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What are our local celebrities and notables doing this Christmas?

What is their favourite food and drink and who would some of them most like to invited over for Christmas dinner. Gill Stuart finds out

Three Day event rider Nick Turner

I will be doing the same as I do every year - Looking after the horses! I tend to get the horses done in the morning; they all go on the walker for a while whilst I muck out and get everything prepared for the evening. Then I spend the afternoon locally visiting friends/family then make sure the horses are tucked up before going home and eating and drinking far too much until I need to be surgically removed from the sofa! Strangely enough I don't really have a favourite food as I am not a fussy eater. I do enjoy a good white wine and I would also admit to being a bit of a 'Champagne Charlie'. Don't know who I would invite to dinner but it would have to be someone aesthetically pleasing!

Our columnist International Show Jumper Tim Stockdale

I will be doing the horses at Christmas. I will get up, feed and muck out and then come in for breakfast and watch the kids unwrap presents. Laura's parents come over and we have lunch

traditional Christmas dinner. If I could invite a celebrity it would have to be someone I could really talk to about my other passion, cricket, so I guess it would have to be Ian Botham as we could talk cricket and share a beer or two.

International ShowJumper Ben Maher

I don't think I will be going to Olympia this year but I will be going to Spain so when I get back we will have one week doing nothing and the staff Christmas party although obviously the horses still have to be worked. I love traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and my favourite drinks would be dry white wine and whiskey and coke. If I could invite a celebrity over to entertain us it would definitely be Rihanna, as I love her music.

Local BSJA show jumping course builder and show organiser Joan Lewis

I go to Wales for Christmas with relatives and we all have traditional Christmas dinner and my favourite drink is white wine. If I could invite someone over for dinner it would have to

be someone who was good company, entertaining and an interesting conversationalist with some humour and clever wit thrown in. Maybe someone like Steven Fry!

Local owner of a string of successful show horses Carol Bardo

This year we are having a party for liveryes and staff just before Christmas, so Christmas day will just be Phil (my head lad) and I doing the horses and the rest of the staff will be home with their families. We will undoubtedly be 'supervised' by my six year old nephew Toby who told me that my present will be him mucking out his own pony! - and aided and abetted by copious amounts of mulled wine. We will have Christmas dinner and all the traditional bits early evening with family. I would love to have a Christmas dinner with the guests being the parish Council from the Vicar of Dibley - just think how hilarious it would be, and the cabaret would be provided by the best of Strictly Come Dancing - including Mark Ramprakash and Colin Jackson!



Danielle Prothero and her partner Alan Du'gard own and run Bury Farm Equestrian Centre

We have a pub over the way so our Christmas Day takes place on Christmas Eve until the early hours of the morning and then we roll onto the yard early on Christmas Day to do 77 horses! It is not too bad as the whole family including my mum and dad and granddad all muck in to get the horses done. We have our Christmas meal on Boxing Day when the staff are back. Al's children come over and we all have the traditional Christmas dinner Turkey and the whole works! I am barred from the kitchen as Al is the chef of the



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family so he does all the cooking and I do the horses. If I could invite a special guest to dinner it would be Martin Shaw who plays Judge John Deed as I really like him!

Emma Phillips owner of the prestigious Quainton Stud

This year for Christmas I will definitely be eating far too much at home with my family. My favourite food is sushi, I love to snack on nuts and berries but get chocolate cravings at times, and hence the extra stone I constantly carry around with me as a reminder! I would love to take the kids to Lap Land to meet Santa Clause. When I get there I'll ask him which feed additive he gives Rudolph to make him fly!

Three Day Olympic event riders Nigel and Ann Taylor

The whole family are going to America for Christmas. We get together with all of our family and drink a little champagne which is one of my favourite drinks. We don't have the traditional English dinner being American as Turkey for us is for Thanks Giving. All the presents for the whole family and guests will be under the Christmas tree which once everyone is seated we then hand them all out. After that we have a sit down lunch southern style with quail, tenderloin and yellow squash soufflé. If I could invite a celebrity I would chose Rod Stewart as he is very interesting and then he could sing and we could ask him loads of questions.

International Grand Prix dressage rider and trainer Anna Ross Davis

My ideal Christmas would be to sit on the couch and watch the whole eighteen DVD box set of Sex in the City whilst drinking lots and lots of champagne. If I have to have Christmas dinner then I would want Judy Harvey to cook it for me as I like to keep her chained to the cooker. Boxing Day I like to watch the racing on the TV. My special guest would have to know all about good table manners and the right cutlery to use so I would invite the Queen as she also likes dogs and horses and would no doubt enjoy Sex in the City!

International Show Jumper Ryan Prater

I am spending Christmas with my family and my girlfriend and her family.

My favourite food at Christmas is traditional roast dinner and Christmas pudding with fruit juice to drink. My ideal Christmas would be with those closest to me but ideally we would have snow on Christmas day. It would be nice to spend a few days in Lap Land before Christmas

Our sponsored rider event rider Kylie Roddy

I will be mucking out the horses in the morning and then we will have a bit of Christmas lunch and then I will go and stay with my family. I love traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and Christmas pudding

must have lashings of custard. I must be pretty boring as I don't drink anything alcoholic so I end up having a cup of tea with my Christmas dinner. On the plus side I therefore never have a hangover! If I could invite a celebrity to dinner it would be Sharon Osborne as I think she is faaaaabulous!! I could ask her who did her face lift and then ask her if she would care to pay for mine when the time comes!

Successful showing rider and CTR showing columnist Louise Bell

I will be home with the family at Christmas and as my mum is a chef she will be doing the

cooking. We prefer goose to turkey and my favourite drink would be Dom Perignon champagne!. If I could invite someone to dinner it would be Gwen Stefani not so much for her singing but because I think she is an amazing business woman. Actually she is sort of related to me in a silly kind of a way as she is married to my family doctor's son, Gavin Rossdale who I grew up with. His Dad Douglas used to be our family doctor in London.



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