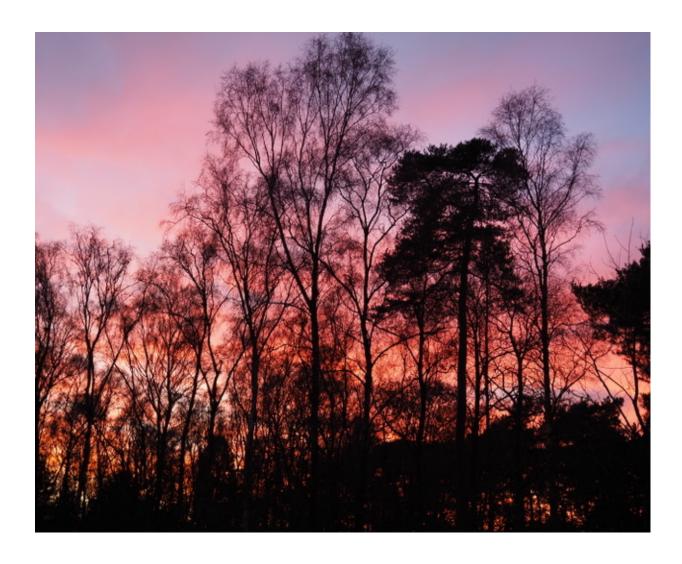
High Kelling Parish Chronicle

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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 Issue 37 of the Chronicle. In addition to the set-pieces from our regular contributors (Cllr Peter Rutherford, Colin Kemp and Fr Howard), it's great to have a variety of contributions this month in the form of photographs and copy from several village residents on topics varying from Full Fibre Broadband and artistry to social walking, as well as a feature about a well-known village resident (no spoilers here!). Producing a newsletter for the residents of High Kelling by its residents is exactly what the Parish Council had in mind when it established the Chronicle, so do please keep sending in anything touching on village life.

Lovely as all that is, the Holt and District Community Support Fund (Energy) notice on page 15 reminds us that there is a still a cost-of-living crisis for many in this area, for which assistance available to those who may need it. The flip side, of course, is that the fund is dependent on donations ('Support for local people by local people'), so if you have no real use for that Winter Fuel Payment you may have recently received, or find yourself with some spare change lying around, please consider making a donation. Donation forms (including a Gift Aid declaration) are available in the Parish churches, or ask the Editor for one.

Many thanks to Patrick Kelly for the photograph of a stunning High Kelling sunset that appears on this month's front cover.

Cllr Duncan Henderson, Editor

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER 24th - 31st March

Palm Sunday:

8am Eucharist (St Andrews) 9.15am Eucharist (All Saints) 10.15am (St Andrews)

Mon, Tues, Wed

7pm Eucharist with Address (St Andrews)

Maundy Thursday

10am Eucharist (All Saints) 7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper & Watch (St Andrews)

Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross (All Saints)

11.00am Procession of Witness (Holt)

2.30pm Liturgy of Word, Cross & Sacrament (St Andrews)

Holy Saturday

7.30pm Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter (St Andrews)

Easter Day

8am Eucharist (St Andrews)

9.15am Eucharist (All Saints)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (St Andrews)

From your Parish Council

Parish Precept

As part of the Council Tax Bill, residents pay a Parish precept to cover the budget of the Parish Council. I am pleased to report that although Council Tax will be increasing this year, there will be no increase in the Parish precept for High Kelling which will remain the same as last year.



New Parish Clerk

After a period of about six months since the resignation of the previous Parish Clerk, I am pleased to report that the Parish Council have recruited a new Clerk and we are hopeful that they will take up the position in late March after the next meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 19th March. We are extremely grateful to Gemma Harrison who has been looking after things on an interim basis. Gemma has other responsibilities as the Town Clerk of Holt and Parish Clerk at Cley and was therefore not able to take on the role at High Kelling in the long term.

Fibre Broadband in High Kelling

Chris Bleasby has provided an update on the position with Fibre Broadband elsewhere in this issue of the Chronicle and I refer everyone to his article. It would be great if as many villagers as possible would register their interest with Lightspeed and CityFibre. We do not have confirmation that Openreach will extend to the whole village and the position with Upp (now Virgin Media) appears uncertain.

Funding from Orsted

There is an opportunity for the Village to benefit from Grants available because of the ongoing cable works being carried out near to the village.

Orsted has committed to a Community Fund worth approximately £700,000 each year for the next 10 years. Of this sum, £200,000 is ring- fenced, leaving £500,000 in the Main Community Fund. Grants from £500 to £75,000 are available.

There are 2 closing dates in 2024:

- (1) 8th May 2024, after which the decision will be made by the middle of August 2024:
- (2) 27th November 2024, after which the decision will be made by the end of February 2025.

High Kelling is in the funding area which extends along the coast from the Wash to South of Lowestoft and includes the area around the works currently being carried out inland.

The Community Fund is subject to strict criteria. Match funding is not required for small grant applications £500 to £5,000. However, match funding of a minimum of 20% is required for main grant applications of between £5,001 and £75,000.

Any project must fall within one of the following themes:

- Community buildings and facilities. Projects leading to lower carbon operations are encouraged;
- Community activities and services. Projects addressing health and well-being, social isolation, etc;
- Environmental green initiatives, habitat/species protection;
- Sports, recreation, and play.

Both the Parish Council and the Village Hall are eligible to apply and we are planning a joint meeting of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee to discuss possible projects for High Kelling. Grants are not available for works that are a statutory duty, such as works to the public highway, and the project must be new as funds will not be provided to existing works.

The judging criteria suggest that there needs to be community support for the project, so engagement with residents is very important. The project will need to provide a local community benefit. Preference will be given to green projects.

Members of the Parish Council will be pleased to receive ideas from residents. Please contact one of the Councillors with your idea and we will then be able to consider all possibilities.

Highway Works

We are still waiting for the white line to be painted along the road adjacent to the kerb. The sub-contractor for the Highways Authority is behind with the works required in North Norfolk. We are hoping for the repair of the village gate at the Holt end of the village in the next few weeks. The Highways Authority has also agreed to place pedestrian warning signs on the A148 in the hope that this will slow the traffic down in areas where people regularly cross the road to the bus stop and to the Church.

Community Speedwatch

Members of the Speedwatch team have resumed patrols on a weekly basis after a short winter break. Many thanks to Robin Johnson for organizing this and for turning out each time a patrol takes place. We are hoping to relieve Robin of some of this responsibility soon. Many of the Speedwatch teams in the region have folded in recent years because of lack of support. High Kelling has had the benefit of Speedwatch presence for 15 years and much of the credit for this must be Robin's dedication to the cause! New volunteers are always welcome. Please come along to the Pub Night on Friday 8th March to find out more.

Parish Council Maintenance responsibilities

The Parish Council is responsible for certain maintenance in the village such as the bus stops, the former telephone kiosk near the Post Office where the defibrillator is sited and certain grass areas which are not cut by the District Council. Some of these areas are already maintained by volunteers. If anyone is willing to volunteer on a rota basis to clean the kiosk or keep the bus stops free of leaves and rubbish, then please let me know. If there are insufficient volunteers, then the Parish Council will arrange for these works to be carried out by a contractor. Such works will be paid for out of existing budgets and will not result in any increase in the Parish precept.

Peter Rutherford

Chair, High Kelling Parish Council Email: Peter@rutherford.world

Life on the Edge

Richard Woodfield of Avenue Road writes about the thriving colony of artists residing in and around High Kelling

Inspirations for artists comes in many different guises, and the urge to congregate in 'special' locations has been a common theme for many years. The north Yorkshire retreat of Staithes near Whitby and the warmer climes of Lamorna (both associated with Laura Knight) and its Cornish neighbour, Newlyn, are rightly feted in artistic circles as being cases in point. The 'colonies' have spawned artists, whose names and work have become well known over the years. Some of them even crossed the Channel to taste the atmosphere of the colonies on the continent for a while, before returning to these shores.

Research suggests that High Kelling has never been in the vanguard of such closely-knit and esteemed movements, but some might be surprised to learn that within a 100 metre radius of the Avenue Road and Pineheath Road junction, five resident artists have their studios and will be opening them up to the public as part of the annual North Norfolk Open Studio programme, which begins in late May. Such a concentration of artists (with a further studio located just outside the Parish boundary, making up this year's High Kelling Trail) can only serve as a positive and reflects favourably on this quiet corner of Norfolk that we call home.

VILLAGE HALL PROGRAMME FOR MARCH 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 19.00-22.00 NN Model Engineering MH	2 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH	3 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH 18.30-20.00 Yoga Class WH
4 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH	5 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH 18.30-21.30 Bridge Tuition MH	6 09.45-12.15 Full Motion Pilates WH 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	Lark MH 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH	8 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00 VH Trustees Meeting 19.00-22.00 VH Pub Night MH	9 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH 12.00-16.00 Beading Plus! CG	13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH 18.30-20.00 Yoga Class WH
11 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH 19.00-22.00 HK Garden Club WH	12 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH 18.30-21.30 Bridge Tuition MH	13 10.00 VH Coffee Morning MH 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	14 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 09.00-12.00 U3A German CR 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	15 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis	16 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH 12.00-22.00 Private Party WH (G Moorhouse)	17 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH 18.30-20.00 Yoga Class WH
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News from your Village Hall Committee

The activities taking place at the Village Hall are going strong, with only a few vacant slots available throughout each month.

The Management Committee have overseen a plethora of technical inspections and through the



British Heart Foundation are seeking replacement of the defibrillator, have updated the Village Hall telephone and are hoping to introduce a payment card facility for transactions, in the light of the trend towards a cashless society.

Maintenance

The challenges of maintaining the Village Hall continue and we have had several breakdowns, some of which have not been resolved, yet. That said, there have been no major issues to deal with, and we have reduced our to-do list!

Booking Clerk

Following Joy having to stand down as the High Kelling Village Hall Booking Clerk, but continuing as a trustee, Peter Rutherford has done a sterling job by taking on the duties of the post on a temporary basis. However, we are keen to find a replacement, not least as Peter wears several hats in the village community with commitments elsewhere. We will ensure all organisers of activities that take place in the Village Hall will be advised of any changes of Booking Clerk.

Seventies Draw Club - March Winners:

1st Prize £ 25 Michael Evans 2nd Prize £ 15 David Carter 3rd Prize £10 David Wyeth

Congratulations to all winners.

March Events

Friday 8th - Pub Night (19:00 - 22:00). Do come long and have a chat with fellow villagers at the Pub Night in the Village Hall.

Wednesday 13th - Coffee Morning (10:00 – 12:00). Have a relaxing period with a hot drink and cake with others attending and an opportunity to have a go at the quiz. Cakes always welcome!

Monday 18th - Bingo! (14.00 – 16.00). This is an easy-going and sociable event with several chances to win a modest cash prizes.

Colin Kemp

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Social Walking

In Issue 35, **Trudy White** of Pineheath Road proposed setting up an informal Social Walking Group in the village. Below she sets out further information on how to sign up for it.

A WhatsApp group has been created and is called Social Walking. There are several members already signed up for the group and it has been tested out and appears to be functioning as intended.

Anybody who would like to be included can send me their mobile number via my email and I will add them straightaway.

I think that any existing members can add others in a similar way by including their mobile number but that hasn't been put to the test yet and is a new departure for me.

To reassure anybody with doubts about the way this works there is a message at the start of the WhatsApp page that reads 'Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. No one outside of this chat, not even WhatsApp, can read or listen to them'.

Once enrolled, members can see the chats that have already taken place so might get a better idea of how this is expected to work.

I am hoping that this will not be exclusive to walking only as it can be extended to anybody wishing to arrange a get together for meeting socially, for example, to meet for a coffee or lunch at a prearranged location and time.

Let's hope the weather improves soon, so that we can start thinking about coming out of hibernation and making the most of any drier, brighter days and in good company.

Please email me on trudyelsiewhite@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

THE PARISH OF HOLT WITH HIGH KELLING

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Deputy Churchwarden: Ann Alborough Tel. 01263 712954

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,

This year it would appear that Spring has come early and so too does Easter. The month of March concludes with the wonderful and glorious Easter Feast. Just as spring is a foretaste of the summer to come, so Easter is a foretaste of the eternal life which awaits us.

After the death of Jesus on the cross and the burial of his body, his closest followers, on that first Easter Day, discover an empty tomb and encounter the risen Lord. Sadness was turned into joy; death was transformed into life. It was a day which would afford generations to come the hope of life eternal, and faith that love is always stronger than hatred, life stronger than death and light stronger than darkness.

In a world torn apart by hatred, death and the darkness of war and conflict, the celebration of Easter gives us hope. Hope in the goodness of humanity and that the world does not have to be as it is.

As we approach the Easter season, so we continue to hope and pray that the dawn of Easter Day will break across the world and all may come to know the joy and peace of our risen Lord Jesus.

Every blessing to you and yours, Fr. Howard

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 24th - 31st March: See page 1 for details of services.

COFFEE & CHAT: Tuesday 12th March at Wagon Wheels, Cromer Road, courtesy of Brenda Taylor. All are welcome.



THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE at 4 Pineheath Road following the 10am Eucharist at All Saints. All welcome.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 10th March

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) (St Andrews)

- 9.15am Eucharist (All Saints)
- 10.30am Family Eucharist (St Andrews)
- 5.00pm Choral Evensong (St Andrews)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fri 28th June – Mon 1st July All Saints Centenary Weekend. Built in 1924, the District Church was originally the Chapel for the TB Sanatorium at Bramblewood and Pineheath. All are invited to celebrate All Saints' Centenary. Details of a weekend of activities to follow.

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. Over £30,000 raised. Currently, 66 families helped = 192 individuals.

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.

Want to meet new friends and have fun while mastering a new skill?

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. (Wednesdays 1:15 to 3:15, 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.

Full Fibre Broadband – Update and Additional Registration Request

Chris Bleasby of Bernard Close provides an update about future possibilities for accessing Full Fibre Broadband in the village.

Good progress has been made in past months regarding the deployment of Full Fibre Broadband by Upp.com throughout the village. However, having since been taken over by Virgin Media, it will be their network and services that will be available to residents once it goes live. There are other possible Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and options, and so that villagers have a wider choice rather than just Virgin Media, we encourage them to register their interest with Lightspeed and CityFibre. If there is sufficient demand, these additional ISPs may also be persuaded to install their full fibre in the village.

Please take a few minutes out of your day and follow the steps below to register your interest with them.

Lightspeed

- 1. Go to https://www.lightspeed.co.uk/register-interest
- 2. Enter your details including (First Name, Last Name, E-mail, Phone, Postcode (which will populate the address for you), select "At Home" and then add your Internet contract end date if you know it.
- 3. Leave the two marketing tick boxes unticked (unless you want this information)
- 4. Tick the Captcha ('I am not a robot') box.
- 5. Press the Submit button.

CityFibre

- 1. Go to https://cityfibre.com/availability
- 2. Enter your First name, Last name, E-mail address.
- 3. Add your Mobile No if you are happy to, but not mandatory.
- 4. Press the Set E-mail Alert button.
- 5. Add your Internet contract end date (Month & Year)
- 6. Press the Confirm button.

Otty's Eatery

Chris Colton of Pineheath Road writes about the delights to be found at the Ottys' stall in High Kelling, where you can indulge in their tasty produce whilst also supporting a worthwhile charitable cause.

This last Christmas, one of our guests commented "These are the best mince pies that I have ever tasted". A fitting tribute to the cuisine of Philip Otty, who cooks for his provender stall at the junction of Avenue Road and Pineheath Road. The mincemeat is made in-house, not too sweet, as are so many commercially-made mincemeats, and his pastry is perfection.



Philip has been raising charitable monies, via the sales at his stall, for the last eight years He has made major donations to BEAT over that period by selling a wide range of homemade pickles, preserves and pies. BEAT is dedicated to helping and supporting people with eating disorders.

Philip was born in Binham, Norfolk. He joined the Royal Air Force and trained as a chef, serving in that role for 12 years. During this time, he met his wife Carol, who was a nurse at King's Lynn. She remained there until

the COVID pandemic, when, fearful of bringing the infection home to Philip, she retired. They have two offspring, Andrew and Emma,

They moved to High Kelling some 43 years ago; thereafter he worked as a civilian chef in various establishments, including The Pheasant at Kelling and Gresham School.

The food that he sells at his deli stall is delicious, and his pies – savoury, or sweet – are locally legendary. I have met a number of local residents who order half a dozen pies at a time and then freeze them: the pies are already cooked to perfection, so they just need to unfreeze and be heated up. I have also heard many eulogies of his preserves – especially his plum jam, in season. Additionally, he sells fresh vegetables, sourced locally, according to season.



I sat and talked to Phillip in his immaculate kitchen, and the smell of his baking was beguiling. He clearly loves preparing and cooking food.

High Kelling is truly lucky to benefit from Phillip's culinary talents – if you haven't tried his produce, then you really should.

Rowing through the winter with Blakeney Coastal Rowing Club

The Crabbers (as members of the Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney are known) have continued to enjoy the water from their winter base at Cox's Boatyard, Barton Turf, although the weather has tested their mettle at times. Strong winds and ice in the slipway caused one or two outings to be cancelled, although on others the crews had to put up with only a bit of rain, and on one or two occasions the sun even came out. Those participating were rewarded by having the Broads almost to themselves and enjoying the



wildlife, including the odd cormorant, heron and even a solitary kingfisher. The rows followed the usual pattern of a gentle outward paddle, mooring up for coffee and a mardle, the reinvigorated crew then heading back to base at a rather firmer pace.

However, it's now that time of the year when the club's two St Ayles skiffs need a little care and attention, and so are being rotated through the workshop, with members turning their hand to sanding-down the woodwork, painting the woodwork and varnishing the gunwales and oars. After that the skiffs will be re-positioned at Blakeney for the summer season and an entirely different boating scene.



Lively accounts of the Club's outings and activities, accompanied by photographs, appear on the club's website at **crablakeney.wordpress.com**.

If this sounds like the sort of thing that you would enjoy, you too could share the experience. We welcome all those who enjoy being active on the water, whether on a social or more competitive basis, or who just like messing about in boats. For the uninitiated, coaching and friendly advice is always available, but there is never any pressure to participate in any competitive event. Contact our Captain of Rowing, Humphrey, at hborgnis@icloud.com for more information. (Or have a word with the Editor.)

Volunteers Needed for High Kelling Community Speed Watch

The High Kelling Community Speed Watch (CSW) Team and Parish Councillors will be available during the upcoming Pub Night at the village hall on the **8th March from 7pm** to answer questions about road safety initiatives, provide details about how you can get involved and to listen to your views on road safety issues.



The CSW team and the Parish Council are committed to working with road safety partners and residents to improve all aspects of road safety. The Parish Council has been successful in securing funding to purchase a SAM2 device and is currently engaged in discussions with North Norfolk District Council Highways to install crossing signs and other road safety improvements.

Further information about the scheme can be found on the Norfolk Constabulary website www.norfolk.police.uk search Community Speed Watch If you would like to get involved or to find out more, please email communityspeedwatch@norfolk.police.uk

Holt and District Community Support Fund (Energy)

Support for Local People by Local People

Are you struggling to be able to afford your Energy Bills?

Help is available right now towards...

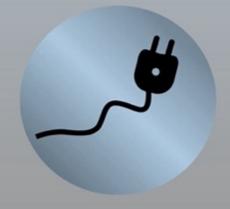
- → Electricity Bills (pre-paid meters only)
 - → Oil, Coal and Wood deliveries
- → Winter Essentials, including some white goods

Payment will be made direct to utility companies or suppliers

Contact us...

North Norfolk Food Bank (Please quote Holt CSF) -Tel: 07826376343

Email: info@northnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk







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