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The parish office is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12 pm till 2 pm

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

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 16th December at 7.15 pm



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15th December 10.00am Service of Holy Communion at St Peter, Holton le Clay

22nd December 10.00am Nine Lessons and Carols at Holton le Clay
Tea and coffee available after the services

24th December 6.00 Crib Service at St Peter, Holton le Clay

24th December 6.00 Crib Service at St Peter and St Paul, Tetney

24th December 6.00 Service of Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul, Tetney.

25th December 10.00 Morning Prayer at St Peter, Holton le Clay

'O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting light,

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.'

As we look at our television screens or the internet, we may wonder how Bethlehem could be still and silent. I read a statement which said, "If Jesus was born today, he'd be born under rubble." (The Guardian). The area around Bethlehem and Gaza is full of rubble, with hundreds of people having been trapped beneath it. Some have survived, others not. Our hearts and our thoughts must be with those people, now refugees, wondering what the future will hold for them. This Christmas, amidst our festivities, let us not forget those who have nothing.

Jesus came to make a better world, to redeem people and offer them the gift of eternal life with God. I hope you all enjoy your festivities and have a wonderful Christmas, but I hope, too, you may think of what Christmas really means.

Rev'd Jenny



Village Events-December 2024



The Village Hall

Tuesday 3rd, Afternoon Tea from 2-4pm

Saturday 14th Christmas Quiz with John Marshall from 6.30pm

Holton le Clay Cricket Club

Bingo every Tuesday. Eyes down 7.30 pm.

Quiz every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

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8th in the afternoon

15th Carols at the Cricket Club



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Village Hall Classes *Please check when your classes break for Christmas and New Year*

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One chilly afternoon, Clara baked a batch of warm gingerbread cookies. She decorated them with icing and sprinkles, then wrapped them in a bright red ribbon. With a hopeful smile, she knocked on Mr. Thompson's door.

When he opened it, surprise lit up his face. Clara handed him the cookies and invited him to join her family for Christmas dinner. His eyes twinkled with joy as he accepted.

That evening, laughter echoed through their homes as they shared stories and warmth. Clara's simple act of kindness brought the community together, reminding everyone that the true spirit of Christmas lies in caring for one another.



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Commonwealth War Grave Memorial

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Salt Supply

For residents needing salt, a limited supply is available at the Village Hall car park. Additionally, several grit bins are placed throughout the village for public use.

Christmas Opening Hours for Clerking Service

Please note the holiday closure dates for the clerking service:

- **Closed:** 24th to 27th December
- **Open:** 30th and 31st December
- **Closed:** 1st January (Bank Holiday)

Regular hours resume on the 2nd of January.

Parish Council Vacancies

Two seats are currently open on the Holton le Clay Parish Council. Interested residents can inquire by calling the Clerk to the Council at 01472 234566 or visiting the Council Offices at the Village Hall on Pinfold Lane.

The Parish Council extends warm wishes to all Holton le Clay residents for a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



Christmas traditions from around the world

If you celebrate Christmas, you probably follow a long-set family tradition of turkey, gifts and dozing in front of the TV! But what goes on around the world?

In December 1974, KFC promoted itself as the place to eat the perfect Christmas meal. This became a trend in Japan, and it's now estimated that 3.6 million families have festively packed Kentucky for their Christmas meal.

In Norwegian folklore, there is a tradition of hiding all the broomsticks in the home to prevent witches and evil spirits from stealing them. Their more normal tradition is *Julebord*, a feast of epic proportions of roast pork, meatballs and mulled wine.

Visit Sweden for the tale of the Yule goat. Originally a sacrifice to the God of Harvest, today it's the giver of gifts and is depicted with a straw ornament with a red ribbon. [I wonder if the Lindt chocolate bunny should really be a goat?]

More goats for Romania! Men dress as goats on Christmas Eve and walk through the streets accompanied by singers. They tend to wear wooden goat masks and sheepskins on their back.

Greenland must take the prize for the most awful [to us] traditions. *Mattak*, whale skin and some blubber chewed: It evidently tastes like coconut, but I'll give it a miss. *Kiviak* is made from auks, a small Arctic bird. The birds are buried in sealskin for a long time, dug up, and eaten when decomposed.

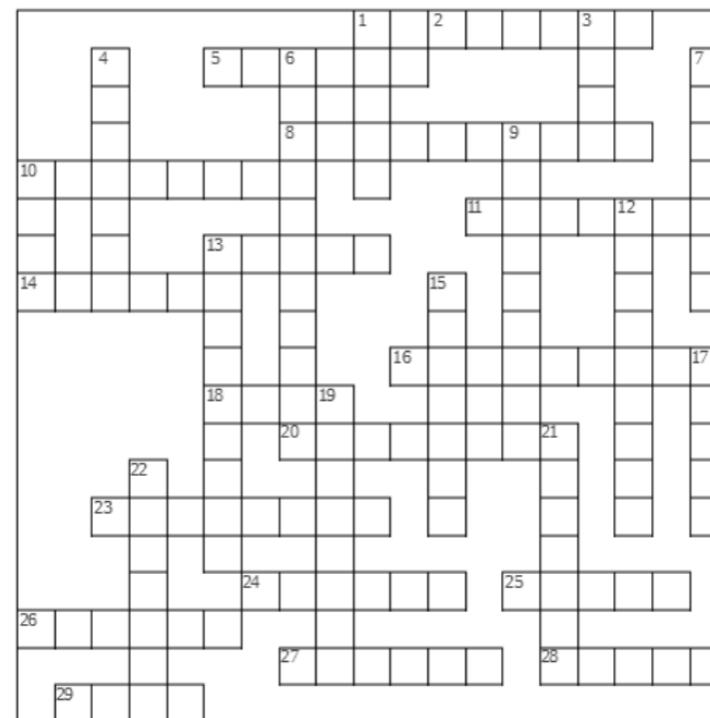
The *mummer's* tradition is from Latvia, where they are known as *Kekatas*. The group are dressed in animal masks and roam the neighbourhood, swapping food for a performance or dance. If a person is recognised, they have to remove the outfit. Treating the mummers well brings blessings and scares away evil spirits.

On Christmas Eve in Finland, families visit the graves of relatives and light candles. It turns the graveyard into a glittering haven of lights.

The Icelandic have their own version of the advent calendar as folklore tells of 13 Yule Lads who are mischievous boys who visit children and either leave a gift or a rotten potato if you have been naughty.

In Slovakia, they throw pudding at the ceiling! The most senior member throws *lokša* at the ceiling; the more that sticks, the more luck they will have. I wonder if the lady of the house devised this to get the men to decorate?

Christmas



Across

- 2 Famous snowman
- 5 Traditional dairy drink
- 8 An opener or a famous ballet
- 10 Hung over the fireplace
- 11 Carrot-nosed figure
- 13 Christmas song
- 14 Circular decoration
- 16 Dance of the ____ Fairy
- 18 Tree topper
- 20 Christmas month
- 23 Tree decoration
- 24 Santa's ride
- 25 Santa's helpers
- 26 ____ Bells
- 27 Green Christmas thief
- 28 Plant with red berries
- 29 The First Christmas, "The First ____"

Down

- 1 ____ Pole
- 3 Green Christmas decoration
- 4 Mean or miserly person
- 6 Treat used to build miniature houses
- 7 How Santa gets in
- 9 Striped sweet
- 10 Frozen rain
- 12 Christmas "kissing" plant
- 13 Gift giving holiday
- 15 Little ____ Boy
- 17 ____ Christmas; A season's greeting
- 19 Rudolph and friends
- 21 Lead reindeer
- 22 Kris ____



1. Be mine 2. Love at First Sight 3. True love forever 4. Love is in the air
5. Romance 6. Sweet nothings 7. XOXO 8. Written in the stars



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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 yellow onion, , diced | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cups elbow macaroni, (whenever possible, use whole grain/multigrain macaroni) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pinch of salt | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 cup low sodium vegetable broth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 garlic cloves, , minced | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 cup unsweetened almondmilk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 fresh tomatoes, , diced | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 teaspoon Italian Seasoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bag, (8 to 10 ounces) fresh baby spinach | <input type="checkbox"/> salt and fresh ground pepper, , to taste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2- cup crumbled feta cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2- cup cubed white cheddar cheese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2- cup cubed white cheddar cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> parsley for garnish |

- 1 Heat olive oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. (Use a pan with a lid)
- 2 Add onions and pinch of salt; cook for 2 to 3 minutes, or until softened.
- 3 Stir in garlic and continue to cook for 30 seconds, or until fragrant.
- 4 Add tomatoes, spinach, cheeses, macaroni, vegetable broth, milk, and seasonings.
- 5 Mix to combine and bring to a boil, stirring frequently.
- 6 Lower heat to a medium-low, cover with lid and continue to cook for 12 to 15 minutes, or until pasta is cooked. **Stir frequently, about every 3 minutes, to prevent sticking.**
- 7 Remove from heat and stir.
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