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BANDROOM UPDATE

The County Council have indicated they will sell the library building, when vacant, for £120,000 and are 'aware' of our interest through Cllr Nick Worth. So we've now got something to hang our funding application on.

Our friendly Parish Councillor, Joan Woolard, has been looking for funding grants for us. She has made an initial application to the Arts Council for funding for the library, but that was rejected. Their reasons were:

- Level of benefit to the local arts community, wider region and audiences appeared to be limited
- No evidence was provided to show how this project would enhance artistic quality and level of engagement with both participants and audiences
- Limited detail was provided in relation to the future capital and revenue needs of the project and doesn't reference repurposing/redevelopment costs

If anyone has any idea how we can deal with these points please let the Band Officers know.

There is normally a Capital Investment grant available from the Arts Council every year which should be looked at when it opens in 2016, but we need to know how to provide the information they need.

The Arts Council thought the County Council Arts Portfolio holder might be able to help. It's the before-mentioned Nick Worth!



Note: This assumes a black tie with logo. The logo background will match the waistcoat colour!

NEW UNIFORM

Here are some coloured ideas for the logos and waistcoats. But do we want a new name? Perhaps Holbeach Brass, or Holbeach Silver Band, or Elloe Brass etc.



PARTY ON

Please join us! It's Band party time on Wednesday 30th December.

All band members (senior band, training band and learner group) and their immediate families are welcome to come. It's at the Services Club in Station Street, Holbeach (opposite the library) and starts at 7.00.

There is a bar, but please bring some food or snacks to share.

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CHRISTMAS 2015

At the time of writing this we are over half-way through our Christmas season. We have had some really good concerts (Donington Fayre, Holbeach Fayre, Donington Church and our own at the W.I. Hall).

A lot of practice has gone into playing the music; and a tremendous amount of hard work went into providing the food for the afternoon tea. Well done all.



PRIVATE LESSONS

A reminder that Mel gives private lessons to band members, in the bandroom, at a modest £12 per hour (£6 per half-hour) – about a third of the amount charged by the County Council music department.

AGM

The band's Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 13th January 2016 at 7.30. The Band's officers will circulate their reports in advance of the meeting.

We hope that parents of younger members will come along. Training Band will be at 6.30 as usual; normal senior band practice will follow the AGM.

ROTARY CLUB

Amidst all the band's carol playing, 10 members walked the streets of Holbeach going from door to door collecting for the Rotary Club.

There were 7 from the band plus 3 family members and Mike (from the Training Band) riding on the Sleigh! - great job, Mike.



FINAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Wed 16 Dec	9.00 – 10.00pm	Carols at Freemasons, Spalding – Welland Lodge
Fri 18 Dec	7.30 - 9.30pm	Christmas Concert at Tydd St Mary Church
Sat 19 Dec	10.30 - 12.30pm	Carol Playing at Holland Market, Spalding
Tues 22 Dec	6.00 - 7.00pm	Carols round the Tree at Holbeach Church
Thur 24 Dec	10.30 - 12.30pm	Carol Playing at Tesco's, Holbeach
Wed 30 Dec	7.00 to 10.00pm	Party time

It's Christmas! Instruments can be decorated with tinsel and/or Christmas lights.

Normal uniform for the concerts—with straight ties.

For outside carol-playing on Saturday mornings the uniform is winter coat with Santa hat (which we provide). For other carol-playing it is normal uniform with Coat over the top so the coat can be removed if necessary.

OTHER DATES

Sat 26 Dec	NO Learner Group or Theory	
Sat 2 Jan	10.00 - 12.00am	Learner Group followed at 11.00 by Theory Class (starting Grade 4)
Wed 6 Jan	Training Band and Senior Band resume as usual	

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