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Lest we forget . . .

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

It may well be the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, but Storm Babet seems to have had other ideas. Let's hope there aren't too many more like that one lurking round the corner.

It was good to see so many at the Village Hall on Sunday 22nd October for the Memorial Event for the late Colonel Gordon Lane CBE. Gordon's brother and cousin recounted amusing anecdotes about his upbringing and family life; a former military colleague gave a fascinating account of his very extensive and varied Army career, culminating in his well-deserved appointment to CBE; the former Chair of the NNU3A praised his skilful Secretaryship of that organisation, commencing during the very difficult Covid period and continuing almost up until his death; finally, his sister read Psalm 121 with its powerful message of hope in times of trial and challenge. All in all, it was a fitting tribute to a highly-regarded and sorely-missed member of our community.

As ever, I am grateful to our regular contributors for their pieces covering the Parish Council, Village Hall and All Saints Church. In addition this month, occasional contributors Barry Howes and Steven Sonsino write in about the opportunities for villagers to take up rowing and table-tennis respectively. Why not give one or other of these activities (or perhaps even both) a try?

Make a note in your diary of the Folk at the Hall Event taking place at the Village Hall on Friday 24th November – see the poster on the opposite page for details. When these talented musicians are head-lining at Glastonbury, remember where you saw them first!

A reminder that the All Saints' Gift Day takes place on Saturday 4th November. Anything you can contribute to help keep this beautiful iconic building in good repair and open to all will be greatly appreciated. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will even throw a bit in as well if you use the Gift Aid envelope provided.

Finally, as the evocative photograph on the front cover reminds us, we shall be remembering on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday this month those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Thank you to the anonymous contributor who submitted it.

Cllr Duncan Henderson, Editor highkellingchronicle@gmail.com

AT THE HALL Friday 24th November High Kelling Village Hall From 7:00pm.

Headliners John & Pauline Pearce

John & Pauline are local singer song-writers creating a buzz in the North Norfolk folk world with their harmonions and thoughtful music.

They write and perform a blend of intelligent, humorous and emotional songs which are a joy to listen to. Taking listeners on a journey where they can sparkle with the northern lights, ring with the bells of old Dunwich town and sit with the card sharps of Great Yarmouth.

John & Pauline also deliver their own interpretations of classic songs ensuring there is always something familiar to sing along with.

FOLK

Check them out on <u>https://soundcloud.com/john-and-pauline-music</u>

Celtic Folk SUPPORT Sean & Chris

Chris Halsall & Sean Doran will provide a short warm-up of classic Jrish Folk songs to get you singing along. Chris & Sean have been playing together for the last year, blending Guitars, Mandolins, Bouzouki and Banjo.... a great traditional folk sound.

From your Parish Council

The Parish Council are pleased to welcome back David Carter, who has agreed to be co-opted. David was until April of this year the Chair of the Parish Council and we are grateful to have him back with his experience and knowledge.

We hope to co-opt another villager as a Councillor at our meeting in November, which still leaves one vacancy. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then please let me know.



Litter-Pick and Tidy-Up

The recent litter-pick and general clear-up was a great success. Many thanks to David & Silvia Carter and to Patrick & Gillian Kelly for organising this event and for providing refreshments for those who took part. In addition to litter-picking, we were able to clear some of the pavements on the A148 where there had been a build-up of leaves and other debris. If there are any areas that were missed, please let me know.

Clerking services

Following the resignation of the previous Clerk we have been able to secure the services of Gemma Harrison as Locum Clerk and we are very grateful to Gemma for stepping-in until we are able to appoint a new Clerk.

Public meeting on speeding and safety

On 29th September I attended a Public Meeting in North Walsham to discuss speeding and safety on rural roads in North Norfolk. The meeting was chaired by Duncan Baker MP and the speakers included, Giles Orpen-Smellie (the Police and Crime Commissioner), Paul Sanford (the Chief Constable for Norfolk), Cllr Graham Plant (the Highways Portfolio Holder at Norfolk County Council) and Graham Bygrave(representing Highways at Norfolk County Council).

Speed on our roads is clearly an important issue for nearly every Parish Council in North Norfolk. The meeting was very well-attended, and it was useful to hear the views of others as to how the issue can be tackled.

Westcotec, who are a company based in Dereham, gave a short presentation on the latest speed cameras. It is now possible to purchase a speed camera which displays the vehicle number plate of those vehicles exceeding the speed limit. These cameras

are already in use in other parts of the country, including Suffolk. We are hoping to persuade the Police and the Council to allow us to trial the device in High Kelling. We already have the support of Duncan Baker and hopefully I will have further information on this in the next issue of the Chronicle.

Village highways

We will shortly be meeting Steve White from NNDC Highways Department to discuss the ongoing issues with the A148, and I am grateful to those individuals who have taken the time to write to me expressing their concerns about speed, the impact of the road markings which are causing large vehicles to drive too close to the kerb and the general condition of the pavements which cause pedestrians to have to walk very close to the road. All these issues will be discussed with Steve and I will report back in the next issue as to the progress we have been able to make.

On 20th November the Highways team at Norfolk County Council will be inspecting the roads and have asked for details of the following: potholes; regular incidences of standing water; regular incidences of mud on the road; silt or verge growth reducing the width of the carriageway or footpath; hedge/tree encroachments where important signs are obstructed from view. If anyone wishes to include a particular problem in the list the Parish Council will be submitting, then please let me know. Be aware, however, that the Council will not assist with the maintenance of unadopted roads.

Full Fibre Broadband

Finally, I can report that the registration of interest by villagers in Full Fibre Broadband appears to be having an effect as both Openreach and Upp Broadband have been in the village laying cables and carrying out works to deliver Full Fibre to the village. I am aware that some residents are concerned about damage that might be caused to private land by these works. The Parish Council will try to obtain details of the proposed works and liaise with any resident who is concerned about the works affecting their property.

The next meeting of the Parish Council . . .

... will take place on Tuesday 28th November 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall. (It was originally due to take place on Tuesday 21st November.) If any villager would like to speak to me on any issue of concern ahead of the meeting, I would be pleased to do so and will be at the Village Hall from 6.15pm on that day.

Peter Rutherford

Chair, High Kelling Parish Council Email: <u>Peter@rutherford.world</u>

News from your Village Hall Committee

There are currently vacancies for Trustees, the Village Hall Bookings Secretary and Village Hall Assistants, details of which are provided below.

If you would like to express an interest in any of those roles please contact me or the Village Hall Secretary; contact details are at the end of this article.



Trustees

Last month we sought more Village Hall Committee members; this is still the case. The committee supports the High Kelling Village Hall Charity in line with the Constitution and the Charity Commission requirements; Committee Members are trustees of the Charity.

The key time commitment is to attend our meetings which are held monthly on a Friday afternoon and last around two hours normally.

Village Hall Bookings Secretary

The Village Hall Committee was saddened to hear that Silvia Carter needs to relinquish her role as Bookings Secretary around the New Year. In 2022 Silvia volunteered to be the Bookings Secretary for a short while and has joyfully and very ably continued to carry out this important role. She has already undertaken a full review of client clubs' and organisations' booking requirements for the whole of next year and has offered to give her successor a briefing on the role itself, which is crucial to the functioning of the Village Hall.

Village Hall Assistants

In addition, other than the Committee, villagers may volunteer to be available on an ad hoc basis, when they are available, to assist with background activities or events or both.

Village Hall Events

As mentioned in the previous edition, the main event for November will be "The Folk Music@Pub Night" event on Friday 24th November. It is a scheduled Pub Night which runs from 7pm to 10pm. The stage will be set up at the rear of the Village Hall. See the poster on page 3 for full details.

Other Village Hall Committee-led events coming up in the near future include:

10th November: Pub Night from 7pm to 10pm.
15th November: Coffee Morning from 10am to 12noon.
20th November: Bingo from 2pm
8th December: Carol-singing at the Village Hall from 5.00pm, followed by Pub Night.
25th December: A Christmas Get-Together in the Village Hall (late morning).

It should be noted that village hall events are open to villagers, family and friends. Also, it is our intention to hold a Wine-Tasting event by Spring 2024 and to arrange some live music for the Pub Night that falls nearest to St Patrick's Day.

Frequency of Pub Nights

Following our review of Village Hall Pub Nights, we decided to introduce a degree of seasonality into their frequency. In essence, in December, January, February and March, we will not hold a second Pub Night. They will take place twice monthly in remaining months.

November Seventies Club Winners

Ist Prize (£25): Alan Tayler 2nd Prize (£15): Graham Harris 3rd Prize (£10): Dave Summerfield

All Saints Church High Kelling Annual Gift Day

As previously advised, Fr Howard and Ann Alborough will be setting up their stall outside the Village Hall between 10am to 12noon to receive donations for the Annual Gift Day to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the church.

Envelopes will be available if you wish to enhance the value of your donation through Gift Aid.

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Colin Kemp

Chair, High Kelling Village Hall Committe

Village Hall Programme for November 2023						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 09.45-12.15 Pilates WH	2 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH	3 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH	4 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH	5
		13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	19.00-22.00 NN Model Engineers MH		13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH 18.30-20.00 Yoga Class WH
6 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH	7 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH	8 09.45-12.15 Pilates WH	9 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 09.00-12.00 U3A German Group	10 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH	11 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH 12.00-16.00	12
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Village Hall Committee Events for High Kelling Residents and Friends, all at High Kelling Village Hall

Pub Night dates November: Friday 10th Pub Night

and Friday 24th M Folk Night@Pub Night

The November Bingo session is on Monday 20th from 2pm

The November Coffee morning is from 10am on Wednesday 15th

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High Kelling Garden Club News

Ann Cleall of Bernard Close writes:

High Kelling Garden Club will not be holding evening meetings during November, December, January and February, but we will be arranging something during the day each month.

On Tuesday 7th November we have Joe Carey from Joe and Laura's Garden Design Company in Holt coming to talk to us about their Chelsea Gold Medal-winning garden at this year's Show. The talk will be held at the Village Hall at 2.30pm and all are welcome.

There is no charge for members, but a £3 charge for visitors. Refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there.

THE PARISH OF HOLT WITH HIGH KELLING

Rector: Revd Canon Howard Stoker Tel: 01263 712048 Email: holtrectory@tiscali.co.uk **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 <u>www.holtchurch.org</u> For Live Streaming search YouTube St Andrew the Apostle, Holt



Dear Friends,

During the month of November, we have not just one Patronal Festival, but two!

Following the closure of the then children's TB hospital, Bramblewood, in 1955, the redundant chapel was bought by residents in High Kelling for use as the village church. The first public service was held in November 1955 at All Saints Tide and so All Saints seemed an obvious dedication for the church. The Feast of All Saints, which is our patronal festival, falls on the 1st November and is a day when the Church honours those who have gone before us, who witnessed to the Gospel of Christ in life and often in death. From their place in the Kingdom of heaven they join their worship of God with ours here on earth. The Feast of All Saints reminds us that, as we journey through this life, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses whose example remains a source of inspiration and whose prayers come to our help.

November ends with the Feast of St Andrew the Apostle, who of course is the Patron Saint of both Holt and Scotland! Born between 5-10AD, St Andrew was a fisherman and the brother of St Peter. Called by Jesus to follow him, Andrew became a close follower and disciple. He was present in important occasions recorded in the Gospels and it is thought that he went on to preach in what is now modern Eastern Europe, Russia and Turkey and was martyred in Patras in AD 60.

These two important festivals in November serve not only as an opportunity to honour the Saints, but they also unite the Parish in our common faith in Christ Jesus which we have received from the Apostles and the Saints.

May St Andrew the Apostle, pray for us. May all the Saints of God pray for us. May all God's angels befriend us and watch over us. May our Lord Jesus give us his blessing and his peace.

Warmest regards, Fr. Howard

COFFEE AND CHAT: Tuesday, 14th November, 10.30 - 1200, at Cobwebs, 23 Avenue Road, hosted by Lyn and Ray Morgan.

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

ALL SOULS DAY: Thursday 2nd November 2023 10am Requiem Mass at All Saints, High Kelling 7.00pm Sung Requiem Mass at St Andrew's, Holt

Come along and remember a departed loved one by name, light a candle in their memory and give thanks for the memories you treasure of them.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS: Sunday 5th November (transferred from the 1st) 9.15am Eucharist. Join us to honour the Saints of God.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE: Thursday 30th November

6.30pm Sung Eucharist at Holt Parish Church.

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 help = 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.

Village Litter-Pick and Path-Clearing

David Carter of Vale Road writes:

Another rubbish day!

Over two dozen villagers, both young and not-so-young, took part in Village Litter-Pick and Path-Clearing event on the 15th October.



The weather was kind to us and plenty of litter was collected. The accompanying 'before' and 'after' photographs reflect the efforts of the small but determined working party who substantially cleared the footpath and cycle-track running alongside the Voewood estate. Others also managed to clear the A148 footpath between Vale and Avenue Roads.

We hope to arrange clearance of the other sections of village footpaths along the A148.

Thanks go to all volunteers who were rightly rewarded by hot drinks and bacon rolls, and of course a veggie option, all carefully prepared by Gillian Kelly and Silvia Carter. Thanks go to the Village Hall Trustees for use of the Hall's facilities.

Ray Morgan and **Patrick Kelly** would like to thank the motorist who kindly donated a selection of pages from their newspaper to both sides of the A148 to keep villagers in touch with the latest news. To those who say nothing changes, we wish to report that discarded fag packets have been largely replaced by single-use plastic vapes.

This year's award for corporate irresponsibility goes, for the third time running, to MacDonalds. Who knew that the drive from Cromer to High Kelling was *just* long enough to finish your burger and drink before distributing the packaging along our village's pavements and verges?

Finally, we are pleased to report that our *Build a Car from Debris* project continues apace. On Sunday we added a hub cap (now three in total), some door-rubber strip and rear-bumper trim, to go with the front radiator grill, two tyres and assorted trim previously acquired. We estimate that recycling the beer and coke cans we collected could go a long way towards making a bonnet and two front wings. Next Spring we may get some engine parts, if we're lucky.

Spend some time with Blakeney Coastal Rowing Club

An article from our occasional contributor, **Barry Howes**, about the opportunities for villagers to take up rowing locally, either at Blakeney in the summer or on Barton Broad during the winter.

There have been so many pleasurable rowing outings over the last month. Now that winter's on the way, the centre for rowing activity is at Cox's Boatyard, Barton Broad. Norfolk Broads rowing is a brilliant way to spend a sunny morning!

The picture accompanying this article shows one of the club's skiffs, *Hoi Larntan*, moored whilst the crew enjoys a well-earned break on the banks of the River Ant.



A variety of pictures on Blakeney Coastal Rowing Club's website at **crablakeney.wordpress.com** shows club members, known as "Crabbers," having a great time whilst taking part in a growing sport.

On Saturday 4th November, Crabbers and other invited rowers will gather at Barton Turf to compete for the Robin Coombe Trophy in a programme of races. Importantly, new rowers will be most welcome as social, fun rows will also be a feature of the day. So why not come along to Barton Turf that day at 10am for a picnic, a row and a chat?

The rowing club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Blakeney Harbour Rooms on Thursday, 9th November, at 7pm.

There is much to find out about the rowing scene. Please contact Humphrey, our Captain of Rowing, at <u>hborgnis@icloud.com</u> if you wish to learn more about becoming involved, and particularly if you would like to attend the Robin Coombe Trophy event on 4th November to try rowing for yourself. Coaching and helpful advice will always be available when you are on the water. You will be made very welcome. There is no obligation to participate in any competitive event. Come along for a gentle and sociable row.

Hope to see you on the water soon...maybe at Barton Turf on 4th November at 10am.

Where can I play Table Tennis?

Steven Sonsino of Pineheath Road writes:



It was my first thought when I moved into High Kelling. 'Where can I play table tennis?' I played for Shropshire County a long time ago and I really enjoyed the combination of exercise and tactical thinking. But I stopped when the great world of work beckoned. Now, working for myself, I could manage my time independently and get back into the sport. And then the *High Kelling Parish Chronicle* dropped through my letterbox with the answer to my question.

If you're thinking of picking up the bat again and getting back into table tennis, or if you're completely new to the sport and want a little exercise, as well as to jostle your little grey cells, I've got two things for you.

THING 1: TABLE TENNIS SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL Monday and Friday mornings 9.30-12.30

High Kelling Table Tennis Club is a bunch of the friendliest people in the village and you can always find someone to have a game with on a Monday or Friday morning. Bring a pair of trainers and a bat if you have one. There is a small session fee, but come along first and see if it suits you. Bat and chat! What's not to like?

THING 2: COACHING SESSIONS FROM JANUARY 2024

Whether you're a complete beginner with no clue about table tennis, or someone who wants to improve their game, let me know. I've been inspired by the many wonderful people I've met here to complete a coaching qualification with Table Tennis England. And in January, if there's enough demand, I'd like to give something back to the community and run some table tennis coaching sessions.

So, if you're interested in a bit of coaching, drop me a line and let me know roughly what standard you are. (Are you a beginner, an improver or even league standard? And are there are any particular shots you want to improve?) If there's enough interest, I'll put together a little programme and announce it here in another newsletter.

Write to me here: steven@sonsinos.com

Autumn in High Kelling

Many thanks to Chris Colton and Jane Fejer, both of Pineheath Road, for submitting this selection of autumnal sights from in and around High Kelling



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.

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