



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2016

CHRISTMAS

We have had an excellent Christmas period with 3 concerts and lots of carol-playing. We had 3 fewer events than last year - we did not play at Donington Fayre or Church and did not have a Christmas Music Café (although that will take place at the end of January).

Our first concert was at Tydd St Mary Church. We played a selection of Christmas songs among the carols. Refreshments at half time included a wonderful choice of home-made soups. An enjoyable concert with an enthusiastic audience



We also played Christmas music at Holbeach Church's St Nicholas Fayre. The Church was filled with stalls and we were more background music.



Our final concert was at Holy Trinity Church, Holbeach - a very pleasant return visit (after a couple of years). Initially the Church wanted some unusual carols which we did not have. Our MD acquired the piano parts and created 4-part arrangements of them. The Church then changed its mind and reverted to the more usual carols.

SIMPLY HAVING A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS TIME

The priest also told us in the week before the concert that he wanted the band's musical items to be restricted to Christmas hymns with nothing secular. This caused a bit of an issue as we had expected to play the same programme as at Tydd St Mary. But it went very well and the congregation enjoyed it.



We played carols at local supermarkets (Sainsbury, Morrisons and twice at Tesco). We had good turnouts and a good balanced sound - and a lot of positive comments from passers by. Many thanks to our collectors who are crucial at this time of year.



We also played carols at the Band's fund-raising bingo, at the Masonic Hall for the Welland Lodge, at Crowland Abbey Fayre, and around the tree at Holbeach Church.



PRACTICES

Learner/Starter Groups

Practices restart on 7th January.

Main Band/Training Band

Practices restart on 4th January.

AGM

Wednesday, 11th January, is the Band's AGM at 7.30pm. It is hoped the meeting will be over in half an hour - reports by the officers will be circulated before the meeting. All members (including training band, learner and starter groups, and parents of younger members) are encouraged to come along.

The Band's Officers are appointed at the meeting. We have some vacancies to fill! Please put your name forward if you can help - some posts could be filled by members of the Training band or Learner groups or by non-players.

We have to appoint chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, musical director, fund-raiser, librarian, uniform person, band manager

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COMING UP

Music café

Our Music Cafés at the W.I Hall in Park Road, Holbeach are always very enjoyable and successful. We are planning another one at the end of January.

We hope Band members, family and friends will help by making cakes to sell, serving in the cafe and washing up/clearing up.



There will be a table of cakes and tea/coffee to sell; and a separate table with various instruments for visitors to try.

This one will be a Sunday afternoon and the learner group and the Training Band will be playing pieces of their own.

BAND PARTY

When the Music Café is over the party will start.

All band members (senior band, training band, learner groups) and their families are welcome to come along.

Bring food and drink to eat and share.



BAND MUSIC

Gratfeul thanks to the Band members who went to the bandroom over Christmas to sort out the music folders. Last year's concert pieces have been removed and replaced by music for the new season, including some exciting new pieces.

The music folders are now numbered. A list of all band members and their folder number will be on display in the bandroom - please only use your own folder! It is your responsibility to keep your music in order.



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND
presents
THE MUSIC CAFE
at the W.I Hall, Holbeach
on Sunday 29th January 2017
from 3 pm to 5 pm

- Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a cake (or 2).
- Players and Learners will give demonstrations of their instruments throughout the afternoon
- There will be instruments for you to try under expert guidance

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EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Wed 11 January	7.30pm	Band's AGM
Fri 13 January	6.30 to 9.30pm	Band fund-raising Bingo
Sun 29 January	3.00 to 5.00pm	Music Café at WI Hall Holbeach
Sun 29 January	6.00pm onwards	Band Party
Tues 31 January (TBC)	12.00 to 1.00pm	Art on Lorries at Springfields
Sun 30 April	2.30 to 4.30pm	Moulton Chapel Flower Parade
Mon 1 May	2.00 to 4.00pm	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sun 4 June	2.00 to 4.00pm	Fun in the Park, Jubilee Park, Donington

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