



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2019

JUNE EVENTS

On 23rd June we returned to Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding to play for their series of band concerts. It was a nice day and we had a good turnout. There was a forecast of rain but it held off. We were the first brass band of the year and had an audience of about 120. .



On 30th June we had another return visit - to Cowbit for the garden party organised by the Cowbit Village Social Events Committee. They bring local elderly people to a house in Stonegate, Cowbit where the guests are served tea and cake to the band's accompaniment; then at half time we were served tea and a lovely selection of cake!



MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- I am happy for members to take their music home to practice but it must be returned for practices and engagements
- I provide a play-list for all concerts, but you must also take your full music folder in case of last minute changes

GOODBYE

We are sorry to say goodbye to Bb bass player Richard Fairman. He joined the band in January last year but is finding the music a challenge. We hope he will continue with the Training Band.

TREASURER

Our Treasurer, Diane Parker, is in hospital. We wish her well. She has resigned as Band Treasurer.

We have appointed Martin Oliver as the new treasurer.

BINGO

Our Bingo in June had to be cancelled at the last minute due to Diane's illness.

The band's next fund-raising bingo is on Friday 12th July, when we will be working without Brian and Diane to organise it. Keeping fingers crossed that it will go well.

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.

Please donate raffle prizes for the Bingo's raffle. A box is provided in the bandroom.

COMING UP

We have a new job on 13th July. This is at Weston Church where they are trying to raise awareness of the Church in the Community - there will be a craft fair and stalls and refreshments.



Afterwards we can go over to the Chequers for a drink, a snack or a meal (**let Julie know if you want to stay for a meal so she can book a table or two**)

On 20th July we have a Flower Festival concert at St Matthew's Church, Sutton Bridge

It is Dennis Sparrow's 90th birthday on 22nd July. We will have snacks and drinks in celebration at our practice on 24th July.

On 14th September we have a Last Night of the Proms concert at the Elizabethan Centre, Whaplode Drove. We hope to have a practice there before the concert

Our Learn to Play week is from 29th July to 2nd August. Leaflets have been distributed to schools in the area and details will be circulated to the press. Help from band members during the week is needed.

CHILD PROTECTION

We have joined Brass Bands England to take advantage of their BandSafe scheme and to comply with the Child Performance Licensing legislation

We have to complete a BandSafe toolkit and we may well have to change the way we do things. To start with we are looking at a more detailed membership form to include consent to use photographs, and medical issues.

Two band members must complete a 3-hour BandSafe training course. The Musical Director and the Secretary will do this on 24th July. The training is valid for 2 years and, presumably, will then have to be renewed.

The Elizabethan Social Club
And
The Last Night Of The Proms
Present
The Last Night Of The Proms
Join us for a great night of music celebrating the Last Night of the Proms. See Holbeach Town Band at their best with singing lead by our own local girl Sharon Bingham!
FULL BAR FACILITIES
LIGHT SNACKS AVAILABLE
TICKETS £5.00
Saturday
September 14th
7.30PM
Elizabethan Social Club
Whaplode Drove
NN12 6DB
TICKET RESERVATIONS
Call Helen on 01406 330209
Dave or Jan on 01406 330619
or 01732 267896
email: helenoliver9999@gmail.com
Or collect from the club
Registered Charity Number 50425

HOLBEACH TOWN BAND
Musical Director: Mel Hopkin
LEARN TO PLAY WEEK 2019
Now in its 18th year
29th July to 2nd August
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 FREE!
For further information
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EVENTS LIST

Date	Event	Arrive	Start
Saturday 13th July	Weston Church <i>followed by a visit to the Chequers at Weston</i>	1.30pm	2pm
Saturday 20th July	Sutton Bridge Flower Festival Concert	6.30pm	7pm
29th July to 2nd August	Learn to Play Week	2.00 to 4.00pm	each day
Saturday 31st August	Cowbit Playing Field	1.30pm	2pm
Saturday 14th September	Last Night of the Proms, Whaplode Drove	7pm	7.30pm
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Sunday	2.30pm	2.45pm

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