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Holton News

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WHAT'S ON 2025

AFTERNOON TEA. First Tuesday of every month

QUIZ NIGHT with John Marshall. Quarterly

PEBBLE HUNT at Easter, Summer and Autumn half-term

SUMMER FAYRE first weekend in July

CHRISTMAS MARKET in November

These are the main events over the year. Look out for the posters on notice boards and on social media.



There are numerous other events to add to your calendar too, that are run by other groups!

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Cllr David Springett

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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 17th March at 7.15 pm

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Mrs Sue Merriman – Church Warden – 07759518053 – suemerriman99@gmail.com


Weddings and Baptisms: Please phone Rev'd Jenny for an appointment

Village Hall Bookings – Maureen 07568 197 914

Village Hall News



MARCH
AFTERNOON
TEA
Tuesday 4th March
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HOMEMADE CAKES &
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The Quiz Nights have been running successfully for a couple of years now with our favourite DJ, John Marshall, as the host.

Never been? Think it'll be no fun? Think again!

The whole evening is full of laughter, tale-telling from John, and banter. We are usually finished for 9pm, so you can go home and put your feet up, or grab a take away.

Forward Planning at the Hall

For every event that we hold at the hall, there is a crazy amount of forward planning. Sometimes, two or even three events will overlap in the schedule.

January always gets us on the roll with looking around to see what we can bring that's new for the Summer Fayre. But the planning doesn't really start there. It starts at our Wash-Up meeting at the end of July of the previous year. Sounds crazy, doesn't it?

While it is still fresh in our minds, we like to review what went well and what didn't. The two big hits of 2024 were the balloon man and the reptiles.

We have hit the ground running this year with some great new ideas to enquire about and price up. It's still exciting at this point!

Stall holders are a very important part of the Summer Fayre. We love to support our local creative community and always have more applicants than we can accommodate.

You really wouldn't believe how long it takes us to decide on what the star prize for the raffle will be. Our local businesses and villagers are incredibly generous in donating both gifts and vouchers. The raffle wouldn't be so good without them.

We work hard to plan the layout, too. We have a full-sized model of the grounds and the things we need to allocate space for so that we can see what works well and where. As well as an accurate layout of the main hall. Sometimes, it can be a headache.

Slowly, over the months, things get booked and finalised, and we get more organised. The day before, we get as much done indoors as we can, and on the morning of the event, we are there from 9 am to let stall holders in and finally lock up after 6 pm, once we have put everything away and tidied up. It's a long but happy day, and we are exhausted.

Of course, the one thing we have no control over is the weather!

Village Events-March 2025

The Village Hall

Tuesday 4th, Afternoon Tea from 2-4pm
29th Quiz Night with John Marshall 6.30 pm

Holton le Clay Cricket Club

Bingo every Tuesday. Eyes down 7.30 pm.
Quiz every Wednesday at 7.30 pm
Thursday morning Brunch bingo with soup and a roll. £5

St Peter's Church

8th March 11.00-3.00 Table Top sale at Village Hall
22nd March 10.00-12.00 Coffee Morning for Arthritis UK

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Village Hall Classes

<p>Monday Tai Chi 10-11 am Popercize 5.15-6.15 Zumba 6.30-7.30pm</p>	<p>Tuesday Yoga 10-11.30am Camera Club 7.15-9.45pm first Tuesday of month Afternoon Tea 2-4pm THIRD Tuesday of month W.I. 7.00 - 9 pm</p>	<p>Wednesday Pilates 9.50-10.50 & 11-12 noon Sequence Dancing 1.00-4pm Pilates 6.30-7.30pm</p>
<p>Thursday Tai Chi 10-11am Kurling 1-2pm Slimming World 5 pm and 6.30pm</p>	<p>ALL EVENTS ARE AT THE VILLAGE HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE AND PARTIES PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN ON 07568 197 914</p>	<p>Friday Slim & Shape 9.30-10.30am GLC, Children's Dance Class 5.30-7.30pm</p>



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Parish Council News



Budget and Precept.

At the full council meeting held on 20th January 2025, Holton le Clay Parish Council set the precept request for 2025/26 at £81,378. This is an increase of 6% on the previous year – and equates to an increase of 29p per month per Band D household. The necessary budget for the new financial year is £96,179, which will leave a shortfall of £14,801, which will be met by income from solar panels at the village hall, existing council funds and a contribution to utilities by the village hall committee.

The parish precept supports the administration of the parish council, which in turn provides the following essential services to Holton le Clay:

- Cutting and maintaining grass verges, the 8 acres playing field and the Junior Playing Field
- Weed spraying throughout the village
- Routine safety inspections and maintenance of play equipment
- Provision and maintenance of the cemetery
- Provision and ongoing support of the village hall
- Active collaboration with Lincolnshire County Council and District Council regarding planning matters and issues pertaining to highways
- Provision and maintenance of parish gardens

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Church Services

2nd March 10.00am Service of Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul, Tetney.

9th March 10.00am Morning Service at St Peter and St Paul, Tetney

16th March 10.00am Service of Holy Communion at St Peter, Holton le Clay

23rd March 10.00am Morning Service at Holton le Clay

30th March 10.00am Morning Service at Holton le Clay

Tea and coffee available after the services

March brings us to the time of year leading to Easter. Lent for Christians is a time for reflection on what God wants from us. Not everyone holds a faith in God and perhaps are not even interested but for all of us, Christians or non-Christians, taking time to reflect quietly may awaken our thoughts to be ready to take up a new challenge in our lives.

Jesus followed God's leading all the way to Jerusalem where he appeared before the Court for an offence of blasphemy but all he was doing was being who he was, teaching the love of God and healing those who were sick. He was rejected by most but he continued his mission even to death on the cross. His adult life was short but he fulfilled his purpose and people have been blessed through his determination to bring God to humanity. His human life was not easy due to politics, poor economy and unhelpful relationships. What's new?

Jesus didn't give up; he persevered to make a change and to bring freedom to everyone who believed in him. That's still true today.

As we approach Easter, how we could make a difference in these difficult economic times, perhaps to help someone who is facing problems. We may just have the answer!

In Jesus' story of the sheep and goats, Jesus spoke of the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the unclothed, the sick and the prisoner. He rewarded those who offered love and care to such people with the promise of being with God for eternity. He said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

(Matthew 25: 31-46)

Rev'd Jenny

Did you know?

- **Who organises the Village Hall events?** There is a team of just fourteen volunteers that organise the events at the hall.
- **How do I hire the village hall for a party?** Just give Maureen a call, her number is on the inside front cover and on page 1.
- **Who makes the cakes for afternoon tea?** Most of the volunteers love baking. They bake at least 160 cakes and sausage rolls between them every year.
- **What happens to the income the hall makes?** ALL the money goes into paying for the free events we hold, especially the Summer Fayre, which costs between £4,000-£5000 to put on.
- **Where do the raffle prizes come from?** MERC, The Village Hall supply some, along with our lovely local businesses and residents. Everyone is very generous.
- **How long does it take to organise the Summer Fayre?** We start planning the fayre in January. We look for new and exciting things that families would enjoy to make each year different and fun!
- **Who receives the Holton News?** We have a team of monthly volunteers who distribute all over the village to 1800 homes and businesses. That's 21,600 copies a year, meaning 43,200 staples!
- **What else do you pay for?** The funds also pay for the caretakers, insurance, decorating, cleaning, and equipment, and much more.
- **Who pays for the magazine?** The advertising income in the magazine covers a large portion of costs, and MERC pays the rest. We would love a sponsor to cover the printing costs.



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