

Primitive Methodist Brass Bands

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The *Temperance* column lists those Primitive Methodist bands involved in the temperance movement. Over time, many bands changed their name, merged or evolved; this is shown in the *Links* column where known. Additional information welcome to the [My Primitive Methodist Ancestors](http://www.myprimitivemethodists.org.uk) website.

Band	Location	County	Temperance	Notes	Links to other bands
Aberavon Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Aberavon	Glamorgan		Active in 1890	
Audley Primitive Mission Band	Audley	Staffordshire		Current band, previous name	Audley Brass Band
Baldock Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Baldock	Hertfordshire		Active in 1875	
Barrow Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Barrow			Active in the 1880s and 1900s	
Basingstoke Primitive Methodist Church Band	Basingstoke	Hampshire		Current band, previous name	Basingstoke Silver Band
Baughurst Gospel Temperance Band	Baughurst	Hampshire	Temperance	Formed in the 1870s as a result of "revival" meetings in Baughurst, it held open-air meetings in Shyshack Lane, Heath End on Sunday afternoons. In winter a lamp was carried on a pole to give light to the musicians. It also played at Baughurst Primitive Methodist Chapel as well as at Camp Meetings and Hospital Sunday Parades. It disbanded during World War II. Albert Jacobs was bandmaster in 1900.	
Beccles Primitive Methodist Band	Beccles	Suffolk		Active in 1882	
Birchills Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Birchills	Staffordshire		Active in 1887, conductor Mr Slater	

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Bourne Street Primitive Methodist Sunday School Brass Band	Hollinwood	Lancashire		Active in the 1930s	
Bradley Street Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Castleford	Yorkshire (West Riding)			Castleford Primitive Methodist Brass Band
Bridlington Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Bridlington	Yorkshire (East Riding)		Active in 1887	
Castleford Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Castleford	Yorkshire (West Riding)		Founded in 1882. Still active in 1902. Originally formed with 20 young men of the Bradley Street Chapel who had seen the success of the local Salvation Army band	
Chipping Norton Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Chipping Norton	Oxfordshire		Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Titcomb in 1907	
Clowes Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Bristol	Gloucestershire		Active in 1894	
Cobden Street Primitive Methodists Band	Peterborough	Northamptonshire		Active in 1897	
Codnor Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Codnor	Derbyshire		Active in the 1890s and 1900s	
Compton Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Compton	Hampshire		Founded in 1888, conductor A.J. Sopp	
Cricklade Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Cricklade	Wiltshire		Active in 1891 and 1904	
Derby Primitive Methodists Band	Derby	Derbyshire			Kedleston Street Brass Band
Driffield Primitive Methodist Band (1)	Driffield	Yorkshire (East Riding)		Active in 1881	
Driffield Primitive Methodist Band (2)	Driffield	Yorkshire (East Riding)		Founded in 1906, conductor A. Marshall	

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Easingwold Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Easingwold	Yorkshire (North Riding)			Easingwold Temperance Band
Eaton Ford Primitive Methodist Brass Band	St Neots	Bedfordshire		Active in 1891 and through the 1890s	
Emsworth Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Emsworth	Hampshire		Active in 1910.	
Enfield Primitive Methodist Band	Enfield	Middlesex			Enfield Temperance Mission Band
Enfield Temperance Mission Band	London	Middlesex	Temperance	Active in the early 1900s. Formed as Enfield Primitive Methodist Band, became Enfield Temperance Band in 1904	Enfield Primitive Methodist Band
Fifehead Neville Primitive Methodist Band	Fifehead	Dorset		Active in the 1900s	
Forshaw Street Primitive Methodist Chapel	Barrow-In-Furness	Lancashire		Active 1883 1886	
Girtford Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Sandy	Bedfordshire		Active in 1891, conductor C. Norman	
Great Rollright Primitive Methodist Mission Brass Band	Great Rollright	Oxfordshire		Active in 1899	
Halesowen Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Halesowen	Worcestershire		Active in 1888	
Halesowen Temperance Band	Halesowen	Worcestershire	Temperance	Active as a drum and fife band, converting to all brass in 1884. Based at the Halesowen Primitive Methodist Church. Active through to WW1.	
Half-acres Primitive Methodist Gospel Temperance Band	Castleford	Yorkshire (West Riding)	Temperance	Active in the 1900s	
Hanborough Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Long Hanborough	Oxfordshire		Active in 1889 to 1891	

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Havant Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Havant	Hampshire		Active in 1897, conductor H. Treagust	
Hoyland Temperance Brass Band	Hoyland	Yorkshire (West Riding)	Temperance	Founded in 1891. Associated with the local Primitive Methodists	
Hucknall Temperance Prize Band	Hucknall	Nottinghamshire	Temperance	<p>Formed in 1885 as the Hucknall Gospel Temperance Brass Band, at the Butlers Hill, Cavendish Street, Primitive Methodist Church.</p> <p><i>[Newspaper report - June 29, 1898] - "The annual festival of the children's Sunday School Union took place on Thursday and proved a single success. The weather was fine, and from many windows and standards flags floated and bunting was displayed. The sides of the market were lined with vehicles full of folk who were anxious to view the annual spectacle, and pedestrians made a deep fringe round the market square. While the schools assembled, the Newark Borough Band and the Hucknall Temperance Prize Band entertained the crowd with melodies. Over 2,000 children sang a selection of hymns before they moved off in procession with their teachers for a parade through the town." (Newark - March 2 1898) - "The town was considerably enlivened on Saturday by a visit from the Hucknall Excelsior Temperance Prize Band which accompanied the Hucknall football team. The band played from the GN station to the Market-place and afterwards down to the Muskham Road Ground. In the Market-place at night the band gave an admirable concert the music being listened to and enjoyed by several hundreds of people. The band is a noted prize-taking combination and there were about 30 performers. They pitched in the corner of the Market-place nearly opposite Chain-lane and played a selection of pieces with the feeling and expression that has made them the winners of many contests."</i></p> <p>In 1904 Sam Taylor was the conductor, as he was also in 1915 by which time the band had changed its name to the Hucknall Silver Prize Band.</p>	

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Ixworth Primitive Methodists Brass Band	Ixworth	Suffolk		Active in the 1900s to 1912. An attempt had been made to form a band in the village in 1892, but that seems to have failed.	
Kedleston Street Primitive Methodists Band	Derby	Derbyshire			Kedleston Street Brass Band
Kettering Primitive Mission Brass Band	Kettering	Northamptonshire		Active in 1908	
Kilpin Hill Primitive Methodists Brass Band	Heckmondwike	Yorkshire (West Riding)		Active in 1883, conductor George Senior	
Kingswood Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Bristol	Gloucestershire		Active in 1884, disbanded in 1907. Leader J. Edwards in 1884	
Kippax Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Kippax	Yorkshire (West Riding)		Active in 1889	
Langsett Road Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Sheffield	Yorkshire (West Riding)		Active in 1889 to 1891	
Leigh Street Primitive Methodist Band	Warrington	Lancashire		Founded in 1875, conductor John Podmore to 1895, Mr Little, 1901-1903, Fred Podmore, 1904. Still active in 1909	
Leighton Buzzard Primitive Methodists Brass Band	Leighton Buzzard	Bedfordshire		Active in 1889. Based at the Chapel on Mill Road	
Lymm Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Lymm	Cheshire		Active in 1885	
Maidenhead Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Maidenhead	Berkshire			Maidenhead Wesleyan Mission Brass Band
Mansfield Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Mansfield	Nottinghamshire		Active in 1894	
Marlow Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Marolw	Buckinghamshire		Active in 1900	

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Monmouth Street Primitive Mission Band	Abbey Hey	Lancashire		Founded in 1907, conductor Mr Badcock	
Napier Street Primitive Methodist Band	Gorton	Lancashire		Founded in 1908, conductor Dan Leigh. Napier Street is now Crossley Street.	
New Whittington Primitive Methodist Brass Band	New Whittington	Derbyshire		Active in 1896	
Newark Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Newark	Nottinghamshire		Active in the 1900s - possibly evolved from the Newark Primitive Methodist Concertina Band which was active in 1891	
Newhall Primitive Methodists Brass Band	Newhall	Derbyshire		Active in 1891	
Newton Heath Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Manchester	Lancashire		Founded in 1882 at the Newton Heath Primitive Methodist Sunday School. Renamed Newton Heath Brass Band by 1888, as it was found that "some people had a prejudice against Primitive Methodists". Active through until WW1. Charles Drylance was a member in 1891 when he was sued by the band for not returning a euphonium, value £6 10s.	
Northam Primitive Methodist Band	Northam	Hampshire		Active in 1909	
Norton Canes Primitive Methodist Band	Norton Canes	Staffordshire			Norton Canes Temperance Band
Nottingham Road Primitive Methodists Band	Ripley	Derbyshire		Founded in 1893, conductor Joseph Buxton	
Pendleton Primitives Brass Band	Pendleton	Lancashire		Active in 1905	
Port Talbot Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Port Talbot	Glamorgan		Active in 1891	
Primitive Methodist Band of Hope Brass Band	South Bank	Yorkshire (North Riding)	Band of Hope	Active in 1894, conductor Mr Almond	

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Primitive Methodist Mission Gospel Band	Llwynypia	Glamorgan			Llwynypia Sherwood Mission Band
Prospect Primitive Methodist Mission Band	Sunderland	Durham		Founded in 1908, conductor Edward P. Bullock	
Radford Primitive Methodist Band	Radford	Nottinghamshire			Radford United Methodist Brass Band
Ramsbury Primitive Methodist Band	Ramsbury	Wiltshire		Current band, previous name	Ramsbury Silver Band
Reading Primitive Methodist Band	Reading	Berkshire		Active in the 1900s, conductor J. Kimber in 1907	
Ripley Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Ripley	Derbyshire		Active in the 1890s and 1900s	
Rock Primitive Methodist Sunday School Brass Band	Wellington	Shropshire		Active in 1890, conductor W. Growcott. Active through the 1890s	
Rugby Primitive Methodist Brass Band (1)	Rugby	Warwickshire		Formed in 1884. A successor band was formed in late 1890	
Rugby Primitive Methodist Brass Band (2)	Rugby	Warwickshire		Formed in late 1890, conductor R. Bottrill, secretary G. King. Active into the 1910s. Mr Ethell conductor in 1909	
Sherwood Primitive Methodist Mission Band	Llwynypia	Glamorgan			Llwynypia Sherwood Mission Band
Sileby Temperance Band	Sileby	Leicestershire	Temperance	Formed in 1888 by the Primitive Methodist Chapel. Still active in 1906. Conductor Mr Freer in 1895	
Somers Road Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Portsmouth	Hampshire		Active in 1901	
South Tottenham Primitive Methodist Brass Band	London	Middlesex		Active in the 1900s. Conductor Mr Bysouth in 1908	

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St Denys Primitive Methodist Band	Eastleigh	Hampshire			St Denys Brunswick Mission Brass Band
St Peter's Street Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire		Active in 1891, conductor Mr Aylett. Still active in 1908. Conductor F. Endersby in 1904	
St Thomas' Road Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Derby	Derbyshire		Active in 1927 and 1932	
Stanningley Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Stanningley	Yorkshire (West Riding)			Richardshaw Lane Brass Band
Stanningley Primitive Methodist Sunday School Brass Band	Stanningley	Yorkshire (West Riding)		Active in the early 1880s to the 1890s, bandmaster E.F. Wilson in 1888. Secretary Joseph W. Hollings in 1885	
Stanningley Primitive Methodist Temperance Brass Band	Stanningley	Yorkshire (West Riding)	Temperance		Richardshaw Lane Brass Band
Staveley Primitive Methodists Brass Band	Staveley	Derbyshire		Founded in 1889, instruments costing £70	
Stonebroom Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Stonebroom	Derbyshire		Active in 1898	
Swindon Primitive Circuit Brass Band	Swindon	Wiltshire			Swindon Primitive Methodist Brass Band
Swindon Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Swindon	Wiltshire		Founded in 1881, originally to "compete" with the local Salvation Army band. Active through to 1908	
Swindon Prospect Primitive Methodist Mission Brass Band	Swindon	Wiltshire			Swindon Prospect Silver Band
Syston Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Syston	Leicestershire		Active in 1897 to the 1900s. Conductor Mr Brant in 1908	
Thorpe-le-Soken Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Thorpe-le-Soken	Essex		Active in 1888	

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Tottenham Primitive Methodist Brass Band	London	Middlesex			South Tottenham Primitive Methodist Brass Band
Victoria Bar Primitive Methodist Brass Band	York	Yorkshire		Active in 1882 to 1889. Conductor Mr Champion & Mr Lea in 1884, Mr Ramsden in 1888. Also known as York Victoria Brass Band. Contemporary with the York Wesleyan Mission Brass Band	
Warrington Leigh Street Methodist Band	Warrington	Lancashire			Leigh Street Primitive Methodist Band
Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Band	Pendleton	Lancashire			Whit Lane Brass Band
Williamson Street Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Hull	Yorkshire (East Riding)		Active in 1883	
Willow Street Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Hackney	Middlesex		Active in 1899	
Wirksworth Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Wirksworth	Derbyshire		Active in 1894	
Witney Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Witney	Oxfordshire		Active in 1884 to 1888	
Woodgate Primitive Methodists Band	Woodgate	Worcestershire			Woodgate Silver Band
Worksop Primitive Methodist Mission Band	Worksop	Nottinghamshire		Active in the 1900s	
Wroughton Primitive Methodist Band	Wroughton	Wiltshire		Current band, previous name	Wroughton Silver Band
Yeovil Primitive Methodist Brass Band	Yeovil	Somerset		Active in 1913	