

86th Annual September Championship Brass Band Contest

(UNDER RULES APPROVED BY THE N.B.B.C.)

JUDGES :

Mr. HERBERT BENNETT, Pollockshields, Glasgow.

Mr. HAROLD C. HIND, Mus. Bac. (Lond.), Surbiton, Surrey.

Referee : Dr. R. MALDWYN PRICE, Welshpool.

Band No. 1 will open the proceedings by playing "The King."

Order of Playing Chart.

<i>Order of Playing</i>	<i>Name of Band</i>	<i>Result</i>
.....	BAXENDALE'S (Manchester) WORKS...	.....
.....	BENTLEY COLLIERY ... ..	.....
.....	BESSES-O'TH'-BARN ... ..	.....
.....	BICKERSHAW COLLIERY ... ..	.....
.....	BLACK DYKE MILLS ... ..	.....
.....	BOLSOVER COLLIERY ... ..	.....
.....	BRIGHOUSE & RASTRICK ... ..	.....
.....	CADISHEAD PUBLIC ... ..	.....
.....	CARDIFF CORPORATION TRANSPORT ... ..	.....
.....	COVENTRY COLLIERY... ..	.....
.....	ECCLES BOROUGH ... ..	.....
.....	EDGE HILL L.M.S. ... ..	.....
.....	FAIREY AVIATION WORKS (Manchester) ... ..	.....
.....	HANWELL (London) ... ..	.....
.....	L.N.E.R. (Gorton) WORKS ... ..	.....
.....	LUTON ... ..	.....
.....	MILNROW PUBLIC ... ..	.....
.....	NELSON ... ..	.....
.....	NEW HADEN COLLIERY (Cheadle, Staffs.)... ..	.....
.....	PARK & DARE (Treorchy) ... ..	.....
.....	SHEFFIELD TRANSPORT ... ..	.....
.....	SLAITHWAITE ... ..	.....
.....	WINGATES TEMPERANCE ... ..	.....
.....	YORKSHIRE COPPER WORKS (Leeds) ... ..	.....

To enable visitors to mark their Programmes the Order of Playing will be prominently displayed at the Entrance to the Contest Hall.

After the Ballot has been taken printed slips with the Order of Playing shown thereon will be inserted in each Programme.

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R. MALDWYN PRICE.

The composer of "Owain Glyndwr" was born at Welshpool, Mont., in 1890, and was the son of T. Maldwyn Price, composer of "The Fishermen" and "Crossing the Plain" for male voice choirs. First public appearance was in 1898, conducting the Welshpool Orchestral Society in one of his own compositions. In 1907 won an open scholarship at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, where he studied for four years.

In 1911, graduated as Mus. Bac., also won a prize at the Carmarthen National Eisteddfod for orchestral composition under Sir (then Dr.) Walford Davies, who hailed him as "the Welsh Schubert." In 1917, graduated Mus. Doc. at the University of Wales, being the first student to do this. Dr. Price has been a teacher of music since 1912, at various schools in England, and became Organist and Choirmaster of St. Mary's Welshpool, also Conductor of the Orchestral Society in 1933. Has written much orchestral music, which has frequently been broadcast, also has arranged three of his compositions for Military Band, which have been played by the Guards' bands at the Shrewsbury Show.



Performers and Performances.

BAXENDALE'S (Manchester) WORKS.

5th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1937.

4th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1935.

2nd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1933.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contests, 1930 and 1932.

1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1928.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contests, 1927, 1928 and 1930.

Conductor: FRED MORTIMER.

Players—S. Knott, A. Leach, R. McLintock, B. Holding, J. Burgess, H. Nelson, L. Oldfield, A. Lonsdale, N. Redfern, G. Young, J. White, F. Greenfield, W. Monteith, H. Pearson, H. Lathrope, S. Lee, G. Berry, C. Cooke, F. Higginbottom, R. Young, J. A. Powell, J. Moss, senr., J. Moss, junr., R. Dootson, E. Bradshaw, T. Wood, P. Wood.

Bandmaster: WALTER EASTWOOD.

Secretary: A. SWETTENHAM, Messrs. Baxendale & Co. Ltd., Miller Street, Manchester 4.

BENTLEY COLLIERY.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1934.

1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest (Class "A") 1932.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1931.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1930.

Conductor: WILSON WORMALD.

Players—J. Wilson, E. Pearce, J. Cook, G. Dunn, W. Glasby, F. Wheeler, I. McNaughton, W. Radcliffe, J. Smallwood, H. James, J. Byrne, S. Gill, C. Lord, P. Clark, A. Bramhald, H. Minor, F. Clark, S. Barrass, J. Mason, H. Cartledge, T. Shaw, S. Pye, W. Bramhald, B. Jordan, J. Maxted, C. Whitelum, F. Cabbage. Bandmaster: WILSON WORMALD.

Secretary: W. MOLYNEUX, 22, Truman Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

BESSES-O'TH'-BARN.

1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1937.

6th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1934.

1st Prize Winners of Belle Vue September Championship Contest,
1892, 1894, 1920, 1931.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contests on 16 other occasions. First success, 1869.

Conductor: W. WOOD.

Players—P. Mott, H. Potts, H. Jackson, H. Oakes, H. Pyatt, W. Gladstone, H. Norbury, R. Meredith, J. Murry, W. Sutcliffe, H. Taylor, N. Gregson, A. Risby, F. Cowburn, F. Howarth, C. Entwistle, F. Wright, N. Snape, W. Whiteside, W. Blackett, S. Hardman, J. Bogle, H. Dickinson, J. McQuilton, H. Whetston, B. Kay, W. Ollerton, E. Garside.

Bandmaster: S. PYATT.

Secretary: F. COWBURN, 1, Mather Avenue, Whitefield.

BICKERSHAW COLLIERIES.

4th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1937.

2nd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1936.

3rd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1935.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1923.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue May Contest, 1922.

Conductor: F. MORTIMER.

Players—W. Clegg, C. Jones, J. Mawsley, E. Gray, N. Fishwick, W. Gill, H. G. Mather, V. Preston, W. Hart, J. Nightingale, A. Coultas, S. Rushworth, J. Mather, C. Hulse, W. Sellers, J. Gregory, M. M. Lowe, J. Palmer, J. H. Pollard, F. Wesson, P. Gill, W. Wilding, J. Wilson, W. Gregory, D. Rushworth, W. Dawler, A. Hicks.

Bandmaster: W. HAYDOCK.

Secretary: F. FOGARTY, Bickershaw Colliery, Leigh, Lancs.

BLACK DYKE MILLS.

3rd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1937.
4th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1936.
1st Prize Winners Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1935.
2nd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1934.
1st Prize Winners of the Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 15 times.
Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contests on 22 other occasions.
First success in 1862.

Conductor: W. HALLIWELL.

Players—B. Burns, O. Bottomly, F. Haigh, A. Brown, D. Greaves, B. L. MacDonald, F. Barker, H. Nelson, E. Bland, A. Oldfield, J. Wood, V. Hughes, W. L. Langford, A. Drake, T. H. Beckwith, E. Hey, J. Pinches, M. Wood, A. Jackson, R. Jones, C. Emmott, H. Avery, E. Keeton, W. Kershaw, H. Atkinson. Bandmaster: A. O. PEARCE.
Secretary: ARTHUR O. PEARCE, Black Dyke Mills Band, Queensbury, Bradford.

BOLSOVER COLLIERY.

1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1926.
4th Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1925.
2nd Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1924.

Conductor: S. JENNINGS.

Players—S. Rhodes, R. Little, M. Morris, H. Whetton, E. Boden, O. Cook, E. Morris, J. Peat, J. Day, R. Doxey, F. E. Meads, D. Cheeseborough, B. Ridgard, C. Cutts, J. W. Cooper, E. Thurlby, J. Lowe, J. Doughty, H. Wright, J. Lee, W. Boden, J. Hitchen, L. Trueman, J. Dent, G. Brown, E. Pickard, H. Hughes, A. Sinfield, B. Williams, H. White.
Bandmaster: S. JENNINGS.
Secretary: S. JENNINGS, 80, Charlesworth Street, Carr Vale, Nr. Chesterfield.

BRIGHOUSE AND RASTRICK.

1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1936.
1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contests, 1932-33-34.
1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1929.
1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1929.
Winners outright of the "Sunday Chronicle" Championship Challenge Cup.

Conductor: W. HALLIWELL.

Players—D. Scragg, F. J. Roberts, J. Peel, N. Waite, F. Wilby, D. Filton, J. Whitworth, R. Tann, T. Bradley, B. Groves, W. H. Exley, W. Kaye, L. Dawson, W. Hollas, F. Rimmer, A. H. Portrey, E. Appleyard, S. Bentley, J. Squire, J. Beaumont, F. Spencer, W. France, S. Wright, J. R. Broomhead, W. F. Shackleton, A. Portrey,
Bandmaster: F. BERRY.
Secretary: VICTOR FRANCE, Kiln Foid, Clifton, Brighouse.

CARDIFF CORPORATION TRANSPORT.

3rd Prize Winners, (Class "A") Belle Vue July Contest, 1938.
Prize Winners, (Class "A") Belle Vue May Festival, 1936.

Conductor: H. NUTTALL.

Players—G. L. Lloyd, C. H. Tylor, E. Pitten, T. Jennings, G. S. Ranson, M. L. Charles, W. Bun, A. Wrenn, H. E. Melhurst, E. Bale, L. Christopher, W. Francis, S. Robertson, L. F. Lewis, G. Lydrand, W. Stevens, A. Stevens, E. Wilshire, E. Cox, H. Nix, A. Stevens, F. Worgand, P. Bull, S. Tucker, A. Gould. Bandmaster: H. NUTTALL.
Secretary: W. FRANCIS, 8, Bishop Street, Grangetown, Cardiff.

COVENTRY COLLIERY.

1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue May Festival, 1937.
Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1937.

Conductor: G. W. CAVE.

Players—C. Hopkins, G. H. Blake, J. W. Evans, J. A. Wadsworth, T. H. Sumpter, E. Dimpleby, J. Fleming, R. Tarer, W. Harper, S. L. Dimpleby, R. J. South, E. Downs, C. Green, T. L. Wadsworth, J. Garlick, W. Finch, E. Smith, P. Barnes, G. Wadsworth, A. E. Smith, A. Harper, Roy Wadsworth, G. Hill, A. Harper, S. Evans, J. H. Harper.
Bandmaster: G. W. CAVE.
Secretary: P. V. BIRCH, 26, Bennett's Road, Keresley, Coventry.

ECCLES BOROUGH.

- 1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1930.
Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1931.
1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1923.
2nd Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1928.

Conductor: H. CLAYTON.

Players—S. Hudson, W. W. Edwards, G. K. Hodgkinson, F. Youd, A. Crompton, E. Watson, L. Nicholls, J. O'Neill, F. Deval, E. Johnson, W. France, J. Mee, L. Carter, J. Dutton, N. Fletcher, S. Carter, J. Sixsmith, R. Deighton, F. Craggs, N. Wilson, J. Atkinson, T. Daws, H. Holt, F. C. Atkinson, F. Atkinson. Bandmaster: F. C. ATKINSON.

Secretary: W. FRANCE, 9, Byron Avenue, Swinton, Manchester.

EDGE HILL (Liverpool) L.M.S.

- 4th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1934.
1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1925.
1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue May Contest, 1924.

Conductor: J. A. GREENWOOD.

Players—J. Kitto, N. Jones, W. Yates, A. Eaves, A. M. Dermott, W. Rowland, G. Dunn, J. M. Crossan, A. Steel, J. Bethell, C. Ellis, T. Ravenscroft, G. Harper, J. Foster, W. Pendleton, T. Dalton, F. Allen, E. Stephens, E. Percy, W. Kenyon, J. Bramhall, W. Young, J. Mullin, G. T. Brownbill, F. Lord, A. Sadler, A. Barber, T. Holden, A. Findlay. Bandmaster: A. ASPINWALL.

Secretary: G. T. BROWNBILL, 127, Alderson Road, Liverpool.

FAIREY AVIATION WORKS.

- 3rd Prize Winners, (Class "A") Belle Vue May Festival, 1938.
1st Prize Winners, (Class "A") Belle Vue July Contest, 1938.

Conductor: H. MORTIMER.

Players—J. Price, T. Belshaw, J. Hall, T. Fielding, G. T. Shawcross, A. Godfrey, F. Mellor, A. Cartwright, W. Wright, R. A. Turner, E. Brett, J. Healey, J. Read, H. Howarth, H. Lloyd, G. Thompson, B. J. Lockwood, C. Palmer, C. Ollerenshaw, F. Clarke, W. A. Royle, J. A. Howarth, E. Atherton, A. Taylor, W. Redfern.

Bandmaster: F. SMITH.

Secretary: F. SMITH, 7, Derby Range, Heaton Moor, Stockport.

HANWELL (London).

- Winners of the London and Home Counties Band Association Championship, 1927-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35.

Conductor: J. C. DYSON.

Players—J. Phillips, L. Burton, A. East, D. Moran, E. A. Bravington, G. Pinnock, G. Mead, H. Woods, H. G. Rand, P. Parfitt, G. Deacon, S. Smith, F. Lack, G. Slatter, R. Picton, E. Laver, J. Atherton, C. Ratcliffe, J. Vosse, L. H. Franklin, H. Wichelow, T. Hopkins, A. W. Morby, R. A. Bravington, A. Buckland, J. Brancker, F. Headlam, B. Kitchen.

Bandmaster: H. G. RAND.

Secretary: R. A. BRAVINGTON, 132, Felix Road, West Ealing, W.13.

L.N.E.R. (Gorton) WORKS.

- 3rd Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1938.
Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest 1931.

Conductor: G. J. BENSON.

Players—W. Allen, E. Chamberlain, H. Tongue, W. Mahoney, J. Wilks, J. Platt, F. Heap, N. Arundel, W. Stopford, S. Etchells, E. Heap, A. Dimelow, H. Piercy, J. Foster, G. Taylor, H. Wilson, C. Harris, R. Potter, W. Schofield, E. Hall, H. Jewitt, J. R. Donbavand, N. Cogan, P. Baron, J. Green, T. H. Dunn, W. B. Ledward.

Bandmaster: J. R. DONBAVAND.

Secretary: H. POTTER, 364, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton, Manchester.

LUTON.

6th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1937.

3rd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1936.

4th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1933.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1932.

Conductor: FRED MORTIMER.

Players—T. Boyes, J. Smith, J. Brough, W. Bubbear, C. Underwood, E. Crossland, J. R. Stanyon
A. Coupe, H. Crosby, R. Fovargue, K. J. Green, D. Philpot, B. Griffin, P. H. Wildman,
R. S. Garrett, D. M. Scott, T. Stott, R. W. Tearle, J. H. Harmer, J. Tattersall,
A. H. Furness, G. H. Crossland, R. Munro, A. W. Izzard, S. Tufnel, E. Baker, P. Henson.

Bandmaster: ALBERT COUPE.

Secretary: RICHARD W. TEARLE, 135, Wardown Crescent, Luton.

MILNROW PUBLIC.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1927-29-30-31-33-35.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1927.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue May Contest, 1927.

Conductor: J. A. GREENWOOD.

Players—H. Seddon, G. Lawson, J. Wilson, T. Barlow, N. Duckworth, W. Seddon, J. Burke,
T. Callind, G. Plaiter, W. Holden, G. H. Bollingbroke, J. Lister, A. S. Goddard, C. Todd,
E. Sanderson, T. Seddon, W. Coop, C. Rustidge, F. Percival, J. Carr, J. Hazlehurst.

Bandmaster: A. S. GODDARD.

J. Dunkerley Secretary: C. TODD, 35, Raines Crest, Milnrow.

J. Stott

J. Kay

F. Bollingbroke

NELSON.

5th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1935.

5th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1934.

2nd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1932.

Conductor: C. SMITH.

Players—C. Smith, J. Greenwood, T. Guest, T. Bancroft, L. Hodgkinson, A. Pengilly, R. N.
Tattersall, H. Howkin, W. Shorrack, S. Allen, J. Coulson, E. Rowbotham, J. Daykin,
H. Bane, H. Hargraves, H. Altham, G. Crabtree, R. Thornton, W. Imerson, H. Proctor,
V. Boothman, S. Beattie, T. Thornton, G. E. Pargiter.

Bandmaster: C. SMITH.

Secretary: A. PENGILLY, 39, Robert Street, Nelson.

NEW HADEN COLLIERY.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest, 1934.

Conductor: P. H. STARKIE.

Players—H. Shaw, A. Hazlehurst, W. Lund, T. Fitzsimmons, A. Bollingbroke, E. Atherton,
W. Cotterill, J. Oldfield, J. Murray, R. Birch, D. Bourne, J. Clark, J. Norcup,
C. Maycock, W. J. Lorcup, H. Bourne, H. Lewis, A. Hodson, J. Beech, J. H. Huxley,
R. Hope, G. Northwood, G. S. Allison, W. Pemberton.

Bandmaster: P. H. STARKIE.

Secretary: F. S. MARTIN, New Haden Colliery, Cheadle, Staffs.

PARK AND DARE.

Champions of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Association.

Conductor: W. HAYDN BEBB.

Players: O. Jones, I. Williams, J. V. Paul, E. Evans, D. Gabriel, E. Davies, L. M. Brown,
E. Coombes, T. Evans, W. Coombes, E. Richards, G. Hunt, E. Davies, A. Banfield,
R. E. Brown, E. Morgan, J. Coombes, G. Williams, G. Prior, E. J. Brooks, F. Prior,
G. Howells, G. Higgon, B. Millward, E. Hart, W. Pickens.

Bandmaster: E. MORGAN.

Secretary: R. E. WATKINS, 11, Treharne Street, Cwmpark.

SHEFFIELD TRANSPORT.

2nd Prize Winners, (Class "A") Belle Vue July Contest, 1938.

Conductor: G. W. HESPE.

Players—L. Jepson, J. Carr, J. Hardman, T. W. Jay, K. G. Davey, H. Naylor, L. V. Stacy,
G. Williamson, F. Belcher, J. V. Clark, H. Ratcliffe, W. Froggatt, H. E. Beeley,
W. Harnden, L. Darlow, G. Cowlshaw, A. Goddard, H. Pemberton, A. Tummons,
J. C. Emery, F. Knowles, W. Gregory, G. E. Witherspoon, N. Ellis, G. Hutchinson,
P. Jolly, S. Downes.

Bandmaster: G. W. HESPE.

Secretary: H. PEMBERTON, 19, Fitzherbert Road, Manor, Sheffield 2.

SLAITHWAITE.

2nd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1937.

1st Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest (Class "A") 1937.

3rd Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest (Class "A") 1936.

3rd Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest (Class "A") 1934.

4th Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest (Class "A") 1932.

2nd Prize Winners, Belle Vue July Contest (Class "A") 1931.

Conductor: NOEL THORPE.

Players—A. Wrigley, A. Lee, R. Clarke, J. France, H. Sykes, J. A. Hickman, T. Jackson, W. Garside, I. E. Bentley, W. Broadley, E. Hepworth, J. Sykes, R. Whiteley, P. Drake, F. Lonnen, H. Ellis, R. Matley, C. Cox, N. Garside, R. Dolan, S. Garside, C. Dunn, L. V. Gledhill, G. Beaumont, F. Hirst, T. Sykes, W. Beevers.

Bandmaster: J. A. HICKMAN.

Secretary: HERBERT ELLIS, 35, Grange Cottages, Marsden.

WINGATES TEMPERANCE.

5th Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1936.

2nd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1935.

3rd Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contest, 1934.

1st Prize Winners of the Belle Vue September Championship Contest—
five time—1906, 1907, 1918, 1921, 1923.

Prize Winners, Belle Vue September Championship Contests on 14 other
occasions. First success, 1904.

Conductor: W. HALLIWELL.

Players—J. Woosey, W. Birchall, F. Gee, E. Birchall, A. Sheard, W. Chadwick, G. Brod-
hurst, J. Thompson, T. Wood, W. Blades, F. Fletcher, F. Lord, L. Johnson, F. Birchall,
J. Robinson, J. Hodgkinson, H. Gregory, A. Hill, H. Turton, W. Birchall, T. Eckersley,
J. E. Ryan, C. Alldred, J. Banks. Bandmaster: J. ECKERSLEY.

Secretary: L. JOHNSON, 38, Church Street, Westhoughton.

YORKSHIRE COPPER WORKS.

4th Prize Winners (Class "A") Belle Vue July Contest, 1938.

Conductor: W. WOOD.

Players—G. Keeling, J. R. Edwards, W. Goulthorp, F. Argyle, R. Taffinder, C. E. Sanderson,
E. Hartley, J. Ford, H. Ratcliffe, T. Shackleton, W. L. Lilley, E. Pease, A. H. Whitehead,
F. T. Thompson, C. Cooling, J. Waring, F. Pickles, E. Atkinson, E. Hunter, W. Wood,
G. Banks, H. Holgate, G. Kenworth, J. K. Argyle, A. Chadwick, S. Carr, J. W. Hoyle,
W. Lambert. Secretary: A. Watson, Yorkshire Copper Works Ltd., Leeds.

CADISHEAD PUBLIC.

RESULT SHEETS.

This interesting and historical souvenir is now published in four-page booklet form, necessitating the charge of 2s. It will be found invaluable to all bandmen and band followers. In addition to useful information, it contains a

FULL LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS AT THE BELLE VUE BRASS BAND CONTESTS FOR THE PAST 86 YEARS (INCLUDING TO-DAY'S CONTEST).

The Result Sheets will be on sale in the Gardens shortly after the Judges' awards have been announced, and visitors are well advised to make a point of securing this season's special issue. To those of your friends unable to be present it is a special remembrance.

25 Years Ago

The Last Pre-war Contest.

The 61st Annual September Champion Brass Band Contest took place on Monday, September 1st, 1913, and was of course, the last September Contest to be held prior to the Great War. The following details are culled from the Official Programme :

The cash prizes were:—1st, £100; 2nd, £30; 3rd, £20; 4th, £15; 5th, £10; 6th, £5. The Belle Vue Champion Challenge Cup, value 50-guineas, was also awarded, and a Gold Medal to each of the Bands winning a prize. This Contest is noteworthy inasmuch as the first cash prize was increased from £50 to £100.

Judges:—Lieut. Charles Godfrey, M.V.O., R.A.M., R.C.M., G.S.M., London;
Carl Kiefert, Musical Director, London;
J. O. Shepherd, Musical Director, Liverpool.

These three judges also officiated in the same capacity in 1912.

The Test Piece was a Selection from Charles Gounod's Operas, and was entitled "A Souvenir of Gounod," selected and arranged for the Contest by Lieut. Charles Godfrey.

Competing Bands in the Order of Draw and Conductors :

1—Shaw .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mr. W. Halliwell
2—Hebden Bridge .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. Halliwell
3—Linthwaite ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" J. A. Greenwood
4—Crosfield's Soap Works .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. Halliwell
5—Denton Original .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" A. Owen
6—Batley Old .. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" J. A. Greenwood
7—Dannemora Steel Works .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" R. Richford
8—Wingates Temperance .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" J. A. Greenwood
9—Irwell Springs .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. Halliwell
10—St. Hilda Colliery ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. Halliwell
11—Lindley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" J. W. Schofield
12—Mansfield Colliery.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. Halliwell
13—Black Dyke Mills .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" J. A. Greenwood
14—Nelson Old .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. Halliwell
15—Skelmersdale Old .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" J. A. Greenwood
16—Foden's Motor Works .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. Halliwell
17—Bentley Colliery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" A. Gray
18—Luton Red Cross.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" W. Halliwell
19—Goodshaw ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" A. Owen
20—Haworth Public ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" J. Paley

Wyke, Coppull, and Slaithwaite also entered.

The result was as follows :

- 1—Foden's Motor Works.
- 2—Shaw.
- 3—Irwell Springs.
- 4—Wingates Temperance.
- 5—Crosfield's Soap Works.
- 6—St. Hilda Colliery.

This must have been Mr. W. Halliwell's greatest achievement, for he conducted five out of the six prize-winning bands, and also this was the fourth successive occasion on which he conducted the first, second and third. Shaw, from No. 1, must have given a remarkable performance to gain second prize, and deserves special mention.

Quips and Quavers

The 86th Anniversary of this world-renowned Contest promises to be one of the most keen and exciting of the series of this great historical event, and certainly one worthy of the memories and traditions of long-past Contests handed down to us by previous generations. We are very pleased to have with us the time-honoured bands, who have enhanced and maintained their reputation, some from further back even than the Alex Owen and John Gladney days, and also to all the other competing bands both old and new we extend a very hearty welcome on this great occasion. Every band here to-day is capable of giving a real tip-top performance—brass band music as it should be played—and the audience, we feel sure, will be "bubbling over" with interest and excitement from the first to the last. The prestige of the bands and the Brass Band World will be considerably higher following the holding of the 86th Annual Belle Vue September Championship Brass Band Contest.

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From the very commencement of these contests in 1853 the work and trades of bands engaged have been many and varied, from railway workers, mill hands, colliers, soap makers, motor builders, etc., but a modern occupation is introduced to-day by the advent of the Fairey Aviation Works Band, reminding us of the great strides the world has made in the intervening years. By the way, this Band of course has the opportunity of equalling two records—the one held by the Milnrow Public Band of winning a prize at each of the Belle Vue Brass Band Contests in the same year, and the double event of winning the First Prize at the July and September Contests in the same year held by the Batley Old and Brighouse and Rastrick Bands.

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It is several years ago since a Welsh Band appeared at this Contest, the last two being

the Royal Oakeley and the Nantlle Vale. It is with pleasure therefore that we are able to record the appearance of two Welsh Bands to-day, and bearing in mind the very difficult period which Brass Bands in Wales have struggled through, hope that this symbolises better times.

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Which reminds me that we have not had a Scottish Band for quite a considerable period, but hope the pleasure will not long be deferred.

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Music is the universal language of mankind uplifting and enriching the lives of everybody. It is inseparable from all phases of life, whether in gladness or in sadness. Since their inception Brass Bands have gradually progressed, doing a noble part in the evolution of humanity, and have firmly placed their branch of music in the forefront.

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This year's Firework Spectacle is the 87th Annual Production, and is based on an entirely new theme. We strongly advise all visitors to see Belle Vue's Brilliant New-Style—"FANTASY BATTLE"—which is staged at 9-15 p.m. together with a magnificent display of Fireworks. Nowhere in the world can a Firework Spectacle be seen on such a large and ambitious scale as those presented at Belle Vue.

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We have much pleasure in announcing that by the courtesy of the British Broadcasting Corporation the winning band of to-day's contest will broadcast a Special Concert on Wednesday, September 7th, from 9 to 9-45 p.m., the programme to include the Belle Vue test piece. We desire herewith to return our thanks and appreciation to the B.B.C. for the privilege accorded.

VETERANS' CORNER.

..... I was a playing member of the one timed famous Kingston Mills Bands, and holder of one of your Gold Medals for 1885-1886-1887.

Hyde.

Yours respectfully, J. G. HIGGS.

..... I am very much interested in this Contest, having helped to win First Prize in 1873; Second in 1874-5; First in 1876-77-78, 60 years since this year: then barred two years and won the Second Prize in 1881.

Batley.

Yours sincerely, GEO. CARTWRIGHT.

Just a line to say that I am still in the land of the living and anticipating as keenly as ever my visit to my 55th September Contest. And what a Contest! What a re-union! What memories! If any one place in the country can initiate the vitally necessary antidote to the sickening paralysis of jazz which is creeping into the mentality of young British bandsmen, that place is surely good old Belle Vue. Long may it prosper.

Cadishead.

Yours faithfully, W. H. BROPHY.

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MR. WILLIAM HALLIWELL.

For the past thirty years the outstanding conductor at Belle Vue September Championship Brass Band Contests has been Mr. W. Halliwell, and it gives us great pleasure to pay tribute here to his remarkable and successful connections with this great historical event. Mr. Halliwell first attended this contest as a visitor in 1884, and played with the Wigan Rifles in 1886.

His first appearance as a conductor was at the September Contest in 1903, when he was unsuccessful, but in 1906 he won 2nd prize with the Goodshaw Band. Since 1906—over a period of 32 years—he has never been out of the prizes, and on five occasions has conducted the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners. This is a feat which has never been accomplished by any other conductor.

Readers of the compilation "25 Years Ago" on the back page will note that in 1913 his bands won five out of six prizes. He also conducted Foden's Motor Works Band when they won this contest three years in succession 1926-27-28, and also the Brighthouse and Rastrick Band when they accomplished the same feat in 1932-33-34.

The total first prize awards to his credit at the Belle Vue September Contests are actually 17.

He also trained and conducted the Adamson Military Band, which has won a prize at every Military Band Contest held at Belle Vue, including six first prizes. They have won the Championship Trophy in 1936 and 1937, and have the chance to win it outright at this year's Contest in October.

