

# High Kelling Parish Chronicle

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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**

Welcome to the first issue of the High Kelling Parish Chronicle of 2023 and very best wishes from your Parish Councillors for a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

I had been hoping to dedicate this issue to celebrating “football coming home”, but once again those hopes were dashed in Qatar as Harry Kane’s penalty kick soared high into the sky. So I’m dedicating it instead to the memory of the late best-footballer-ever, Pelé, with our mast-head proudly decked-out in the colours of the Brazilian flag. I’ve not been able to confirm that he ever actually visited High Kelling, but I’m sure it would have been high on his bucket-list.

Had he done so around this time of year, I think he would have been impressed with the way High Kelling enters into the festive spirit. Following on from the very successful Christmas Craft Fair that took place at the end of the November, our beautifully-decorated All Saints Church held its service of Lessons and Carols on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, concluding with mince-pies and mulled wine. The monthly Coffee Morning at the Village Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> provided serious over-indulgence training and, of course, on the 25<sup>th</sup> the Village Hall held its customary Christmas Day Gathering before villagers dispersed to their individual festivities. Many thanks to all involved in organising these events.

Sadly, all is not so well-ordered in the wider world, with the war (whatever President Putin chooses to call it) grinding on remorselessly in the Ukraine and the resulting economic uncertainty causing hardship and anxiety for many. But lest I depress you too much, you’ll find a message of hope in Fr Howard’s Letter which also includes a poem this month.

We had a sharp reminder shortly before Christmas of what really cold weather can be like, as depicted by the photograph on the front cover taken by Robin Johnson.

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## From your Parish Council

Welcome to 2023! Hopefully life will get back to normal. Here's to a new year and better things to come.

### Thanks

As we start the new year it seems an appropriate time to recognise the contribution of those who make High Kelling what it is: the Village Hall Management Committee trustees who give their time feely to maintain and improve our beautiful Village Hall; those who help and support Fr Howard and All Saints Church; the ever-helpful staff at the Village Store and Post Office; Susan and Peter Rutherford for donating the Christmas tree and lights around the Village Sign; and not forgetting Parish, District and County Councillors.

If you would like to propose a public thank-you to someone in the Village via this column, as your High Kelling Hero, please do contact me.

### Christmas morning at the Village Hall

A pre-Christmas dinner drink at the Village Hall has become a village tradition. Recent villagers joining more established villagers, plus visiting friends and family members. What a wonderful way of starting Christmas Day. Thoroughly enjoyed it.

### Continuing support for the Treehouse Community Fridge

The donations of food, household goods and toiletries at the Village Hall and General Store continue to make it possible to provide support for the Treehouse Community Fridge. I'm always proud to say that the substantial weekly delivery we make to it comes from High Kelling.

### Standing as a Parish Councillor

Just a gentle reminder that there will be local elections in May 2023. If you are considering standing and want to know more, please contact Jane Wisson, our Parish Clerk, details below. Details about the role of a Councillor, Parish Council meeting dates and contact details for current Councillors can be found towards the end of this issue.

### The next scheduled Parish Council meeting . . .

. . . is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7pm at the Village Hall. The meeting is open to the public, with a dedicated public section for questions and comments.



Arrangements for raising confidential matters can be made prior to the meeting by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Obituaries/funeral arrangements and special occasions

These can be included in the High Kelling Parish Chronicle, with more on the Parish Council's website. Get in touch with the Editor, Duncan Henderson, whose contact details are set out in the Editorial Note.

A Happy New Year to one and all from your Parish Councillors.

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*Clive & Valerie Muggridge, formerly of Laburnum, Warren Close, write:*

*Having lived in High Kelling for 60+ years it was time to take our youngest daughter's advice and move to Devon to live closer to her. Following our house sale and exchanging of contracts etc, we had just two weeks to say our goodbyes to our lovely friends and neighbours. To those we did not manage to see, we send our best wishes and thanks for your support in times of need, sharing walks, cuppas and chats plus enjoying the many social activities the village has to offer. We will miss you, but onwards and upwards to sharing new adventures with our family here in Devon. Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.*

# Happy New Year from Your Village Hall

I sincerely hope that you all had an enjoyable time over the Christmas season and that you managed to avoid the many viruses going the rounds.



To see the old year out properly, below is a selection of 'Old Dad jokes' that I've voted cringe-worthy enough for publication. If they need explaining, let me know, and, if they make you smile, seek help.

1. What did the baby light bulb say to its mummy light bulb?
2. What's the difference between a punk on a bicycle and a city gent on a unicycle?
3. Why can you not find any aspirin in an aviary?
4. What's the difference between a marine biologist and a group of enthusiastic puppies?

(See answers below)

And now back to what I'm supposed to be writing about...

## **Christmas Day Gathering**

An extremely pleasant couple of hours on Christmas Day morning with around 45 neighbours. Thank you so much to those who came along on what was a very busy day for many, and my particular thanks to those who helped set up and clear away. As ever, sterling work from David Hurlbutt on the mulled wine production line and Lyn Baguley on sausage roll patrol.

## **Coffee Morning**

The last coffee morning of 2022 was a well-attended, enjoyable and lively affair. Lyn Morgan's quiz proved educational as it was tougher than usual, and many thanks to her and Ann Alborough for their energy and commitment to this regular monthly event. Why not make it a New Year resolution that, as part of a special, post-Christmas detox scheme you come along to the hall for some cake, chat, tea/coffee, quiz, raffle and more cake? The next coffee morning is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January. PS. Cakes always welcome!

## **Maintenance – Issue of the month**

The extremely cold snap of last month appeared to have put one of the boilers under such unbearable stress that it gave up the ghost (of Christmas yet to come) leaving

the hall without heat at the Constance Gray end and without any hot water for much of the month. User groups have been very understanding, and the provision of a couple of convection heaters plus the kitchen's water heater have enabled people to muddle through. Despite the winter months being an exceptionally busy period for the plumbing fraternity, we've managed to get a couple of heating engineers in to assess the damage and, hopefully, the issue will be resolved in January.

### **Draw Club**

December's winners of the Monthly Draw Club were; 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £23 to Yvonne Harris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Hebburn £15 and Colin Blaxhill the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £10.

### **January Events**

Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pub Night	19:00 22:00	—
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints Morning Coffee	09:00 12:00	—
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10:00 12:00	—
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pub Night	19:00 22:00	—

### **Answers for 'Old Dad Jokes'**

1. I wuv you watts and watts Mummy.
2. A tyre.
3. Because there, parrots eat 'em all.
4. One tags whales and the other wags tails.

Let's hope the rest of the year's better!

John Kellas-Kelly

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## Village Hall Programme for January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 09.30-12.30 HK table Tennis WH	3  19.00-22.00 Avenue Bridge MH	4  13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH  19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	5 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 09.00-12.00 U3A German Group CR 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH  18.30-21.30 Abacus Bridge MH	6 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH   19.00-22.00 NN Model Engineers MH	7 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH
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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](http://www.holtchurch.org)

For Live Streaming search YouTube St Andrew the Apostle, Holt

Dear Friends,

Dare we hope! Dare we hope for a happy and peaceful New Year? Sadly, 2023 has begun with the uncertainty and troubles with which 2022 ended. The war in Ukraine continues and millions of people around the world continue to suffer as a result of conflict. Violence, oppression, poverty cause thousands of people to be displaced from their homes and homelands. Desperate people risk their lives to seek refuge, economic prosperity, and stability in other countries. The world suffers the consequences of a changing climate and, because of the current economic crisis and huge rise in the cost of living, people closer to home are falling further into the pit of poverty and hardship, turning to foodbanks, charities and community groups for help.

Yet we have to hope for better times to come and the story of Christmas we have just celebrated surely gives us reason to hope. Born of Mary the Christ-child is the light of the world which the darkness of this world can never extinguish. He comes to reveal to us an alternative way of living that is grounded in love and characterised by mercy, compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation, justice, righteousness and peace.

As we begin this New Year, my prayer is that on hearing again the Christmas story people may act upon it and motivated by hope for better times, may strive to be bearers of peace and love to the world.



Without hope we may well perish, let us then dare to hope.

My warmest regards and every blessing for a happy and peaceful New Year.

Fr. Howard

**When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled  
by Howard Thurman**

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

**THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP:** No coffee and chat during January but it resumes in February - every Thursday at 4 Pineheath Road following the 10am Eucharist at All Saints. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – includes bible study.

**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.

## High Kelling Garden Club

Just a reminder that the garden club meets on the second Monday of the month in the village hall. We start the evening at 7pm with a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit and an opportunity to socialise and buy raffle tickets. The speaker starts at 7.30pm and will talk for 45 minutes or so with an opportunity to ask questions. We then draw the raffle and bring the meeting to a close. On January 9<sup>th</sup> we have the return of Dr Ian Bedford who is going to talk to us about companion planting for a balanced garden.

We have had a number of really good speakers recently, eg. Rosemary Ward talking about market gardening in Norwich and how things are changing in that industry; Andrew Sankey who gave an excellent talk on the history of Kew Gardens, and Peter Skeggs-Gooch who talked about Clematis through the seasons.

January is the time when we renew membership which will remain at £12 for the year. Visitors are welcome at any of our meetings for £3.00. We are a friendly club so do give us a try!

As a club we are currently debating whether to reduce our winter meetings as the cold dark nights are difficult for some – not least our speakers if they have a distance to travel. We would then have more going on during the summer months when we currently do not have a club evening but do try to organise visits to local gardens and nurseries. However, this is just being considered as a way forward at the moment. Speakers are becoming harder to find and are more expensive, but we are keen for the club to continue to thrive and feel we may have to adapt the way we do things.

If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Ann Cleall**, Bookings Secretary

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*Why not come along to High Kelling Village Hall and try your hand at Short Mat Bowls in a warm, friendly environment with refreshments provided? We are offering free afternoon taster sessions with expert tuition from experienced players. (Thursdays 1:15 to 3:15 and 3:30 to 5:30, and Sundays 1:30 to 3:30.) If you would like to find out more, contact **Lyn** on **01263 713898** or **Tony** on **01263 713119** and arrange a taster session.*

## **Parish Council Information**

### **The Role of a Councillor**

A councillor is a member of the council and is normally elected for a term of four years. People of any political or religious persuasion are eligible to become a councillor, although their personal views should not extend into their parish council work. A councillor is an unpaid voluntary role.

They are elected to represent the interests of the local community as a whole and promote a harmonious local environment. The number of elected councillors depends on the size of the area.

Local councils are the first tier of governance and are the first point of contact for anyone concerned with a community issue. They are democratically elected local authorities and exist in England, Wales and Scotland. The term 'local council' is synonymous with 'parish council', 'town council' and 'community council'.

### **High Kelling Parish Council**

The Parish Council comprises nine members, elected every four years. The Parish Council meets every other month in the Constance Gray Room at High Kelling Village Hall.

The public are welcome to attend our meetings; 15 minutes are allocated at every meeting for public questions. Please do come along and find out what is going on and help shape the future of High Kelling.

### **Parish Council Meetings 2023**

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

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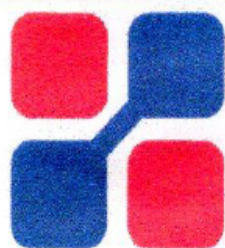




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