



# HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

*Enjoying Brass Banding in Holbeach since 1971*

Golden Anniversary

(1971 - 2021)

## NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2025

### DECEMBER EVENTS

#### 5th December - Concert at Tydd St Mary

Our annual trip to St Mary's Church in Tydd St Mary for our carol concert. The weather was not kind to us! There was very heavy rain as we arrived. Unfortunately there is very limited parking at the church, and we had three cars/vans full of percussion equipment. Some of us made several trips to carry the percussion into the church along the poorly lit church path - and got saturated!! The church was full, despite the weather.



The church provides a selection of delicious soups at half time. The church was caught out by the number of people attending and ran out of soup!

We had 5 guest players, Martin and Philip on solo cornet, Denise on horn and Dale on Trombone. And Hannah returned home to sit in for her mother on flugel horn



### OFFICERS

Musical Director	Mel Hopkin
Chairman	Neil Simons
Secretary	Bev Davey
Treasurer	Claire Stroud
Band Manager	Neil Simons
Welfare Officer	Zoe Holdsworth

### COMING UP

Sat 3rd January - Learner Groups restart

Wed 7th January - No practice (Band meal!!)

Wed 14th January - Main Band and Training Band return  
- also Band AGM at 7.00pm

### GOODBYE



We are sorry to say goodbye to our drummer Filip Galkowski who joined us in 2022 aged 12. He has progressed very well since joining us but this is his GCSE year and, with his many other activities, he has decided to leave.



### CAROLS

We had an interesting time playing carols:

6th Dec - at Tesco's, Holbeach

(13th Dec - at Lidl, Spalding - cancelled because Lidl forgot we were coming and double-booked)

20th Dec - Spalding Christmas Shopping (we played in Hall Place, Spalding next to the town's Christmas Tree)

24th Dec - Tesco's Holbeach



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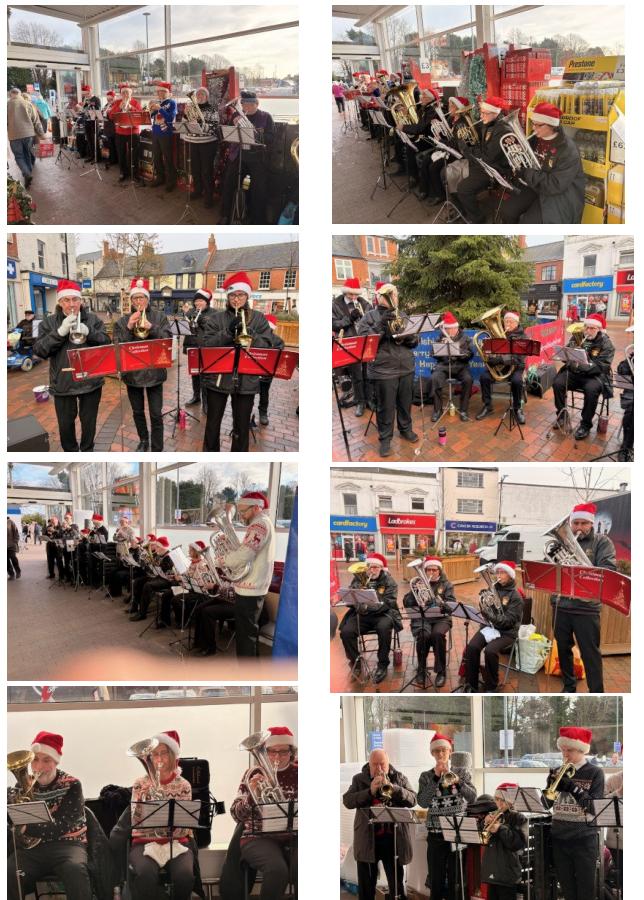
### DECEMBER EVENTS

#### 19th December - Concert at Holbeach Methodist Church

We returned to Holbeach Methodist Church for our Christmas concert. We are always made very welcome. We had a last minute issue when our tuned-percussionist couldn't make it. We were short of front row cornets but had the help of 4 guest players, Martin and Philip on solo cornet, Dale on Trombone and a welcome return from Matthew Simons (on his Christmas break from university) covering the flugel part.



### CAROL-PLAYING PHOTOS



### CAROLS WITH ST NICOLAS BRASS

On 21st Dec we joined St Nicolas Brass in carol-singing they organised at Poppyfields, Spalding. There were 7 of us from Holbeach Town Band (1 conductor, 1 solo cornet, 2 2nd cornets, 1 solo horn, 1 2nd baritone and 1 Eb bass), 3 from Swineshead Silver Band (1 solo cornet, 1 2nd cornet and 1 euphonium), and 2 from Spalding Brass (1 solo cornet and 1 trombone)

A few local residents came to listen to us



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