

# Then and Now

There have been many hundreds of talented musicians playing for dancing in the Borders over the centuries. This comes nowhere near to being a definitive list, but it includes local bands, and those that were popular and played regularly here. The dates give a very rough indication of when the bands were at their busiest, but of course most of them played for many years.

1859	Messrs. Kennedy (violinists, Galashiels) Messrs. Cunningham & Marshall's Quadrille Band ( <i>piccolo, trombone, fiddle &amp; cornopean</i> )
1860	Mr J. McLaren ( <i>fiddle</i> ) & Mr Laidlaw ( <i>pipes</i> )
1872	Mr Tait (Ancrum)
1882	Good Templar Band Mr Inglis (Galashiels)
1883	Messrs. Bird (Melrose) Messrs. Adams Band
1910	Robert Brown (Newtown) Mr Torrie (Halkburn) Mr Swinton (Eildon) Herr Iff's (Glasgow) Mr Crossland's Quadrilles Band (Galashiels) Mr Hewat's Band
1913	Mr Hall ( <i>piano</i> ), Mr Campbell ( <i>violin</i> ) & Mr Amos ( <i>cornet</i> ) Messrs Robert Brown ( <i>violin</i> ) & Darling ( <i>piano</i> ) Mr G.R. Colledge ( <i>piano</i> ) & Signor D'Agrosa ( <i>violin</i> ) Bird's Quadrille Band Bird's Waverley Orchestra Mr J. Meredith Kay's Band
1914	Messrs Mercer Brothers (Galashiels) Tom Kennedy (Bowmont Forest) Messrs Sanders & Scott (Galashiels) Mr T.L. Blackwood, Kelso ( <i>violin</i> ) & Miss Simpson, Kelso ( <i>piano</i> ) Hewitt's Band
1915	Mr Hartley ( <i>piano</i> )
1918	Mr & Miss Brown (St Boswell's) Miss Wallace (Earlston)
1921	Galashiels Town Band Messrs. Gilchrist's Orchestra (Edinburgh) Messrs. & Miss Wilson (Borthwickhall)
1925*	Brockie's Band (Ettrick)– <i>Jim Bishop (ukelele), Jock Brockie (fiddle), Jock Buckham (ukelele) &amp; Frank Hislop (drums)</i>
1928	Paterson's "A" Band (Edinburgh) Paterson Band (Earlston)
1935*	Bobby Preston & his Dance Band
1940	Jack Proud's Band Eddie Quinn's Band
1942	Jimmy Borthwick's Band (Hawick)
1943	Simon Byers
1945*	Roberton Accordion Dance Band – <i>Jimmy Dixon (accordion), Eric Wilson (drums), Eddie Murray (button box), George Symington (melodeon)</i>
1946	Melrosian Dance Band Empire Palais Band Arcadians Band
1947*	Cogsmill Dance Band - <i>Elizabeth Beattie (accordion), Tommy Temple (drums), Andrew Beattie (accordion), John Park (button box) and Bob Hobkirk (fiddle)</i>
1948*	Davidson's Band Jed Water Band Bill Paterson's Band
1949	Teviothead Band

Sandy Anderson's Band - *Sandy Anderson (accordion), Jimmy Robson (accordion), Tom Bell (fiddle), Wat Robson Snr. (piano), Tommy Elliot (drums), Archie Oliphant (bass)*  
Will Little's Band (Newcastleton) – *Will Little (drums), Jimmy Robson (accordion), Tommy Lamb (accordion)*

1950\*

The Eskdaleonians

Jimmy Gladstone's Old Time Band – *Jimmy Gladstone (drums), Jock Thomson (button box) & Tommy Hughes (fiddle)*

1952

Jimmy Clinkscale

1953

Adam "Yid" Anderson's Band (Yarrow)

1954

Dickmans' Band

1955\*

Jim Anderson's Band - *John Kay (drums), Arthur Brown (accordion) Jim Anderson, (lead accordion), Adam Hynd (piano)*

1956

Jim Cameron & his Band (Kirriemuir)

The Clachan Dance Band

Cam Robbie

1957

The Cornkisters (Lauder)

The Parkhead Dance Band

1958\*

The Teribus Band - *Willie Riddell (accordion), Bob Borthwick (drums), Jock Borthwick (accordion), Janet Telfer (piano)*

Wilson's Scottish Accordion Band

Cheviot Ranters

Morris's Band

Border Dance Band

1959

Anderson's Band – *Sid Anderson (fiddle), Bill Anderson (lead accordion), Tony Nelson (drums), Jim Anderson (2<sup>nd</sup> accordion), Bill Spence (keyboards)*

1960

Lydalia Scottish Dance Band – *Tommy Lamb (accordion), Jimmy Lamb (drums), George Rutherford (button box), Willie "Wink" Hendry (button box), Albie Tedham (piano/fiddle)*

1961

Mitchell Brothers Band (Duns)

Jack Livingstone's Band

1962

Robertson's Band (played regularly at Broadmeadows Hotel)

Jackie Brotherstone & the Bluebells Band

1966\*

The Teviot Valley Dance Band - *Ian "Spud" Thomson, (accordion), Bob Hobkirk (fiddle), Joe Jardine (drums), Eric Goodfellow (accordion) & Albie Tedham (piano)*

1970

Kelsonians – *Greta Black (organ), Ray Ferguson (drums)*

1975\*

Almanac – *Hendry White (vocals), Bill Johnstone (drums) & Angus Oliver (button box)*

1980

The Cockburns' Band

Present Day

Lothian & Borders Trio - *John Fairbairn (accordion),*

Present Day

Tommy Herdman *(accordion)*

Present Day

David Anderson *(fiddle)*

Present Day

Marian Anderson *(accordion)*

Present Day

Judith Linton *(fiddle)*

Present Day

Stuart Anderson *(accordion)*

Present Day

Roger Dobson's Band – *Roger Dobson (accordion), Carol Dobson (fiddle),*

Present Day

Jock Borthwick *(accordion)*

Present Day

Eric Goodfellow's Band – *Eric Goodfellow Senior (accordion)*

Present Day

Stuart Adamson's Band – *Stuart Adamson (accordion)*

Present Day

Glenelvan Band – *David Scott (accordion),*

Present Day

Jim Paterson

Present Day

Gordon Brown

Present Day

Bob Liddle

Present Day

Jimmy Gold

Present Day

Dod Hutchison

Present Day

Tillside Trio

Present Day

Robert Whitehead

Present Day

Ian Lowthian

Present Day

The Galavanters