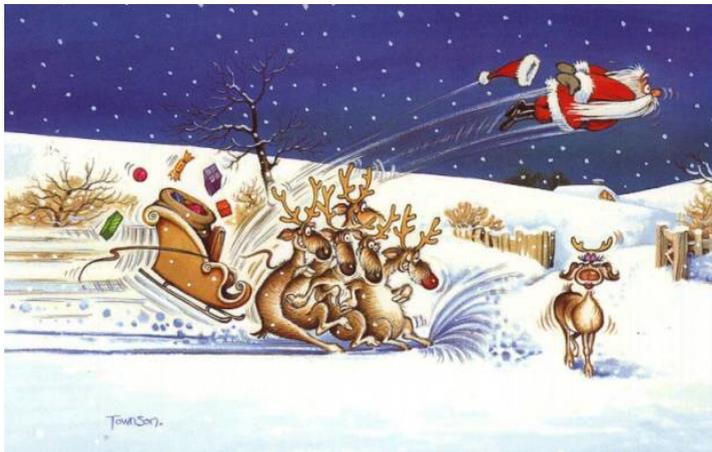


# RUDSTON NEWS

## Season's Greetings

Christmas 2009



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## Editor's Piece.



Hello and welcome to this month's Newsletter.

Well, this is the Christmas Newsletter, and the last one of the year. Hopefully, it will have been printed on our new printer! We still have a vacancy for someone to help with the printing of the Newsletter each month, so if you have a few hours to spare we would like to hear from you. Please note: this is just to help with the printing, I will still be doing the editing.

Christmas time brings joy to many, but there are those who see it as a chance to take advantage of people and make money. I have covered this in the Newsletter before but I think it is worth mentioning again at this time of the year. You receive a card through your door from an unknown company claiming that they have been trying to deliver a parcel but no one was at home. They ask you to call a number, which turns out to be charged at a premium rate. These calls usually cost a minimum of £15.00, and quite often, a lot more. If you do get a card about an undelivered parcel, it may be from a reputable company and if it is, you will be able to check the phone number in the Yellow Pages or through directory enquiries.

I have been informed that 'canvassers' representing an East Yorkshire Glazing company have been 'door knocking' in the village. Their sales tactics appear to be a little intimidating, and, if you have been made uneasy by their visit, phone their head office or the police and make a complaint.

Most everybody make a New Year's Resolution of sorts, but many fall by the wayside while Big Ben is still striking. I've made a few myself but, like others, they were soon broken. There's has been the odd exception though. Successfully stopping smoking, albeit at the third attempt, is probably my greatest success - I've been 'clean' for nearly three years now. Whatever you aim to achieve in 2010, may I wish you success.



All that remains now is to wish you all the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years from all at the Rudston Newsletter.

Martin Frankish, Editor

# Announcements



## **Peter Joyce**

Ellen and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards of condolence on the recent, unexpected death of Peter.

Ellen Joyce, Marton Lane

## **Thank You**

Albert and Julia Overfield would like to thank friends and family for the wonderful cards and gifts received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Thank you all, Albert and Julia



## **Lifeboat Postage Stamp Appeal**

Please save all your postage stamps, especially over the Festive Season



When you have collected your stamps, please take them to 7 Kilham Road, Rudston, or call on 420049, and I will arrange to get them picked up.

Thank you, Sue Gilbank.

## **RSPCA Christmas Appeal**

When you are doing your festive shopping this year, spare a thought for the many abandoned and unwanted pets spending Christmas behind bars. The RSPCA are in desperate need of food and treats, toys, bedding, and blankets for all sorts of animals, to make their sad lives a little more bearable.

Please take any items you wish to donate to Kristy Wood, 2 Nightingale Row, Rudston, or give her a call on 07734 566282, and she will arrange collection - Thank you. Last date 20 Dec.



## Mistletoe

Where in our parish can we find the Mistletoe growing? This is a partial parasite that takes its manufactured food from its host but does give in return, sugars, which it makes from the action of its green leaves.



In some of the old orchards in the cider counties, mistletoe thrives on the apple trees, and it's fairly common on willow, elm, and poplar in many south country areas. It's not an easy plant to propagate, not being able to root from cuttings; it's only the seeds that germinate when in close contact with the stems of the host plants. To have a go at this, now's the time to save those white berries and keep them in a jar until April. Then to propagate, make a slit on the underside of a branch where the bark is soft and press in the sticky seeds. To make sure of success, place a wire net round the area to stop birds from disturbing the seeds.

Years ago, I managed to get mistletoe growing on a poplar trunk but it takes a year or more just to get a tiny green growth to appear. Should you be successful, the new plant may not be a female, so no berries can ever be produced. It's all luck, so I suggest for the next two Christmas periods, a spray or two from the shops is the answer: ladies take note!!

Dick Robinson

## Mistletoe Kiss!

In the week before Christmas, Jennifer was out shopping for those last bits and pieces. She was at the counter in a local store, and was trying to decide which of the many types of tinsel she would buy. Finally, she made her choice and asked the spotty youth who was manning the fabric section. "How much is this gold tinsel garland?"

The spotty youth pointed to the Christmas mistletoe above the counter and said, "This week we have it on special offer, just one kiss per metre." "Wow, that's great," said Jennifer, "I'll take 12 metres."

With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the boy measured out the tinsel, wrapped up the garland, and gave it to Jennifer.

She then called to an old lady who had been browsing through the Christmas trees and said, "My Grandma will settle the bill."

From the Bridlington Free Press, Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> 1919. Copied from the original, rather faded, newsprint, so I apologise for any errors. Lord Nunburnholme was Charles Henry Wellesley Wilson (1875-1924), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Nunburnholme. His family were the founders of the Wilson Shipping Line and at that time lived at Warter Priory.

## RUDSTON'S MEMORIAL CROSS

Unveiled by Lord Nunburnholme

At Rudston on Sunday afternoon, Lord Nunburnholme, the Lord Lieutenant for the East Riding, unveiled the village cross of stone, which is about 17 feet high, in memory of the men who fell in the great war. The memorial cross has cost about £150 (?) and nearly all the collecting of the money has been done by the returning soldiers themselves. The stone has been supplied by the Victoria Stone Company, London and the cross has been erected by Mr A Bastiman, Rudston at the roadside near the churchyard. Lord Nunburnholme was accompanied by Lady Nunburnholme, Sir Alexander and Lady Macdonald of the Isles, who motored from Thorpe Hall. There was a large attendance of parishioners in spite of the damp weather and amongst those present were Mrs Booty, Mr and Mrs J G Bannister, Mr R Corner, Mr S Corner, Miss Corner, Mr R Barugh, Mr J W Stephenson, Lieut Gilbert Stephenson, Mr C R Richardson, Mr H Abram, ex Gunner Carl Abram, who lost a leg in the war; Mr W Berriman; Mr A Hunt, Mr R White, Mr B White, ex-Sgt Major B Nellist, ex Corpl J D Deighton, ex Privates F Thornton, George Bell, Barker (?) and Mr W Dowson, Bridlington.

The inscription on the village cross is as follows:

### IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

#### THESE MEN BORN IN RUDSTON

Sergeant	WILLIAM CLAXTON	3rd Coldstream Guards
Sergeant	WILLIAM WITTY	R.A.M.C.
Lance Cpl.	THOMAS BANNISTER	S.B. 5th Yorkshire Regt.
Private	EDWIN DEIGHTON	10th East Yorkshire Regt.
Private	William McLELLAN	2nd Leicestershire Regt.
Private	JOSEPH WHITE	6th East Yorkshire Regt.
Driver	HARRY DOWSON	R.A.S.C.
Private	STANEY BLANCHARD	797th Coy Labour Corps
Private	WILLIAM PRIDE	Munition Worker

#### AND THOSE WHO DWELT THERE

Gunner	GEORGE BROWN	R.F. Artillery
Private	FREDERICK TOMLINSON	11th East Yorkshire Regt.

#### GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE RIGHT.

Sent in by Chris Gatenby - Full transcript available - call or email the newsletter

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH RUDSTON SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We hope as many people as possible will join us at the Bosville Arms for a coffee morning Friday 4th December, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, in aid of Church funds. There will be a stall, raffle and some games, and of course a warm welcome. Tickets are available in advance from Jean Corner and June Sellers, and you can also pay at the door - £ 2.50 each, to include coffee or tea and morning refreshments.



We will be serving sherry and mince pies after the Carol Service on Sunday 20th December, and of course everyone is very welcome.

If anyone would like to buy marzipan fruits this year we will make them to order. They come in boxes of 32 and will cost £6.00. Please let Kathleen Thornton know on 420600, as soon as possible, if you would like to buy some.

We are very pleased to give you advanced notice of this year's BIG EVENT. We are planning a SNOWDROP WALK through the beautiful Snowdrops at THORPE HALL, and are grateful to Sir Ian and Lady Macdonald, in hosting this event, which is just at the planning stage to date. As there is no January Newsletter, I needed to let you know now but as a lot more organising has to be done, we are unable to give you full details or a date but it will obviously be when the snowdrops are at their best in February. So, look out in the February Newsletter for further details. We also hope to have a daffodil walk in the spring.

We look forward to your continued support for all our events. We have just found out that our Parish Share, which has to be paid to York, has been increased by 7½ %, so this year we will have to pay £10,750. We have been congratulated by the Archdeacon for always paying our quota but this would be totally impossible without the activities planned by the social committee, and without your generous support. Remember, the Church in Rudston is always there for you, always open during daylight hours, and we hope it always will be.

We look forward to seeing you at any Church service and especially at Christmas.

Best wishes from the Social Committee. June Sellers, Social Secretary



# **Jim Ross** Painter & Decorator

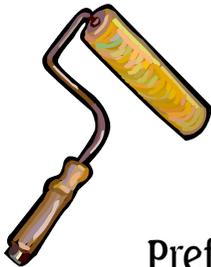


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## NORTH WOLDS LIONS

Watch out for Santa and Rudolph on Wednesday 9th December as he will be touring through Grindale from 5.30 pm., Boynton and then RUDSTON. Listen out for his music and the knock on your door as the Lions helpers will be collecting as usual. Thank you all in advance.



Also Bridlington Lions Christmas Concert at Bridlington Spa on Monday 21st December. Free, with the Lions bucket collection at the end. Everyone welcome. Doors open 6 pm. Concert starts at 7 pm. until 9.30 pm. Refreshments available. If anyone requires transport please contact June and Mike and we will arrange it for you.



Also North Wolds Lions Christmas Bingo at Broadacres, Thursday 10th December. Prizes have a Christmas theme.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL from North Wolds Lions  
And your Village rep. Mike Sellers - 420237

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The committee are pleased to report that the new sound system has now been fitted in the hall. This appears to be working well, although as yet it has not had a lot of use.

The system can be used by anyone booking the hall, just tell the booking secretary when you book the hall and arrangements can be made to set up the system.

### INDIA, A LAND OF A BILLION PORTRAITS

There are still tickets for the slide show on Thursday 3rd December at 7.30 pm. We do hope you are able to support this event, to help with running costs of the hall. If you are not able to purchase tickets prior to the day, please still come along on the night, you will be very welcome, although it will help with the catering if tickets are bought in advance.

Shirley Clark

## Centrica

There will be a meeting for Centrica to give us an update at 7 pm. Wednesday 16th December at Boynton Village Hall. All welcome.

## Christmas Dreaming

"Mind the tree!" Geoffrey reminded his wife as she passed rather too closely to the Christmas tree in the living room for comfort. For his comfort that is, because he was something of a Health & Safety fanatic, seeing potential danger in any everyday situation. He had failed to join in the general derision a few weeks ago at the news that people would need to ask for a remembrance poppy pin rather than be given one. "Well, you can give yourself a nasty prick with a pin," he had reasoned. (Quite without irony, he had wondered if they got the point)

His wife and two teenage children had therefore become quite used to being urged to "mind this" and "watch that". They became a little exasperated with him sometimes, but at least they had been able eventually to persuade him of the merits of allowing a Christmas tree (artificial, of course) to be introduced temporarily into his clean and safe world.

The home was filled with aids to maintaining that. Such things as rubber caps on corners of furniture, high visibility strips, extra hand rails, and an absence of loose mats on the floor. Strictly no pets in the house, with only a couple of rabbits in a hutch outside allowed.

While the children, 13 year-old Tim and Jane (15), had their own rooms, they were expected to keep them hazard-free, and were subject to frequent inspection.

So it was a shock to Geoffrey's well-ordered mind when he observed, seemingly from a distance, that his wife's skirt had caught on a lower branch of the Christmas tree as she passed. It pulled the tree over. Scattering its decorations, it fell across the kitchen doorway just as Tim was passing through with a modeller's paint pot in his hands. He tripped over the fallen tree sending the contents splashing into the kitchen. ("What a lot of paint from a small tin!" marvelled Geoffrey in alarm to himself). Jane had been preparing a saucepan of soup, and turning to the cooker at that moment, slipped on the paint sending everything floorwards.

At the same time, the two rabbits appearing on the scene seemed to take an artistic interest in the mixture of yellow paint and tomato soup. Having frolicked through it a little, they hopped about the kitchen leaving technicolour pawprints as they went. One of them spotted an open cupboard door, popped inside, and in a moment there was the sound of clattering crockery and breaking glassware.

Geoffrey was about to jump to his feet and emit an almighty bellow, when he dimly heard his wife asking gently: "Having a bad dream dear?" Slowly com-

ing round, he was relieved to find that the Christmas tree was still upright, there was no mess on the floor, and no sign of furry animals. He realised he must have "dropped off" after the family post-Christmas lunch stroll. Now, he saw that the afternoon film had just reached the familiar scene where Steve McQueen spots the pursuing Germans and prepares to show off his motorcycle riding skills.



Sighing contentedly, Geoffrey finally answered his wife: "Just had my own 'Great Escape', that's all, love."

(Character names were chosen at random and any resemblance to any living person is completely coincidental).

Philip Crossland

## Christmas Quiz - Answers on page 22

1. In the song, the 12 days of Christmas, what gift did my true love give to me on the 7th day of Christmas?
2. Who wrote the song "I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas"?
3. What is the name of the fruit sauce which is a traditional accompaniment to the Christmas Turkey?
4. On what did Marley's ghostly face first appear to Scrooge in Dickens' A Christmas Carol?
5. Who sang about a Blue Christmas in 1957?
6. What was stolen from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950?
7. What was the first thing that Scrooge purchased after his change of heart?
8. Why was December 25th chosen as Christmas Day?
9. How did the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe develop?
10. St. Nicholas was born in what country?

## The Scribe

On Christmas Eve, the king invited the prime minister to join him for their usual walk together. He enjoyed seeing the decorations in the streets, but since he didn't want his subjects to spend too much money on these just to please him, the two men always disguised themselves as traders from some far distant land. They walked through the centre of the city, admiring the lights, the Christmas trees, the candles burning on the steps of the houses, the stalls selling gifts, and the men, women and children hurrying off to celebrate a family Christmas around a table laden with food.

On the way back, they passed through a poorer area, where the atmosphere was quite different. There were no lights, no candles, no delicious smells of food about to be served. There was hardly a soul in the street, and, as he did every year, the king remarked to the prime minister that he really must pay more attention to the poor in his kingdom. The prime minister nodded, knowing that the matter would soon be forgotten again, buried beneath the day-to-day bureaucracy of budgets to be approved and discussions with foreign dignitaries.

Suddenly, they heard music coming from one of the poorest houses. The hut was so ramshackle and the rotten wooden timbers so full of cracks, that they were able to peer through and see what was happening inside. And what they saw was utterly absurd: an old man in a wheelchair apparently crying, a shaven-headed young woman dancing, and a young man with sad eyes shaking a tambourine and singing a folk song.

'I'm going to find out what they're up to,' said the king. He knocked. The music stopped, and the young man came to the door.

'We are merchants in search of a place to sleep. We heard the music, saw that you were still awake, and wondered if we could spend the night here.'

'You can find shelter in a hotel in the city. We, alas, cannot help you. Despite the music, this house is full of sadness and suffering.'

'And may we know why?'

'It's all because of me.' It was the old man in the wheelchair who spoke. 'I've spent my life teaching my son calligraphy, so that he could one day get a job as a palace scribe. But the years have passed and no post has ever come up. And then, last night, I had a stupid dream: an angel appeared to me and asked me to buy a silver goblet because, the angel said, the king would be coming to visit me. He would drink from the goblet and give my son a job.'

The angel was so persuasive that I decided to do as he said. Since we have no money, my daughter-in-law went to the market this morning to sell her hair so that we could buy that goblet over there. The two of them are doing their best to get me in the Christmas spirit by singing and dancing, but it's no use.'

The king saw the silver goblet, asked to be given a little water to quench his thirst and, before leaving, said to the family: 'Do you know, we were talking to the prime minister only today, and he told us that an opening for a palace scribe would be announced next week.'

The old man nodded, not really believing what he was hearing, and bade farewell to the strangers. The following morning, however, a royal proclamation was read out in all the city streets; a new scribe was needed at court. On the appointed day, the audience room at the palace was packed with people eager to compete for that much-sought-after post. The prime minister entered and asked everyone there to prepare their paper and pens:

'Here is the subject of the composition: Why is an old man weeping, a shaven-headed woman dancing, and a sad young man singing?'

A murmur of disbelief went round the room. No one knew how to tell such a story, apart, that is, from the shabbily dressed young man sitting in one corner, who smiled broadly and began to write.

Author unknown

## Shoe Box Appeal

**THANK YOU ! THANK YOU ! THANK YOU!**



Another splendid result this year, one hundred and seven boxes are on their way for an exciting Christmas for many needy children.

I also received many gifts suitable for inclusion in the boxes, which have gone to the warehouse, and fifty five pounds in money as donations. Thank you all so much for your care and support, it really is appreciated.

Doreen Turner



## **Chestnut, bacon & cranberry stuffing**

You can always just grab a packet of Paxo off the supermarket shelf and mix it in with some sausage meat to make the Christmas stuffing, or you can try something different. This recipe can be cooked the day before and then reheated to save time.

Prep 30 - 40 mins. Cook 40 mins. plus 1 hour to soak the cranberries

### **Ingredients**

100 g (3½ oz) dried cranberries  
50 ml (1¾ fluid oz) ruby port  
1 small onion, chopped  
2 rashers unsmoked back bacon, cut into strips  
50 g (1¾ oz) butter  
2 garlic cloves, chopped  
450 g (1 lb) sausage meat  
140 g (5 oz) fresh white or brown breadcrumbs  
2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley  
½ tsp chopped fresh thyme leaves  
140 g (5 oz) peeled, cooked chestnuts, roughly chopped. You can use tinned or vacuum packed.  
1 medium egg, lightly beaten

### **Method**

Soak the cranberries in the port for an hour. Fry the onion and bacon gently in the butter, until the onion is tender and the bacon is cooked. Add the garlic and fry for another minute or so.

Cool slightly, then mix with all the remaining ingredients, including the cranberries and port, adding enough egg to bind - I find it easiest to use my hands. Fry a knob of stuffing in a little butter, taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary.

**To Cook:** This stuffing can be baked in a dish, or rolled into balls that will be crisp on the outside and moist inside. To bake, press the stuffing into a greased ovenproof dish in a layer that is around 4cm thick. Bake at 190C/ gas 5/fan 170C for about 40 minutes, until browned and cooked right through. Alternatively, roll into balls that are about 4cm in diameter. Roast the stuffing balls in hot fat (they can be tucked around the turkey or done in a roasting tin of their own) for 30-40 minutes, until crisp and nicely browned on the outside.

## Two Points of View

A Congressman in the USA was once asked about his personal thoughts toward whiskey.

“If you mean the demon drink that poisons the mind, pollutes the body, desecrates family life, and inflames sinners, then I'm against it. But if you mean the elixir of Christmas cheer, the shield against winter chill, the taxable portion that puts needed funds into public coffers to support the poor, then I'm all for it.”

## Banter from the Bosville

Or rather 'No Banter from the Bosville!'

'I can't believe it' but Alan's failing memory got the better of him this month, and he forgot about the Newsletter deadline once again. To reduce the likelihood of Pauline killing him, I have taken the liberty of 'lifting' some information about opening times and events etc., from their flyer. These may be subject to change, so please check with the Bosville, 01262 420259.

### December Opening Times

Mon - Thurs: 11 am. - 3 pm. & 6 pm. - 11.30 pm.

Fri & Sat: 11 am. - 11.30 pm.

Sun: 12 noon - 10.30 pm.

Christmas Day: 12 noon - 2 pm.

Details of the Christmas day menu and the booking forms are available from the Bosville. Prices for Christmas dinner are as follows: £35.95 per adult and £19.95 for children under 12.

There is also a Festive Party Menu available throughout December, excluding 25th, 26th, and 31st. The Party Menu consists of three courses, followed by tea, coffee and mince pies, and is priced at £17.25 per person. Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th December, there is special entertainment from Close-up Magician, Nigel Francis, plus Karaoke, and the price on each of these nights is £27.50, pp.

# **NEW YEAR'S EVE 'BLITZ'**

## **YOUR COUNTRY PUB**



**1940s WARTIME THEME**

**Fancy Dress Optional  
Prize for Best Costume**

**Buffet**

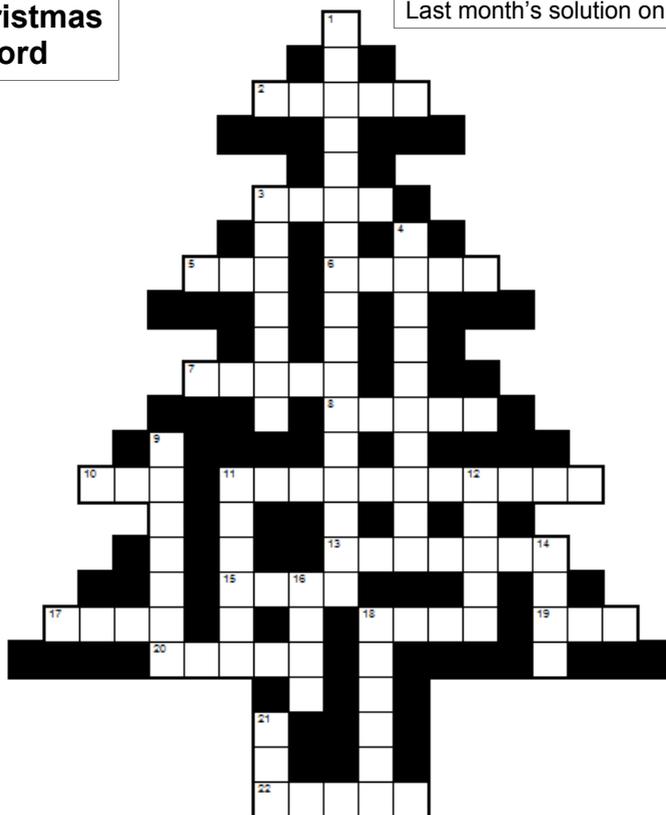
**LIVE MUSIC  
Karaoke & Disco  
Fireworks**

**Tickets: £5 per person**

**Tickets available at the bar, or  
Call 01262 420259**

# The Christmas Crossword

Last month's solution on page 23



## Across

- 2 They were watched over.  
 3 For a bed.  
 5 Pub or tavern.  
 6 Meat and vegetable juices mixed together.  
 7 The colour to go on.  
 8 Young person.  
 10 Sounds like a warm coat for a tree.  
 11 A Christmas or toasting tune. 7, 4.  
 13 Said of a child on their utmost best behaviour.  
 15 Main festive gifts for children.  
 17 The wise ones.  
 18 Read at midnight at Christmas.  
 19 The colour to stop on.

- 20 She is sung at Christmas.  
 22 Not only happy but very \_\_\_\_\_.

## Down

- 1 He kept an eye out.  
 3 Ancient illumination.  
 4 Partaking in 11 Across.  
 9 A gathering of motor vehicles.  
 11 The last season.  
 12 Mainly a New Year event.  
 14 Contains a Christmas message.  
 16 A type of log.  
 18 Where 3 Across was to be found.  
 21 Festive meat.

Christmas Wordsearch - Solution on page 23



Find all the words on the grid - horizontally, vertically, and diagonally.

Angel	Fairies	Magi	Sing
Bells	Fir	Mass	Sled
Brandy	Gift	Merry	Spirit
Candy	Gold	Mistletoe	Star
Card	Ham	Myrrh	Toys
Carol	Holly	Noel	Wreath
Cedar	Holy	Pie	Xmas
Comet	Inn	Pine	Yule
Crib	Ivy	Port	
Cupid	Joy	Red	
Elves	Lord	Sales	

# Church News



*Vicar: Rev Glyn Owen (01262) 420313*  
*Reader: Mr John Walker (01262) 603170*

## **Rudston with Boynton, Carnaby and Kilham**

### Church services and events

#### December

6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion and <i>Trailblazers (4-11 year olds)</i>
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Carol Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Christmas Eve: <i>Noisy Nativity</i> (All welcome to dress up as, or bring a nativity character for this fun service. Even donkeys and sheep welcome)
	11.30pm	Christmas Eve: Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Christmas Day: Holy Communion
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Kilham: United Benefices Holy Communion

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Christmas Coffee morning at the Bosville Arms between 10 am and 12 noon.

#### January:

3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Epiphany Holy Communion: and <i>Trailblazers</i>
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Grindale, St Nicholas: Benefice Holy Communion
31 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

There is a service of Holy Communion each Wednesday Morning at 10.30 am followed by coffee.

### **From the Vicarage**

We live in a changing world. Sat-navs, iphones, call centres, the world wide web, online banking, 'twitter' and 'blogging' to mention just a few of the communication changes we see around us. Although change can be a good thing, our high-tech,

modern world brings its problems. One of these is just how fast things change. Sometimes it can be hard to know what's worth hanging onto and what's got value and meaning anymore. Even with all the benefits of new technology (quicker, better, bolder, brighter) modern life can leave us searching for meaning, human contact, something unchanging, something 'down-to-earth'.

The Christmas story is a 'down-to-earth' story that can give us the meaning we search for. It tells of a baby, Jesus, born in a stable (You don't get more down-to-earth than that!) He grew up into a 'down-to-earth' type of man. He'd talk to anyone, rich or poor, sick or well, social outcast or socialite. He had a heart of gold and didn't care much for fuss and fancy things.

Jesus was also a 'down-to-earth' person in another sense; he actually came down to earth!

Jesus was God's son who became man. He came to tell us the real meaning of our lives and how we can find some sense and purpose in our often confusing world.

Want to know more? Want to experience more? Then log off for a while, pop into Church and download the message. You will find a message of hope that changed lives 2000 years ago, it's been doing the same ever since, and it can do the same for each of us now. May we all know Jesus' gift of peace, hope and love this Christmas, whatever our situation and however fast our world is changing.

Glyn

## **Christmas Facts**

The popular Christmas carol, Silent Night, was written by an Austrian priest named Joseph Mohr in 1818 as a result of a broken church organ. Santa has a calculated 31 hours to deliver all his presents, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth.

Bing Crosby's Christmas classic "White Christmas" is the best-selling Christmas song of all time.

Poet Clark Moore, is credited with naming Santa's reindeer; Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen.

The colours in Santa Claus' suit, red and white, were the creation of artist Haddon Sundblom. He was commissioned by the Coca-Cola Company. The United States President, Franklin Pierce, was the first to decorate a Christmas tree in the White House in 1856.

While working for inventor Thomas Edison, Edward Johnson had lights crafted especially for his Christmas tree, leading to the popularisation of Christmas tree lights.

# Crosslands Column



No election was called and the parish council vacancy will be filled by co-option as expected. There have been no further candidates to date, so that may turn out to be a simpler task than first thought.

Other items on the December agenda may not be quite so easy. An early response from a resident regarding money from Centrica says we shouldn't be accepting anything at all - on moral grounds. Along, I suspect with members, I admit that I hadn't looked at it from that point of view, but whether or not we were in favour of the gas exploration in the first place, the fact is that it is happening. Is it therefore wrong for the parish council to accept, on behalf of the village, compensation for disruption caused? Some interesting debate lies ahead!

Also, no sooner does everything in the "recycling garden" appear rosy, than we learn that all is not quite so well. Following a collapse in world markets, there is currently no cash back on tin cans, or at least not enough to spare for parish councils, but it is stressed that we should all continue saving them for recycling please. Whether the market improves enough remains to be seen, but it is a good thing we have the paper container back now. However, the news came in time to make me wary of predicting too much in receipts for next year (again).

Kilham advertised their vacant Clerk position on our notice board. I don't know whether anyone from the village applied, but the approximate hours per week given is very much an average. It will be about three times that in the week of a meeting, but maybe much less in other weeks. They might have more meetings than us as well.

Motorists may have seen in East Riding News the Council's Highways intentions for salting of roads this winter. The main road to be treated according to weather forecasts, but Kilham and Burton Fleming roads only after the ice and snow have arrived. So, as always, take care everyone.

What ever the weather holds for us, on behalf of the parish council, Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all. I still feel a little uneasy at writing that in November, but no need to worry - apparently the B.B.C. had the Songs of Praise carol service filmed in summer! (And Aled Jones will be wearing his scarf, no doubt!)

P. Crossland (Clerk)

### Christmas Quiz Answers

1. On the seventh day of Christmas my true love brought to me, seven swans a swimming.
2. Irving Berlin wrote the song "I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas."
3. The fruit sauce that is a traditional accompaniment to the Christmas Turkey is cranberry.
4. Marley's ghostly face first appeared on the door knocker.
5. Elvis Presley had a Blue Christmas in 1957.
6. The Stone of Scone - the ancient inaugural stone of the Scottish kings.
7. The first thing that Scrooge purchased was a turkey.
8. December 25th was chosen as Christmas Day to compete with a pagan celebration.
9. Mistletoe was associated with the Scandinavian love goddess.
10. St. Nicholas (AKA Santa Clause) was born in Turkey.

### Short but Sweet!

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas ? It's Christmas, Eve!

Mum, Can I have a dog for Christmas? No you can have turkey like everyone else !

Father: Did you see Father Christmas this year, son?

Son: No, it was too dark to see him, but I heard what he said when he stubbed his toes on the edge of my bed.

### DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Wed. 3rd Dec. 7.30 pm

INDIA, A LAND OF A BILLION  
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Thurs. 4th Dec 10 am. - 12 noon

Coffee Morning - Bosville Arms

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 Crossword  
 Solution

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Word Search  
 Solution

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