



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER—MARCH 2016

BANDROOM UPDATE

Progress is slow!

We don't think we can commit ourselves to renting the new building at the suggested rent of £10,000 per annum.

Capital funding is hard to find; capital funding for brass bands seems virtually impossible! We anticipate that further capital funding opportunities may become available in the new financial year from 1st April.

Any chance of funding will rely on us showing benefit to the local community. Unfortunately it seems that the continued existence of the local brass band and the work we do with young people is not seen as sufficient benefit!

So we need to join forces with other organisations to enhance the benefit from the building. We are in discussion with a potential partner so we have reason to be hopeful.

MOVES

The Musical Director wants to (a) support the solo cornets and (b) help some of the band's young players to gain more experience, so he has moved Paweł Niewegłowski and Amelia Simpson to the front row.

They are both young and talented players and should do well. Paweł was on 2nd cornet, and Amelia was on Repiano.

Congratulations to Amelia on getting a distinction in her Music Grade exam.

NEW UNIFORMS

We're nearly there!

Waistcoats, ties and banners have all been ordered—thanks for your help in getting measured. Delivery will be in about 4 weeks or so.

Q&A ON MUZODO

Q. What is Muzodo?

A. Muzodo is an online music group member scheduling system. It keeps track of who is available to perform at all of our events.

Q. Why use it?

A. The Musical Director needs to know if there are enough players to take on an engagement; or if guest players will be needed.

Q. How does it work?

A. The Band Secretary enters details of enquiries online. Muzodo emails all members asking if they can attend. With one click members reply to say Yes, No or Maybe.

Q. What if I'm not sure?

A. Click on Maybe. Please use this as a last resort and give a reason or a percentage chance of attendance.

Q. What if my circumstances change?

A. You can go back to Muzodo to change your answer. Note: Always keep a copy of the email from Muzodo so you can go back.

Q. What if I can't get online?

A. Tell the MD or write on the engagement list in the bandroom

MUSIC GRADES

For those doing their Music Grades, the closing date for online entry for the Summer exams is Friday 6th May. The practical exams, in this area, are likely to be in early July; the theory exam will be on 18th June.

Training sessions for the exams are available from the Musical Director by arrangement.

Music Theory exams are continuing on Saturday mornings

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ENGAGEMENTS

Music café

Our first Music Cafe was a year ago. It was held at the W.I Hall in Park Road, Holbeach and was very enjoyable and successful. We hope Band members, family and friends will help by making cakes to sell, serving in the cafe and washing up/clearing up.



There will be a table of cakes and tea/coffee to sell; and a separate table with various instruments for visitors to try.

On 3rd April we are opening the Music Café for the 3rd time. This one will be a Sunday afternoon and the learner group and the Training Band will be playing pieces of their own.

Queen's 90th Birthday

On 21st April, to mark this unique occasion, beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom. We are playing for the lighting of the Holbeach Beacon which is at the junction of the main road (A151) and Wignal's Gate (there is a map on the Band's website).



May Bank Holiday

This will be a busy weekend for the Band. We have engagements on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Saturday: Playing in Springfields Gardens for their 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Sunday: A return to Moulton Chapel for their Flower Parade.



Monday: A return to the Holbeach Flower Festival



EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sun 3 Apr	3.00 - 5.00pm	Spring Concert with afternoon tea
Thur 21 Apr	7.00 - 8.00pm	Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations
Sat 30 April	2.00 - 4.00pm	Springfields Gardens 50th Anniversary
Sun 1 May	2.30 - 4.30pm	Moulton Chapel Tuliptime Parade
Mon 2 May	2.00 - 4.00pm	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sun 5 June	2.00 - 4.00pm	Fun in the Park, Jubilee Park, Donington
Sun 26 June	2.00 - 4.00pm	Concert in Ayscoughfee Gardens Spalding
23-25 Sept	TBC	Cowbit Flower Festival (<i>date and time to be confirmed</i>)
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

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