



Golden Anniversary
(1971 - 2021)

HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2021

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Stage 3 - 17 May 2021 All bands can now conduct larger indoor and outdoor rehearsals in line with social distancing rules.

The [performing arts guidance](#) published on Tuesday 18 May makes it clear that non-professional activity can resume both inside and outside, although participants must remain in groups within the legal gathering limits of 6 indoors and 30 outdoors. However, **there is an exemption to allow multiple permitted groups to occupy the same facilities and be directed by a single individual. It is important not to let these permitted groups mix either on arrival, during or when leaving the planned activity. Brass Bands England recommends treating each member as a single group of one to help ensure that no unnecessary mixing takes place.**

According to Making Music, it is important to understand what is meant by "...maintaining group sizes permitted by social contact restrictions... and preventing mixing between groups social contact limits":

- This means that the total number of people attending a rehearsal can be more than the social contact limit – but that they must always remain in sub-groups within social contact limits.
- So, indoors the social contact is 6. If your venue could safely (i.e. with social distancing) allow for 42 people (as an example) to attend, all 42 could attend but they would have to stay in a maximum of 7 sub-groups of 6 people. With no mixing / switching between the sub-groups.

Making Music advise that you go further than this both indoors and outdoors and treat everyone as a sub-group of 1 – and don't allow for any mixing. This will mean your rules can be very simple and clear and make the rehearsal much easier to manage.

PRACTICES HAVE RESUMED

We are now back with socially distanced rehearsals. Initially limited to two sessions of 6 but following the above guidance, the numbers will be increased to fit in the hall. We are also restarting the Saturday morning learner group as from 12th June.

PHOTOS FROM 2019

17th May 2019 1406 Air Cadets meal

One of our front row cornet players was in the Air Cadets (he's since joined the Marines) as is a member of the Training Band. It was their annual dinner and we were invited to play background music during the meal. It was held in the Function Room of the South Holland Centre, Spalding. We had a reduced turnout but perhaps that was as well as they did not want us to be too loud! It went very well and we were invited back for the next year; little did we know!!



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