



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

Enjoying Brass Banding in Holbeach since 1971

Golden Anniversary
(1971 - 2021)

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sun 13 November - Remembrance

We returned to Holbeach St Marks for their Remembrance Service. We played a march at the war memorial and then went back into the church for the afternoon service. Toby Walters gave a fine performance of Last Post at the war memorial and again inside the church.



At last the uniforms have arrived and we think they look good. Come and see for yourself at our indoor concerts. The first appearance will be at Tydd St Mary church on Friday 2nd December. Note: must try not to spill the soup.



LATEST NEWS

CHRISTMAS

Sat 26 November - Spalding celebration

Christmas has arrived in Spalding! A group played Christmas music on the 'Small Stage' in Hall Place, Spalding. There was a good receptive audience. Then we moved to the Bridge Street end of the Market Place where we played for a further 20 minutes. Chairs kindly provided by the Council!



LEARNERS

Saturday morning sessions are CANCELLED during December because the main band will be out carol-playing. We will restart on 7th January. In the meantime, learners are welcome to come to our Training Band at 6.30 on Wednesday evenings.

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A message from our chairman

Neil's Nags

Here is the first instalment of the long-anticipated 'Neil's Nags'. The aim is to remind us of those little jobs we have forgotten to do! To show I am being fair, I will start with myself:

1. Neil: Purchase stand lights and stand magnets.
2. Neil: Plan 'Pick it up again' (for the new year).
3. Debs: Set-up band emails.
4. Debs: Set-up new bank signatories.
5. Martin: Set-up storage for the new jackets.
6. Julie: Investigate new curtains for band room.
7. Mel: Ask Cross Bros for a quote on flooring.
8. Emma: File all band music.

Band Room 'Spring' Clean

We are very busy over Christmas but urgently need to tidy the band room. In the band room I have put a sign-up sheet. Please put your name down for an area you would like to help tidy and I will ask a member of that team to take charge and liaise with the team members to sort it out. Thanks.

AGM

I know that you are all really keen to do your bit to support the running of the band, so if you are interested in any of the band positions let Bev know.

Note: the AGM will be held at the bandroom at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4th January. All members, and the parents of younger members, are welcome to attend. Main Band practice will follow the AGM.

Christmas cards:

We find that Christmas cards sent to other band members often end up in the bandroom or in instrument cases or music folders!

As in previous years, we suggest *not* sending cards to other band members. The money you save could be donated to band funds!

CHRISTMAS DATES

Date	Event	Arrive	Play	Finish
Fri 2 December	Concert at Tydd St Mary Church	7.00pm	7.30pm	9.30pm
Sat 3 December	Carols at Lidl, Spalding	9.45am	10.00am	1.00pm
Sat 3 December	Holbeach celebrations TBC	1.45pm	2.00pm	4.00pm
Sat 10 December	Carols at Tesco, Holbeach	9.45am	10.00am	1.00pm
Sun 11 December	Concert at St Mary and St Nicolas Church Spalding	2.30pm	3.00pm	4.30pm
Fri 16 December	Concert at Holbeach Methodist Church	7.00pm	7.30pm	9.30pm
Sat 17 December	Carols at Sainsburys, Spalding	9.45am	10.00am	1.00pm
Sat 17 December	Carol Concert at St John's Church, Parson Drove	5.45pm	6.00pm	8.30pm
Tues 20 December	Carols at Fenland Airfield	2.15pm	2.30pm	3.30pm
Sat 24 December	Carols at Tesco, Holbeach	9.45am	10.00am	1.00pm

Uniform:

- New band jackets for indoor events
- Winter coats and santa hats for outdoor events. We might be invited inside supermarkets in which case the jackets would be appropriate – perhaps worn underneath winter coats.

Note: collectors are essential for carol playing at supermarkets. We need 6-8 collection buckets. Collectors should wear band tabards and santa hats and have a collectors badge

If you're not playing please collect.