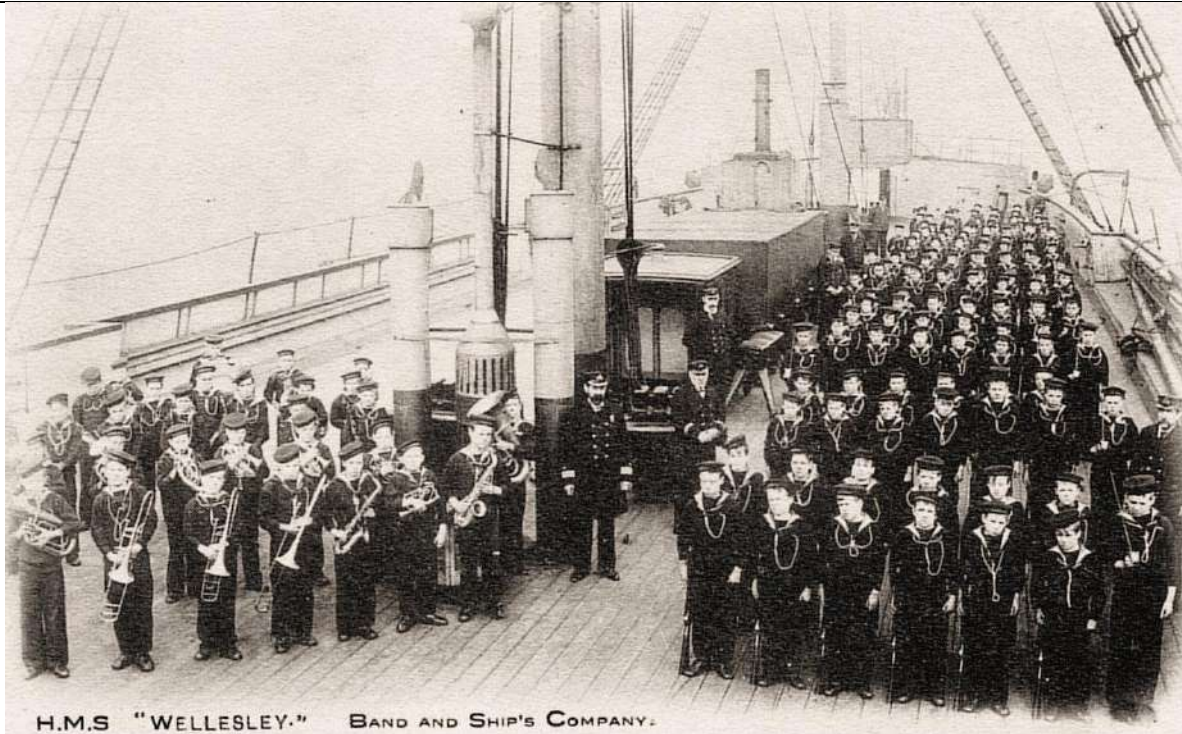


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- Tuesday 24 October 1893 – the Wellesley ship's band played at the annual tea and meeting of the Seamen's Mission, in the Victoria Hall.
- Wednesday 8 November 1893 – the band gave two concerts, at 3 and 7.30, in the Central Hall, Darlington.
- Tuesday 13 February 1894 – the band took part in the procession for the Press, Dramatic, and Musical Carnival in the Constabulary Grounds, Newcastle.
- Saturday 10 March 1894 – the band gave a concert in the Recreation Hall, Ashington.
- Saturday 12 May 1894 – the band performed during the Blenkinsop Testimonial Sports at Wallsend.
- Monday 14 May 1894 – the band played for the Whit Monday celebrations in Alston, Cumberland.
- Saturday 14 July 1894 – the band played at the Hebburn Societies' Gala and Sports at the Argyle Football Ground.
- Wednesday 25 July 1894 – the band led a procession of the Dickie Bird Society to the Town Moor Recreation Ground.
- Saturday 4 August 1894 – the band performed at the Lumley Flower Show, at Lumley Castle.
- Thursday 16 August 1894 – the Wellesley band led the procession of the Carlisle and District Band of Hope Union, to Morton Park, Carlisle. The Carlisle Salvation Army Band and the Charlotte Street School Drum and Fife Band were also in the parade.
- Saturday 13 October 1894 – the Wellesley ship's brass band gave a concert, arranged by the Barrington Colliery Brass Band, at the Co-operative Hall, Bedlington Station. Their programme included: slow march "*War March of the Priests*", song "*Tom Bowling*",

Russian mazurka "*La Czarina*", cornet solo "*For All Eternity*", gavotte "*Gwendoline*", and a medley of pantomime airs.

- Saturday 24 November 1894 – the band gave a concert at the Pavilion, Blagdon, under the auspices of the Cramlington Village Mechanics' Institute, consisting of: slow march "*War March of the Priests*", song "*Tom Bowling*", Russian mazurka "*La Czarina*", selection "*Gems of Scottish Songs*", valse "*Mein Berlin*", polka "*Jolly Blacksmiths*", selection "*Haddon Hall*", barn dance "*Happy Darkies*", and fantasia "*Life of a Soldier*".
- Sunday 25 November 1894 – the band continued their stay in Cramlington with a sacred concert in the Co-operative Hall: march "*Triumphal*" (Moulton), gloria "*1st Mass*" (Haydn), cornet solo by J. Greenson "*From All Eternity*" (Mascheroni), overture "*Caliph of Baghdad*" (Boildieu), selection "*Faust*" (Gounod), euphonium solo by P.O.H. Sherwood "*Big Ben*" (Poutet), selection "*Haddon Hall*" (Sullivan), and selection "*Orpheus*" (Gluck).
- Wednesday 29 May 1895 – the band played selections of music during the Trades and Industrial Exhibition at the Royal Assembly Hall, South Shields.
- Monday 3 June 1895 – the band played for the Whit Monday celebrations in Alston, Cumberland.
- Saturday 8 June 1895 – the band performed at the Templars' Gala at the Brine Baths, Saltburn-by-the-Sea.
- Thursday 18 July 1895 – the band played at the Northumberland Agricultural Show at Cottingwood, Morpeth.
- Saturday 20 July 1895 – the band played at the Band of Hope Union Gala, at Woodside.
- Sunday 21 July 1895 – the band led a procession of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade to their annual church service at the Seamen's Church, Mill Dam.
- Wednesday 24 July 1895 – the band gave a promenade concert on Roker Pier.
- Monday 5 August 1895 – the band played at the Wallsend Industrial Co-operative Society's Sports.
- Wednesday 14 August 1895 – the band entertained visitors to the Tudhoe Floral and Industrial Show.
- Tuesday 20 August 1895 – the band played at the floral bazaar in aid of St Peter's Church, Wallsend, at Wallsend Hall.
- Saturday 31 August 1895 – the band played at the Willington Annual Flower Show, in the West End grounds.
- Saturday 15 August 1896 – the band played at the Burnopfield Flower Show and Sports.
- Wednesday 9 September 1896 – the Wellesley ship's band played at the Wolsingham and Wear Valley Agricultural Show.
- Friday 25 June 1897 – the band played at the South Shields High School Sports, at Mowbray Road.
- Monday 2 August 1897 – the band performed at the Whitley, Monkseaton, and Cullercoats Floral Society Show, at the Rockcliff Football Field.
- Monday 16 August 1897 – the band played at the Felling Flower, Poultry, Pigeon and Rabbit Show, and Amateur Athletic Festival. Other bands in attendance were the Royal Exhibition Band and Heworth Colliery Band.
- Thursday 14 July 1898 – the band entertained visitors to the Village Fair and Sale of Work, at Whitley, in aid of the Northumberland Village Homes for Destitute Girls.
- Thursday 21 July 1898 – the band provided musical entertainment to guests at Canon Gough's "At Home", at Jesmond Dene.



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- Saturday 23 July 1898 – the band took part in the Tynemouth Lifeboat Saturday procession. Other bands involved were Amers' Royal Exhibition Band, Robertson's Quadrille Band, Katchen's Highland Pipers, and the Submarine Miners Volunteer Band.
- Monday 1 August 1898 – the band performed at the Whitley, Monkseaton, and Cullercoats Floral Society Show, at the Rockcliff Cricket Grounds, Whitley. Other bands involved were the Tynemouth Volunteer Artillery Battalion Band, Seaton Delaval Band, and Heworth Colliery Silver Band.
- Monday 15 August 1898 – the band played at the Felling Flower, Poultry, Pigeon and Rabbit Show, and Amateur Athletic Festival. The Heworth Colliery Band also took part.
- Thursday 8 September 1898 – the band played at a garden party at Stagshaw, in aid of the Newcastle Diocesan Society.

The death took place on Friday of Mr William Wigg, a well-known bandmaster, at his residence, Pen Dene, Westoe. Deceased was in his 43rd year. For many years he had been in failing health, consumption at last supervening and causing death. Mr Wigg, although comparatively young, had a useful and rather eventful career. When only five years old he was left parentless. A few years afterwards he ran away from his guardians to the Wellesley Training Ship, and it was here where he received his musical training, which afterwards distinguished his professional career. After leaving the ship at the age of 16 he became a member of Amer's Band, Newcastle. Subsequently he joined the 72nd Highlanders and was soon afterwards playing solo cornet in the band of that regiment. At the expiration of five years he went to Penzance and lived with an aunt there. He accepted the leadership of a local volunteer band, which position he filled for several years. He then married and came to South Shields, where he opened a piano warehouse. Very shortly afterwards the conductorship of the Wellesley Band became vacant and he succeeded Mr Moseley to that position. At one time he also conducted the Sours of Temperance, the Fifth Durham and the Marsden bands, but he was compelled to relinquish one post after another through ill-health. His capabilities as a bandmaster received many forms of public and private acknowledgment. His connection with the

Training Ship band lasted five or six years, during which time he brought the lads to a wonderful state of perfection, which earned for them more than local fame. Mr Wigg who had a pianoforte warehouse in Bedford Street, North Shields, leaves a widow and small family. His eldest son, who has been carrying on the business for some time, possesses exceptional musical talent. At the age of five he passed his first examination at Trinity College, and his second examination a year afterwards. As a pianoforte soloist he has won a considerable reputation.²⁸

- Saturday 2 September 1899 – the band played at the Kyo and Annfield Plain Floral and Horticultural Show, near Annfield Plain railway station.
- Friday 17 November 1899 – the band took part in a benefit concert for Miss Bessie Rignold, at the Theatre Royal, South Shields, where their contributions included the fantasia “*Reminiscences of All Nations*” (Godfrey) and “*The Soldiers of the Queen*”.
- Saturday 28 April 1900 – the Wellesley boys’ band took part in the parade at North Shields in aid of the Northumberland and Tyneside Reservists’ Fund. Other bands in the procession were: Hoggarth’s Reed Band, Tynemouth Union Band, Blyth Band, Albert Edward Operatic Band, Howdon and Willington Quay Temperance Band, Tynemouth Artillery Volunteer Band, and Edward Brothers’ Band.
- Saturday 7 July 1900 – the band led the church parade for the Tynemouth Priory Cycling Club, in Tynemouth Castle Yard.
- Saturday 11 August 1900 – the band played at the Bishop Middleham Horticultural Society Show.



Training Ship Wellesley Band, 1914 (a slightly different photograph to that above)

- Saturday 25 August 1900 – the Wellesley ship’s band, conducted by J.W. Shutt, performed at the Willington Flower Show and Sports, in the West End grounds.
- Saturday 15 September 1900 – the band played at the Langley Park Floral, Industrial and Live Stock Society’s Show.

²⁸ Shields Daily News, 22 May 1899

- Monday 27 May 1901 – the band played at the Sunderland Cricket and Football Club annual Athletic Gathering, at the Ashbrooke ground. They continued a similar performance on the following day.
- Thursday 18 July 1901 – the Wellesley band entertained the visitors and competitors at the Northumberland Constabulary Sports, in the Grange House field.
- Saturday 24 August 1901 – the band played at the Newbiggin and Woodhorn Floral and Horticultural Society Show. Their programme was: march “*A la Militaire*” (Ord Hume), overture “*The Caliph of Baghdad*” (Boldieu), selection “*The Messenger Boy*” (Caryll), valse “*Weiner Extrablatter*” (Translateur), march “*Les Zouaves*” (Clay), “*Reminiscences of All Nations*” (Godfrey), valse “*The Phonograph*” (Zieber), and march “*Mit Schvert und Lanze*” (Stark).
- Wednesday 4 September 1901 – the band took part in the Military Tournament in Lambton Park, in aid of the Chester-le-Street Mechanics’ Institute Building Fund.
- Saturday 14 September 1901 – the band performed at the Langley Park Floral and Live Stock Society show.
- Saturday 21 September 1901 – the band took part in the North Shields Lifeboat Saturday demonstration procession.
- Monday 14 October 1901 – the Thomas Edison Picture Company mounted an exhibition of animated pictures at the Royal Assembly Hall, South Shields, during the whole week. The Wellesley band provided musical entertainment each evening.
- Wednesday 4 December 1901 – the band played at the St John’s Presbyterian Church naval bazaar at the Royal Assembly Rooms.
- Wednesday 13 August 1902 – the band gave a concert on the Terrace in the South Marine Park, South Shields.
- Wednesday 27 August 1902 – the band played at the Rothbury Floral, Horticultural and Poultry Society Show, at Craggside.
- Saturday 6 September 1902 – the band entertained the visitors to the Littleton and District Annual Show and Sports, in the Park House grounds, Sherburn.
- Thursday 2 October 1902 – the band led a procession of the North Shields trades and friendly societies through the town to the Boro’ Theatre.
- Sunday 21 June 1903 – the band gave a concert in the North Marine Park, South Shields.
- Saturday 27 June 1903 – the band played at the Penshaw Hill Foresters’ Gala and Sports.
- Saturday 4 July – the band led a procession of children for the Shankhouse Children’s Annual Gala and Treat, to the Shankhouse Football Ground.
- Monday 20 July 1903 – the band played at the Berwick Amateur Athletic Society sports, at the Berwick cricket field.
- Sunday 16 August 1903 – the band played at the Whitley Cycling Club church service, at the Links, Whitley Bay.
- Saturday 22 August 1903 – the band gave a concert in the North Marine Park, South Shields.
- Wednesday 26 August 1903 – the band played at the Rothbury Floral, Horticultural and Poultry Society Show, at Craggside.
- Saturday 29 August 1903 – the Wellesley ship’s band played at the Daisy Hill Flower Show and Sports.
- Saturday 5 September 1903 – the band played at the Burnopfield Floral and Horticultural Society Show.
- Saturday 12 September 1903 – the band played at the South Tyne Agricultural Show, at Bellister Parks, Haltwhistle.

- Monday 9 November 1903 – the band took part in a concert for the Hetton-le-Hole St John Ambulance, in the Miners' Hall.
- Tuesday 15 March 1904 – the Besses' o' th' Barn Band, conducted by Alexander Owen, visited North Shields and gave a concert in the Howard Hall. The Wellesley ship's band were part of the audience, and they played their own selection at the beginning of the concert.
- Tuesday 5 April 1904 – the Wellesley band gave a concert at the North Marine Park, South Shields.
- Wednesday 8 June 1904 – the band entertained guests in the grounds of Benwell Tower, where the Bishop of Newcastle held an "At Home".
- Wednesday 6 July 1904 - the band gave a concert at the West Park, South Shields.
- Saturday 9 July 1904 – the band played at the Philadelphia Cricket Club sports.
- Friday 5 August 1904 – the band performed at the Border Union Agricultural Society show, at Kelso.
- Tuesday 9 August 1904 - the band played during the Penrith Agricultural Society show, from 2 pm to 7.30 pm.
- Saturday 13 August 1904 - the band played at the East Hetton and Kelloe Flower Show.
- Thursday 18 August 1904 – the band provided musical entertainment for the bazaar in aid of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, held on the Mission Hospital Ship, "*Joseph and Sarah Miles*", at the Fish Quay, North Shields.
- Thursday 1 September 1904 – the band played at the South Shields Flower Show.
- Saturday 10 September 1904 – the band played at the Choppington District Floral & Horticultural Society Exhibition, at Scotland Gate.
- Tuesday 3 January 1905 – the Wellesley boys' band, conducted by Mr Shutt, gave a concert, one of the Temperance Union Holiday Concerts, in the Temperance Hall, South Shields.
- Monday 12 June 1905 – the band took part in the Band of Hope Union Fete at Jesmond Dene on Whit Monday and Tuesday.
- Thursday 6 July 1905 – the band played at the Tynemouth School Athletics Sports in the Preston Avenue cricket ground.
- Saturday 15 July 1905 – the band played at the South Durham District of the Independent Order of Good Templars' Gala, in the Park at Bishop Auckland.
- Saturday 29 July 1905 – the band played at the Seaton Delaval Nursing Association Gala.
- Monday 7 August 1905 – the band played at the Whitley, Monkseaton and Cullercoats Flower Show. The Band of the Tyne Volunteer Division Royal Engineers was also there.
- Saturday 19 August 1905 – the Wellesley band performed during the Whitburn and Cleadon Floral and Horticultural Society Exhibition, at Cleadon, in the afternoon and evening.
- Friday 25 August 1905 – the band entertained visitors to the Norton-on-Tees Horticultural and Industrial Show.
- Tuesday 29 August 1905 – the band gave an evening concert in West Park, South Shields.
- Wednesday 30 August 1905 – the band played at the Spennymoor Flower Show, at Wood Vue, Tudhoe Grange.
- Thursday 31 August 1905 – the band played at the South Shields Flower Show and Industrial Exhibition.
- Monday 4 September 1905 – the band gave an evening concert in West Park, South Shields.
- Wednesday 6 September 1905 – the band gave an evening concert in the North Marine Park, South Shields.

- Wednesday 18 October 1905 – the band took part in the musical entertainment for the Grand Naval Bazaar and Fancy Fair, at the Albion Assembly Room, North Shields. They repeated this engagement on the following three days.
- Sunday 17 December 1905 – the band, and all the boys from the Wellesley ship, took part in a church service at St John's Church, Percy Main.
- Monday 14 May 1906 – the band entertained visitors, during the evening, at the Flower Girls' Mission Artificial Flower Exhibition, at the Albion Assembly Room, North Shields. They repeated this engagement on the following five days.
- Saturday 21 July 1906 – the band played during the Cullercoats Amateur Swimming Club gala, at Cullercoats Haven.
- Wednesday 15 August 1906 - the band, conducted by J. Shutt, played at the Borough of Tynemouth and South Northumberland Floral and Horticultural Society Show, at the Preston Avenue cricket ground, North Shields.
- Saturday 19 January 1907 – the Wellesley band gave a concert at the Co-operative Hall, Bedlington Station, in aid of funds for the Bedlington Colliery Wesleyan Sunday School.
- Saturday 13 July 1907 – the band played at the Northumberland Constabulary sports, at Priors Flat, Hexham.
- Thursday 1 August 1907 – the band played at the Glendale Agricultural Society show, at Wooler.
- Wednesday 28 August 1907 – the band entertained visitors to the South Shields Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society's show, at the Westoe cricket field.
- Sunday 13 October 1907 – the band provided music for the Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church, North Shields.
- Saturday 13 June 1908 – the band, conducted by J. Shutt, played at the South Shields Cricket Club sports, in the Westoe enclosure.
- Thursday 30 July 1908 – the band played at the Glendale Agricultural Society show, at Wooler.
- Saturday 8 August 1908 – the band played at the Liverton Mines Horticultural Show and Sports.
- Monday 10 August 1908 – the Wellesley boys' band gave a concert in the Amphitheatre, Tynemouth, consisting of: march "*Rajputana*" (Safroni), overture "*Latona*" (Hamm), selection "*The Carmelite*" (Cope), valse "*Gold and Silver*" (Lehar), selection "*Echoes of Songland*" (Kape), valse "*Aus Dem Hochwald*" (Kaulich), and grand march "*The King's Bodyguard*" (Moret).
- Wednesday 2 September 1908 – the band gave a concert in the Amphitheatre, Tynemouth.
- Saturday 5 September 1908 – the band entertained the crowd, with many selections of music, before the football match between Newcastle United and Leicester Fosse.
- Sunday 7 March 1909 – the band took part in a concert during the meeting of the Memorial Brotherhood, North Shields.
- Wednesday 10 March 1909 – the band played music before the football match at Roker Park, Sunderland.
- Monday 31 May 1909 – the band played afternoon and evening sessions during Saltburn Carnival. They repeated this engagement on the following two days. On the Monday there was also a brass band contest with 10 competitors, which was won by Felling Colliery Band.
- Thursday 17 June 1909 – the band took part in the procession for the Vale of Eden Band of Hope Union Demonstration at Kirkby Stephen. The Brough Brass Band and the Tebay Temperance Brass Band also took part in the parade. The Wellesley band later played selections during the gala.

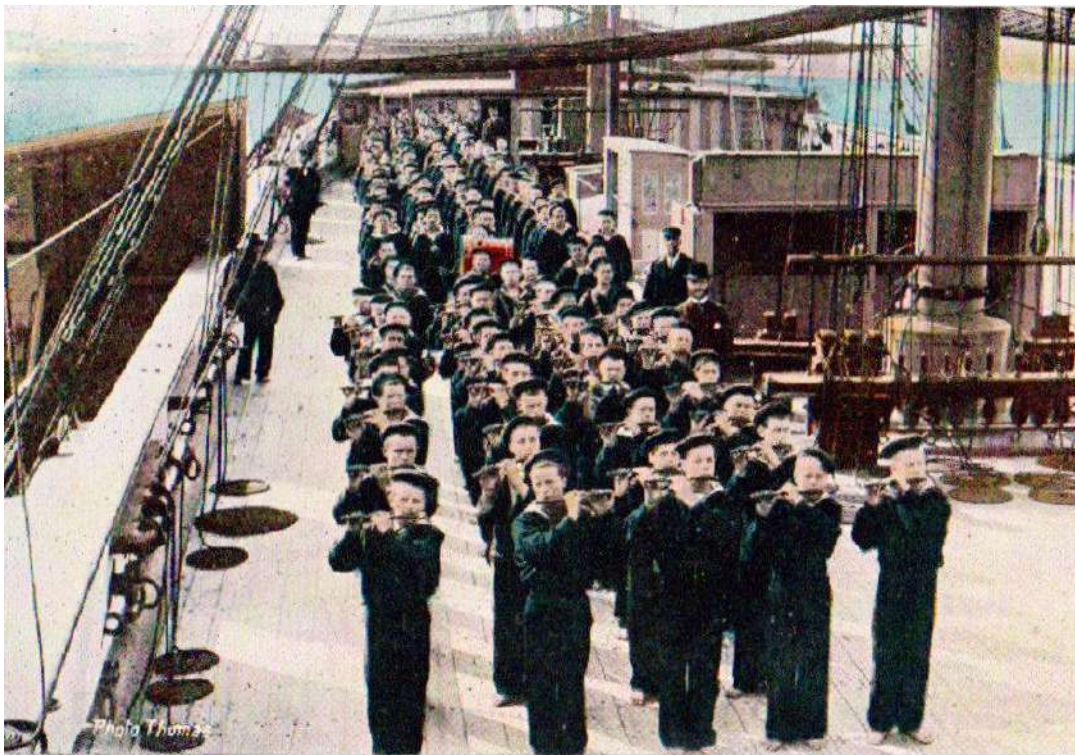
- July 1909 – the Wellesley band was engaged to provide music before football matches at St James Park, Newcastle, during the coming season.
- Thursday 15 July 1909 – the band played at the Talk'n Tarn Regatta, near Brampton. The Carlisle Subscription Band also was in attendance.
- Saturday 24 July 1909 – the band played at 19th annual picnic of the Newcastle and Chester-le-Street Division Conservative Association and St Andrew's, Elswick, Beamish, Ryton and Jesmond Habitations of the Primrose League, at Axwell Park.
- Thursday 15 September 1909 – the band entertained visitors to the St John' Church, Hebburn, Garden Party. They repeated the engagement on the following day.
- Saturday 28 May 1910 – the band led a procession for the Tyne Station Missions to Seamen through Jarrow and Hebburn.
- Thursday 7 July 1910 – the band played at the Tynemouth School Sports, at Preston Avenue, North Shields.
- Saturday 30 July 1910 – the band played at the rural fête and carnival in aid of St Columba's Mission, Forest Hall.
- Saturday 6 August 1910 – the band played at the Wingate Flower Show, where there was also an aviation exhibition by M. Leon on a Bleriot Monoplane.
- Wednesday 10 August 1910 – the Wellesley band led a procession of 4,000 children to the railway station for their treat to Boldon, organised by the Free Breakfast and Fresh Air Fund.
- Saturday 20 August 1910 – the band played at the Jarrow Harriers' Sports, at Monkton.
- Wednesday 7 September 1910 – the band, conducted by J. Shutt, entertained visitors to the Ponteland Floral and Horticultural Society Show.
- October 1910 - the Wellesley band was engaged to provide music before Newcastle United football matches at St James Park, Newcastle, during the 1910-11 season. They were paid £100 16s for these appearances.



Training Ship Wellesley on fire, 11 March 1914

- Wednesday 21 June 1911 – the band gave a concert on the Sea Banks, Tynemouth.
- Sunday 12 November 1911 – the Wellesley band provided music for the procession for Mayor’s Sunday, to the service in the parish church.
- Friday 12 July 1912 – the band played at the Newcastle Royal Grammar School sports.
- Saturday 3 August 1912 – the band performed at intervals during the Tynemouth Rowing Club “At Home”, alongside the North Pier.
- Tuesday 27 August 1912 – the band gave a concert at Springhill, Morpeth.
- Saturday 19 July 1913 – the Wellesley ship’s band provided music for the Cycling Sports at Jarrow.
- Thursday 7 August 1913 – the band, conducted by G. Bowman, played at the meeting and tea of the Northumberland Village Homes, at Monkseaton.
- Saturday 9 August 1913 – the band led a procession of Tynemouth Unionists from the railway station at Hexham to the Corn Exchange.
- Monday 18 August 1913 – the band gave a concert in Armstrong Park, Newcastle, which included: selection “*The Sunshine Girl*”, selection “*Alfresco Revels*”, intermezzo “*Little Gadabout*”, and the fantasia “*A Military Church Parade*”. The cornet soloist was W. Richardson.
- Wednesday 20 August 1913 – the band gave a concert in the North Marine Park, South Shields.
- Monday 25 August 1913 – the band gave a concert in Hodgkin Park, Newcastle.
- Saturday 30 August 1913 – the band took part in the procession for the Seaham Harbour Carnival. The Band of the 3rd Northumbrian (Co. of Durham) Brigade also took part.
- Wednesday 10 September 1913 – the Wellesley band played at the Wolsingham and Wear Valley Agricultural Society Show.
- Tuesday 27 April 1915 – the Wellesley Training Ship band, now based on land, marched to meetings at Glendale Terrace and Commercial Road, to try and secure recruits for the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Newcastle Volunteer Training Corps. Part of a city-wide week of similar marches with other bands.
- Thursday 29 April 1915 – the ship’s band marched to meetings at Albion Row and Headlam Street, Byker, as part of the recruiting exercise.
- Saturday 5 June 1915 – the band took part in the procession for the Hebburn French Red Cross Day. The Hebburn Colliery Band and the Navvies’ Band also took part.
- Saturday 10 July 1915 – the band took part in the procession for the Tynemouth Red Cross Day. Four other bands also took part.
- Monday 30 April 1917 – the Wellesley band played at the football match between Lady Muniton Workers – the North-Eastern Marine Works v. Wallsend Slipway Co. Ltd.
- Wednesday 4 July 1917 – the band gave a concert in the South Marine Park, South Shields, at the culmination of a parade of mothers and babies from the Municipal Buildings in ‘Baby Week’.
- Wednesday 15 August 1917 – the band gave a concert in Tynemouth Park, which included: march “*Viscount Nelson*” (Zehle), valse “*Where My Caravan Has Rested*” (Lohr), descriptive piece “*The Coon’s Patrol*” (Lotter), selection “*Bric-a-Brac*” (Monckton), patrol “*The Egyptian*” (Vale-Lane), two-step “*Get Out and Get Under*” (Pether), and march “*Sons of the Sea*” (St Quentin).
- Wednesday 12 June 1918 – the band played at the Tynemouth Relief Fund Fête and Carnival at the Preston Avenue cricket field.
- Monday 5 August 1918 – the band played at the Chester-le-Street Welcome Home Fund Field Day.

- Tuesday 13 August 1918 – the band gave a concert in Elswick Park, Newcastle.
 - Saturday 7 September 1918 – the band played at the football match between Durham and Northumberland at the Rockcliffe Football Ground.
 - Monday 9 June 1919 – the Wellesley boys' band led a parade of children from the St Anthony's Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Sunday Schools to their annual fête.
 - Tuesday 5 August 1919 – the band played at the garden fête at The Hermitage in aid of St Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers.
 - Monday 21 July 1919 – the band played in Blyth market place as part of the town's peace celebrations and children's day.
 - Saturday 9 August 1919 – the band led a procession of Newsham school children on their annual treat to the Blyth recreation ground.
 - Monday 24 May 1920 – the band played at the Band of Hope Union Open-Air Fête at Jesmond Dene. They repeated the engagement on the following day.
 - Saturday 6 August 1927 – the Wellesley Training Ship Band, conducted by Bandmaster Moore, played at the Rainbow Fair at Rock Hall, Rennington.
 - Monday 7 August 1933 – the band played at the 'Phunosphere of the North' at The Orchard, Corbridge.
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Training Ship. Drum and Fife Band.

Drum and fife band on an unknown training ship



Unknown training ship band



*A member
of the Brass band*

Unknown training ship band member [Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News, 24 April 1880]

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