



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2017

HUNSTANTON

Our first visit to Hunstanton for over 20 years on 2nd September. We were invited by Harold Payne of Anglia Motel to play at his fund-raising military event on the Green.



We had a reasonable turnout with a band of 22 including one guest (Ben Brickles on solo cornet). We just about fitted on the bandstand but it was a squeeze!

It was a pleasant afternoon and well received by the audience.

PROMS-TASTIC

We have had an excellent September! Two Last Night of the Proms concerts a fortnight apart. We played the same programme for each - music from our repertoire in the first half; a selection of classical music and Proms music in the second half. We took our song sheets with the words for the Proms songs.

Our best turnouts of the year and probably in recorded memory! We had 32 at each concert; we had a few absentees, but they were covered by guest players - Ben Brickles and Phil Bramham on solo cornet and Malc and Heather Doubleday on percussion at Moulton; and Phil Bramham on solo cornet, Nick Bunting on 1st trombone and Heather Doubleday on timps at Crowland. Grateful thanks to them all.

MOULTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our first Proms concert was on 16th September at the Moulton Community Centre. It was a bit of a shock to see the size of the stage! After we had set up the drum kit and the timpani there wasn't a lot of room for the rest of the band. Eventually we put half the band on the stage and the other half in front in very close proximity to the audience.



The Hall was full and audience were very enthusiastic and did a lot singing and flag waving. They clearly enjoyed the music and the occasion



CROWLAND

Two weeks later, on 30th September, we played the second Last Night of the Proms concert at the British Legion Hall, Crowland. This concert raised funds for St Barnabas Trust.

We had plenty of room to set up, although the organisers had to squash in extra tables and chairs as the audience increased in size.



We had expected to start at 7.00pm (as per their poster) and were set up ready, but the organisers asked us to wait as some of the audience had not arrived. We were nearly 30 minutes late starting.



Again there was a capacity audience who joined in with the singing very enthusiastically.

We had lots of very nice comments.

"Thoroughly enjoyed the concert in Crowland last night. Very impressed with the band and the range of music played. Well done to you all."

Musical Director's comment:

A thoroughly enjoyable pair of Last Night concerts. Shows what a difference there is when we have a good turnout. The addition of timpani and tuned percussion was an added bonus. We must find a permanent tuned percussion player!

COMING UP

Bingo:

The band's next fund-raising bingo is on Friday 13th 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.

Anglia Motel:



On 15th October we are going back to the Anglia Motel for their Military event. We are playing from 12.00 to 4.00 with breaks.

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.

Young Farmers:

We have been asked to play at the

Lincolnshire Young Farmers annual ball on 18th November. This has not been confirmed as I'm not sure if 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.

Carol playing:

Current proposals are:

- Sun 3rd Morrisons, Pinchbeck
- Sat 9th Morrisons, Pinchbeck

- Sat 16th Co-op, Holbeach
- Sat 23rd Aurora Café, Holbeach
- Sun 24th Tesco, Holbeach

Members:

Welcome to Martin Walters and his sons Toby and Ben who have joined the Main band.

Welcome also to the new members of Training band and Learner Groups following the Learn to Play week.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Katrina Richards from the Training Band who had a one-way ticket to New Zealand.

Bandroom:

A number of band members went to the Council meeting last month when the future of the Council offices and the bandroom was being discussed. The Council postponed a decision until 9th October – a presence at that meeting would be very helpful. Among the proposals being considered is the purchase of the old library for use by the Council and the Band on terms to be agreed.

EVENTS LIST

Date	Time(s)	Event
Sun 15th October	12.00 to 4.00pm	Military Event at Anglia Motel, Holbeach
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
Sat 2 December Holbeach	2.00 to 4.00pm	St Nicholas Fayre, All Saints Church,
Sun 10 December	12.00 to 4.00pm	Music Café at W.I. Hall, Holbeach

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