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An information newsletter by the High Kelling Parish Council and
Trustees of the Village Hall for all villagers of
High Kelling

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Editorial Note

As this issue goes to press we are enjoying our first sunshine after what seems like weeks of very cold, icy weather. Long may it continue! Hopefully everyone managed the cold snap alright but if you or anyone you know is struggling with energy costs, do remember that the Holt and Community District Support Fund (Energy) may be able to help. And if you are in the fortunate position of not needing the energy subsidy the government provided to so many regardless of wealth then please consider donating some or even all of it to the Fund.

In this issue Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr David Carter, highlights the calls on the Council's finances which will require it to raise the precept for the coming financial year. One of those is the monthly cost of producing the Chronicle. We are looking at ways of reducing costs, including perhaps combining the December/January and July/August issues. Financial savings aside, this will have the welcome benefit to our regular contributors of giving them a couple of months off during the year.

Another option would be to publish the Chronicle on-line only via the Parish Council and Village Hall websites but the Council is presently reluctant to take this course. We bear in mind that not every household is connected to the internet and, even among those that are, it requires some effort to seek out an on-line edition as opposed to the convenience of having it drop through the letterbox.

Apart from anything else, distributing the hard copy is a useful way of showcasing High Kelling's active friendly, active and caring community, and our market research indicates that it has increased house prices in the village by 10% during the time we have been publishing it. (Nah, I made the last bit up, but you get my drift.) All the indications are that a hard copy is appreciated, with only one household having requested to opt out and then only because the property in question is largely unoccupied. But do let the Parish Council know your views, favourable or otherwise, by sending me an email (highkellingchronicle@gmail.com) or writing to the Parish Clerk.

Finally, do please read Cllr Peter Rutherford's article about the Parish Council's thinking on possible 'section 106' benefits in the event of future development affecting the village, and his invitation to villagers to make further suggestions. But be careful what you wish for; a by-pass would be lovely, but it's likely only to come with a massive housing scheme attached!

Cllr Duncan Henderson

From your Parish Council

At its January meeting your Parish Council set about determining the budget for the financial year 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024. The sum is then included, as a precept, in the Council Tax bill issued by North Norfolk District Council. The Parish Council carefully analysed its spending plans, being very aware of the financial pressures on households whilst at the same time continuing to maintain standards. A potential major expense is the sum of £2,000 which it may be required to contribute towards the arrangements for the May elections, even if there are no elections as such for places on the Parish Council. There is only a requirement to hold a Parish Council election should more villagers put themselves forward than the nine places on the Council.



The production of the monthly High Kelling Parish Chronicle is another major expense. The Parish Council felt this was part of its commitment to villagers to engage and keep them informed of matters of importance. The Village Hall Management Committee provides a significant contribution, as does advertising revenue, both much appreciated. The Parish Council will be working hard to attract more of the latter, subject to maintaining the correct balance between articles and advertising.

Finally, the Parish Council also necessarily has to provide for the costs of the Parish Clerk and those for training new Councillors.

All the above costs, with others, require the Parish Council to raise the precept, which for the coming financial year will equate to just over £38 for a Band D Property.

See the Parish Council website (www.highkellingpc.info) for further information about the work of your Parish Council.

Standing as a Parish Councillor

It is very likely that several of the current nine Parish Councillors will be standing down at election time and replacements will need to come from new nominees or co-options. Should you feel able, please consider getting nominated for a place on the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk can explain the role and talk you through the nomination process. It's important that the work of the Parish Council to maintain and improve the village continues, as does its role in working with the District and County Council. As mentioned above full training will be available.

Continuing support for the Treehouse Community Fridge.

The weekly box of donations of food, household goods and toiletries continue to be delivered and are very gratefully received. Donations can be left at the Village Hall and the General Store and Post Office.

Developers' contributions to support services and infrastructure.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, the Parish Council has been looking at possible improvements in the village that could be funded by developers should any of the larger sites be the subject of planning applications. This could involve a legally binding agreement to address highways and footpaths issues or other benefits for the village.

If you have any other ideas, please do let Cllr Peter Rutherford or the Parish Clerk know.

Commissioning the defibrillator in the old phone kiosk at outside the village store.

This item was funded by the then High Kelling Society, the District Council and your Parish Council. Regrettably there has been a delay in it being registered with the relevant NHS services. Please be assured that this is being pursued.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting

...is on the 21st March 2023, 7pm, at the Village Hall. The meeting is open to the public, with a dedicated section for public questions and comments. Arrangements for raising confidential matters can be made prior to the meeting by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Obituaries/funeral arrangements and other special occasions.

These can be included in the High Kelling Parish Chronicle, with more on the Parish Council website. For more information contact the editor, Duncan Henderson, via highkellingchronicle@gmail.com.

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Brenda and Dave Taylor write:

Christmas Lights at Wagon Wheels, Cromer Road

Once again, a very big thank you to all who supported our Christmas Lights Charity Appeal. We are pleased to advise that a total of £150 was collected and will be donated to Sheringham Woodfield School.

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we can start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Norfolk <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/norfolk> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said: “There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Norfolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you”.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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News from Your Village Hall

Firstly, some good news for all readers - after a huge demand from villagers, I've not put in any of my jokes this time.

Well, the weather has certainly been wintry even if we've not had any snow. The testing conditions put a strain on the hall's heating system, possibly compounded by some well-meant but unwelcome meddling by persons unknown with the boiler controls! Anyway, we have carried out the necessary repairs and the systems are now functioning properly again. We still have another month or two of winter ahead of us but, looking on the bright side, snowdrops are now appearing and, whilst I write this, the sun is visible.



Maintenance – Issue of the month

A somewhat unpleasant smell has developed in the kitchen area. Fearing it might be a gas leak we had the whole system checked, but no gas was detected by the very sensitive equipment used by the engineer plus the system passed the 10-minute pressure test with absolutely no leakage. So the good news is that the smell isn't likely to cause an explosion! The bad news is that we've not yet categorically identified the cause – we know it's not emanating from the kitchen itself but appears to be coming from the flat roof void above, indicating that we may have some wildlife in that space though no-one has reported hearing the patter of little feet or other noises. Now that we're clear of frosts, we'll inspect the roof and soffits to see if there are any signs of animal ingress.

Draw Club

The first draw of the year proved a lucky one for one family! January's winners of the Monthly Draw Club were: 1st prize of £23 to Margaret Harris, 2nd to Mary Tyler £15 and Graham Harris won the 3rd prize of £10.

February Events

Note that we are now offering cafetières of ground coffee – additional 50p at Bingo and Coffee Morning and £1.00 at Pub Night.

Bingo is back! Come along for an easy-going and sociable event and maybe even win a cash prize.

Coffee Morning has seen an increase in numbers, which is very pleasing. It's a relaxing session with the only stress sometimes being caused by the quiz questions. Cakes always welcome!

Attendance at pub nights has fallen recently despite our low prices being held. We hope this is a temporary blip and would welcome ideas for changing the format – perhaps the occasional quiz and/or music night? Please see feature on next month's Paddy' Night below!

Fri 10 th	Pub Night	19:00 22:00	–
Wed 15 th	Coffee Morning	10:00 12:00	–
Mon 20 th	Bingo	14.00 16.00	–
Fri 24 th	Pub Night	19:00 22:00	–

Looking a little further ahead

Following on from the great success of last year's event, Friday 24th March will see us hosting another Paddy's Night. Once again, all the way from Warren Road, we'll welcome Sean Doran on guitar and vocals for a few Irish ballads. Traditional fare of Guinness, Jameson and sausage rolls will be on offer for what promises to be good craic. Please make a note in your diary to come along from 7pm.

Even further ahead, the hall is provisionally booked as a Polling Station for the local elections on Thursday 4th May. You may be aware that there's a change in the voting system this year as, for the first time, you will need to present a photographic proof of identity, such as a passport, driving license or bus pass. There will undoubtedly be a lot more information in the news and the topic will be covered in more detail in the later issues of the Chronicle.

John Kellas-Kelly

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VILLAGE HALL PROGRAMME FOR February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	2 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 09.00-12.00 U3A German Group CR 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00 – 22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	3 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 19.00-22.00 NN Model Engineers MH	4 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH 12.00-16.00 Craft Group CG
5 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH	6 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 13.00-16.00 U3A Bridge MH	7 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH 19.00-22.00 Avenue Bridge MH	8 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	9 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	10 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00 Trustees Meeting MH 19.00-22.30.00 Pub Night MH	11 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH 12.00-16.00 Craft Group CG
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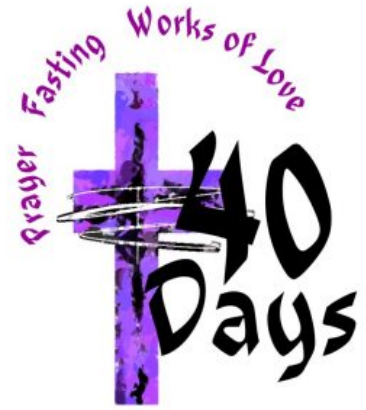
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Services at All Saints:

Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist

Sunday 9.15am Said Eucharist



For services at the Parish Church please see the church notice board or visit www.holtchurch.org

For Live Streaming search YouTube St Andrew the Apostle, Holt

Dear Friends,

Beginning with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on the 22nd February, the season of Lent is one of the great seasons in the Church's calendar. It is seen as a means of preparation for our celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. In the first three centuries of the Church's history the period of preparation lasted only three days prior to Easter. But as new converts were admitted into the Church through the sacrament of baptism on Easter day their period of preparation was extended to forty days, the number of days Jesus spent in the wilderness. In time it was not only those preparing for baptism at Easter who were encouraged to keep Lent but all devout Christians as a means of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. The season continues to be characterised by prayer, fasting and alms-giving and the faithful are encouraged to put aside more time for prayer, to make personal sacrifices by giving something up and to be generous in giving.

While the observance of Lent is not what it used to be, it remains a season of opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth and not just for weight loss! So as well as giving up on chocolate, alcohol or desserts, I hope people will be encouraged to consider their spiritual lives and their relationship with a loving, forgiving God who's saving love is revealed through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and so deepen the faith we already have.

Join us as we strive to keep a holy Lent.

Kindest regards, Fr. Howard

COFFEE AND CHAT: February Tuesday 14th February 10.30am – 12noon at Wagon Wheels, Cromer Road, courtesy of Brenda Taylor.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: Every Thursday at 4 Pineheath Road following the 10am Eucharist at All Saints. 2nd Thursday – includes bible study.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 22nd February 10am Eucharist at All Saints & 7.00pm Sung Eucharist at St Andrews. Both services will include the imposition of ashes.

LENT 2023: For more information regarding services, devotions and study course during Lent please see the parish website www.holtchurch.org or church notice boards.

“BREAD OF LIFE”: A six-module course which explores the Christian faith and will help anyone on their journey of faith. Small informal groups will meet in the parish during Lent giving people the opportunity to explore and discuss together in a relaxed way. Look out for more details on our website and/ or our church notice boards or contact us. All are welcome.

HOLT & COMMUNITY DISTRICT SUPPORT FUND (Energy). Local support for local people. UPDATE: If you or anyone you know needs financial help to meet their energy costs, please let them know funds are available and not to be too proud or afraid to ask. If in need contact the Rector for more information.

HOME VISITING: If you would welcome a visit from the parish clergy or a lay member of our pastoral team please contact the Rector, Fr. Howard.

Potential Development Benefits – Have Your Say!

Cllr Peter Rutherford writes about the initiative being taken by High Kelling Parish Council regarding potential spin-offs in the event of development in or around the village.

Section 106 of The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 allows a local planning authority to enter into a legally binding agreement with a landowner as part of the granting of planning permission.

These agreements are a way of delivering or addressing matters that are necessary to make a development acceptable in planning terms. They can be used to support the provision of services and infrastructure such as highways, recreational facilities, education, health and affordable housing.

Planning obligations must be directly relevant to the proposed development and are used for three purposes:

- Prescribing the nature of development (for example, requiring a given portion of housing to be affordable);
- Compensating for loss or damage created by a development (for example, loss of open space);
- Mitigating a development's impact (for example, increased public transport provision).

Negotiations over the levels of planning obligations must take into account market conditions and development viability.

Before a section 106 Agreement can be made it must satisfy three tests, namely that it is:

- Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
- Directly related to the development; and
- Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

High Kelling Parish Council needs to be prepared to put forward proposals for consideration in the event of a significant development proposal being made affecting the village, for which it will usually have only a limited time to make representations. Parish Councillors have listed the following possible outcomes that might be relevant if the scale of a proposed development suggests that a section 106 Agreement might be appropriate:

- Additional traffic calming measures could be introduced on the A148, such as increasing the number of 30mph roundels on the road surface;
- Funding of permanent speed cameras through the village;
- Improvements to the footpaths and/or cycleways within the vicinity of any development;
- Improving access to bus stops in the village;
- Provision of street lighting at any new or improved junction with the A148;
- Provision of a pedestrian crossing within the village;
- Improvements to current facilities within the village, such as the Village Hall.

However, if anyone in the village wishes to make suggestions for improvements that might be included in any future section 106 Agreement and which satisfy the criteria outlined above then please let me know by email at peter@rutherford.world.

***High Kelling Garden Club** next meets on Monday 13th February in the Village Hall from 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Our speaker this month is Julia Stafford-Allen who will be talking about 'Private Gardens on Public View – a History of the NGS (National Garden Scheme)'. All are welcome - £3 for non-members.*

*It's that time of the year again! **The Selbrigg Pond Toad Watch Group** are getting ready to organise the rota for the rescue of our frogs and toads as they cross the road from the woods to Selbrigg Pond for their annual mating migration. We are always looking for helpers to help out. The more we have, the lighter the load for everyone. If you are interested in helping out this year please contact Trevor Bland on jandtbland@gmail.com or Ann Cleall on ann@tignes.co.uk and we can give you more information about what is involved. Also see <https://www.toadwatch.org>.*

Many thanks to Cllr Patrick Kelly for the photograph of the frosty scene that graces our front cover.

The High Kelling Parish Council is grateful to the service-providers below who support this publication through their advertisements. If you use their services, please let them know how you came to hear of them. Also, if you know of anyone who might wish to advertise their services with us, please mention the Chronicle to them.

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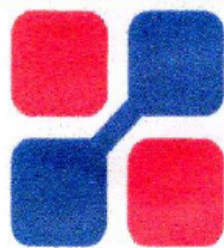
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