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NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 2016

BANDROOM UPDATE

A couple of us have had a look around the Library building with the kind help of a volunteer helper. The office area is quite large and has a nice little kitchen, a toilet with hand basin (both a great improvement on what we have now) and a storage cupboard. There is also a separate storage cupboard off the main library.

Funding remains a challenge! Getting a substantial grant was always going to be difficult. Funding may be possible through the Arts Council and there is "Reaching Communities" funding through the Lottery Fund which is substantial funding for certain community focused projects with up to £100,000 towards a building or land. Thanks to everyone who is working hard to put a funding bid together.

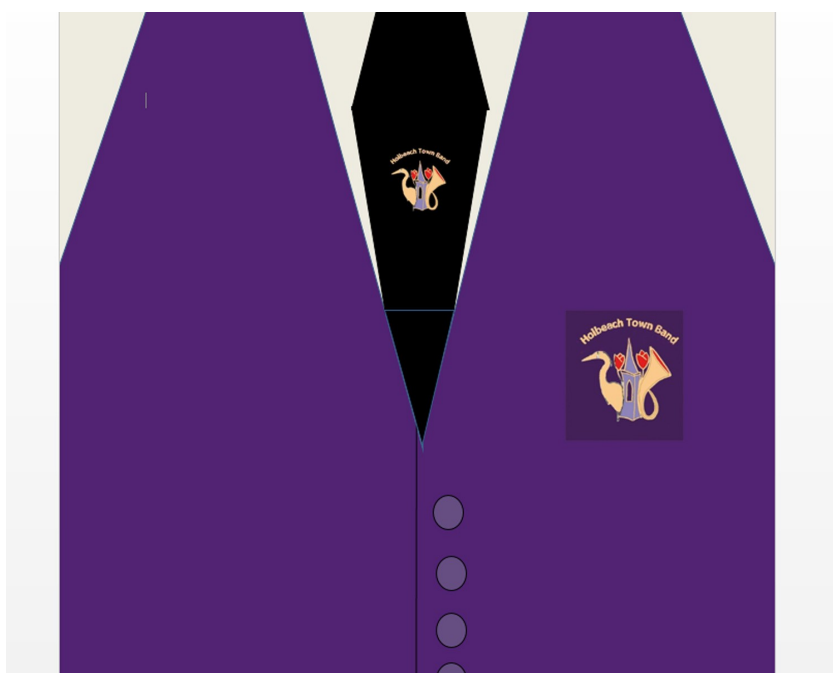
We are also enquiring as to the possibility of renting the building in the short term. This is likely to be expensive, but it should be possible to get grant aid for the rent.

NEW UNIFORM

It was agreed, at the AGM, that the Band's name should not be changed.

The members were equally divided over which of the two most popular logos to choose. The Musical Director was asked to make the final decision and, after consulting the officers a decision has been made.

It just remains to get the artwork professionally drawn. The logo will be on the new waistcoats, ties and banners.



AGM

Thanks for a good turnout at the AGM and it was good to welcome parents of younger members.

The Officers were all re-elected—see over.

Please take time to read the officers' reports, if you have not already done so.

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CHRISTMAS 2015

We had some very successful concerts which were well received by the various audiences. We had attendances of 27-29 for the concerts, including 2 or 3 guest players to cover uncertainties. Note: it is really important that you let the musical director know whether or not you will be there!

Please make use of Muzodo.

Carol playing went very well with 15-17 members each time.



TROPHY WINNERS

Congratulations to the trophy winners at the AGM.

The Musical Director's trophy is awarded for Achievement or Service to the Band. This year it was awarded to Hannah Palmer (flugel horn) for progress.

The Jack Hopkin Shield is awarded by the Musical Director for achievement with Holbeach Victoria Training Band and was awarded to Pawel Niewegowski for progress.

The final trophy is the Cecil Cook Trophy and is awarded by secret ballot to the players' Player of the Year – the recipient was Brian Parker.

ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Holbeach are arranging to have the Christmas cheque presentation evening on Thursday 11th February following the street collection. They have said they had a very successful Christmas and we 'will not be disappointed'.

WELL DONE

Well done to Hannah Palmer (flugel horn) for achieving a Silver Award at the Bourne Music competition. She also passed her violin grade exam in December with distinction.



SUGGESTED ENGAGEMENTS 2016

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sat 23 April	3.00 – 5.00pm	1920's Tea Party at Holbeach St Marks
Sun 1 May	2.30 - 4.30pm	Moulton Chapel Tuliptime Parade
Mon 2 May	2.00 - 4.00pm	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sun 5 June	2.00 - 4.00pm	Fun in the Park, Jubilee Park, Donington
Sun 26 June	2.00 - 4.00pm	Concert in Ayscoughfee Gardens Spalding

Also: Music café(s); Easter concert at Crowland

OTHER DATES

Tues 9 Feb Whole Band Meeting—the main agenda item will be the Bandroom. All band members and parents of younger members are encouraged to attend.

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