



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

Enjoying Brass Banding in Holbeach since 1971

Golden Anniversary
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JULY EVENTS

We held our annual **Awards Evening** on Wednesday 2nd July before the main practice.

All band members and parents of younger members were invited and shared nibbles and drinks.



Band members were invited to put forward suggestions on increasing band membership, which will be considered by the band.

Three trophies were awarded:

MUSICAL DIRECTORS AWARD awarded by the Musical Director to Julie Simons being the driving force behind the back-row cornets.



CECIL COOK TROPHY was awarded to Zoe Holdsworth by Band Members as the Players' Player of the Year

JACK HOPKIN SHIELD is awarded by the Musical Director for achievement with Holbeach Victoria Training Band

and was presented to Martin Bathgate who has moved up to the senior band.

Band Meeting

Following the awards, there was a Band meeting.

- The Chairman was appointed temporary Band Manager
- Julie Simons was appointed Uniform Manager
- Members will renew their DBS checks and Bandsafe training
- Geoff Cooper will chase up quotes for the bandroom floor

Sat 19th July - The Meadows Care Home

The Band made a return visit to The Meadows Care Home for its Summer Fayre. It was raining on and off so we played inside, but there was not a lot of room and it was very warm.

We did not have any trombones of our own, so were grateful to be joined by Martin Oliver, Rob Norris and Heather Doubleday.

Principal Cornet, Matthew Simons, played the cornet solo Spanish Eyes and played it very well.



OFFICERS

Musical Director	Mel Hopkin
Chairman	Neil Simons
Secretary	Bev Davey
Treasurer	Claire Stroud
Band Manager	Neil Simons
Welfare Officer	Zoe Holdsworth

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MORE JULY EVENTS



(Photo from the first day)

Learn to Play Week from 28th July

The **Learn to Play week** started on 29th July and will end on 1st August. With a day still to go, we have had 20 people of all ages over the week, plus 3 from our Starter group.

The Learn to Play Week is lead by our Musical Director, Mel Hopkin, helped by band members Simon Austin and Amelia Simpson.

We take young people from the age of 7. Our visitors can try a range of brass band instruments, particularly cornets, tenor horns and baritones. Parents are asked to stay and are 'encouraged' to take up an instrument! - they often try a euphonium or trombone and, occasionally, a tuba.

Many of our current band members started their brass banding through our Learn to Play weeks which we have now been doing for over 20 years.

These weeks are part of our strategy for encouraging more people to play a musical instrument and, in due course, to join our senior band.

COMING UP

Mon 28th July to Fri 1st August - Learn to Play Week
Sun 31st August - Give It A Go at Carters' Park
Sat 13th September - Moulton Working Weekend
Sat 18th October - Last Night of the Proms at Moulton
Sun 9th November - Holbeach St Marks Remembrance
Fri 5th December - Christmas Concert at Tydd St Mary
Sat 13th December - Carol Concert at Parson Drove

RECRUITMENT

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





WE ARE RECRUITING



Holbeach Town Band are recruiting players of all ages and abilities!

We are particularly in need of experienced players, but everyone is welcome.

We can lend you a suitable instrument.

Our senior band rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30pm; with our training band rehearsing from 6.30 to 7.15pm.



We also have a starter group (for total beginners) from 10.00am to 11.00 on Saturday mornings and a learner group (for improvers) from 11.00am to 12.00.



For further information
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In addition to the Learn to Play week we will be encouraging people to 'Give It A Go' on **31st August**

Give it A Go is an initiative from the South Holland district council providing an opportunity for people to try a new activity, and for local organisations to demonstrate their wares. We did it for the first time last year and had a lot of interest - unfortunately it didn't result in new members but it was worth doing.

It is being held in Carter's Park and we will have a selection of instruments for people to try, and we may do a short performance.