



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2018

MAY EVENTS

6th May - Moulton Chapel Flower Parade

Our regular visit to the Moulton Chapel Flower Parade where we ride on the back of a covered trailer. It was a lovely sunny day. There were 28 of us - quite a tight fit! Half way through the parade turns round at a road junction - the smaller floats can turn round earlier but large floats have to drive out of the village. We were at the front of the parade, after smaller floats had turned round, and had to wait nearly 10 minutes for the rest of the parade to catch up!



7th May - Holbeach Flower Festival

We had our regular visit to the Holbeach Flower Festival with a band of 33 members. Another lovely sunny day so we played on the grass outside All Saints Church. We had a good audience with many passers-by.



13th May - Cowbit Garden Party

30 of us played at a garden party in Cowbit organised by Cowbit Village. We were sponsored to play by one of the villagers. The party was put on for the senior citizens who were given tea and cakes. We were given our own share during the half-time break.



COMMUNITY

Holbeach Rotary

Geoff represented the Band at a reception given by the Holbeach Rotary Club.

WELCOME

Martin Oliver has joined us on Baritone. He moved to the area from Milton Keynes where he had a couple of years playing 2nd Baritone with Bradwell Silver Band (a good 4th section band).

We've also moved Zachary Simpson up from the Training Band to join his mother on the Baritone rank

BINGO

The band's next fund-raising bingo is on Friday 8th JuneMay. 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.

LEARN TO PLAY WEEK

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.

Posters and leaflets will be distributed to the press and schools in the next couple of weeks.

The format seems to work, but any suggestions would be gratefully received.

HOLBEACH TOWN BAND
Musical Director: Mel Hopkin

LEARN TO PLAY WEEK 2018
Now in its 17th year

30th July to 3rd August
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 FREE!

For further information:
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COMING UP

Sunday 3rd June- Donington Park Fun Day

A return visit to one of our regulars. We play in the bandstand in Jubilee Park, Donington - always a good event - always a tight squeeze on the bandstand! We're a bit light on the cornet front row but we've got a couple of cornet players guesting.



Sunday 10th June - Summer Fair at Gosberton

This is another new event. They have asked us a couple of times in the past and we have been committed elsewhere, so its good to have been able to play this year. We're a bit light on the cornet front row again; we're brining cornets forward from the back row.

Sunday 24th June - 'Give It A Go'

We have been invited to play at this event at The Sir Halley Stewart Field, Spalding to highlight sports and other activities. We have too many people away, but we would like to have a presence to advertise the Band.

Saturday 30th June - Holbeach Food Festival

We have played at the food festival a couple of times but

have missed a couple of years due to other commitments. We will put together a small group from the Training Band/ Leaner group, supported by the senior band.

Sunday 1st July - Parish Council Fayre

The Parish Council Fayre is new and we are pleased to be invited to take part (even if we do have to take our own chairs!). It will take place in Carter's Park, Holbeach

Ayscoughfee Gardens

It seems that the series of band concerts is not happening this year. And we still haven't been paid for last year!

Sat 25th August - Poppy Appeal Concert

This event is due to take place at Fenland Airfield, Holbeach St Johns. Unfortunately we have a lot of people away and will have difficulty raising a band.

Sat 25th August - Sezanne Twinning concert

We have been invited to take part in the celebrations for the Diamond jubilee of the Twinning. We would play a short concert as part of the proceedings at the South Holland Centre, Spalding

EVENTS LIST

Date	Event
Sunday 3rd June	Donington Park Fun Day
Sunday 10th June	Summer Fair at Gosberton
Sunday 24th June	'Give It A Go' at Sir Halley Stewart Field, Spalding
Saturday 30th June	Holbeach Food Festival
Sunday 1st July	Parish Council Fayre
Saturday 25 th August eve	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 a.m.	Remembrance Service at Moulton Seas End
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Friday 30 th November	Tydd St Mary – Christmas Concert

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