

HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2017

GRADE EXAMS

Congratulations to Matthew Simons who got a distinction in his Grade 2 Cornet exam. And he achieved full marks in the aural test. Well done .. now for Grade 3!

Anyone wishing to take their music grades should speak to Mel who has a 100% success rate with ABRSM Grades, with many getting merits or distinctions.

LESSONS

A reminder that individual lessons are available in the bandroom, by arrangement with Mel, for anyone wishing to take music grade exams. These exams are an ideal way to improve your playing skills. Lessons are also available for those wishing to improve their playing or towards music theory exams.

The lessons can be during the day, after school, or in the evening.

VACANCIES

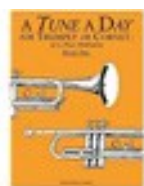
We still have vacancies for cornet and trombone players and an additional percussionist to play timps and additional percussion.

We have room for all levels of player through our Saturday morning Starter and Learner Groups and our Wednesday evening Training Band. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining.

MUSIC TO LEARN BY

Learning to play a brass instrument is all about practice – you need to play as much as possible. Here are a few music books which you can buy from Amazon - many of them also have an accompaniment CD.

Music for beginners – these will help you get started.



Tune a Day for Trumpet or Cornet: Book 1 18 Oct 2003
by C. Paul Herforth
Paperback
£5.99 Prime
Get it by **Tomorrow, Apr 1**
Eligible for FREE UK Delivery
More buying choices
£1.91 (60 used & new offers)
★★★★★ 40



Standard Of Excellence: Book 1 Trumpet/Cornet (comprehensive band method) 2 Dec 1997
by Chuck Elledge and Bruce Pearson
Paperback
£6.50 Prime
Get it by **Tomorrow, Apr 1**
Eligible for FREE UK Delivery
More buying choices
£0.60 (29 used & new offers)
★★★★★ 13

Music for improvers – It is more fun playing tunes you know – these books have (fairly) well known tunes which are not too difficult.



Easy Winners for Treble Brass
Sheet music
£5.27 (11 used & new offers)
★★★★★ 8



Winners Galore Treble Brass
by Brass Wind Publications
£4.43 £7.95 + £2.80 delivery
More buying choices
£0.93 (12 used & new offers)
★★★★★ 3

WELCOME

We have gained two new members:

Lucy Martin has joined us on 2nd baritone; Lucy started playing about 18 months ago and is making good progress.

Kat Richards has joined us on 2nd horn; Kat comes from a marching band background (having played the mellophone) but has not played for a few years.

We also have a new member of the Saturday morning Starter Group. Geoffrey is 88 years old and has his own trumpet (he has had to give up learning the clarinet due to stiffness in his hands - only 3 fingers work, which suits a 3-valve instrument).

COMING UP

Bingo:

Our next fund-raising bingo is on Friday 14th April. Please help if you can. These bingos raise funds for the benefit of all areas of the band.

Open Day:

We are opening the Bandroom on Tuesday 11th April (during the Easter School Holidays) for an Open Day/Taster Session).

Band members and learners are encouraged to take part. There will be some ensemble playing, some demonstrations and plenty of fun!

Light refreshments will be served to the visitors.

'Gathering' in Carters Park:

On 23rd April the Parish Council will be holding a ceremony to officially open the new outdoor Gym in Carters Park and have asked us to play. We don't have much information, yet, as they have only recently decided to do this. We are waiting to hear about the details and, in particular, the timings.

Moulton Chapel Flower Parade:

30th April. Our regular visit to Moulton Chapel to ride on the back of a float in their annual parade. Always a pleasant event



Holbeach Flower Festival:

1st May and another regular - playing at All Saints Church, Holbeach. We will play outside if the weather is kind or inside if its not!



UNIFORMS

The new playing season is nearly upon us! If your uniform does not fit, or you are missing an item, please speak to Neil as uniform manager and he will help - we have spare waistcoats and winter coats in most sizes.

Photos from 2016

EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Tues 11 April	11.00 to 3.00pm	Open Day/Taster Day
Sun 23 April	TBC	Carters Park, Holbeach for opening of outdoor gym
Sun 30 April	2.00 to 4.00pm	Moulton Chapel Flower Parade
Mon 1 May	2.00 to 4.00pm	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sun 4 June	2.00 to 4.00pm	Donington Summer Fayre
Sat 1 July	2.00 to 4.00pm	Military & Vintage Rally, Anglia Motel, Holbeach
Sat 8 July	2.00 to 4.00pm	Gosberton House Fete
Sat 2 September	2.00 to 4.00pm	Military Event at The Green, Hunstanton

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