



# HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

## NEWSLETTER—MAY 2016

### SPRINGFIELDS

We were delighted to be invited to take part in Springfields Gardens 50th Anniversary celebrations on Easter Saturday. There was a covered trailer available for us but the weather was nice so we set up on the grass. Then we saw the black clouds coming!



So we moved onto the trailer - it was a tight fit!. During our first set the rains started and the audience disappeared - and the band got wet from rain blowing into the trailer!



Springfields decided it was not worth continuing.

### MOULTON CHAPEL

On Easter Sunday we paid our regular visit to the Moulton Chapel Tuliptime Parade - always a pleasant afternoon.

We played on a trailer towed by a tractor. The trailer had a roof, but the wind whipped through the sides causing some difficulty keeping the music on the stands. Our decision to buy heavy duty music

Stands a couple of years ago has again been proved right.



### FLOWER FESTIVAL

Our annual visit to the Holbeach Flower Festival was on Easter Monday. In recent years we have played outside the Church in the sun; we were told if the weather was bad we could play inside. It was cold, windy and rain was not far away so we went in Church where we were told there was no room for us and we had to go outside. Fortunately the vicar came along and we were soon set up inside!



We had no drummer, but managed very well. We had a small but appreciative audience who sat and listened to us along with those looking around the flower decorations in the Church

### UNIFORMS

Some of the new waistcoats do not fit properly, so we'll have to delay wearing the new uniforms until we can get them right. We have sample new hats to try on, thanks to funding from the Waynflete Charitable Trust.

### BAG PACK

Tesco Stores have offered us the opportunity for our younger members to take part in a bag pack at the tills. They suggest that we could earn £300 - £600 in a day.

Do we have enough young members (of school age) willing to do this? We would also need adult members to supervise. It would be a whole day commitment probably from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

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## COMING UP

### Fun in the Park, Donington

A return visit to the Flinders Park, Donington on Sunday 5th June. We play in the bandstand in the centre of the park. The bandstand is quite small but it's an enjoyable event.



We should park on the main road and walk to the bandstand - access to the Park is opposite Costcutter.

### Armed Forces Day

We are playing at an Armed Forces Day event in Holbeach on Saturday 25th June. We don't have any details yet!

### Ayscoughfee Gardens

A welcome return to Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding.

One of the best venues in the area, it's a pleasure to be involved in the series of brass band concerts in the gardens.



### Crowland Methodist Chapel

Looking forward to this concert at a new venue for us - the Methodist Chapel in Reform Street, Crowland. It's a 2pm start on 9th July.

### Last Night of Proms

We are invited to play at a Last Night of the Proms concert to raise funds for Weston Hills Church. It will be at Woodlands Farm, Algarkirk - date to be confirmed.

## WELCOME

Welcome back to Phil and Jeanette Bramham on Solo Cornet and Eb Bass respectively.

## LEARN TO PLAY WEEK

Looking forward to the Learn to Play Week. We're running short of spare instruments, so we need to buy some more student models, so we have enough to go round.

**HOLBEACH TOWN BAND**  
Headquarters: Back Lane, Holbeach, Lincolnshire  
Musical Director: Mel Hopkin

**LEARN TO PLAY WEEK**

Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year  
**1st to 5th August 2016**

2.00 to 4.00pm  
Monday to Friday  
Back Lane, Holbeach

- Learn to play a brass instrument
- Learn to read music
- Try different instruments (you do not need your own)
- Expert guidance on hand
- Display of instruments and music
- Light refreshments
- Come every day for most benefit
- All welcome from 7 to 70 (no experience necessary)
- Suitable for absolute beginners

**It's totally FREE**

For further information  
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## EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sun 5 June	2.00 - 4.00pm	Fun in the Park, Jubilee Park, Donington
Sat 25 June	2.00 - 4.00pm	Armed Forces Day, Holbeach
Sun 26 June	2.00 - 4.00pm	Concert in Ayscoughfee Gardens Spalding
Sat 9 July	2.00 - 4.00pm	Concert at Crowland Methodist Chapel
TBC Sat 3 Sept OR Sun 4 Sept	7.00 - 9.00pm 3.00 - 5.00pm	Last Night of the Proms concert at Algarkirk
Sun 25 Sept	2.00 - 4.00pm	Cowbit Flower Festival
Sat 15 Oct	7.30 - 9.30pm	Concert at Crowland Abbey
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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