



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2018

GRADE EXAM DATES

Summer 2018 (B) Practical and ARSM exams

Closing date for **online** entry: **Friday 11 May**

Closing date for **postal** entry: **Friday 4 May**

For all instruments and grades, the exams will take place between 11 June and 14 July

BANDROOM

It was reported in the Lincolnshire Free Press that Coubro Chambers is to remain the home of Holbeach Parish Council for the foreseeable future after plans to move to the town's old library were shelved. Parish councillors voted to stay at their current offices in West End after they were told that Lincolnshire County Council was yet to decide on selling the old library in Church Street.

Coun Isobel Hutchinson, the parish council's property committee chairman, said: "The decision to stay at Coubro Chambers was based on the costs of altering the library to meet our needs and the fact that we still do not know if it will be available. Improving the site we have is the best use of our funds."

What does this mean for the Band? We don't know. The Council had agreed to sell the bandroom to us **when** they move but as they are not moving that won't apply. Our current Lease expires in 6 months time.

BAND UNIFORM

As the new season is about to start, here's a reminder of the Band uniform:

- Black from the waist down - trousers, skirt, socks and shoes
- White shirt
- Band waistcoat and tie
- Band outdoor coat
- Band hat (optional)

COMMUNITY

Holbeach Hub

Mel and Dennis represented the Band at the "Thank you for all that you do for Holbeach" buffet and gathering last Sunday at the Holbeach Hub. It was organised by District and County Councillors Tracey Carter, Francis Biggadike and Nick Worth. We were welcomed with a glass of wine and there was a lovely buffet. John Hayes MP was there as well as the press photographer. There were short speeches thanking organisations for everything they do for the town and its residents.

GOODBYE

We are sad to see Rick Tawn (Eb Bass) and Lucy Martin (2nd Baritone) leave us. Rick has hearing problems and is finding the noise in the bandroom too much for him - and he brings Lucy with him. They have been regular members of the Main Band and the Training Band since October 2016. We wish them well in their future banding.

BINGO

The band's next fund-raising bingo is on Friday 11th May. The bingo sessions raise welcome funds to help with the band's overheads. All sections of the band benefit. Help is needed to set up at 6.30, sell tickets at 7.00, serve refreshments at 8.15, and pack away at 9.30. Please help if you can.

LEARN TO PLAY WEEK

Once again we will be running the Learn to Play Week. This year it will be from 30 July to 3 August. Please help if you can; and tell your friends. It is open to all ages.

The format seems to work, but any suggestions would be gratefully received.

HOLBEACH TOWN BAND
Musical Director: Mel Hopkin

LEARN TO PLAY WEEK 2018
Now in its 17th year

30th July to 3rd August
2.00 to 4.00pm
Monday to Friday
Back Lane, Holbeach

- Learn to play a brass instrument
- Learn to read music
- Try different instruments (you do not need your own)
- Expert guidance on hand
- Display of instruments and music
- Light refreshments
- Come every day for most benefit
- All welcome from 7 to 70 (no experience necessary)
- Suitable for absolute beginners

It's FREE!

For further information:
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COMING UP

Sunday 6th May is the Moulton Chapel Flower Parade

We will be playing and riding on the back of a float.



Car parking for all participants will be available at Woodgate Farm. This is the farm at the *Southern* end of Woodgate Road, past the Village Community Centre. The organisers are asking partici-

pants of the parade to arrive at 2 pm and the procession of floats will leave from Woodgate Farm at 3 pm.

Normal uniform but have your band coat with you - it has been known to be cold and wet, although the forecast is promising!

Monday 7th May we're at the Holbeach Church Flower Festival

Depending on the weather, we may play inside the Church or outside. Please arrive by 1.30 for a 2.00pm start.

Sunday 13th May - Cowbit garden fete

This is a new job for us; we're playing at a private house.

Sunday 3rd June- Donington Park Fun Day

A return visit to one of our regulars. We play in the bandstand in Jubilee Park, Donington - always a good event - always a tight squeeze on the bandstand!

Sunday 10th June - Summer Fair at Gosberton

This is another new event. They have asked us a couple of times in the past and we have been committed elsewhere, so its good to have been able to play this year.

Saturday 30th June - Holbeach Food Festival

We have played at the food festival a couple of times but have missed a couple of years due to other commitments. We may be able to incorporate something by the Training Band/ Leaner group

Sunday 1st July - Parish Council Fayre

Again, something new for us. We do not know, yet, what is required but it will take place in Carter's Park, Holbeach

Ayscoughfee Gardens

There has been some progress on being paid for last year! The local councillor has agreed to pay all the bands involved. Our treasurer has been asked to re-submit the invoice and send it with a claim form. Keeping fingers crossed!

EVENTS LIST

Date

Event

Sunday, 6 th May	Moulton Chapel tuliptime parade
Monday 7 th May	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sunday 13 th May	Cowbit Garden Fete
Sunday 3 rd June	Donington Park Fun Day
Sunday 10 th June	Summer Fair at Gosberton
Saturday 30 th June	Holbeach Food Festival
Sunday 1 st July	Parish Council Fayre
Sunday 19 th August	TBC Music in the Gardens – Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding
Saturday 25 th August p.m.	TBC Poppy Appeal at Fenland Airfield
Saturday 25 th August eve	TBC Sezanne twinning concert at South Holland Centre
Saturday 15 th September	Last Night of the Proms at Moulton Community Centre
Sunday 11 th November a.m.	Remembrance Service at Moulton Seas End
Sunday 11 th November p.m.	Remembrance Service at Holbeach St Marks
Friday 30 th November	Tydd St Mary – Christmas Concert

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