



# HOLBEACH TOWN BAND NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2017

## OPEN DAY

We opened the Bandroom from 11.00am to 3.00pm on 11th April for visitors to meet band members and to try out brass instruments. We had a good turnout of members from the main band, training band and learner group and played some good music - including some very difficult music! We had a few visitors and the promise of new members joining our learner group or starter group.

## CARTER'S PARK

The Holbeach Parish Council held a ceremony on 22nd April to officially open the new outdoor Gym in Carter's Park; they only decided to do this at the last minute (because they did not know when it would be ready). It was deemed an appropriate occasion since it was St. George's Day and the Holbeach Scouts were holding a parade at the same time to end at Carter's Park.

In view of the short notice, we had a reduced band. We were due to play for 15 minutes before the opening ceremony at 1.30; the ceremony would last 15-20 minutes and then



we would play again. We duly started at 1.15 and played 2 pieces during which the scout parade arrived. The senior scout then asked us to stop while he spoke to the parade. At 1.30 nothing seemed to be happening, so we played another piece - while we were playing a councillor cut a ribbon on the gym equipment and the ceremony was over! When we finished the piece, it was all over and the small crowd dispersed. We played another couple of pieces and called it a day.

## ROADWORKS

We have had formal notification from the Lincs County Council that work is about to start on a new roundabout at Peppermint Junction, where the A151 (link road from Spalding Road) joins the A17. The junction is to become a roundabout - the work is due to take 10 months. There will be no restrictions on the A17 during the day (6am to 7pm) except reduced speed limits and narrowed lanes. At night there will be traffic signals.

There will also be a new roundabout on the A151 (to give access to a new housing development and a new Enterprise Zone).



## MUSIC TO LEARN BY - PART 2

Learning to play a brass instrument is all about practice – you need to play as much as possible. One way to progress is to play music by grade, starting at Grade 1 and progressing through to Grade 8, whether or not you actually take the exams for those grades.

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) publish collections of music called Shining Brass - Book 1 has music for grades 1 to 3 and Book 2 has music for grades 4 and 5. The music is suitable for all brass instruments and comes with a CD. The music can be bought from Amazon or directly from ABRSM.



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## COMING UP

We have our usual May Weekend events - the Moulton Chapel Flower



Parade on Sunday afternoon 30th April, and the Holbeach Flower Festival on bank holiday Monday 1st May.

The Moulton Chapel Parade sets off from Woodgate Farm (past the Community Centre on Woodgate Road) at 3.00pm but we need to meet there at 2.00pm. The Parade goes through the centre of the village, turns around and

returns to the starting point. We anticipate having the same canopied trailer as previous years, so we should keep dry.

The Holbeach Flower festival is based at All Saints Church Holbeach. If it's a nice day we will play on the grass outside, but otherwise



we will play inside the church.

We have another Flower festival on the next bank holiday (29th May) when we are play-

ing at St Mary's Church, Whaplode. It's a few years since we played there so it will be nice to return.

On 4th June we are making our regular visit to the bandstand at Jubilee Park, Donington. Their annual event was called a Fun Day in previous years but is now a Summer Fayre



## EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sun 30 April	2.30 to 4.30pm	Moulton Chapel Flower Parade
Mon 1 May	2.00 to 4.00pm	Holbeach Flower Festival
Mon 29 May	2.00 to 4.00pm	Flower Festival at St Mary's Church Whaplode
Sun 4 June	2.00 to 4.00pm	Summer Fayre, Jubilee Park, Donington
Sun 11 June	1.30 to 3.30pm	Open Farm at Oldershaw's, Weston
Sat 1 July	2.00 to 4.00pm	Military & Vintage Rally at Anglia Motel
Sat 8 July	2.00 to 4.00pm	Gosberton House Fete
Mon 31 July to Fri 4 August	2.00 to 4.00pm	Learn to Play Week
Sun 20 August	2.00 to 4.00pm	Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding
Sat 2 September	2.00 to 4.00pm	Military Event at The Green, Hunstanton

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