



# HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

*Enjoying Brass Banding in Holbeach since 1971*

Golden Anniversary  
(1971 - 2021)

## NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2026

### JANUARY EVENTS

#### 7th January - Band Annual Meal

This year we had our annual band meal at the Swan, Moulton, Thanks to Julie Simons for organising the meal and to Tony Fell for providing a quiz.

It was a very pleasant evening with 26 band members and guests enjoying the meal.

We had ordered our meals in advance, so service was very efficient and the adjacent bar made it easy to get drinks. Fortunately, this year, there was plenty of space for us to move around.

This was a band practice night; we had missed the 2 previous Wednesday practices due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, so this was a long break!!



### AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 14th January at 7.00pm which meant a shorter Training Band rehearsal!

Reports by the officers had been circulated in advance.

Thanks to our vice-President, Stephen Johnson, for chairing the meeting and to our who also attended the meeting. He read a report from our President, Cllr Nick Worth, who was unable to attend.

The following Officers were appointed:

Chairman	Neil Simons
Vice Chairman	Geoff Cooper
Musical Director	Mel Hopkin
Assistant MDs	Tony Fell and Simon Austin
Secretary	Bev Davey
Treasurer	Claire Stroud
Fund-raiser	Stephanie Palmer
Music librarian	Emma Simpson
Band Manager	Simon Austin
Uniform Manager	Julie Simons
Welfare Officer	Zoe Holdsworth

### WELCOME

Welcome to Dale who has joined us on 1st Trombone. Also to Sam Payne (3rd cornet), and Enya and Olivia Bathgate (2nd horn) who have all moved up to the main band from the Training Band,

### LEARNER GROUPS

The Saturday morning Learner Groups restarted on 3rd January. This was their first practice since November, when practices were replaced by carol-playing.

Some of the Starter Groups have progressed to the Learners Group. We have 4 new starters this year. More are welcome!

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