



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND NEWSLETTER - MAY 2019

BUSY MAY

On 5th May we returned to Moulton Chapel to play on the back of a trailer for their annual Flower Parade. It was a chilly day but we had a good turnout.



On 6th May we played at All Saints Church, Holbeach for their annual Flower Festival. Again we had a good turnout. We were asked to play outside despite it being cold, and there being very few listeners! During the half time break it started to drizzle; we restarted the 2nd half but only managed one piece before it got too wet!



A new one for us on 17th May when we played background music for the annual dinner of the 1406 Air Cadets. We had a reduced band with 12 members absent but it worked well and we have been invited back next year.



On 18th May we had another new job at the Jerry Green Dog Rescue Centre where they were opening a purpose built training/event facility. We set up in the outside arena and played a couple of pieces but had to relocate indoors due to the rain. We had a poor turnout with half the band absent; but we wouldn't have fitted inside with a full band.



LEARNER AND TRAINING

There will be NO Training Band on Wednesday 12th June. Senior Band as usual, with guest conductors from within the band.

There will be NO lessons on Friday 7th June, Monday 10th June or Friday 14th June.

There will be NO Learner Group or Theory lessons on Saturday 8th June

GOODBYE

We are sorry to lose George Brown (bass trombone) who has been with us for 7 years. George has a wealth of experience and has been a great asset to the band.



Phil (solo cornet) and Jeanette (Eb bass) Bramham have been back with us for 6 months (having first joined us in 2014 but then moved away); they have left due to work issues. Jazmin Coia (solo cornet) has left after 18 months due to transport difficulties. We hope to see them again after their current difficulties are sorted out.

BINGO

The band's next fund-raising bingo is on Friday 14th June. 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.

COMING UP

We are back at Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding on 15th June for their series of concerts in the Gardens! Always a nice event (when the sun is shining).



We have two jobs coming up in Cowbit - a return visit to the garden party in Stonegate, Cowbit on 30th June, where we were provided with excellent refreshments last year; and a garden fete at Cowbit playing field on 31st August.

We also have a Flower Festival concert at Sutton Bridge Church on 20th July and a Last Night of the Proms at the Elizabethan Centre, Whaplode Drove on 14th September.

Our Learn to Play week is 29th July to 2nd August

Musical Director's comments:

Many thanks to the band for nominating me for an award leading to my invitation to a Royal Garden Party. Very enjoyable.



Attendances at practice and engagements is very poor at the moment. I expect a minimum 80% attendance. Average attendance at engagements this year is 66%, with half the band being absent for dog rescue. Average attendance at practice this year is 67%.

The number of members leaving at half time is increasing. It used to be 2 or 3. Now its often 6 or 7. Please stay for the full practice if you can.

EVENTS LIST

Date	Event	Arrive	Start
Sunday 23rd June	Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding	1.30pm	2pm
Sunday 30th June	Cowbit Garden Party	2.30pm	3pm
Saturday 20th July	Sutton Bridge Flower Festival Concert	6.30pm	7pm
29th July to 2nd August	Learn to Play Week	2.00 to 4.00pm	each day
Saturday 31st August	Cowbit Playing Field	1.30pm	2pm
Saturday 14th September	Last Night of the Proms, Whaplode Drove	7pm	7.30pm
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Sunday	2.30pm	2.45pm

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