



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

Enjoying Brass Banding in Holbeach since 1971

Golden Anniversary
(1971 - 2021)

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2022

EVENTS IN AUGUST

Mon 1st to Fri 5th August - Learn to Play Week

We had a busy week at the start of the month. Back to the old ways - we invited learners to come along every afternoon for a week. In fact only one managed to come every afternoon; some came once and didn't return.

As usual there was a range of abilities! But we came away with 8 new members - 4 have joined the 10.00am starter group and 4 have joined the 11.00am learner group.



LATEST NEWS

Bandroom: Redecorating the bandroom is proceeding thanks to Graeme Stroud. We hope to get back there for rehearsals soon.

History: Tim May has found a reference to Holbeach Town Band in Gosberton's Past Times magazine which had a report from 1926 of Gosberton's Summer Fete which said "the Holbeach Town Band played selections throughout the day".

Practices: We have had some very low attendances at practices this summer, caused by holidays etc. We also had to go back to the bandroom one evening when water works prevented access to the W.I. Hall. It was good to see some members return during the holidays - Corey from the Royal Marines and Amelia and Hannah from universities.

COMING UP

Sun 2 October - Last Night of the Proms

This will be a Sunday afternoon fund-raising concert at the W.I. Hall. This will be a traditional Last Night of the Proms style concert with all your favourite pieces. It was originally planned to raise funds for treatment for Graham Walters (son of Linda, brother of Martin and uncle of Toby); unfortunately Graham has passed away - we will be discussing with his family where best to donate the proceeds of the concert.

Sun 9 October - Autumn Fair at Crowland Abbey

A return visit to Crowland Abbey for their autumn fair which has replaced their Christmas fair

Sun 13 November - Remembrance

We are booked to return to Holbeach St Marks for their Remembrance Service. We have also been invited by Holbeach to take part in their parade but this is at the same time as Holbeach St Marks so, unfortunately, we have had to decline.

Fri 2 December - Christmas Concert at Tydd St Mary

Another regular! A return visit to St Mary's Church Tydd St Mary. We are always made welcome and they serve magnificent home made soups during the half time break

Sun 11 December - Christmas Concert at St Mary and St Nicolas Church Spalding

This is a new concert for us. It will be a delight to play in this wonderful church.

Fri 16 December - Christmas Concert at Holbeach Methodist Church

A return visit to our local Methodist Church. Nice to be invited back after our successful concert there in July

WELCOME

Welcome to Mike Angus who will soon be joining us on Eb Bass. Mike's wife is the Priest in Charge of Holbeach Parish. Mike currently plays with Alford Silver Band and has come to some practices. We hope to see him at future concerts.

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