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New friends in Heathfield Close - Tricia Hickey

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

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Latest news from your Parish Council



Welcome to the third issue of the High Kelling Parish Chronicle. Returned copies of the Parish Consultation form suggest that village communications have been reaching the vast majority, in particular the former High Kelling News and Corona Chronicle readers. A number mentioned making use of local services during the pandemic especially the High Kelling General Store and Post Office, the Ottys' fruit and veg stall, as well as local NHS services. Also, good to see that both the Village Hall and Parish Council websites receive mention.

We are keen to continue regular communication. In this respect we are fortunate in having Cllr Susan Rutherford and Susan Ruru working together to produce our Parish Chronicle which is delivered free to every home in the village.

If you haven't had an opportunity to complete the Parish Consultation form included in the first issue of the Parish Chronicle there's still time to have your say. If you need a form contact highkellingchronicle@gmail.com. Or give me a call. Your Parish Council is there for you and wants to know your views so that we can improve village life.

Something which may be of particular interest to those living at the western end of the village: You may have seen in the North Norfolk News that the volunteer North Norfolk Railway hopes to buy extra land to extend its service from its Holt station, crossing Cromer Rd by bridge or level crossing, then running along the north side of the A148 ending up at Melton Constable. For more detail, go to norfolk-orbital-railway.co.uk/the-plan-for-bringing-the-railway-back-into-holt. I must stress it's only at a very early stage, but if you have any initial comments please let our Parish Clerk know.

Our next Parish Council Zoom meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th March at 7pm. As mentioned later in the Chronicle, we will be discussing a range of safety issues affecting the stretch of the A148 which passes through our village. Please do read the article. To take part in the public session please contact our Parish Clerk.

Finally, Gemma Harrison, our Parish Clerk will sadly be leaving the post in the next month or so. Gemma has provided superb support to the Parish Council. On its behalf I'd like to put on record our sincere thanks and best wishes for the

future. We are in the process of appointing a replacement. Please check our web site for the latest information.

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STOP PRESS – Judicial Review Quashes the Approval for Vattenfall Norfolk Vanguard

Just as we go to print, we learn that the High Court has quashed the 1st July 2020 permission given by the Secretary of State for the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Windfarm to proceed. The onshore transmission line was to run east-west from Happisburgh to Necton near Swaffham. The application for Judicial Review by Ray Pearce, a resident in the Reepham area, questioned the legality of the permission, and the Development Consent was overturned. This decision lends weight to the Offshore Coordination Project (formerly ORM and reported on in the February HK Chronicle) and provides useful breathing space for this Project to gain momentum. It brings the possibility of an Offshore Transmission Network and the eradication of the uncontrolled criss-cross pattern of individual underground cable runs closer to reality. For more on this, go to: www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-norfolk-56115137.

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. In High Kelling, we are able to have nine councillors.

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'.

Parish Council Meeting Issues

- Local Elections will be going ahead in May 2021 and North Norfolk District Council will be encouraging residents to register for a postal vote.
- A member of the public came to the meeting and commented on how pleased they were with the level of support given by the Parish Council throughout the pandemic. In particular, Cllr Mangan has done a fantastic job in bringing the community together.
- There were four planning proposals considered and the details of the outcomes can be viewed on the Parish Council Meeting Minutes on the PC website www.highkellingpc.info
- The Parish Council agreed to install a 'No Through Road' sign on Heathfield Close on the basis of there being a clear health and safety rationale.
- There is a commitment to continue to engage with Highways to progress the encroachment of vegetation onto footpaths within the Parish. It was also agreed that the Parish should pursue Highways to explore further clearance

work of the footway on the A148 and whether it could be included in the Parish Partnership Scheme to secure increased resources.

- The Bus shelter needs tiles replacing following recent winds, which will be organised.
- The Parish Council approved the Budget for 21/22. The precept will result in a charge of £21.20 for a Band D property, a 12 pence rise from last year.
- £150 donation towards the ongoing Judicial Review in respect of the offshore network proposals was agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting of 9th February. Donations have also been received from many other PCs. <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/offshore-wind-power-without-de/>
- Consultation Questionnaires continue to be received and we therefore put out a further call for them to be returned as soon as practicably possible to either the Village Hall or the Village Post Office after which we will feedback to you all.

The Parish Council focus on A148

- The A148 is the main east-west road in North Norfolk. It is busy all year and especially between Spring and Autumn when there are many visitors during normal conditions. A main objective of Norfolk County Council highways policy is the free flow of traffic on the A148. As a result there are very few traffic lights, zebra crossings or other restrictions between Kings Lynn and Cromer and none in High Kelling. Norfolk Highways department are extremely resistant to active speed control measures such as rumble strips, or road humps.
- There are 40mph signs approaching High Kelling and many 30mph signs along the A148. However, the village can look like countryside to motorists: there are no street lamps, the road is narrow and lined by trees with few visible houses. Cars coming from the Holt by-pass often seem reluctant to slow down, as do many cars coming from Bodham direction.
- The lack of a footpath behind the main road linking one end of the village with the other causes problems for pedestrians who have to walk along the A148. People are at risk from vehicles carrying wide loads and from

protruding wing mirrors but it is difficult to widen the pavement because housing boundaries and several large established trees are close to the road.

What Has the Parish Council Done

1. Following the fatal accident in 2016, we argued successfully for the removal of the bus stop across the road from the Post Office. The bus stop and shelter were relocated to Old Cromer Road opposite Holt Railway Station.
2. White ranch style plastic ‘gates’ have been installed at either end of the village to encourage motorists to recognise that they are entering a built-up area and to observe the 30mph speed limit.
3. We have joined with several other villages in installing a SAM2 speed camera system which measures the actual speed of vehicles in order to encourage motorists to slow down. The SAM2 system also records traffic volumes and speed so we will be able to identify times of excessive speeding and notify the police.
4. There is a Community Speedwatch Group which goes out regularly. This is extremely effective in getting motorists to keep to the speed limit. They operate except when prevented by the Covid restrictions and the hi-viz jackets are a requirement of the Scheme.
5. We have regular contact with the Highways authorities and have been successful in getting pot holes filled, drains cleared and a new section of drain installed on the A148 near the Pineheath Road end of the village. We have, however, had less success in getting a regular commitment to cut back verges and clear debris from pavements - budgets have been severely reduced and Highways do what they can. We showed a Highways officer the state of the pavement between Vale and Avenue Roads, and the work to clear back to the housing boundaries to maximise the pavement width has now been completed.
6. Planned activity: it has been agreed i) to plant up the areas in front of the village ‘gates’ to reinforce the visibility of the village; ii) to find a permanent arrangement to clear leaves from the pavement area in front of Voewood which becomes very slippery in the Autumn. In the meantime volunteers will clear leaves from the cycle and pedestrian paths.

7. Installed a 10mph sign in Avenue Road, on the Village Hall frontage to encourage motorists to keep to the speed limit on this narrow and busy road.
8. The section of pavement between Vale Road and Avenue Road which was particularly narrow and sloped towards the roadway has been addressed and greatly improved.



The A148, as photographed by Gill Kelly through her car window

What the Parish Council Intends to Do

- Consult with residents and consider any thoughts or ideas. So please do not hesitate to contact our Chair, David Carter at any time.
- The Parish Council's Focus on the A148:
 - Engage with the Highways Department to pursue the regular clearing of paths and overhanging vegetation, and to secure increased funding for such work.
 - Continue to lobby the NCC, Highways and the Police through an effective volunteer Speedwatch, gather evidence from this activity and the SAM2 system.
 - Safety along the A148 is a very high priority for the Parish Council. We will continue to take action ourselves and to contact the relevant authorities as appropriate. Please contact us with any issues you have and we will continue to provide updates on our progress.

- The Parish Council will be discussing the matter at the next Parish Council Meeting which will be conducted via Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please contact the highkellingclerk@gmail.com to receive a Zoom invitation.

Meet Your High Kelling Parish Councillors



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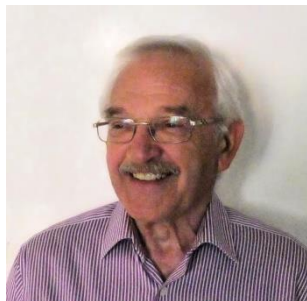
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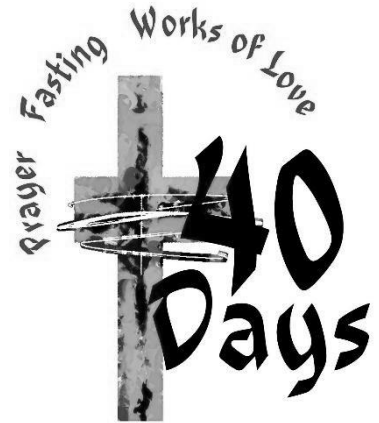
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It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.

Leonardo da Vinci

The Parish of Holt with High Kelling



NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

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As March begins, we will already be into the second week of Lent, a season in the Church's calendar that has been largely forgotten or else ignored by the secular society in which we live. Yet it remains an important time in the life of the Church as we once again prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Mirroring the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, Lent encourages the faithful to fast, to pray and to give something up, in order to help us resist temptation. Though I remember once reading in the farmer's almanac that as you get older you don't have to worry about avoiding temptation because temptation starts avoiding you! The Church also encourages us to spend a little more time in prayer, devotion and reading the bible in order that we might grow in our love and knowledge of God which then overflows in acts of kindness to others. Properly used, this holy season of Lent enables us to enter more fully into our Lord's passion and come to know the joy of Easter. Forcing us to give something up and spend more time in quiet contemplation, this ongoing Pandemic has seemed like an enforced Lent. But with a falling rate of infection and an increase in the number of vaccinations, surely Easter is not far away. Stay safe, keep well, and may God bless you.

Kindest regards, Fr. Howard

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE: PUBLIC WORSHIP & PRIVATE PRAYER. Public worship has resumed at the Parish Church (bookings on Sunday essential) and will do so as soon as possible at All Saints. All Saints is open on Wednesday & Sundays for private prayer.

LIVE STREAMING: Services from the Parish Church are streamed live via YouTube on Sunday at 10.30am. Also every Wednesday during Lent an organ recital by Mark Jones will be streamed live at 1.00pm. Check our website for more details and access to our YouTube channel.

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News from Your Village Hall



As I write this all too brief account of the lack of activity at your village hall, I'm optimistically watching for the first signs of spring and the possible easing of lock-down. Both are joyful happenings!

However, despite a moth-balled building, we are truly looking forward to reopening, and I feel hopeful that we may have one or two events to plan and a hall diary to publish. Won't that seem strange?

Whilst it's unlikely that we shall hold a Summer Fair this year, we are considering the possible programme for the next 6 months. Any suggestions or other input you might have would be very welcome. What are your views on any or all of the following, for instance?

Afternoon tea with a musical accompaniment

Hog roast

Art/Photographic exhibition with refreshments

Art & Craft Fair or Christmas Fair

Quiz Night (or Afternoon)

Happy February to our 3 lucky winners of the Monthly Draw – Gillian Kelly, 1st prize of £23, June Wickham £15 for second and Mary Tyler won the 3rd prize of £10.

So, fingers crossed for good news in the coming weeks. Kindest regards to all.

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Did You Know?

Vaccinations

If you are 70+ and have not been offered a vaccination, please contact your local GP surgery or call 119.

Scam Alert from Norfolk Police

Watch out for COVID-19 fake products – We've seen reports in Norfolk of fake products online saying they can protect you or cure coronavirus. Don't be a victim of one of these scams – they won't work, and they're designed to take your money. Help us spread the word by telling loved ones who may be vulnerable or at risk of being caught out

Fake COVID-19 vaccine emails – 26 January 2021. We are continuing to warn about emails circulating claiming to be from the NHS offering the COVID-19 vaccine. The scam email contains the subject line 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS' The fake COVID vaccine email contains the subject line 'This is a public health message from NHS' These messages are fake. Anyone following the links supplied in the emails will be taken to a fake NHS website which could attempt to gather personal and financial details.

Information for Carers and Carers Assessment

A carer's assessment will give you the chance to discuss how caring affects your life and find out about support services, emergency help, breaks and financial help to support your wellbeing and help you continue caring.

Q - What benefits / finance am I eligible for?

A - There are a number of welfare benefits you may be eligible for as a Carer in Norfolk such as Carers Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Carers Credit, Disability Living Allowance. You can see a full list and more information at <https://carersmatternorfolk.org.uk/information-advice/your-money-2/welfare-benefits>

Q - What support is available for me?

A - You can access support via the Advice Line on **0800 083 1148** where Family Carer Advisors can talk to you about your caring role, help identify your needs and see what type of support can benefit you. You are also entitled to a Carers Assessment with Norfolk County Council – to find out more go to:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/looking-after-someone/carers-assessment>

Q - Where can I find befriending schemes?

A - It is difficult to find 'free' befriending services, as any free services are run by volunteers such as Holt Area Caring Society. A lot of care agencies offer befriending services for a charge, or if you have a personal budget a personal assistant can offer befriending.

Dial a Ride Service

North Norfolk Community Transport provide a door to door minibus transport service in the Holt area every Wednesday which is safe, accessible and affordable.

They also operate a bookable weekday transport service from your home to a variety of destinations. This service is available to anyone who does not have access to their own vehicle or appropriate public transport.

Telephone 01692 500840 or 01263 839009 or Email: info@nnct.org.uk.

Out and About This Month

Spare a Thought for the Humble Toad

A huge thank you from Cllr John Mangan to everyone involved and for the volunteers who responded to the call for help. Inductions of new volunteers have been undertaken in the driving rain and now we stand ready for the warmer weather and the annual Toad Migration at Selbrigg Ponds.

Please email all correspondence to highkellingchronicle@gmail.com, or hand-deliver to 44 Pineheath Road. Please don't forget to include your contact details.

What has Been Happening in our Village

Thanks to all who submitted entries into the photographic competition for February which is looking for the best picture to capture the beauty of “Bleak Mid Winter in High Kelling”. Entries closed on 28th February 2021. We look forward to announcing the winners for the prize of a £20 gardening voucher and a place in the High Kelling Calendar 2022 in our April edition of the HKP Chronicle.

If you want to have an article in the HKPC Chronicle please feel free to contact your “ Roving Reporters” Susan and Sue by contacting us on 01263 502372

Do feel free to get in touch at anytime as we would love to hear from you at highkellingchronicle@gmail.com

From Villagers to Villagers

We would like to say a very big”Thank You” to everyone who supports our veg stall here at 43 Pineheath Road. As a result, we have been able to send a cheque for £1061 to BEAT in Norwich.

BEAT is the UK’s eating disorder charity. They exist to end the pain and suffering caused by these serious mental illnesses which affect 1.25 million people in the UK.

Eating disorders disrupt work and education, destroy relationships and devastate lives. They affect people of all genders, ethnicities, sexualities, ages and backgrounds. BEAT provides support to those suffering and the people around them, campaign on the issues people face when seeking recognition and treatment, and provide training for education and healthcare professionals. BEAT’s free, confidential support is available 365 days a year – their website can be found at

www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk. They are able to provide this support thanks to the generosity of their supporters. So thank you once again for helping us support their work.

Phil and Carol Otty

Thank you to the kind person (or persons) who, over the last few weeks, has cleared the debris from the pavement between Pineheath Road and Avenue Road.

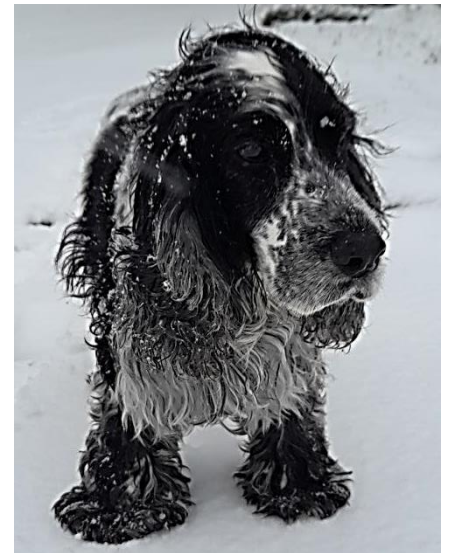
As someone who uses that pathway frequently, I appreciate being able to walk safely. Thank you for your hard work.

Sue Hebburn

The person who cleared the debris was Cllr Gordon Lane – Thank you

Rievaulx Ruru 19.9.2006–2.2.2021

Sadly, my companion of the past 14+ years was put to rest on 2.2.2021. Though a challenging, sometimes difficult dog, he was my dog and I loved him very much. My house and life is now much emptier without him. I am so grateful that I had him in my life, but he is so missed. I'm glad he had those last six years in HK. He loved the woods, the coast, the dog-friendly cafes. This was the perfect place for him.



If you have a dog and need a sometime dog minder, my house and garden are dog proof, as is my car, and I would love to host your dog during the day, weekends, or even overnight, if I am free. For a chat, please call me, Susan, on 502372.

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