



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2019

OCTOBER EVENT



Yes, we were there! (Pity we were not named on the poster).

Time to get the Santa hats out for the annual switching-on of the lights at Springfield Shopping Centre.

According to the Lincolnshire Free Press report "Thousands attended the event, despite the weather being a little drizzly". It seemed fewer than last year, but it had been a very wet day.

We had to walk round to a gazebo behind the stage over wet grass (and trying to avoid the worst puddles) where we got ready for the stage. After the event when it was pitch black we had to return the same way.



We were only asked to play for half an hour while the St Paul's Primary School had two half-hour slots!

We played a selection of Christmas carols and songs from our carol books and it went very well.



Note: Close up photos were taken by the Free Press photographer

We had a smaller band than last year which made it more comfortable on the small stage. And we were able to position the band better to take advantage of the microphones along the front of the stage.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- Christmas is coming! Please return your black music folder to the bandroom so the music can be sorted for next season
- Christmas uniform for outdoor events is Winter Coat and Santa Hat. But be prepared - sometimes, when we play outside supermarkets, we are allowed to play in a warm(ish) area; it is worth having your normal uniform underneath your winter coat so you can take the coat off.
- Instruments can be decorated with tinsel etc.
- On Remembrance Sunday poppies should be worn as well as any military medals

BINGO

The next bingo is on Friday 8th November. 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 .

Please donate raffle prizes for the Bingo's raffle. A box is provided in the bandroom.

Advance notice: the December bingo has been moved to Saturday afternoon 7th December because we have a concert on the Friday night. We will play carols during the half-time break, so we could do with extra help serving refreshments that day.

COMING UP

On 10th November we have our regular visit to Holbeach St Marks for their Remembrance Service where we play Last Post twice, once at the war memorial and again inside the Church. We need winter coats for outside and waistcoats for inside the church.

In December we have 3 Christmas Concerts. On Friday 6th December we are making our regular visit to St Mary's Church at Tydd St Mary (home of delicious soups at half time!). The next Friday (13th) we are making a return visit to St Paul's Church, Fulney where we were made very welcome last year. And on Saturday 20th December we are going back to the Elizabethan Centre at Whaplode for a concert with singer Sharon Bingham.



We have a busy Christmas period with lots of carol-playing. Carol playing is better with a group of 8-10 players as it causes less disruption to stores and the public:

- We will create balanced groups based on your Muzodo responses
- Please remember we need collectors for the supermarket/café carol-playing. If you are not playing in the group then please collect; members of the Learner Group and Training Band can also collect; please also ask partners/parents to help;

CHILD PROTECTION

Everyone needs to complete the new membership form (which includes a consent to use photos, contact details and details of medical problems such as allergies and medication). **Band members of School age (18 and under) will NOT be able to take part in our Christmas concerts unless their parents have completed, signed and returned the new membership form.**

LEARNER GROUP

There will be NO Saturday morning Learner group or Theory class during December because the band is out carol-playing

EVENTS LIST

| Date | Event | Arrive | Start |
|------------------------|---|--------|------------|
| Sunday 10th November | Remembrance Sunday | 2.30pm | 2.45pm |
| Friday 6th December | Tydd St Mary Church | 7.00pm | 7.30pm |
| Saturday 7th December | Carol-playing at Tescos, Holbeach | 9.45am | 12.30pm |
| Saturday 7th December | Carol-playing at Band Bingo, WI Hall Holbeach | 3.00pm | 3.45pm |
| Sunday 8th December | Carol-playing for Spalding celebrations | 1.45pm | 2.00pm TBC |
| Friday 13th December | St Paul's Church, Fulney, Spalding | 6.30pm | 7.00pm |
| Saturday 14th December | Carol-playing at Sainsburys, Spalding | 9.45am | 12.30pm |
| Saturday 21st December | Carol-playing at Aurora Caffé, Holbeach | 9.45am | 12.30pm |
| Saturday 21st December | Carol-playing at Tescos, Holbeach | 9.45am | 12.30pm |
| Saturday 21st December | Elizabethan centre, Whaplode Drove | 6.30pm | 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 24th December | Carol-playing at Tescos, Holbeach | 9.45am | 12.30pm |

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