



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER—JULY 2016

CROWLAND METHODIST

We had a lovely concert at Crowland Methodist Church on 9th July. A nice venue, although a little tight for space. We were a little unsure of players' attendance for this Saturday afternoon concert. In fact we had 10 players away through work, holidays, etc. but still had a band of 25 players, including 2 guest players.

The church's organist, Margaret Smith,



entertained the audience midway through each half with music from Dvorak's New World Symphony in the first half and snippets of Mozart in the 2nd half.

It was a very warm afternoon and we removed waistcoats for the second half - unfortunately the photos were not taken until then.



We should have finished at 4.00pm but stayed on to play our final piece; and were then persuaded to play an encore. We had some very nice comments from the audience and hope to return soon.

LEARN TO PLAY

It's here again!

HOLBEACH TOWN BAND
Headquarters: Back Lane, Holbeach, Lincolnshire
Musical Director: Mel Hopkin



LEARN TO PLAY WEEK

Now in its 15th year
1st to 5th August 2016

2.00 to 4.00pm
Monday to Friday
Back Lane, Holbeach

- Learn to play a brass instrument
- Learn to read music
- Try different instruments (you do not need your own)
- Expert guidance on hand
- Display of instruments and music
- Light refreshments
- Come every day for most benefit
- All welcome from 7 to 70 (no experience necessary)
- Suitable for absolute beginners

It's totally FREE

For further information
Visit: www.holbeachtownband.org.uk
Email: mel@holbeachtownband.org.uk

Band members are welcome to come and help.

Last year we had 26 new players during the week. We have lost a few along the way but we still have 19 in the Learner Group. The current Learner Group will continue at 10.00 on Saturday mornings; this group will continue as an Intermediate group. Suggestions welcome for a name for the group.

New Learners will be invited to continue their learning with a new group at 11.00 on Saturday mornings.



Some of the instruments ready for the new learners.

COMMITTEE

We had a Committee meeting on Tuesday 26th July. We had a poor turnout. Please remember that everyone in the Main Band, Training Band and Learner Group is entitled to attend, including parents of the younger members (i.e. those still at school).

Start times: In the future, practices will start promptly. Members should keep talking to a minimum and be ready to play as soon as requested by the Musical Director.

Bandroom: The future of the bandroom is still a cause for concern. We have not yet been able to secure funding to buy new premises; and we have not found anywhere to move to which would give us room to rehearse as well as storage room for our instruments, music and equipment.

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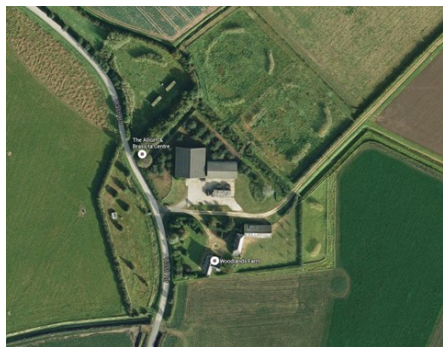
COMING UP

Last Night of Proms

Another new venue for a Last Night of the Proms concert at Woodlands Farm, Wash Rd, Algarkirk, Boston PE20 2DN on Sunday 4th September with a 3pm start.

It will raise funds for Weston Hills Church and will coincide with an Open Day at the Farm.

It's a few miles north of Fosdyke -could be an interesting test for our sat-navs!



Cowbit Flower Festival.

We played a short concert at Cowbit Church last year for the inauguration of their new church clock. We had no chairs and stood among the grave-stones!



We are back this year for a formal concert.

Crowland Abbey

We are back to Crowland for a concert in the Abbey in October - please note the concert has been put back a day to the Sunday evening.

Always a lovely venue—not one to be missed!

Poppy Appeal Concert

We are in negotiation for a Poppy Appeal Concert on 11th November at Spalding's South Holland Centre. The organisers have specifically asked for music from the 1st World War; we have the music on order so hope this comes off!

Christmas

We have three potential Christmas concerts.

- Tydd St Mary Church (a return visit)
- Holbeach Catholic Church (a return visit)
- Spalding Parish Church - a concert in conjunction with Spalding's Gentleman's Society and Ayscoughfee Hall

EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Mon 1 to Fri 5 Aug	2.00 - 4.00pm	Learn to Play Week
Sun 4 Sept	3.00 - 5.00pm	Last Night of the Proms concert at Woodlands Farm, Algarkirk
Sun 25 Sept	2.00 - 4.00pm	Cowbit Flower Festival
Sat 15 Oct	7.30 - 9.30pm	Concert at Crowland Abbey
TBC Fri 11 Nov	7.30 - 9.30pm	Poppy Appeal Concert at South Holland Centre
Sun 13 Nov	2.30 - 4.00pm	Remembrance Service at Holbeach St Marks
Fri 2 Dec	7.30 - 9.30pm	Christmas Concert at Tydd St Mary Church
TBC Sat 3 Dec	7.30 - 9.30pm	Spalding Parish Church (Gentleman's Society and Ayscoughfee Hall)
Sun 4 Dec	1.00 - 3.30pm	Holbeach St Nicholas Fayre

Carol playing on 3rd, 11th, 17th and 24th December.

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