



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2016

CROWLAND ABBEY

We made a welcome return visit to the Abbey for a Sunday evening concert on 16th October.

We played a wide range of music, from the exciting James Bond Collection, soul music with Solid Gold Soul, stage show music with Oh What a Lovely War, as well as classical music with Mars from the Planets Suite. Jess Pearson played the trombone solo The Acrobat while euphonium players Zoe Hopkin and Neil



Simons played the duet, Deep Inside the Sacred Temple. Horn players Hannah Palmer (flugel horn) and Ruby Latka (tenor horn) played the duet, Hushabye Mountain, and the horn section played a Horn feature of Hey Jude.

We weren't allowed to leave without playing



an encore, which was Deep Harmony. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

We had a problem over lighting. The Abbey's lighting was not good for reading music and the band's own stand-lights were not

BANDROOM

The Band's Lease has been extended by 2 years to September 2018, but we still need a permanent home. We have heard rumours that the band has spent its building fund on new uniforms; that is incorrect. The uniforms were purchased with the aid of grants. The building fund remains intact.

Thanks to Bev for his hard work repainting the bandroom. We like the new colour!

The rota for cleaning the bandroom is working well. Many thanks to those who have taken part in the rota so far. Let's keep it going!

BINGO

The November Bingo has been brought forward a week to 4th November due to the Band's remembrance concert on 11th November. As always, help is needed from band members and families.



BAND PRACTICES

Subscriptions:

From January we will ask for membership subscriptions to be paid quarterly in advance. Standing order forms will be provided to make this easier.

CHAIRMAN

Yvonne has stepped down as Chairman after 11 years. The Band has improved significantly over those years. When she took over, we had 20 in the band and 5 learners - we now have 35 in the band with 30 learners.

A new Chairman will be appointed at the AGM in January. In the meantime vice-chair Stephanie has taken over the role.

At the AGM we will also need to appoint a new librarian and someone to look after the uniforms.

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COMING UP

Remembrance Concert

A new one for us! On 11th November, we will be playing at the South Holland Centre, Spalding. The concert will pri-



marily be a remembrance of the First World War and will include the Ayscoughfee Hall School choir.



The choir will sing along with the band to a number of songs from the war.

There will be a compere and readers of

poems from the war.

Tickets are available from the South Holland Centre.

Remembrance Sunday

Our annual visit to Holbeach St Marks for their Remembrance Service.

It's full uniform in church but with a band coat for playing outside (and band hat if you want).

Poppies and medals should be worn.

On arrival we sort out seating in the church and set up music stands. We then go outside to the War Memorial (in warm coats) where we play for 15 minutes, plus Last Post.

We return to the church and set up ready to start the Memorial Service. We have to set up quickly as the service starts almost immediately.

We play the hymns for the church service, plus Last Post again. The service ends about 4.00pm.



Christmas

We have a busy Christmas period, as usual.

There will be Christmas carol concerts at Tydd St Mary and at the Holy Trinity Church, Holbeach. And a concert of Christmas music for the St Nicholas Fayre.

We are playing carols at Sainsburys, Morrisons and Tescos. Also at the band's December Bingo, at Crowland Abbey and at the Masonic Lodge, Spalding.

The organisers have cancelled the proposed concert in Spalding Parish Church.

The first concert is at St Mary's Church, Tydd St Mary. The area is a bit tight for the Band!!



EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Fri 11 Nov	7.30 - 9.30pm	Remembrance Concert at South Holland Centre
Sun 13 Nov	2.30 - 4.00pm	Remembrance Service at Holbeach St Marks
Fri 2 Dec	7.30 - 9.30pm	Christmas Concert at Tydd St Mary Church
Sat 3 Dec	2.30 - 3.30pm	Carols at Crowland Abbey
Sun 4 Dec	1.00 - 3.30pm	Holbeach St Nicholas Fayre
Fri 9 Dec	8.15 - 8.30pm	Carols for Band Bingo
Sat 17 Dec	7.30 - 9.30pm	Christmas Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Holbeach
Wed 21 Dec	9.00 - 10.00pm	Group playing at Masonic Lodge, Spalding
Carol playing on 3rd, 11th, 17th and 24th December.		

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