



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

11th November - Remembrance Sunday

We had an extra busy Remembrance Sunday this special year on the 100th anniversary of the First World War. In the morning we went to Moulton Seas End and played incidental music at the war memorial; then we moved to the village hall and played suitable music for the unveiling of a memorial plaque.



In the afternoon we made our usual trip to Holbeach St Marks where we laid a poppy wreath and played for the service. Adam played Last Post at the War Memorial and in the Church.



30th November - Tydd St Mary

Our annual trip to St Mary's Church for their Christmas concert where we played a mix of Christmas songs and carols with audience singing along.

There is not a lot of room for the band! And we had 5 more players than last year but we managed to fit in after a bit of re-arranging of chairs.

And the home-made soups at the interval were excellent as always



WELCOME

Welcome back to Phil and Jeanette Bramham, former members, who have returned to live in the area. Phil plays front row cornet and Jeanette plays Eb Bass

BINGO

The next bingo is on Friday 7th December. 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.

The December Bingo will feature carols played by the Band at the interval. Extra helpers are needed to serve refreshments to free up band members to play the carols.

COMING UP

Christmas:

We have a Christmas Music Café at the W.I. Hall, Holbeach on Sunday 9th December. The support of band members and families in providing cakes for the café and helping on the day is very much appreciated.

Our next concert is on Friday 14th December at St Paul's Church Fulney on Holbeach Road, Spalding near Springfields roundabout. This will be our first visit there for a long time, so lets make it a good one.

We will be playing carols every Saturday morning in December as well as on Christmas eve and some afternoons.

We have been asked to play carols in Crowland Abbey on the afternoon of 1st December and in Spalding Town Centre on the afternoon of 8th December before the town lights are turned on.

Note: We have put together balanced groups of approx 10 players for each carol playing event. But if you are not in the group please come along anyway, if you want to!



Collectors needed:

All the carol playing jobs need collectors. Ideally we need 4 to 6 collectors each time. Christmas is a major fund-raising time and provides the funds to keep the band running. Traditionally family members and friends collect for us as well as members of the learner/training bands. If you are not required for playing, you could collect!

Christmas Cards:

As in previous years, we suggest NOT giving Christmas Cards to other band members. Instead, you may wish to make a donation to the band of some of the money you save.

Christmas holiday period:

We are sorry, but there will be no band practice during Christmas week! We restart on 2nd January.

Learner/Starter Groups:

Early warning - there will be no Saturday morning starter/learner groups in December as the band will be busy! Saturday mornings restart on 5th January



EVENTS LIST

Date	Time	Event
Sat 1 December	10.00 to 12.30pm	Carols at Sainsburys, Spalding
Sat 1 December	2.00 to 3.00pm	Carols at Crowland Abbey
Fri 7 December	8.15 to 8.30pm	Carols at Band Bingo (W.I. Hall)
Sat 8 December	10.00 to 12.30pm	Carols at Springfields, Spalding
Sat 8 December	3.00 to 4.00pm	Carols in Hall Place, Spalding (lights switch-on)
Sun 9 December	3.00 to 5.00pm	Christmas Music Cafe at WI Hall, Holbeach
Fri 14 December	7.00 to 9.00pm	Christmas Concert at St Paul's Church, Fulney
Sat 15 December	10.00 to 12.30	Carols at Tesco Holbeach
Sat 22 December	10.00 to 12.30	Carols at Cafe Aurora, Holbeach
Mon 24 December	10.00 to 12.30	Carols at Tesco Holbeach

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