



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2019

AUGUST EVENTS

Learn to Play

Learn to Play week finished on 2nd August. This was not the most successful of weeks!

We had 8 new learners during the week - 4 of them only came once and the other 4 were all from the same family!



The good news is that one of them has joined our Saturday morning Learner Group. Also 2 members who started last year came to help and both made good progress during the week.

For the future we need to consider whether to continue these Learn to Play Week's or if there is a better way of attracting new learners. All suggestions gratefully received!

Cowbit fete

On 31st August we went to Cowbit playing field for the village garden fete. We had a smaller band than usual but it was well balanced and we were well received.



There was not a lot of parking space in Parkin Road but we managed!

The weather was tricky with strong gusty wind so keeping music on stands was difficult. Fortunately the rain kept away apart from a bit of drizzle.



MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- Correct uniform is compulsory at all band events! Anyone turning up with incorrect clothing may be prevented from playing - this will be raised at the next band meeting.
- A reminder that your music must be returned to the bandroom if you are absent from practice; and must be made available if you are absent from engagements.
- Please remember to take your music and music stand to engagements; we will no longer take a large quantity of music stands!
- Please make sure your music is in order *before* every performance!

BINGO

The next bingo is on Friday 13th September. The bingo sessions raise welcome funds to help with the band's overheads. All sections of the band benefit. Help is needed to set up at 6.30, sell tickets at 7.00, serve refreshments at 8.15, and pack away at 9.30. Please help if you can.

Please donate raffle prizes for the Bingo's raffle. A box is provided in the bandroom.

PAUL'S BBQ

A few band members went to Paul Sayers' home for a barbecue. Thanks, Paul, very tasty.



COMING UP

On 14th September we have a Last Night of the Proms concert at the Elizabethan Centre, Whaplode Drove. This is going to be one of the biggest and best concerts we have done in recent times. Tickets are selling well, so get yours now!

We are delighted to have local singer Sharon Bingham joining us to lead the singing.



CHILD PROTECTION

We have joined Brass Bands England to take advantage of their BandSafe scheme and to comply with the Child Performance Licensing legislation

We have updated our safeguarding policy and have prepared a whistle-blowing policy and an anti-bullying policy. We have also prepared a new membership form (to include medical problems such as allergies and medication) and a code of conduct. And we have updated our procedures to include a code of conduct and a risk assessment before every job. These Policies and Procedures will need formally adopting at the next Band Meeting.

We need to update DBS checks (Disclosure and Barring Service) on everyone involved with children, including chaperones. We would like as many adults as possible to have the DBS check, even if they have been checked in their employment. This also applies to parents of younger members.

These checks are free through Brass Bands England, and we have a supply of forms

MUSIC GRADES

For those taking their ABRSM grades the closing date for the Autumn exams is 27th September. The Theory exam will be on 6th November; the Instrument exams will be between 4th November and 7th December. Application forms are available in the bandroom.

EVENTS LIST

Date	Event	Arrive	Start
Saturday 14th September	Last Night of the Proms, Whaplode Drove	6.45pm	7.30pm
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Sunday	2.30pm	2.45pm
Friday 6th December	Tydd St Mary Church	6.30pm	7.00pm

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