



# HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

*Enjoying Brass Banding in Holbeach since 1971*

Golden Anniversary  
(1971 - 2021)

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

### OCTOBER EVENTS

#### Sat 8 October - Autumn Fair at Crowland Abbey

A return visit to Crowland Abbey for their autumn fair which has replaced their Christmas fair. We had a nicely balanced group there and were well received. There seemed few people attending but the stalls were spread over a wider area.



### COMING UP

#### Sun 13 November - Remembrance

We are booked to return to Holbeach St Marks for their Remembrance Service. We will play around the war memorial and then go into the church for the afternoon service. We play Last Post at the war memorial and again inside the church.

#### Christmas carols and concerts

See next page for details.

#### Uniforms 2

Remembrance: Winter coats with, optional, band hats for outside; waistcoats and ties in church.

Christmas:

Carol-playing - winter coats and santa hats for outdoors

Concerts – new jackets with ties, assuming the jackets arrive! Otherwise it will be Christmas jumpers as in recent years.

### LATEST NEWS

**Bandroom:** We are back in the bandroom! There is still a bit of work to do but we are just about back to normal—thanks to Graeme Stroud for an exceptional job. However, it is still a work in progress - the entrance / kitchen / toilet are still to be decorated as well as the front of the building.

#### Uniforms 1

There has been progress with the new uniform jackets. They should arrive mid-November - too late for Remembrance but in time for Christmas.



**Flower Parade:** We have been booked to play on the parade on the back of a trailer. And we are the official players of the theme tune. The parade is on 13th May 2023, starting at 11.00am. The composer of the theme tune, Simon Austin, has visited us at the bandroom and he has reported in the press that we were fantastic! He wrote the music a few years ago as part of his Spalding Sonatas and has arranged it for brass band. He hopes youngsters watching the parade will be inspired to pick up an instrument. He has asked us to play the theme tune as we go round the parade.

### LEARNERS

Advance notice: there will be no Saturday morning learner groups throughout December because the main band will be out carol-playing.

### OFFICERS

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## CHRISTMAS DATES

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Play</b>	<b>Finish</b>
Sat 26 November	Spalding Celebration TBC	2.00pm	2.15pm	3.30pm
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 24 December	Carols at Tesco, Holbeach	9.45am	10.00am	1.00pm

Note 1 - We are not yet sure if we have enough players for the Spalding and Holbeach celebrations marked TBC (To Be Confirmed)

Note 2 - We propose to limit the number of players playing carols to approx 8 to prevent congestion - details to follow.

Note 3 - Please ask family and friends to collect for us while we're carol-playing. If you're not playing please collect.

