



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2020

BANDROOM

We have fitted air conditioning in the bandroom. Hopefully it will be much cheaper to run than the current electric wall heaters and will give a consistent level of heat in winter and will cool the room in the summer.

Learner and starter groups were cancelled on Saturday 24th February to enable the work to be done. Mel was at the bandroom for 6 hours (apart from a break for lunch) while the air conditioning units were fitted and electricians came to run electric cables to it.

The following Monday, 26th February, Mel went to run some lessons and found the room to be cold. There is a fault in the system. The Air conditioning suppliers have been to check it out; after trying to fix it they have agreed to replace the main unit in the next few days.



WILLIAM STUKELEY UNIVERSITY SEMINARS

A new venture for the band!

The William Stukeley Primary School in Holbeach have invited the Band to give 5 weeks worth of lessons as part of their University Seminars (activities afternoons) during this half-term.

The Musical Director went to a School Assembly armed with a cornet and baritone to invite children in Key Stage 2 to learn to play a brass instrument. The children had the choice of 8 activities (the other 7 being run by staff members). Based on their choices, they were allocated to 2 activities to cover the 2 lesson periods.

These lessons have now started. We had 15 pupils for the first lesson period and 19 for the second. They were walked across to the bandroom, and looked after, by 2 staff members and we had 25 assorted instruments ready for them.

The first sessions were mainly to get used to producing a sound from an instrument. Next week we will introduce music!!

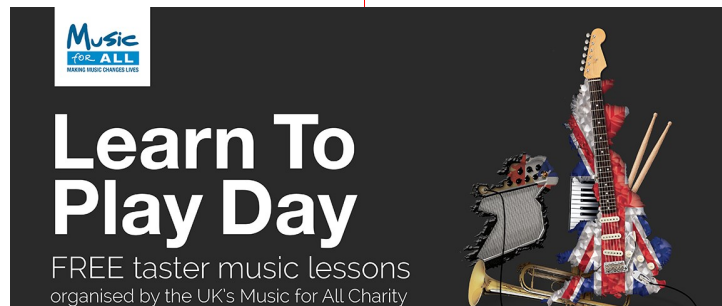
LEARN TO PLAY DAY

Making Music is a UK organisation for voluntary music, with around 3,500 member groups. Its members include choirs, orchestras, music promoters, jazz and wind bands, community festivals, and samba groups, among others. We are a member through Brass bands England.

Learn To Play Day is a free national event organised by the Music for All charity to inspire new and lapsed musicians to take up playing an instrument, and takes place every year in March. This year it is on 28th/29th March.

Making Music member groups are encouraged to get a higher profile in the community by staging a special event for [Learn to Play Day](#) - encouraging members of the public to take part in the Learn to Play lessons should be at the heart of the event.

So we are having a Learn to Play Day on Saturday 28th March. Visitors can join in with our learner and starter groups in the morning. And to join in with the main band during the afternoon



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