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# Holton News

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Holton le Clay Parish Council Office, Pinfold Lane, DN36 5DL

### NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

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**Village Hall Bookings** – Maureen 07568 197 914

### **Village Hall News**

## **Afternoon Tea**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

Holton le Clay Village Hall 2-4pm

HOME MADE CAKES

All proceeds go to HLC MERC. The Village Hall  
to fund events for the village

Raffle

## **The Black Lady of Bradley Woods**

While researching Holton le Clay, I got side-tracked by the Black Lady of Bradley Woods which is just outside Grimsby towards Laceby.

Alleged eyewitnesses have described her as being young and pretty, around 5'6" tall, dressed in a flowing black cloak and a black hood that obscures her hair but reveals her mournful, pale, tear-soaked face. According to the legend, she has never harmed anyone and has only ever proved to be a pitiful, if unnerving, sight.

Myth has it that during the Wars of the Roses, or the Barons' Wars, a young woodsman and his wife lived with their baby son in a cottage in Bradley Woods. Eventually, the woodsman left his family to fight, leaving his wife to bring up the baby alone. After many months there was no news of the woodsman. Every day, she held her child and walked to the edge of the woods, waiting for the sight of her husband coming home from the wars, until one day, the enemy army crossed the Humber and marched through the area on the way to attack Lincoln. As she was leaving her cottage, the woman was set upon by three horsemen who attacked her, snatched the baby boy and rode off laughing into the woods. Heartbroken and humiliated, she wandered the woods searching in vain for her child and husband. After her death people began to see her wandering the woods, carrying on her never-ending search.

The story is known to have been told for many generations. Parents once used it to frighten children; this appears to have been a common practice among parents in the area, and children were warned that if they were not safely in bed by a certain time, "the black lady will get you!"

One theory that has been put forward is that the Black Lady is the ghost of a nun. She appears dressed in black and at nearby Nunsthorpe where a convent existed until the Reformation. This theory gives no reason as to why the Black Lady should have moved from Nunsthorpe to Bradley, 2 miles away. Also, though she may be dressed in black, few if any, eyewitnesses have described her appearance as matching that of a nun.

Another possible explanation is that she is a spinster who, at one time, lived a life of isolation in her cottage in the woods, far enough away from the village. If village children had come across a woman living on her own in the woods, who became angry when her privacy and solitude were breached, then imaginary tales of witchcraft could have exaggerated the legend. She evidently appears at times in photographs. So if you are ever there, look closely and let us know!



A wax-blocked ear can be very uncomfortable and can cause temporary Hearing Loss, Dizziness and Tinnitus. Wax can also cause hearing aids to whistle and be ineffective. Speak to anyone who has suffered from it, and it's far more debilitating than you may originally think! A simple wax removal procedure can vastly improve the quality of these patients' lives.

Some GPs do still offer syringing and will put you on their "waiting list", but the vast majority have stopped altogether. Some people are referred to ENT at a hospital, and then the wait can extend to months and puts pressure on what are already overstretched NHS services.

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### The Village Hall

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2-4, Afternoon Tea

### Holton le Clay Cricket Club

Bingo every Tuesday. Last ticket sales 7.15pm.

Quiz every Wednesday at 7.30pm

**St Peter's Church** No events at this time

### Holton le Clay Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club

Every 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3rd Saturday of the month at 10am for breakfast and a catch-up at HLC Cricket Club.

Check out the Facebook page or contact Mik Boon 07584 626974 for more details.

### The Holt

COMING SOON: Sunday afternoon acoustic gigs  
From 5pm. Keep your eyes peeled for further updates!

## HISTORY CORNER

Almost certainly the oldest object in Holton le Clay is a Glacial Stone. Relocated from elsewhere in the village to the churchyard on the north side of St Peter's Church.

Located up the steps near the entrance to the extension, there is a plaque to mark its opening in June 1991.



The **Holton le Clay History Group** on Facebook, Records any available Information and Photographs of past Holton le Clay life.



## Recipe

### Sausage and maple swede tray bake

serves 4

#### Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil  
2 tbsp maple syrup  
½ pack thyme leaves  
1 tsp cumin seeds  
2 tsp red wine vinegar  
Salt and pepper  
1 large swede cut into 1" chunks  
2 red onions cut into wedges  
8 pork sausages  
3 sharp eating apples  
Cooked broccoli to serve



#### Method

Heat oven to 200C/180Cfan/gas 6.  
Mix oil, syrup, thyme, cumin and red wine together with seasoning.  
Par boil the swede till just softening.  
Toss the swede and onions in the mix then spread out in a large roasting tin.

Add sausages and apple wedges then cook for 30-45 minutes. Stir half way through. Cook until vegetables are soft and caramelised and the sausages cooked through.

*Get creative and add in sweet potatoes, beetroot or whatever is lurking in your fridge.*

Serve with broccoli or other side.

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## Parish Council News

As the clerk to the Parish Council, I recently found myself deeply immersed in a poignant journey, one that began when a kind resident of New Waltham offered a piece of a Lancaster Bomber's bomb bay door for installation at the A16 War Memorial. The piece had been lying in a hedge in Nottinghamshire for almost 50 years before it was discovered and authenticated and it eventually found its way back to Lincolnshire.

This generous donation sparked my curiosity, leading me to delve in to a treasure trove of paperwork that accompanied the relic. As a self-professed geek, I became engrossed in the lives of the young airmen and their families, driven by a desire to honour their bravery.

In March of 1943, the Lancaster III ED 549 of the 100 Squadron embarked on a mission from Waltham Airfield to France, laying mines or 'Gardening Exercise' as it was also known. Battling dense fog, the plane tragically crashed just 400 yards from Langar Airfield in Nottinghamshire.

My quest for knowledge led me to Tim Chamberlain, a historian who had extensively documented the tragic event. Tim graciously shared his research and invited me to visit the crash site. Standing there, surrounded by the echoes of history, I felt a real sense of connection with the brave souls aboard the Lancaster.



With the support of the community and Tim's expertise, a memorial now stands at the crash site, adorned with photographs of the crew and the Lancaster, etching their names into the village's collective memory. Driving past the airfield where the pilot aimed to land, I couldn't shake the thought that a few more seconds might have altered the course of their fate.

Tim's generous donation of his research inspired me to preserve this history for future generations. My hope is that I will be able to create a display in the village hall, allowing residents of Holton le Clay to delve into the sacrifices made by these brave young men.

## St Peter's Church

### Church Services

4<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul, Tetney

11<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, North Cotes

18<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter Holton le Clay

25<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am Service at St Peter Holton le Clay

### **Love is in the air**

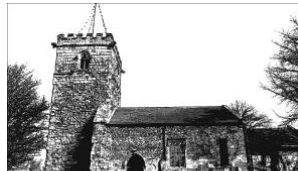
February is well known for St Valentine's Day, the 14<sup>th</sup> being the day of his death in Rome in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. Valentine was the name of a couple of legendary Christian martyrs whose lives are historically based but there is little reliable information about him. He has become the patron saint of lovers, epileptics and beekeepers.

What makes the history of Valentine's Day complicated is that two lives are described, firstly as a Roman priest and physician who was martyred during the persecution of the Christians circa 270 and a basilica was built over his grave. Secondly as the bishop of Terni, Italy who was martyred, probably in Rome, and his relics taken to Terni. These may be variations of the same man.

Legends also say that St Valentine signed a letter, 'from your Valentine' to his jailor's daughter whom he befriended and cured her blindness, or his action to defy the emperor's orders to marry couples in secret to spare the husband from going to war. Valentine's Day dates back to at least the 14<sup>th</sup> century as a lovers' festival.

'Loving one another' is a key to Jesus' teaching. Before his death and resurrection, he gave his disciples this new commandment, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Love in this sense is not a romantic or a sexual love; it means a deep, caring love such as Jesus showed when he was here in person. Christians have aimed at achieving this and sharing God's love since that time.

Rev'd Jenny



# Spring Word Search



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SEASON  
SUNSHINE  
GREEN  
PICNIC  
WARM  
TULIP

BUNNY  
BLOSSOM  
RAINBOW  
SEEDS  
GARDEN  
APRIL

KITES  
BUTTERFLY  
EGGS  
EASTER  
BIRDS  
SPRING

How many words can you create from the following?

**SAINT VALENTINE**

*Taint*  
*Tin*



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