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NEWSLETTER—NOVEMBER 2015

BANDROOM UPDATE

Last Monday (9th November) Mel, Yvonne and Bev were at the Holbeach Parish Council meeting to hear County Councillor Nick Worth tell them that the Holbeach Library was moving to the Co-op Store and he was negotiating with the County Council for the Band to have the Library building for its new bandroom.

The library won't move until Spring or Summer 2016, so the Council agreed to extend the Band's lease for another 6 months to expire 30th September.

We don't know what terms will be imposed—we may be able to buy the building or may have to rent it (assuming the County Council agree). We have put a provisional application to the Arts Council for funding to buy the library. In case we get the opportunity.

So if we get the chance to buy or rent the library and if we can raise the money, we could be moved by next summer!

Fingers crossed, everyone!

REMEMBRANCE

Thanks for a another good performance at the Holbeach St Marks Remembrance Service.

We have done this job every year since the band was formed in 1971.

OK it was a bit breezy outside, but it sounded nice, despite being short on cornets.

Well done Kevin for Last Post (both times). Nicely played!



PARTY

Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas Party. Everyone welcome—senior band, training band and learner group.

It's on Wednesday 30th December at the Services Club in Church Street, Holbeach.

Family members are welcome. Please let us know if you are coming by filling in the form in the bandroom.

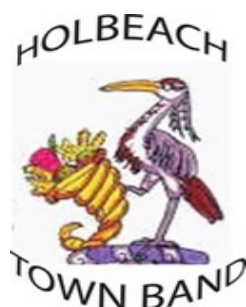
Donations of food would be very welcome.

NEW UNIFORM AND LOGO

We have received some grants to help us with new uniform and music stand banners.

The plan is for the new uniform to comprise purple coloured waistcoat with a straight tie.

There will be a new logo on the waistcoat and on the music stand banner. Suggestions for the new logo have been circulated: the front runners are -



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LEARNER GROUP

Good progress is being made. Well done all. Don't panic if others seem to be progressing faster — everyone progresses at a different pace.

With Christmas coming up, the times of the Learner Group will change. The Band is out playing carols every Saturday morning.

All the meetings in December will be at 2.30pm until 3.30pm. **Except, there will be no meeting on 5th December because the band is out that afternoon as well!**

If possible you need to keep coming every week, and you need to practice every day.

And please come to the Party! And bring

TRAINING BAND

Traditionally, we invite Training Band members to join us for our carol-playing events.

So please join us at Sainsbury's, Spalding on 5th December, Holland Market, Spalding on 12th and 19th December, and at Tesco Holbeach on 24th December.

COLLECTORS

Collectors are very important when we play carols. Please ask a family member or friend if they will help. It makes a tremendous difference to the amount we collect.

CONCERT

HOLBEACH TOWN BAND
presents a
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
with afternoon tea
at the **W.I. Hall, Holbeach**
on **Sunday 13th December**
from **3pm to 5pm**

Tickets **£5** (children **£3**)
Available from Band Members
and from LGYM -
LetsGetYouMoving, Holbeach
Price includes afternoon tea

For further information
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Please help with refreshments. We have tickets for sale in the bandroom.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sun 29 Nov	12.00 - 2.30pm	Donington Christmas Fayre at Thomas Cowley School, Donington
Sat 5 Dec	10.30 - 12.30pm	Carol Playing at Sainsburys Spalding
Sat 5 Dec	3.15 - 3.45pm	Carols at Band's Christmas Bingo
Sun 6 Dec	3.00 to 4.00pm	St Nicholas Fayre at All Saints' Church, Holbeach
Mon 7 Dec	9.00 – 10.00pm	Carols at Freemasons, Spalding – St Godric Lodge
Tues 8 Dec	5.00 – 8.00pm	Helping Holbeach Rotary with their street collection
Fri 11 Dec	7.30 - 9.30pm	Christmas Concert in Donington Church
Sat 12 Dec	10.30 - 12.30pm	Carol Playing at Holland Market, Spalding
Sun 13 Dec	3.00 - 5.00pm	Christmas Concert (with afternoon tea) at W. I. Hall
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
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.

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