



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2017

MUSIC CAFE

We opened our successful Music Café again on Sunday 29th January at the W.I. Hall. There were a lot of customers/visitors who enjoyed the tremendous selection of cakes and pastries provided by band members and followers.



The Senior Band provided the music from the repertoire. They were joined by 10 members of the Training Band and Learner Group for a few short pieces in each half who acquitted themselves very well. The combined bands played 3 pieces from Batman & Co (music arranged for young bands) including Postman Pat, Bob the Builder and the Batman theme.



The Band had a selection of instruments on display for visitors to try. One boy showed an interest in joining the Learner Group on a Saturday morning.



BAND PARTY

Following the Music Café we had our annual party.

And lots of party food! There were some cakes left over from the Music Café and band members contributed additional buffet-style food and drink. Thanks to everyone who helped.



There was a good attendance of band members and families who enjoyed a Beetle Drive, a Quiz, and a talent show provided by band members.



Neil on saxophone; Jacob on piano



Matthew accompanied by Neil and Julie



Monologue by Dennis with Bev and Lynn

VACANCIES

We have some vacancies in the Band. We would particularly like to hear from cornet and trombone players. We also need an additional percussionist to play tims and additional percussion.

Our Saturday morning Starter and Learner Groups and our Wednesday evening Training Band also have room for more members. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining.

AGM

The Band's AGM was held on 11th January. All officer's reports had been circulated before the meeting, so the focus of the meeting was (a) discussing the reports and (b) appointing the officers

The following officers were appointed:

- Chairman - Stephanie Palmer
- Vice-chairman - Geoff Cooper
- Musical Director - Mel Hopkin
- Secretary - Bev Davey
- Treasurer - Diane Parker
- Fund-raiser - Mel Hopkin
- Librarian - Emma Simpson
- Band Manager - Neil Simons
- Uniforms - Neil Simons

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COMING UP

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

This will give us time to rehearse our new music.

We have been invited to play a Sunday afternoon concert at Oakham Church on 23rd April. Lynn's husband is the vicar. It's about 40 miles from Holbeach and will take about an hour to drive there. Oakham is near Rutland Water.



We have been booked for our usual May Weekend events - Moulton Chapel Flower Parade on Sunday afternoon 30th April, and Holbeach Flower Festival on bank holiday Monday 1st May.



GOODBYE

We say a sad farewell to Yvonne, Steven and Jess who all left after Christmas.

Steven and Yvonne learned to play with the Band in 1999; Steven was principal cornet for many years and latterly on Soprano. Yvonne started on euphonium then moved to tenor horn and Eb Bass before ending up on repiano cornet. Yvonne spent many years as band chairman and was also librarian and in charge of uniforms.



Jess came to us in May 2015, when she moved to the area, as a very experienced trombone player.

We wish them well.

EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sun 23 April (TBC)	2.30 to 4.30pm	Oakham Church
Sun 30 April	2.30 to 4.30pm	Moulton Chapel Flower Parade
Mon 1 May	2.00 to 4.00pm	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sun 4 June	2.00 to 4.00pm	Fun in the Park, Jubilee Park, Donington

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