



HOLBEACH TOWN BAND

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Golden Anniversary
(1971 - 2021)

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

.Sun 3rd September - Holbeach Food Fair at Carter's Park, Holbeach

A pleasure to play at the Holbeach Food Fair. There were a lot of people there and it was very hot - we started playing in the shade of a tree but the sun moved (as it does) and we lost the shade. Our bass players were away so thanks [Stephanie](#) for playing bass today. And thanks to [hannah](#) for joining us during her university holidays.



Sat 9th September (10.00 to 2.00) - Community Showcase at All Saints Church, Holbeach

We had a presence at the Community Showcase. It was another very hot day and Holbeach people seemed to be staying at home. It was fairly quiet but there was a bit of interest in the band.



Sat 9th September - Last Night of the Proms at Tydd St Giles Community Centre

Excellent Last Night of the Proms at Tydd St Giles community hall with Isle of Ely W.I. Choir. Superb playing. Thanks to [Hannah Palmer](#) and [Amelia Simpson](#) for joining us during their summer break from university and to [Richard Tawn](#) who helped on bass. This was the last concert for [Toby Walters](#) and [Alex Simpson](#) who are now going to university and for [Jacob Simpson](#) who is returning to university after a year out. We opened the Concert playing Jerusalem while the choir sang it. We played for 30 minutes. The choir sang for 40 minutes during which there was a break for a buffet. We ended the concert with a full Last Night repertoire.





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Neil's Nags

It's a busy season ahead - please remember to fill in Muzodo so Mel can organise a carol playing rota.

Look out for a notification for our Gloss Party - coming soon!

COMMITTEE MEETING

Key information from the Committee meeting on 26th September:

Our new Vice President, Stephen Johnson, and Martin Walters will be taking over from Toby to develop our social media and press presence.

Stephen will also be getting us a quote for flooring but we need to get together to finish the woodwork - gloss painting party coming up!

Neil is going to talk to William Stukeley Primary School and the Lincolnshire Music Service about how we can work together to promote music and the band.

Stephen is also looking into gazebos for us for venues where cover is not provided (thanks Jerry for the idea).

Can everyone respond to Muzodo so that Bev and Mel can decide which events we can do? Mel will produce a rota for carol playing so you won't need to do every Saturday!

The Band's Safeguarding Policy was reviewed and approved.

Band members with CRB/DBS checks need to get them renewed if they are more than 3 years old. Note: Brass Bands England will do this free of charge.

LEARNERS/STARTERS

You must practice regularly! Some useful music books are:

For those just starting - 'A Tune a Day'.

For those wishing to improve their playing - 'Easy Winners', 'Great Winners', 'Winners Galore', 'Winner Scores All'. The cornet/trumpet is fine for all brass band instruments.



COMING UP

12th November - Remembrance Sunday

Our annual trip to Holbeach St Marks

17th November - Holbeach Methodist Church

A Christmas concert

25th November - Spalding Town Centre

Spalding Christmas celebration

1st December - Tydd St Mary

Our annual trip for a Christmas concert and tasty soup

2nd December - carol playing

9th December - carol playing

10th December - Baytree Garden Centre

Carols at Baytree's Christmas market

14th December - Springfields Shopping Centre

Carols at Springfields

16th December - carol playing

~~16th December - Carols at Parson Drove~~

23rd December - carol playing

24th December - carol playing

MUSIC (BLACK FOLDERS)

As we move towards Christmas, please make sure your black music folder is returned to the bandroom. Apart from Remembrance Sunday, we won't be using the black folders until the New Year. We need the folders in the bandroom so we can sort them out.

New music?

Is there any music you would like the band to play? Let Mel know your suggestions - we may have it in our music library but, if not, we can buy it! Mel will circulate a list of all music in our library.



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LEAVERS

We have lost 5 important players this month - 4 of them to University! We are sorry to see them go, but hope they will join us again during their holidays periods.

Toby Walters has been the Band's principal cornet for the past year. He joined the band in 2017 at the same time as his father and brother. He started on 2nd Cornet and quickly moved onto the front row.

Alex Simpson is the Band's principal trombone; he joined the Band's training scheme in 2018 a few weeks after his mother. He started on euphonium but we had a shortage of trombone players so he soon moved to trombone.

Jacob Simpson plays flugel horn in the Band; he joined the Band's training scheme with 3 other members of his family in 2012 on tenor horn. He left for University 3 years ago but has taken a year out, so he has been back with us for the last year filling a vacancy on flugel horn.

Andrew Strange plays 2nd cornet and joined the Band's training scheme in 2015. His father, **David Strange**, has also left the band. He joined in 2021 but, as a cornet player, he helped us out a few times when we were short of players.

Those leaving for university are presented with a commemorative mug.

Young players leaving for university is a recurring issue for the Band. Over the last 2 or 3 years more of the Band's key players have left for university - Pawel Nieweglowski was the Band's principal cornet, James Biggs was the Band's drummer, Ameila Simpson was a front row cornet player, Hannah Palmer played flugel horn, and Corey Genovese was another front row cornet player and he left to join the Royal Marines.

The band has a very successful training programme, with over 20 people learning to play in our starter and learner groups and in the training band.. Unfortunately, it takes a lot of time and practice to reach the standard necessary for the main band. We need more players to join our ranks!



Toby and Alex receiving commemorative mugs at their last practice



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