

# HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

## NEWSLETTER—AUGUST 2016

### LEARN TO PLAY

We had a successful week in 2016. We had an average of 12 learners each day with a total of 20 learners over the 5 days, Monday to Friday 1st to 5th August, although some only came one day.



Following the week, we have 5 new players - 1 has moved straight to the Training Band, another to the Learner Group; the other 3 are in our new Starters group. We have, since, had another starter join us.

Many thanks to the band members who came to help over the week.

So, we now have 4 bands:  
Holbeach Town Band (meet 7.30pm on Wednesdays)

Holbeach Victoria Training Band (meet 6.30pm on Wednesdays)

HTB Learner Group ('Fledglings?') (meet at 10.00am on Saturdays)

HTB Starter Group ('Hatchlings?') (meet at 11.00am on Saturdays)

This gives us the ability to place new members in a group more suited to their abilities.

### BANDROOM

Mel and Yvonne (accompanied by Bev and Stephanie) gave a presentation to the Parish Council meeting on 8th August. This is an extract from the Minutes of that meeting:

#### 7. *Holbeach Town Band*

*A presentation was given by Holbeach Town Band and the difficulties it had experienced in finding new premises with enough room and storage space following the Parish Council not renewing a long term lease with them and giving notice to vacate by the end of September 2016.*

*They had raised £15,000 towards capital funding, which fell short of the cost of the forthcoming vacant Library premises prices, (£120,000 to buy or £10,000 per annum to rent).*

*The Town Band offered the Parish Council two propositions:*

- (a) Could they remain in the current premises and offer a substantial increase in rent, £750 to £1000 per annum*
- (b) Could they purchase the existing building, but to bear in mind they only had £15,000 in hand.*

*It was proposed to have the Town Band on the September agenda to discuss. Agreed.*

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 12th September 2016, at the Methodist Church Hall, Albert Walk, Holbeach at 7pm. A presence by the Band would be helpful!

### BAND PRACTICES

Please do your best to get to practices on time. Practices for all bands will start as close as possible to the appointed time, so you should arrive 5 minutes before to get ready.

We have had a lot of absences during the summer months due to holidays etc. For a couple of weeks nearly half the main band were absent. We have a busy time coming up; please do your best to get to practice.

#### **Please note:**

**17th September - NO starter group**

**1st October - NO starter or learner groups**

**5th October - NO Training Band**

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### BINGO

The Band's monthly Bingo sessions are a major source of additional funding. They are usually held on the 2nd Friday of the month. The Bingo sessions are run by Brian and Diane with help from band members and supporters. We arrive at 6.30 to set up the tables and chairs; from 7.00 to 7.30 we sell bingo tickets and raffle tickets; at half time (approx 8.15) we serve tea and coffee; then wash up; at the end (approx 9.30) we clear away the chairs and tables. The next one is on 9th September. Please come and help at the W.I. Hall.

## COMING UP A BUSY SEPTEMBER!

### Last Night of Proms

Concert at Woodlands Farm, Wash Rd, Algarkirk, Boston PE20 2DN on Sunday 4th September. Playing from 3.00 to 4.30 with a short break.

The farm is a few miles north/north-west of Fosdyke



**Family Fun Day**  
**Sunday 4th September 2016**  
**12 noon - 4.30 pm**  
**Woodlands Farm, Wash Road,**  
**Kirton PE20 2DN**  
 Gates open at 12 noon for picnickers  
 (Bring your own food & drink)

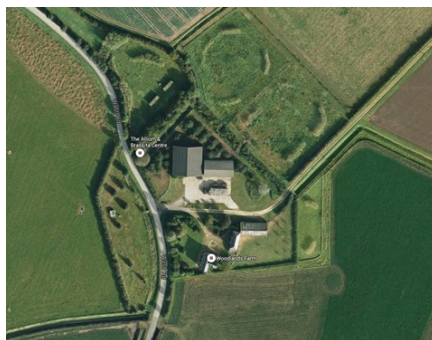
**Walking Tour of the Farm**  
 1.30 - 2.30 pm

### Last Night of the Proms

Concert by  
 Holbeach Town Band 3 pm  
 Refreshments available



Admission at the gate: Adults £8, Senior Citizens £7, Children £4  
 Family (2 adults & 2 children) £20  
 Proceeds to St. John's Church Weston Hill  
 For more information ring Viv on (01775 766907 or Sally (01775 760352)



### Directions:

From Holbeach, turn right on the A17 onto Wash Road immediately after Fosdyke Bridge.

Use a satnav to PE20 2DN – it takes you a mile or so to the South (Fosdyke) of the farm.

Further details are on the Band's website and on Crowland Abbey's website.

### Holbeach Primary Academy

On 17th September we are playing for the opening of the Autumn Fayre at 12 noon and playing again during the Fayre.

### Cowbit Flower Festival.

We played a short concert at Cowbit Church last year for the inauguration of their new church clock. We had no chairs and stood among the grave-stones!

We are back this year for a formal concert as part of their flower festival.



### Crowland Abbey

A return visit to Crowland for an evening concert in the Abbey on Sunday 16th October

Always a lovely venue—not one to be missed!

## EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sun 4 Sept	3.00 - 5.00pm	Last Night of the Proms concert at Woodlands Farm, Algarkirk
Sat 17 Sept	12.00 - 4.00pm	Holbeach Primary Academy Fayre
Sun 25 Sept	2.00 - 4.00pm	Cowbit Flower Festival
Sun 16 Oct	7.30 - 9.30pm	Concert at Crowland Abbey
Fri 11 Nov	7.30 - 9.30pm	Poppy Appeal Concert at South Holland Centre
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
Sat 3 Dec	7.30 - 9.30pm	Spalding Parish Church (Gentleman's Society and Ayscoughfee Hall)
Sun 4 Dec	1.00 - 3.30pm	Holbeach St Nicholas Fayre

Carol playing on 3rd, 11th, 17th and 24th December.

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