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# Holton News

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## Merry Christmas

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## December 2023

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Holton Le Clay Village Hall

*How many pieces of holly can you find*



*in this month's magazine?*

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## Holton Le Clay Parish Council

### Chairman

CLlr Mik Boon

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

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

### NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

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## Village Hall News

How does a penguin build a LEGO house? Igloos it together!

### CHRISTMAS

#### Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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 & SANTA !

COMING UP!

LIGHTS SWITCH ON



Outside Four Candles

At 6pm on Friday

1<sup>st</sup> December

Meet Santa inside!

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

If you are a veteran of the armed forces and would like to meet and chat with other ex-servicemen, join us every 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3rd Saturday of the month at 10am for breakfast and a catch-up at HLC Cricket Club.

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On the outskirts of Holton le Clay, in the peaceful countryside, is the village cricket club. It's very relaxing to sit on the terrace on a lovely summer's day enjoying a coffee and a slice of their lovely home-made cakes.

There are two men's teams and they encourage junior cricket too. When the cricket season is over, the goal posts come out and it's a football venue.

Membership is a snip at just £15 for the family.

But don't be fooled into thinking this is just a venue just for sport; you would be quite mistaken. There is a lot more going on than that. The cricket club holds a well-established 1940's day in the summer with outdoor stalls, dancing and music. Everyone who attends is encouraged to dress for the occasion too. It's like stepping back in time.



Throughout the year the club holds many events including a Children's Christmas Party and a twice monthly veterans club. Steve and Jean work hard to ensure there is something going on for everyone.

There's bingo and quizzes as well as live entertainment, and games and casino nights!

They really have got it all going on.

You can even hire the venue for weddings and parties too! Give them a try.



## The late John 'Ben' Casey

It was a privilege that I and two Parish Councillors, David Springett and Chris Lyons, attended the unveiling of a commemorative bench in memory of John 'Ben' Casey at the Memorial Gardens. Ben was an SAS member, originally from the parachute regiment, who sadly lost his life in Oman aged just thirty-one.

Emma [Parish Clerk] covered the details in last month's article but could not attend due to a prior engagement. She deserves praise for liaising with the regiment to get the bench in situ and for trying to locate members of Ben's family.



It was a pleasure to talk with his fellow paras, some of whom had travelled many miles to celebrate the life of Ben—notably Tommy Simpson, who fought alongside him.

The Parish Councillors were honoured to assist with unveiling the bench, and the standard bearer lowered the flag as the last post was played. It was a very poignant moment. Ron Webster of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne forces group then laid a poppy wreath.

As Ben is buried in the Holton le Clay cemetery, the paras went to pay their respects to him at the graveside.



Just days after the ceremony, the only surviving relative of Ben's was finally located. We hope that he feels proud when he visits.

## Curried Fishcakes

Serves 4

Batch bake and have these handy in the freezer.

### Ingredients

500g Maris Piper potatoes in 3cm chunks

3 large garlic cloves crushed

1 thumb sized piece of ginger, peeled & grated

2-3 tbsp curry powder [optional]

4 cod/haddock fillets

400ml semi-skimmed milk

1 small lemon zested and juiced

150g plain flour

2 medium eggs, beaten

150g panko breadcrumbs



### Method

Boil potatoes till tender, drain and leave before lightly crushing.

Heat a little oil and fry off garlic, ginger and curry powder for 1 minute.

Then stir through the potatoes.

Simmer cod in the milk, remove from heat, cover and set aside for 10 minutes to poach. Remove the fish and discard the skin.

Flake into the potato and fold in the lemon zest and juice.

Shape into eight fishcakes.

Dip each fishcake into flour, then egg, then breadcrumbs. [freeze at this point]

Heat oil and fry on medium heat for 5-6 minutes each side.

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## St Peter's Church Christmas is upon us.

By the time we read this we have had fair warning that Christmas is upon us and we'll already have made a number of preparations for the day. I expect, too, that we'll have heard a number of Christmas carols and songs piped to us whilst shopping in arcades and supermarkets. It can be very easy to be fed up with carols by the time Christmas is over.

Most people, Christians, non-Christians and those of other faiths know the familiar carols and many can be heard joining in the tunes, if not the words, as they go around the shopping areas. It's so easy to get a tune stuck in our minds when we've heard it over and over again.

The Christmas carol is based in the Christian faith, relating specifically to the Nativity and was introduced into church services by St Francis of Assisi in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. However, Oliver Cromwell, a staunch Protestant, banned Christmas carols in England because they were too joyous. As a result, many of the very old carols and songs were lost forever.

It was in the Victorian era that the carol was rejuvenated with its happy and merry lyrics that have grown in popularity through the years. Today, Christmas carols and songs are a well-established tradition.

Personally, I enjoy singing carols, many of which I know by heart. So, I look forward to the carols services and even the piped songs that come across in the supermarkets to announce that Christmas is coming. Those with Christian lyrics also announce the birth of Christ Jesus, God's Son, Saviour of us all.

Let's not leave Christ out of Christmas but listen to the words of the carols which give us the hope, love and encouragement that God offers through his Son, Jesus. Let us offer that same hope, love and encouragement to others this Christmas time and let us pray for those who are in difficult times, especially all the troops who are spending Christmas in many places of unrest around the world.



Blessings, Rev'd Jenny



What happens if you eat Christmas decorations? You get tinslitis!



**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

# Christmas PARTY

- BINGO
- BLACK TIE
- BONFIRE
- BOSS
- CANDLES
- CANDY CANES
- CAROLS
- COCOA
- COLLEAGUES
- COOKIES
- EGGNOG
- FRIENDS
- GAMES
- GARLAND
- GIFT EXCHANGE
- LAUGHTER
- MINGLE
- MISTLETOE
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- NEIGHBORS
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- SCAVENGER HUNT
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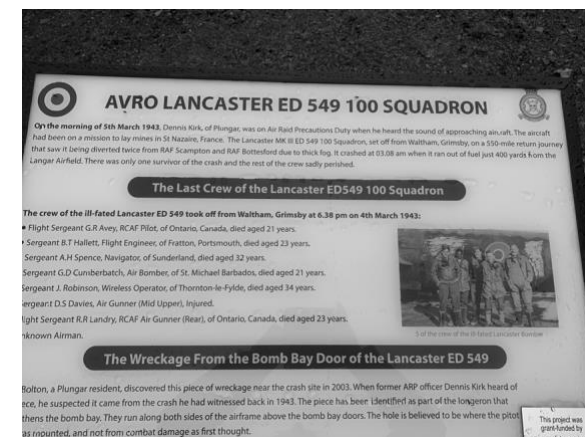
## Lancaster Bomber Artifact

Just after the unveiling of the Ben Casey bench, the instillation of the Lancaster Bomber bomb bay door was mounted.

Once again, Emma was the lynchpin in liaising with Councillor Terry Aldridge and Blackrow Engineering, who donated funds or constructed the base and sign for this rare piece of aircraft.



This project was grant-funded by  
Cllr Terry Aldridge  
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## Holton le Clay Pre School

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### St Peter's Church

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Mrs Sue Merriman – Church Warden – 07759518053

Mrs Jan Harrison-Church Warden-07722073418

Mrs Jenny Turner – PCC Secretary – 01472 824063 –jen@netcompsys.co.uk



### Church Services

3<sup>rd</sup> December 10.00am Service of Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul, Tetney

3<sup>rd</sup> December PM Carol Singing at St Peter Holton le Clay

10<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Service of Holy Communion at St Nicholas, North Cotes

17<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Service of Holy Communion at St Peter Holton le Clay

24<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am Morning Service at St Peter Holton le Clay

24<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm Crib Service at St Peter Holton le Clay and St Peter & St Paul

24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm Service of Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul, Tetney

25<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December 10.00am Morning Service at St Peter Holton le Clay

### **Festival of Christmas Trees 2nd and 3rd of December**

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10<sup>th</sup> Carols at the cricket club 3.00 pm with Back to Brass



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<p><b>Thursday</b>          Tai Chi 10-11am          Kurling 1-2pm          Slimming World          4.30-8pm</p>	<p><b>Friday</b>          Slim &amp; Shape 9.30-10.30am          GLC, Children's          Dance Class          5.30-7.30pm</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>
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 10<sup>th</sup> Carols from St Peter's at the cricket club 3.00 pm with Back to Brass  
 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas draw followed by Blue Monkey  
 22<sup>nd</sup> members children's party, disco and Father Christmas 1pm-4pm  
 24<sup>th</sup> Singer Sam Simmons. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year with the Moggies. £15 inc buffet

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