



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

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QUEEN'S 90TH



We had a good band playing for the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon in Holbeach for the Queen's 90th Birthday on 21st April.

We had a number of absences due to work and holidays. Adam Wilson joined us to support the solo cornets. We had no Trombones or drums - thanks to the euphoniums and baritone for covering the trombone.

We played incidental music for half an hour before the beacon was lit at 7.30. We played a fanfare (Fanfare Britannica) then the National Anthem at 7.30. The Beacon was then lit and a message read from Prince Charles. After this we played Happy Birthday - half way through it was announced that we would play Happy Birthday, so we got to the end and played it again.

We restarted with appropriate music - the Trios from Pomp and Circumstance numbers 1 and 4, Fame and Glory March, Jupiter, Excerpt from Fantasia on British Sea Songs, and Lovely Jubilee.

Lots of good comments from the large audience.



NEW UNIFORMS

The waistcoats and ties have arrived. The banners have been ordered. Thanks to the Waynefleete Charitable Trust we've just got additional funding to buy new hats/caps with the new logo.

MUSIC CAFE

Our Music Cafés have been very successful. We started them in April last year and had another in July. We had our first of this year on 3rd April and it was equally successful.

Band members, family and friends made cakes to sell, served in the cafe and washed up/cleared up.



We had a table of cakes to sell; and a separate table with various instruments for visitors to try. There were tables and chairs for the visitors. And the band played for two hours, and ate cake!



New for this year - the Learner Group and the Training Band each played for 15 minutes. They did an excellent job supported by members of the senior band.

BANDROOM

Not much to report this month. Funding seems to be dependent on us finding local community groups to share the library with us. We have been discussing a joint venture with a local organisation but that is unsuccessful. Let us know if there are organisations looking for a home.

MUSIC GRADES

For those doing their Music Grades, the closing date for online entry for the Summer exams is Friday 6th May. The practical exams, in this area, are likely to be in early July; the theory exam will be on 18th June.

Training sessions for the exams are available from the Musical Director by arrangement.

Music Theory lessons are continuing on Saturday mornings and have now reached Grade 5

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ENGAGEMENTS

Springfields 50th

We have been invited by Springfields to play in the Gardens on 30th April for their 50th Anniversary.

Band members will need passes for cars and passengers for this event - they will be issued at band practice.

Parking, and entry, will be the grassed area to the side of Springfields Exhibition Centre, Camelgate

The performance area will be in front of the new Craft Café (formerly the Play Barn) within the gardens.

We will have guest players to cover for members away due to holidays/work. We will need some help taking the drum kit and timpani to Springfields. Can anyone help with a van or trailer?

Moulton Chapel Flower Parade

A return visit to Moulton Chapel for their annual flower parade on 1st May. 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 ask participants to arrive at 2 pm and the procession of floats will leave from Woodgate Farm at 3 pm.

Holbeach Flower Festival

Another regular event is the Holbeach Flower Festival where we will be playing on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May.

If the weather is fine, we will play on the grass outside All Saints Church; if it is wet we will play inside the Church.



EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sat 30 April	2.00 - 4.00pm	Springfields Gardens 50th Anniversary
Sun 1 May	2.30 - 4.30pm	Moulton Chapel Tuliptime Parade
Mon 2 May	2.00 - 4.00pm	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sun 5 June	2.00 - 4.00pm	Fun in the Park, Jubilee Park, Donington
Sun 26 June	2.00 - 4.00pm	Concert in Ayscoughfee Gardens Spalding
TBC Sat 3 Sept	TBC	Last Night of the Proms concert at Algarkirk
TBC Sun 25 Sept	2.00 - 4.00pm	Cowbit Flower Festival
Sat 15 Oct	7.30 - 9.30pm	Concert at Crowland Abbey
Sun 13 Nov	2.30 - 4.00pm	Remembrance Service at Holbeach St Marks
Fri 2 Dec	7.30 - 9.30pm	Christmas Concert at Tydd St Mary Church

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