



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2018

GRADE EXAM DATES

Summer 2018 (B) Practical and ARSM exams

Closing date for **online** entry: **Friday 11 May**

Closing date for **postal** entry: **Friday 4 May**

For all instruments and grades, the exams will take place between 11 June and 14 July

SEZANNE

We have had an email from a member of the Sézanne Town Band in France. You will remember that Sézanne and Holbeach are twin towns. They would like to start an exchange with our band and are interested in organising a week end in Sézanne in 2019 to meet us!

This will be discussed at the next Band meeting, but members views and comments would be appreciated.

MUSIC FOLDERS

Don't forget to get your music folders in order! Please remove the pieces we are not playing this year, and make sure you've got everything on the 2018 list. Please let the librarian know if anything is missing.

BANDROOM

Thanks to everyone who has entered their name on the cleaning rota for the kitchen/toilet areas.

Remember, keeping the bandroom clean is the responsibility of all band members, including those in the training band and learner groups. Please do your bit!

Thanks to whoever removed the rubbish from the entrance porch.

COMMUNITY

Holbeach Hub

Our Committee members and helpers have been invited to a "thank you for all that you do for Holbeach" buffet and gathering on Sunday 29th April 12.30 - 3.30 at the Holbeach Hub. The organisers are thanking organisations for everything they do for the town and its residents.

Please let Mel or Stephanie know if you would like/are able to go.

WELCOME

Welcome to Tony Westby who is returning to playing after a long break. He passed his grade 7 on cornet 45 years ago! It may take a while to get his lip back, so he is starting (re-starting) on 3rd cornet.

BINGO

The band's next fund-raising bingo is on Friday 13th April. 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.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- Only 4 weeks before the events start. Please do your best to get some good rehearsals in.
- We know that school exam season is here again, but if you can find time to come to band it would be appreciated.
- Please be ready to play as soon as the MD raises the baton!! Continuing to talk wastes time and is very annoying.
- Please leave your instrument case at the entrance to the bandroom, unless it will fit underneath your seat.

COMING UP

We have a quiet time coming up, with our next engagements not until the beginning of May.

This will give us time to rehearse our new music.



We have been booked for our usual May Weekend events - Moulton Chapel Flower Parade on Sunday afternoon 6th May, and Holbeach Flower Festival on bank holiday Monday 7th May.

Return Concerts have also been confirmed for Moulton Community Centre (Last Night of the Proms) and for Tydd St Mary Church (Christmas)

The Parish Council are holding a 'Parish Fayre' in Carters Park on 1st July between 10am and 4pm. Many events are taking place such as hortical show, dog show, live music and many more and we will be taking part.

Once again we will be running the Learn to Play Week. This year it will be from 30 July to 3 August. Please help if you can; and tell your friends. It is open to all ages

NOT COMING UP

Hunstanton cancelled

Unfortunately we have not been able to accept the jobs at Hunstanton this year. There was a severe shortage of front row cornets, tenor horns and baritones!

Ayscoughfee doubtful

Although the Friends of Ayscoughfee have provisionally booked us (in a conversation with them) for the same time as last year (3rd Sunday in August), it is looking increasingly doubtful. We, along with most of the other bands, have still not been paid for last year; and we have had no formal request to play.

Brassed Off

St Nicolas Players are putting on a production of Brassed Off at the South Holland Centre from 17th to 20th October. They are very keen on not having to rely on a pretend band and CD music so they are looking for a brass band to play. This will involve dress rehearsals from Sunday to Tuesday and performances from Wednesday to Saturday together with rehearsals in the days or weeks leading up to the performance week.

We couldn't get a band to commit to the rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested should contact Tony Fell (Kirton Band) who is trying to put a band together Tel: 017757762775 / 07854619657

EVENTS LIST

Date	Event
Sunday, 6 th May	Moulton Chapel tuliptime parade
Monday 7 th May	Holbeach Flower Festival
Sunday 10 th June	TBC Summer Fair at Gosberton
Sunday 1 st July	Parish Council Fayre
Sunday 19 th August	TBC Music in the Gardens – Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding
Saturday 25 th August	TBC Sezanne twinning concert at South Holland Centre
Saturday 15 th September	Last Night of the Proms at Moulton Community Centre
Sunday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at Holbeach St Marks
Friday 30 th November	Tydd St Mary – Christmas Concert

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