



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2018

GRADE EXAM DATES

Practical and ARSM

Practical and ARSM exams are held in our [exam centres](#) throughout the UK.

Spring 2018 (A) Practical and ARSM exams

Closing date for **online** entry: **Friday 19 January**

Closing date for **postal** entry: **Friday 12 January**

All instruments and grades
26 February to 29 March

—United Kingdom

Summer 2018 (B) Practical and ARSM exams

Closing date for **online** entry: **Friday 11 May**

Closing date for **postal** entry: **Friday 4 May**

All instruments and grades
11 June to 14 July

—England & Wales

Autumn 2018 (C) Practical and ARSM exams

Closing date for **online** entry: **Friday 28 September**

Closing date for **postal** entry: **Friday 21 September**

All instruments and grades
5 November to 8 December

—United Kingdom

COMMUNITY

Tesco Bags of Help:

Following our successful bid for support for a grant from Tesco through their Community Grants Bags of Help scheme, we have received the first instalment of £3,000. We now have to buy the instruments and produce receipts before we get the remaining £1,000.

Community Champion

We have made the final short-list to select a Community Champion by Lincolnshire Co-op. The Community Champion will be selected by the local members forum at The Curlew Centre, Memorial Park, Bridge Road, Sutton Bridge, PE12 9SA on Tuesday March 20th, 6pm Start.

The forum is a member exclusive event and our members are invited to attend but you will need to bring your dividend card to gain entry, non-members can sign up on the night. Members also have the option of voting online - online voting opened on 28th February and will close on 26th March.

Holbeach Hub 26 February - 29 March

Our Committee members and helpers have been invited to a "thank you for all that you do for Holbeach" buffet and gathering on Sunday 29th April 12.30 - 3.30 at the Holbeach Hub. The organisers are thanking organisations for everything they do for the town and its residents.

Please let Mel or Stephanie know if you would like/are able to go to the Lincs Co-op forum and/or the Holbeach Hub

MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- Well done to those who defied the elements to get to practice on 28 February - a particular cold and snowy evening. We had 17 members there (just under half the band).
- Please complete Muzodo as soon as you can so that we can make decisions about this year's jobs.
- Please make sure your music folder is up-to-date (and in order!!). There are lists in the bandroom a) of the music which should have been removed and b) the current music which should be there.

—United Kingdom—
5 November—8 December

COMING UP

We have a quiet time coming up, with our next engagements not until the beginning of May.

This will give us time to rehearse our new music.



We have been booked for our usual May Weekend events - Moulton Chapel Flower Parade on Sunday afternoon 6th May, and Holbeach Flower Festival on bank holiday Monday 7th May.



The Friends of Ayscoughfee have provisionally booked us (in a conversation with them) for the same time as last year (3rd Sunday in August). Always a good event, as

long as the sun shines!

Return Concerts have also been confirmed for Moulton Community Centre (Last Night of the Proms) and for Tydd St Mary Church (Christmas)

BINGO

The band's next fund-raising bingo is on Friday 9th March. 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.

EVENTS LIST

Date	Event
Sunday, 6 th May	Moulton Chapel tuliptime parade
Monday 7 th May	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sunday 10 th June	TBC Summer Fair at Gosberton
Saturday 7 th July	TBC Military Event, The Green, Hunstanton
Sunday 19 th August	TBC Music in the Gardens – Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding
Saturday 25 th August	TBC Sezanne twinning concert at South Holland Centre
Sat and/or Sun 1st/2nd Sept	TBC Military Event, The Green, Hunstanton
Saturday 15 th September	Last Night of the Proms at Moulton Community Centre
Sunday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at Holbeach St Marks
Friday 30 th November	Tydd St Mary – Christmas Concert

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