

Ben Simpson – brief profile of a former player

Ben Simpson was one of the original players in Grange Band that had been formed from Adult Education Centre. Ben played *Bb* bass alongside his uncle, Alf Simpson, also a *Bb* bass player.

The band (and Ben) contested in Regional and Area Brass Band Associations – including Watford & Norwich.

Ben was also part of the band that made a recording into a L.P.

Ben also had the honour of playing in the band when they played at inauguration of the Ark centre in Harwich which was opened by Princess Anne.

The band also played at local hospital fetes in the days when celebrities, such Goons cast member Michael Bentine, opened them.

Keeping the family tradition going Ben's daughter, Rosemary, joined the band as a cornet/soprano player.

Ben was also willing to help out occasionally in assisting the Harwich School band in many local functions.

Ben played with the Boxted Methodist band for while before returning, about three years ago, to Harwich Royal British Legion Brass Band to bolster the bass section.

Ben has since 'retired' from the band.

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