



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2017

MOULTON CHAPEL FLOWER PARADE

On Sunday, 30th April, we made our regular trip to Moulton Chapel for their annual Flower Parade where we ride on the back of a covered trailer. The sun was shining (most of the time) but the wind was quite strong, particularly in the open countryside - it made it a bit of a challenge keeping the music on stands.



The next day, Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May, we had our regular visit to the Holbeach Flower Festival at All Saints Church, Holbeach. Although it was quite a nice day, the wind was quite strong so we chose to play inside the church. We had a passing audience of people looking at the floral displays, but by half time many had stayed to watch us. It was quite a tight fit because the Church had put displays near the pulpit, where we normally play, and we were asked to play near the altar.



WHAPLODE FLOWER FESTIVAL

On 29th May, another Bank Holiday Monday, we were at the Whaplude Flower Festival at St Mary's Church.

After a week of really hot weather, this Bank Holiday Monday was cloudy with drizzle! We were booked to play two one-hour sets at 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

When we arrived we were given the option of playing inside the church, or playing in a marquee in the church grounds. As there appeared to be lots happening in the church and not much happening outside, we decided to play inside and started setting up. One of the organisers turned up and said we should be playing in the marquee; after discussing with other church members they agreed we could play inside, but we would have to adjust our playing times to allow for a line-dancing demonstration and a Tae Kwon Do demonstration.

We started playing at 1.30 and after an opening march, the line-dancers performed for 20 minutes. We re-started and played for 45 minutes. After a tea-break we were planning to restart at 3.30 but the organisers asked us to restart after a short break and finish at 3.30 to allow us to get away before the Tae Kwon Do demo. They wanted to use the area where we were playing.

Overall it was a good afternoon, with a good audience in the church and, we think, far better than if we had been playing in the marquee



BAND MEETING

The Band does not have a Committee. Instead all decisions are made by the whole band, including Training Band and learner group. The next band meeting is on Tuesday 13th June at 7.00pm. Please come if you can. Parents of younger members are welcome.

COMING UP

Jubilee Park, Donington:

On 4th June we are making our regular visit to the bandstand at Jubilee Park, Donington. Their annual event was called a Fun Day in previous years but is now a Summer Fayre



We will be having a number of guest players for this concert to cover for absent members; please make them welcome.

Oldershaw's Farm:

On 11th June, it's Open Farm Sunday at Oldershaw's St Lambert's Hall Farm, Hall Gate, Weston PE12 6RH and we're playing from 12.30 to 2.30.

Anglia Motel:

On 1st July we're playing at the Anglia Motel for a Military and Vintage Rally. It's a few years since we have played there so it will be nice to go back. Harold Payne always makes us very welcome.

Gosberton House:



On 8th July we are playing at a Fete at Gosberton House Care Home. We will be playing indoors if it's raining, but will have to play quietly!

BINGO

The band's fund-raising bingo is at the W.I. Hall on the 2nd Friday of every month. 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.

EXAM TIME

Good luck to those of our members who are taking their school exams. You are missed at practice and engagements and we look forward to your return as soon as you are able.

EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sun 4 June	2.00 to 4.00pm	Summer Fayre, Jubilee Park, Donington
Sun 11 June	1.30 to 3.30pm	Open Farm at Oldershaw's, Weston
Sat 1 July	2.00 to 4.00pm	Military & Vintage Rally at Anglia Motel
Sat 8 July	2.00 to 4.00pm	Gosberton House Fete
Mon 31 July to Fri 4 August	2.00 to 4.00pm	Learn to Play Week
Sun 20 August	2.00 to 4.00pm	Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding
Sat 2 September	2.00 to 4.00pm	Military Event at The Green, Hunstanton
Sat 16 September	7.30 to 9.30pm	Last Night of the Proms at Moulton
Sat 30 September	7.30 to 9.30pm	Last Night of the Proms at Crowland

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