



# HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

## NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2020

### BAND HIBERNATES!

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic we have temporarily closed down. It's only 2 weeks since we stopped but it seems longer!!

We had been following the advice given by Brass Bands England. On Monday 16th March they issued their advice to stop all practices, concerts, lessons and meetings. We immediately did so, as did other bands.

We all know that regular practice is essential, so please practice at home and entertain your neighbours!

Please let Mel know if you want some music to practice - he can provide music for all abilities.

Above all, keep safe.

Do you remember?



Cowbit Garden Party, June 2019

### WILLIAM STUKELEY UNIVERSITY SEMINARS

The William Stukeley Primary School in Holbeach invited the Band to give 5 weeks worth of lessons as part of their University Seminars (activities afternoons) during this half-term.

The Musical Director went to a School Assembly armed with a cornet and baritone to invite children in Key Stage 2 to learn to play a brass instrument. The children had the choice of 8 activities (the other 7 being run by staff members). Based on their choices, they were allocated to 2 activities to cover the 2 lesson periods.

There are 35 pupils involved in these lessons split into 2 groups (and 2 staff). These lessons have now started and we had 3 of them before they closed due to Coronavirus. The lessons were an hour long but that included the time to come over to the bandroom and return - playing time was 40-45 minutes.

Lesson 1 introduced the instruments. Fortunately we have enough student instruments so everyone had one - a mix of cornets, tenor horns and baritones.

Lesson 2 introduced music with simple tunes and exercises

Lesson 3 reinforced what has been done so far and we made a start on "Twinkle twinkle little star"

Four pupils have asked to join our Saturday morning starter group, and we were expecting more when the course completed. They will be approached when we re-open and we will keep in contact with the school,

### BANDROOM

After a false start, the Bandroom's Air Conditioning system is now running properly. The fault mentioned in the last Newsletter seems to have been a fault in the product so the suppliers came back; they took out the faulty system and put in a replacement.

Initially it's working ok; we just have to set a sensible temperature through trial and error!

As the bandroom is now closed the air conditioning has been turned off. All being well it will restart without problem when we go back!!



### Learn to Play Day 2020

The Learn to Play Day has provisionally been re-arranged for Saturday 26th September.

### OFFICERS

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