

# High Kelling Parish

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An information newsletter by the High Kelling Parish Council and  
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High Kelling

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## Editorial Note

It is appropriate this month to recall that in August 2021 your Parish Council pledged to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and to support the Armed Forces Community.

The key principles of the Covenant are that no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen, and that in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.

Bearing in mind our village's size and demographics, the practical opportunities for implementing those principles in our day-to-day business are inevitably somewhat limited. We can, however, demonstrate our commitment to the Covenant by celebrating the work of the armed forces and encouraging positive interaction between them and members of the public.

As a Council we do that by activities such as promoting and supporting our nearest Royal British Legion branch in Holt. This month, on an individual level, we can do it by supporting Poppy Appeal Day and marking Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Simple gestures like wearing a poppy or briefly pausing our daily activities when the clock strikes eleven on those days are a physical demonstration of our gratitude to those who 'for our tomorrow gave their today'.

With remembrance in mind, I have penned an article about the mid-air collision involving two RAF aircraft that occurred over Holt and High Kelling on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1968. I am grateful for the thoughts of others on that theme that also appear in this issue of the Chronicle.

Elsewhere we have an update on the Holt and District Community Support Fund (Energy) - "*support for local people by local people*" - that in the short time since it was launched has already raised some £15,000. Hopefully it will help to ease the financial worries of some as winter approaches and energy costs continue to rise. News from your Parish Council includes a tie-up with The Treehouse Community Café in Holt to collect donations for their community fridge, and feedback on the very successful Parish Council Open Meeting that was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. Meanwhile, over at the Village Hall, look out for the Winter Warmer and advance publicity for the ever-popular Christmas Craft Fair on the 26<sup>th</sup> November.

As always contributions from you, our readers, are most welcome on anything touching on village life. If you wish to submit anything to be considered for inclusion in the next issue please send it in to [highkellingchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:highkellingchronicle@gmail.com), to arrive no later than Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Cllr Duncan Henderson, Editor**

## UPDATE: HOLT & COMMUNITY DISTRICT SUPPORT FUND (ENERGY)

**Local support for local people.** At the time of going to press approximately £15000 has been given or pledged to help those who will experience a financial crisis and be unable to meet the rising energy costs over the next two years. A huge thank you to anyone who has supported this fund; your generosity is very much appreciated and will, via the North Norfolk Food Bank (Energy), help those in greatest need.

We continue to raise funds and offer support and advice to those in need. Come and find out more at the **LAUNCH EVENT on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12noon in the Parish Church Hall, Church Street, Holt**, where there will be people to answer your questions, advise on what help is on offer, information about how you can access funds, and opportunities to give and support. Refreshments, cake stall, raffle and children's activities.

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HIGH KELLING VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES INVITE YOU TO

### A Winter Warmer Soup Lunch

Friday 4th November 12.30pm to 2pm

Bar open from 12.30 soup served 1pm



### Menu

Spiced carrot and sweet potato soup (g/f, v, vg, d/f) \*

Baguette - gluten free alternative available

Tea/coffee and cake

£ There is no charge for this event but donations on the day for village hall funds are welcomed £

\* g/f gluten free, v vegetarian vg vegan d/f dairy free

# From your Parish Council



## Defibrillator

Some good news! Having acquired the phone box outside the General Store/Post Office for the princely sum of £1, we have now contracted with Community Heartbeat Trust to install a second defibrillator in the village. (The first being at the Village Hall.) We expect this to be installed on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, after which it can be linked to the NHS and commissioned in due course. Located at a focal point of our village, I'm sure you'll agree this will be a great asset. Training in its use will be available. May I take this opportunity to thank both the former High Kelling Society and the North Norfolk District Council Communities Fund for their generous contributions towards the cost.

## Litter-pick and path-clearing

The Parish Council invites villagers to join the beginning-of-winter litter-pick and footpath-clearing which will be taking place on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> November, starting from the Village Hall, from 10am to 12 noon. If numbers permit we will clear debris etc from the 'dog-leg' off Pineheath Road and the pedestrian footpath fronting Voewood. Your Parish Council provides the pickers, hoops and bags. Those taking part will need to wear appropriate clothing, boots and gardening-type gloves, plus a hi-vis jacket if you have one (or we can loan you a vest). Refreshments to follow. A great opportunity to meet fellow villagers as well as tidying up our village.

## Standing as a Parish Councillor

The current term of office for Parish Councillors comes to an end in May 2023. It's therefore a good time to start thinking about standing as a High Kelling Parish Councillor. A rewarding way to represent the views of villagers! If you would like to learn more, please do contact Jane Wisson, the Parish Clerk, details below.

## Cost-of living

It's probably fair to say High Kelling villagers are generally better able to cope with the current cost-of-living crises than many living in Holt and other villages in the area. One key indication being the number of free school meals provided. At Holt Community Primary School over 25.5% are so entitled, well above the national average of 17%. The Holt-based Treehouse Community Café runs a Community Fridge which allows those in need to take what they require, without referral, voucher, or being confined to a standard pack etc. There is no evidence that this flexibility is in any way abused. Please see the article elsewhere in this edition of the Chronicle on donating food etc to them via the Village Hall. For more information on the Treehouse Community Café go to [www.thetreehousecafe.co.uk](http://www.thetreehousecafe.co.uk). You can of course also drop foodbank items in to your supermarket.

## The Parish Council's Open Day

I am writing this article immediately following the Parish Council's Open Day at the Village Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. I hope everyone agreed this was a success. Regrettably there was an unavoidable clash with the funeral of a villager but attendance was very encouraging at around 50. Martin Fulcher, a Director at North Norfolk District Council (NNDC), led a most interesting and informative question/answer/comment session on planning issues and the planning process itself. This was followed by an outline of the financial support available for energy-saving initiatives by Dulcie Walsh, and Claire Chapman talked about her role as a Community Connector. Sarah Bristow from the Norfolk Association of Local Councils spoke about encouragement for people to put themselves forward as prospective Parish Councillors. Our District and County Councillor, Cllr Eric Vardy, was on hand to answer questions and comment. Village Hall Trustee Sean Doran outlined the Village Hall's green plans, all part of its Big Plan proposals.

I can't do justice in such a short article to the issues debated during the lively discussion; these will appear in due course in a future edition of the Parish Chronicle. But in outline the topics raised included:

- the planning process, housing provision and NNDC'S District Plan;
- working towards making High Kelling a greener village in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
- installing solar panels;
- preference for hedges rather than fences as front boundaries;
- developing a Neighbourhood Plan to maintain the character of High Kelling;
- the possible funding of village improvement projects via any new developments;
- the potential for future development, with particular reference to the former Pineheath Care Home and nursery sites, Mattocks Field and the land between Kelling Hospital and Holt Station;
- the difficulty presented by trees on private land in relation to improving sight-lines for accessing the A148;
- improving the 'dog-leg' between Pineheath Road and the A148 through planting and clearance of debris;
- Norfolk County Council's Million Trees for Norfolk offer (see [Norfolk.gov.uk](http://Norfolk.gov.uk))
- becoming a Parish Councillor

Your Parish Council will be discussing each and every issue raised during the meeting and, where appropriate and practicable, including them in the High Kelling Parish Plan for 2022-23.

More to follow!

Your Parish Council thanks all who were able to attend.

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IS ON 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD AND DRINK  
RAFFLE/HAMPER RAFFLE**



The village hall Christmas fair is on Saturday 26th November

Wanted: prizes for the food and drink raffle/Christmas hamper raffle

**Bottles of beverages alcohol and non-alcoholic, along jars, bottles, boxes, tins and packets of foodstuffs will all be gratefully received.**

**There is a collection box in the village hall foyer which will be regularly emptied, alternatively donations can be left at 2 Heathfield Road and 35A Pineheath Road – in the collection box by the front door**

## News from Your Village Hall

### Winter Warmer – Free but donations very welcome

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November sees the hall doors open at 12:30 for the first of a series of free soup-and-a roll lunches at the hall. Lynne Henderson has generously offered to make the soups and we'll be providing refreshments, and the bar will also be open for sales. Do come along for what promises to be a very sociable event.



### Christmas Craft Fair

Only four weeks to go and a lot to do! We've a good selection of crafters, some new and some familiar faces, and we're now concentrating on the social side of the event.

Thank you to those who have already donated goods for the tombola and raffle prize. If you are able to donate, then we're collecting in-date and unopened food and drink items – please hand to Lynne Henderson at 35A Pineheath Road (715709), myself at 2 Heathfield Road (712119) or leave in the collection box in the village hall.

As mentioned last month, Lyn Baguley has kindly offered to organise the refreshments and, as ever, we're calling upon the excellent baking prowess of many of us (sadly, excluding the writer) – if you're willing to bake a cake and/or mince pies for the day, please do contact Lyn on 713898.

### TRUSTEES

I'm very pleased to announce that Philip Frejer of Pineheath Road has volunteered to be a trustee of the village hall. We definitely need new trustees to take the hall forward and I've no doubt that Philip will be a great addition to the committee. I'm also very hopeful that I'll be able to announce next month that we have another new trustee, which should bring us back to a reasonable strength.

### LITTER PICK

The Parish Council is organising our biannual litter pick starting at 10:00 on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Bags and pickers provided. Refreshments on return to the hall.

### EVENTS

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Warmer	12:30	–
		14:15	
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Village Litter Pick	10:00	–
		12:00	

Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pub Night	19:00 22:00	–
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10:00 12:00	–
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bingo	14:00 16:00	–
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pub Night	19:00 22:00	–
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair	10:00 14:00	–

See the attached timetable for all events taking place during November.

### **DRAW CLUB**

This month's winners are 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £23 to Alan Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Seamus Doran £15 and Carol Otty the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £10. Congratulations all.

John Kellas-Kelly

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### **A moment's reflection**

Every Sunday the bell of our wonderful village Church rings out and heralds such an uplifting and joyous sense of possibility. I felt compelled to acknowledge this special moment of the week as the sound rang out through this misty, autumnal morning and could be heard despite life continuing and the cars moving their way through the A148.

Thank you to all who keep this beautiful sound of hope ringing out and reminding us to momentarily stop and think of something or someone that moves us beyond the here and now and into a peaceful and happy place of reflection.

**Susan Rutherford**





***CHRISTMAS CRAFT &  
GIFT FAIR***

***10AM UNTIL 2PM***

***SATURDAY 26TH***

***NOVEMBER***

***MULLED WINE & REFRESHMENTS***

***WIN A CHRISTMAS HAMPER***

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# NOVEMBER 2022

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## **A Tribute to Rob Wilson, Late of Avenue Road**

I should like to thank everyone who came to Cromer Crematorium on 18 October to help me pay tribute to my husband, Rob Wilson. A man who was an inspiration to us all – he never complained about what life had thrown at him and always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face, and usually a bottle of beer in his hand. Rob was positive, funny and radiated friendliness.

Rob was diagnosed with oral cancer for the second time shortly after moving to High Kelling. He made a good recovery and threw himself into making home and garden improvements and participating in village events; running golf games at the Summer Fayres, quiz night (our team was called *The Champions* but we lost!), sharing his family's war time memorabilia for the VE celebrations, being a regular at the Village Hall's pub nights where he was well known for his *Bish, Bash, Bosh* whisky, and playing Santa at the Christmas Fayre.

Cancer returned earlier this year but Rob could not be cured. He continued to fight but he did not bounce back as he had always done before – he had lost the twinkle in his eyes and the smile on his face - and sadly passed away on 29 September. He will be missed but not forgotten.

**Ruth Wilson**

### **French Twinning**

Since 2004 Sheringham Muzillac Twinning Association has welcomed people from our twin town and surrounding area to visit (normally for 5 days), and the following year our members go there. Many friendships have been made. It is a beautiful area of southern Brittany, very close to the sea and the Gulf of Morbihan, with lots to see and do.

#### **Would you like to become involved?**

We have members in many surrounding villages, including High Kelling, and would welcome more. We are hoping to host a French group in 2023 and are seeking new hosts. A full programme of daytime and evening events is organised and hosting 'duties' are not onerous.

The French are keen to practise their English so knowledge of French isn't essential.

Our group holds 4 social events each year and you would be made most welcome. Our next event is an evening supper on 22 November.

For more details or queries please contact:

**Julia Hurlbut**, Chair Sheringham Muzillac Twinning Association

[smta.general@gmail.com](mailto:smta.general@gmail.com) or phone 01263 713782

## Cost-of-Living Crisis

We're all feeling the effects of the cost-of-living crisis these days - whether it's heating our homes, fuel for our cars, buying the basics at the supermarket or increases in mortgage interest rates. Although we tend to think of ours as being a relatively prosperous area, the reality is that 25% of the pupils at Holt Primary School are eligible for free school meals.

For some people, this winter could well involve a choice between heating and eating. More and more people are relying on charities, churches, food banks and community initiatives to get by.

The Treehouse Community Café in Holt has a community fridge and makes food and some toiletries and household items available to those in need. For more information see their website or pop along for a tea or coffee and cake.

The Village Hall has kindly agreed to be a collection point for donations to the Treehouse. If you would like to make one, there will be a box in the hall foyer starting Friday 4th November and thereafter on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. But please try not to disturb groups using the Hall.

Items wanted include:

Food: Long-life milk (full fat or semi-skimmed); fruit; vegetables; tinned fish; tinned meat; tinned vegetables; pasta sauce; tinned rice pudding; squash/fruit juice; biscuits; cuppa-soup/mugshot.

Household & toiletries: Laundry detergent; washing-up liquid; nappies; shampoo; deodorant; toilet rolls.

Most local supermarkets also collect food and other items for food banks. If we all add just one item every time we do our shopping it will make a huge difference.

Thank you for your support in these difficult times.

**Lorna Berry**

Co-director, The Treehouse Café

**David Carter**

Chair, High Kelling Parish Council

<https://www.thetreehousecafe.co.uk/community-fridge>

# The Parish of Holt with High Kelling

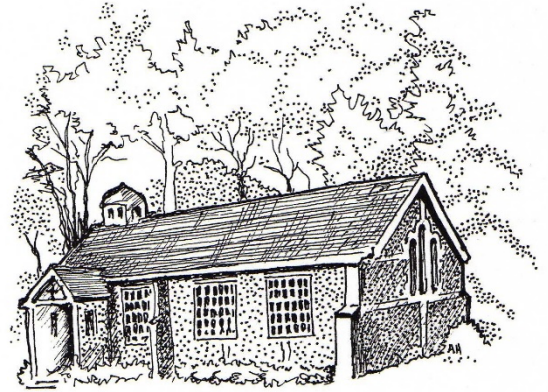
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## **Services at All Saints:**

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](http://www.holtchurch.org)

For Live Streaming search YouTube St Andrew the Apostle, Holt

Dear Friends,

November is very much a month of remembrance. It is a month in which we remember those who have gone before us. The first day of month begins with the glorious feast of All Saints in which we honour those who in life and often in death remained faithful to Christ and honoured him with lives that reflected his love. Closely following is the Feast of All Souls, which occurs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November and on which we particularly remember those we love but see no longer, those who have died in this life and who's absence is still deeply felt.

Then of course is Remembrance Sunday, the National Day of Remembrance when the nation pauses to remember our war dead and honour all those who have given their lives in the service of our country. Accompanying our remembrance, whether it is of the Saints, our departed loved ones or our nation's war dead, is a belief in the resurrection of the dead; faith that life in death is changed not ended. May the Saints of God in glory pray for us and may they welcome the faithful departed into the joy of heaven.

If we ourselves would one day like to be remembered then we have a duty to remember. We will remember them.

Kindest regards, Fr. Howard

**COFFEE AND CHAT:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am - 12noon at Denewood, Cromer Road, courtesy of Pam Prescott. All welcome.

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

**ALL SOULS DAY: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

10.00am Said Requiem at All Saints, High Kelling

7.00pm Sung Requiem at St Andrews

All are welcome to come and remember a departed loved one and light a candle in their memory.

**LIVING WITH A CHANGING CLIMATE: An Environmental Forum**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November At Holt Parish Church 2.30pm – 4.00pm** with key note speakers including the Bishop of Norwich. Come along to listen, question and discuss. All Welcome.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 13<sup>th</sup> November**

9.15am Said Eucharist at All Saints, High Kelling

**10.50am Service of Remembrance at Holt War Memorial.**

5.00pm Choral Evensong at Holt Parish Church

**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

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## **Community Speed Watch (still) seeks volunteers**

The Norfolk Police supports local communities who want to have some influence over traffic speed on their patch. We have run a Community Speed Watch group in High Kelling for some years now. You may have seen us, when three residents stand beside the A148 in their hi-viz jackets, targeting speeding vehicles with a radar gun and noting down their registration numbers.

The details are sent to the police who, after confirming the details provided, send an advisory letter to each offender. During an hour's activity we commonly monitor between 800 to 1100 passing vehicles. More importantly, hopefully, they see us - creating a heightened awareness to the fact that they are passing through a residential area where a speed limit is in place that we expect to be observed.

Ideally we would undertake the Speed Watch at least once a week but it is increasingly difficult to do so with the limited number of volunteers we currently have to man the rota. Whilst we wouldn't claim that it's going to be the highlight of your week, it's not an onerous task - just one hour once in a while is all we're looking for.

If you are willing to join us, please get in touch with Robin Johnson on 01263 712490 or by email to [robert@robandjan.plus.com](mailto:robert@robandjan.plus.com).

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## **Remembering the mid-air collision over Holt and High Kelling**

Living in this part of the country, the rumble and roar of military aircraft undertaking training in the skies above us is a regular reminder of those who serve in our armed forces. To some it's a curse, while others regard it as the necessary price we pay for our nation's freedoms and the protection of our way of life. Or as the bumper sticker puts it: "*Jet noise: the sound of freedom*".

At this time of year we remember those who have died in the service of their country. A very visible reminder of that sacrifice is the war memorial located in Holt Market Place where a Remembrance Sunday commemoration takes place on the second Sunday in every November. Rather less prominently, a memorial stone located behind the choir stalls in St Andrew's Church reminds us that not all casualties occur during actual conflict. It is dedicated to the memory of the seven members of the Royal Air Force who died in a mid-air collision over Holt and High Kelling on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1968.

Two aircraft were involved. One, a Victor tanker, was climbing away from its base at Royal Air Force Station Marham; the other, a Canberra bomber was returning to its base at Royal Air Force Station Bruggen (in what was then West Germany) after completing a practice run over the Wainfleet Range off the Lincolnshire coast. The last words heard from the captain of the Victor were "I'm at 13,500 feet and climbing". The two aircraft collided at approximately 10.10pm at an estimated height of 15,000 feet. Sadly, all the crew members on board - four in the Victor and three in the Canberra - were killed.

Heavy cloud and thunderstorms were present in the area at the time, which a subsequent Board of Inquiry concluded had rendered the radar cover inadequate. Fortunately, the Victor was not involved in a refuelling exercise so was not carrying additional fuel and the Canberra had already dropped its practice bomb.

Even so, witnesses on the ground reported seeing a huge fireball in the sky and wreckage from both aircraft started to fall over a wide area. A 10-year-old boy holidaying with his grandparents in Vale Road at the time describes seeing an RAF team being in position on the corner of Vale Road/Cromer Road and co-ordinating the initial response. A large wing flap was found in a field on the corner of Cromer Road/ Selbrigg Road and another large piece of wreckage in a tree next to the track

behind Bernard Close leading to Bridge Road. Smaller pieces of wreckage were liberally scattered elsewhere and were apparently still being dug up in the garden years later.

Further afield, a burning aircraft cockpit fell into a cornfield on the outskirts of Holt. An airman's body fell into a young tree in Holt Country Park, its trunk still deformed to this day by the impact. (It is now the site of another memorial to the incident.) A helmet and a wad of scorched papers were discovered on the playing fields of Gresham School, while in Gravel Pit Lane part of a wing crashed into a garden and another piece of wreckage demolished a shed. But despite the huge amount of burning debris that fell in the area there were no casualties on the ground, although as Fr Howard observed at a service commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the collision, Holt's miracle in this respect was somebody else's tragedy.



The crew of the Handley Page Victor XH646 comprised Flight Lieutenant William Gallienne (Aircraft Captain), Flying Officer Roger Morton (Co-pilot), Squadron Leader Michael Doyle (Navigator) and Flight Lieutenant Kenneth Peacock (Navigator). The crew of the English Electric Canberra WT325 comprised Flight Lieutenant Johan Slabber (Aircraft Captain), Flying Officer Stuart Cowie and Flying Officer John Woolnough.

The aircrew ranged in age from 24 to 39. Sadly, as the memorial stone in St Andrew's Church states: "Indeed, you did not grow old". But we will remember them.

**Duncan Henderson**



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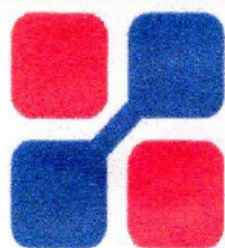
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