



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2018

AGM

The Band's AGM was held on 10th 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 - Martin Walters

Band Trustees: Mel Hopkin, Stephanie Palmer, Dennis Sparrow

Presentation of Trophies

MUSICAL DIRECTORS AWARD - awarded by the Musical Director for Achievement or Service to the Band – awarded to Stephanie Palmer

CECIL COOK TROPHY "the PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR TROPHY" - awarded by band members to Corey Genovese

JACK HOPKIN SHIELD - awarded by the Musical Director for achievement with Holbeach Victoria Training Band – awarded to Matthew Simons

SÉZANNE TWINNING

The Friends of Sézanne have invited us to take part in the Diamond Jubilee (60th anniversary) of the twinning with Sézanne/Mondement. There is proposed to be a reception at the South Holland Centre for a contingent of people from Sézanne. We will play a short concert as part of the evening's entertainment.

During last year's visit to France, by the Friends of Sézanne, they witnessed a display by the Sézanne Town Band. The French Band are interested in making contact with us – could be useful for a future exchange!

The twinning between Sézanne/Mondement in France and Holbeach was created in 1958. It was later spread out to include Spalding. There are twinning meetings every year, one year in France and the next in England. Beside these yearly meetings, many private travels take place between members.

Sézanne is a medieval town in the department of Marne, 62 miles east of Paris nestling between Traconne forest and Saint-Gond marsh. It has a population of around 6,000. It has narrow streets and period houses, a late Gothic Church topped by a tall Renaissance tower, a traditional covered market hall, and tree-lined walks along old fortifications.

Mondement is a small village located just north of Sézanne. The village was the site of the first battle of the Marne during WWI.

BANDROOM RUBBISH

We have taken steps to reduce the rubbish from the bandroom. There is now a pile of unwanted items in the entrance area of the bandroom! These need disposing of, perhaps by taking to the tip. Please help if you can.

WELCOME

Welcome to Jazmin Coia who has joined us on cornet. Jazmin and her parents came to our 2010 Learn to Play week but then left the area. Jazmin has achieved Grade 3 on cornet.



Photos of Sézanne



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 February. 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.

TESCO BAGS OF HELP

Holbeach Town Band bags £4,000 from Tesco's community grant scheme

We are delighted to announce that we have bagged £4,000 from Tesco's Bags of Help community grant scheme.

Millions of shoppers have voted in Tesco stores up and down the country (well, actually, only voted for us in Holbeach!) and it can now be revealed the Band has been awarded £4,000.

The project is to buy new instruments for our talented young players who are still playing on cheap, poor quality instruments

The Band is very grateful to Tesco and to its customers for the support for this project. Although instruments are expensive, this grant will enable us to equip some of the young players with better quality instruments.

EVENTS LIST

Date	Event
Sunday, 6 th May	Moulton Chapel tuliptime parade
Monday 7 th May	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sunday 19 th August	TBC Music in the Gardens – Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding
Saturday 25 th August	TBC Sezanne twinning concert at South Holland Centre
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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