



Fr xmas' txt msg

where r u? *mrsx*

lost. *frx*

where lost? *mrsx*

fi nu i wunt b lost. *frx*

nt funny. diner n'ly redi. *mrsx*

rudolph nose went out in fog. lost. *frx*

told u it ws goin dim!!! still fogi? *mrsx*

no – fog gone bt dunt recognise were am now. *frx*

describe. *mrsx*

big pointy stone things and camels. *frx*

u in egypt. *mrsx*

2morrow i sack rudolph. *frx*

i give dinner to elves. *mrsx*

i is sorry. *frx*

nt haf as sorry as u will be!!! *mrsx*

Mike Harding



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Mike Harding (born in 1944) is an English singer, songwriter, comedian, author, poet, broadcaster and multi-instrumentalist. He has also been a photographer, traveller, filmmaker and playwright.

Harding began performing as a folk singer and as a member of several local Manchester bands in the 1960s, making his first recordings for the Topic label. He began telling jokes between songs, eventually extending them into longer humorous anecdotes which became the main focus of his act. In 1975, the single release of *The Rochdale Cowboy* reached 22 in the UK Singles Chart, and brought him national attention.

From 1997 to 2012 he presented the weekly BBC Radio 2 flagship folk and roots programme, *The Mike Harding Show*.

His Little Books on aspects of church architecture, illustrated by his own photographs, include one on Green Men, those mysterious figures with leaves growing from their mouths scattered around sacred buildings throughout Europe. Unaccountably he seems to have missed the Green Man on the chancel arch in Lympstone Church.