

## Greenfield Band Contest Report.

Brighthouse and Rastric took the premier prize by beating The Fairy Band by 2 points to win their fourth consecutive, premier title and win nine out of the past ten contests at Greenfield.

The major upset of the contest was Rochdale Youth Band who were placed a highly commendable 16<sup>th</sup> out of 69 competing bands. They beat all the Youth, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and all but one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> section bands in the process. Rochdale Youth Band was awarded £125 for being runner up in the second section and £70 and the Alan Chamberlain Memorial Trophy for winning the best youth band.

The Joe Buckley Memorial Prize for the Best Saddleworth Youth Band was won by Dobcross Youth Band.

The second placed Fairy Band also took a department prize but in between their street march and test piece they played the hymn Deep Harmony at Road End. This suitably fitting hymn was played as a memorial to Joe Buckley who passed away on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018. Joe was the Leader and Secretary of the Greenfield Contest for 43 years up to his retirement in 2014. The story goes that when Joe took over the leading the contest there were only six competing bands supported by twenty spectators and one dog. Joe left the Greenfield Contest in the strong position, just as it is today as one of the leading contests in Saddleworth.

The chairman Frank Rothwell said, "Safety of everybody at the contest is paramount, I would like to thank the people of Greenfield for following our requests which were spelt out in the Residents Information Sheet relating to the traffic management and traffic safety on Chew Valley Road."

Frank went on to mention, "This has been a very successful contest, all our committee members and new volunteers tell me they enjoyed helping in the organisation. It is a long day but this year because of our new volunteers we were all able have a break and move around and enjoy the spectacle as well as participate in the organization. Only our adjudicator, Mr Chris Wormald could not be spelled by some one. A big thank you goes out to all who got involved but particularly the young people of Greenfield for carrying the Information Boards in front of the marching bands.

Photo graphs.

Stalwart Roland Evans, Ring Supervisor.

A quiet Ladhill playing fields in between the showers.

The board carriers leading band No 69, Boarshurst, who were the last to play up Chew Valley Road.

Frank Rothwell.