



# HOLBEACH TOWN BAND NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2019

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS



On 14th September we played a Last Night of the Proms concert at the Elizabethan Centre, Whaplode Drove Social Club. It was a fantastic evening with a large enthusiastic audience.

We were joined by local singer Sharon Bingham who had her own spot during the band's half-time break and she lead the singing for the patriotic songs in the second half.

We were persuaded to repeat the Hornpipe (well done to the cornets) in the Fantasia on British Sea Songs

We were also persuaded to play an encore at the end of the concert.

Our thanks to the organising Committee (including our own Martin Oliver and his wife Helen) for a well-organised event. And for the half-time refreshments (including a bowl of chips!).



## MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

- Please respond to Muzodo promptly. Answering 'Maybe' to jobs is not helpful - please restrict your responses to Yes or No
- 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. Instruments can be decorated with tinsel etc.

## GOODBYE



We are sorry to say goodbye to vice President Martin Howard who has been a great help to the band over the years. Martin has resigned due to ill-health and we wish him well.

We have a vacancy for an additional vice President

## BINGO

The next bingo is on Friday 11th October. 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.

## COMING UP

On 25th October we are playing carols at Springfields before Martin Kemp switches on the lights. Last year we had an audience of approx 6,000 when Peter Andre switched on the lights; it could be more this year!



On 10th November we have our regular visit to Holbeach St Marks for their Remembrance Service where we play Last Post twice, one at the war memorial and again 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 are still trying to arrange Saturday morning carol playing but we will definitely be playing outside the Aurora Caffe in Holbeach on 20th December

## CHILD PROTECTION

We have joined Brass Bands England to take advantage of their BandSafe scheme and to comply with the Child Performance Licensing legislation

At the Band Meeting on 30th September, the Band adopted new policies for Child protection, Whistle Blowing and Anti-bullying based on templates provided by Brass Bands England.

The band's Secretary, Dr Deborah Simpson, was appointed Welfare Officer.

We have started using a new membership form (which includes a consent to use photos and details of medical problems such as allergies and medication) and a code of conduct. These checks are free through Brass Bands England, and we have a supply of forms

## BAND MEETING

In addition to the policies and procedures on Child Protection, other issues were discussed:

- We need a white board - do any schools have an old one?
- Members subscriptions need bringing up to date - there are standing order forms in the bandroom
- We have not been able to book the hall for a Last Night of the Proms concert before Christmas. We will do one in the Spring. Possibly as a Music Cafe
- Bev is looking into getting sweatshirts with Band Logo
- We will prepare flyers to distribute at concerts to advertise the Learner Group and Training Band and to fill vacancies in the main band due to young players leaving for university etc.

## EVENTS LIST

Date	Event	Arrive	Start
Thursday 24th October	Springfields - turn on Christmas Lights	5.30pm	6.00 ish
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Sunday	2.30pm	2.45pm
Friday 6th December	Tydd St Mary Church	6.30pm	7.00pm
Friday 13th December	St Paul's Church, Spalding	6.30pm	7.00pm
Saturday 21st December	Elizabethan centre, Whaplode Drove	6.30pm	7.00pm

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