



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2017

ANGLIA MOTEL

Another visit to the Anglia Motel on 15th October. We were booked to play between 12.00 and 4.00pm. This event was Harold Payne's thank you to everyone who had helped him raise funds over the year.

According to the weather forecast it should have been a warm sunny afternoon. Unfortunately the sun was hidden behind cloud and it was quite chilly. We had a mix of waistcoats and overcoats!



We set up on the grass behind the Motel and played for 45 minutes. There were not many people around to hear us. We had a break for lunch during which the organisers decided that we should finish early. So we played one more set and were finished by 3.00pm.

We had a good turnout, but there were a few absentees and the cornet section was boosted by Phil Bramham and Jeremy Ransome.



EVENING OF MUSIC

We were invited to take part in an event on 21 October in All Saints Church, Holbeach. The event was an 'Evening of Music' in aid of National Child Loss Day. It was a charity event and all proceeds were split between The Miscarriage & The Lullaby Trust. They had a number of singers lined up but wanted some musicians.



Many thanks to Neil Simons who organised a group of our younger players – Cory Genovese, Paweł Niewegłowski and Amelia Simpson (cornets), Jacob Simpson (tenor horn) and Jimmy Hammond (euphonium); well done all.

BANDROOM LATEST

Extract from the Minutes of the Holbeach Parish Council meeting on 9th October:

"It was **proposed and agreed** that in principle to look at the purchase of the Library as a possible Parish Council offices with the necessary information regarding costs, valuations etc. being obtained so that Members could make an informed decision.

"It was also **proposed and agreed** that if the Parish Council did move to the Library it would not be feasible to accommodate

the Town Band within the Building.

"It was also **proposed and agreed** that if a move was successful then the Town Band be offered the opportunity to purchase the Band Hall subject to valuations etc."

An article in the Lincs Free Press included a well-written commentary by Corey Genovese on how important the Band is to Holbeach and the surrounding area.

We do not yet know how much the Council will want for the bandroom, but it's likely to be a lot more than we've got!

TESCO BAGS OF HELP

The Band is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.



Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores - being awarded to local community projects.

The band is one of three groups in the Holbeach region shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant. Voting is open in all Tesco's Holbeach store throughout November and December. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Musical Director's comment:

Music folders 1: We had a problem at the Anglia Motel with music missing! Members *must not* take their music home if they are not going to be at an event. The same applies to practices – your music must be at the bandroom in case it is needed by someone else.

Music folders 2: Please return your black folders to the bandroom so that they can be prepared for next year.

Winter outdoor uniforms: The outdoor uniform is a winter coat and, optionally, a band hat. For carol-playing, the band provides all players with a santa hat. If you want to remove your coat make sure you have the waistcoat underneath!

COMING UP

Bingo:

The band's next fund-raising bingo is on Friday 10th 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.

Remembrance Sunday

Our annual visit to Holbeach St Marks for their Remembrance Service on 12th November. As usual we set up in the Church before playing at the War Memorial, then back to the Church for the afternoon service.



Winter coats to be worn over waistcoats for playing outside, and removed in the church.

Young Farmers:

We have been asked to play at the Lincolnshire Young Farmers annual ball on 18th November. This has not yet been confirmed but may still happen.

Tydd St Mary Church

A late request for us to return to Tydd St Mary on 1st December for their Christmas concert. Always a well-received concert – let's hope we can get a band!

St Nicholas Fayre:



Our regular visit to All Saints Church, Holbeach for the St Nicholas Fayre on 2nd December. This is a full concert of Christmas music.

Music Café:

Our Christmas Concert on 10th December will take the form of a Music Café. The Training Band and Learner Group will be invited to take part. As always, help with the refreshments will be gratefully appreciated.

Collectors:

We need collectors for the supermarkets and café. Traditionally this is done by family members or those in the learner/training bands. Please help if you can.

Learner Groups:

There will be NO Saturday morning groups in December due to the main band's commitments. Restart 6th January.

WELCOME

Welcome to Dani Walters whose husband and sons already play in the Main Band. Dani will play glockenspiel and other tuned percussion.

EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sun 12 November	2.45 to 4.00pm	Remembrance Service at Holbeach St Marks
Sat 18 November	7.30 to 8.30pm	TBC Young Farmers Ball at Springfields
Fri 1 December	7.30 to 9.30pm	Concert at Tydd St Mary Church
Sat 2 December	2.00 to 4.00pm	St Nicholas Fayre at All Saints Church, Holbeach
Sun 3 December	10.00 to 1.00pm	Carols at Sainsburys, Spalding [outside]
Fri 8 December	8.15 to 8.30pm	Carols at Band Bingo, W.I. Hall
Sat 9 December	10.00 to 1.00pm	Carols at Morrisons, Pinchbeck [inside]
Sun 10 December	12.00 to 4.00pm	Music Café at W.I. Hall, Holbeach
Sat 16 December	10.00 to 1.00pm	Carols at Co-op, Holbeach [probably outside]
Sun 17 December	2.00 to 4.00pm	Carols at Holbeach Hospital [inside]
Wed 20 December	6.00 to 7.00pm	Carols Around the Tree at All Saints Church [outside]
Sat 23 December	10.00 to 1.00pm	Carols outside Aurora Café, Holbeach [outside]
Sun 24 December	10.00 to 1.00 pm	Carols at Tesco, Holbeach [in covered entrance]

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