



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

Enjoying Brass Banding in Holbeach since 1971

Golden Anniversary
(1971 - 2021)

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2023

BAND MEETING

We had an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Band on 21st March.

Trustees: Following the resignations of Dennis Sparrow and Stephanie Palmer, Geoff Cooper and Nick Worth were appointed as trustees of the band alongside Mel Hopkin.

Stephen Johnson was proposed as vice president and has accepted the position.

We have set up a WhatsApp group for the band. Please sign up!

We have new chairs and curtains. Still some decorating to do. The Chairman is organising the band members in a major tidy up of the bandroom and a group came last Saturday to start the work.



Band members were reminded to respond to Muzodo notifications promptly, and to try to avoid saying 'Maybe' which is unhelpful in determining if we can accept a job.

Neil's Nags

Thanks to everyone who came to the band committee meeting. We are all set for a great year.

A big thank you to Mel, Debs, Alex and Julie for making a great start with the band room tidy-up.

Because of the open events in April, a bit more work is needed, especially:

- sorting out the kitchen
- filing music
- testing and storing instruments

Let me know if you would like to help.

Debs has a lot of jobs to do: set-up email addresses, update bank signatories and set-up card payments. Wish her luck!

Remember to sign up to the WhatsApp Group so you can receive any urgent news or ask for a lift etc.

Debs has become the official 'Muzodu Reminder' - prepare to be reminded!

COMING UP

12th & 15th April Open Rehearsals

To encourage former players to return to playing

Sun 30th April - Moulton Chapel Tulip-time Parade

A return to Moulton Chapel for their annual parade; always a pleasant event.

[photo from 2022]



Fri 5th May - Age Concern UK - cancelled

Sun 7th May - King's Coronation at Carter's Park

This event is being organised by Holbeach Parish Council with events in Carter's Park, Holbeach

Sat 13th May - Spalding Flower Parade

After an absence of 10 years, the Spalding Flower Parade is returning. It's an early start— we need to arrive at the Castle Sports Centre by 9.30am for an 11.00am start. The running order has been published - there are 60 floats and bands etc in the parade and we are number 6.

We will be travelling on the same trailer as we have at Moulton Chapel.

Sat 20th May - Spring Craft Fair at Crowland Abbey

A return visit to Crowland Abbey - always a pleasant event.

Sun 11th June - Village Fete at Fleet Hargate

This fete is a new venue for us. It is being organised by the Parish Council

Sun 30th July - Teddy Bear Picnic

This will be held in Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding and is part of the fundraising for the Flower Parade

LEAVERS

We are sorry to say goodbye to **Tim May** (baritone) who will be spending time in America and **Steve Winn** (solo cornet) who has moved away from the area. We wish them both well.

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