



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2017

TYDD ST MARY

On 1st December we opened our Christmas season in fine style with a return visit to St Mary's Church. They were late inviting us (end of October) and had a reduced band as some members were committed elsewhere. Well done to our 3 young solo cornet players – Pawet, Amelia and Corey – who performed exceptionally well.



The Church were very welcoming and provided a tasty range of soups and other refreshments for the half time break.



The Church enjoyed the concert so much that they have already booked us for next year!

ST NICHOLAS FAYRE

Another return visit on 2nd December. This time to All Saints Church Holbeach for their annual Fayre.



We had been booked for a 2.00pm start, but, a few days before, they asked us to start at 2.30. We duly arrived in time to set up but found the Ukulele Orchestra playing. We had to wait for them to finish and pack up so didn't start playing until 2.45pm.

During our break members of our Training Band and Learner Group (assisted by members of the senior band) played some Christmas songs. They played well but about half of them were missing.



MUSIC CAFÉ

On 10th December we ran a Music café at the W.I. Hall, Holbeach. We had the biggest turnout of the Christmas period and a very good audience (we had to keep putting out extra chairs and tables).

Huge thanks to everyone who provided food to sell at the café and to those who helped serve, special thanks go to Dee and Katie.



During the half-time break members of the Training Band and Learner Group again played Christmas songs. They were very good and well received by the audience.



CAROL PLAYING

We were very busy in December playing carols. We started at Sainsburys, Spalding, then played carols at the half time break of the Band's fund-raising Bingo.

The next weekend we played at Morrisons in Pinchbeck (and found ourselves in competition with the Lion's Santa Sleigh and an army of collectors).

The next weekend we were at the Co-op in Holbeach; then at Holbeach Hospital Care Home.

In the week before Christmas we played at Holbeach Church for Carols Around the Tree. Then outside Caffe Aurora on the Saturday and Tescos on Christmas Eve.

Thanks everyone and particularly to the collectors.

TESCO BAGS OF HELP

The Band is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 being awarded to local community projects.



Keep shopping at Tesco's! We are doing well, but need to keep those tokens flowing in!

PHOTOS FROM 2017



AGM

Our Annual general Meeting is on Wed 10th January, starting at 7.00pm.

All Band Members are invited, including those from the Training Band and Learner Groups, as well as parents of younger members. There are over 60 members in all

the groups. We would particularly welcome members of the Learner Groups to the AGM. Hopefully, reports from the officers will be circulated before the meeting so they can be read in advance.

There will be a short Training Band from 6.30. The AGM will be followed by normal band practice.

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