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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 this, the 35th issue of the *High Kelling Parish Chronicle*, marking the third anniversary of the Parish Council taking over the production of a village newsletter in place of the *High Kelling News*, previously published by the High Kelling Society.

To be honest, each issue virtually compiles itself, thanks in no small part to the regular columns provided by our three principal contributors representing the Parish Council, the Village Hall and All Saints Church, together with occasional articles and photographs touching on village life submitted by villagers. That just leaves me to carefully watch out for any split infinitives, rogue apostrophe's and sentences ending with a preposition, which I really cannot put up with.

Next month, however, the *Chronicle* will be taking a break, to give everyone a rest at what is usually a fairly quiet time of year. The next issue, therefore, will not be dropping through your letterboxes until early February 2024. If you wish to submit any articles or photographs to be considered for publication in that issue, please send them to me at the email address below no later than Wednesday 24th January 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Silvia Carter, currently the Village Hall's Bookings Secretary, who during my time as Editor has compiled the monthly Village Hall Programme which is key to keeping both residents and visitors alike fully informed as to the many and varied activities taking place at the Village Hall. She will be stepping down from the role in January to take a well-earned rest, but (knowing Silvia) will no doubt continue to be very actively involved with village life.

Finally, thank you to Robin Johnson of Pineheath Road for his festive picture of a Christmas robin – obviously taken before the recent cold snap descended upon us!

It only remains for me to send you on behalf of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trustees, it our best wishes for Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Cllr Duncan Henderson, Editor highkellingchronicle@gmail.com

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2023

Friday 8th December

6pm Community Carol Singing outside High Kelling Village Hall, including mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday 17th December

3.00pm Lessons & Carols at All Saints, High Kelling Wednesday 20th December

7.00pm Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Crib Service with Carols by Candlelight ~ a retelling of the Christmas story with some favourite carols. (Children are invited to come along, dress up and get involved.)

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00am Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer

9.15am Eucharist at All Saints, High Kelling

10.30am Parish Sung Eucharist

Sunday 31st December (Holy Family) & Sunday 7th January (The Feast of the Epiphany)

8.00am Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer

9.15 Eucharist at All Saints, High Kelling

10.30am Sung Parish Eucharist

Services at St Andrew's Holt, unless stated otherwise.

For weekday services during Christmas-tide, see church notice board or <u>www.holtchurch.org</u>

From your Parish Council

Councillors

At the meeting of the Parish Council on 28th November we welcomed a new member, Sally Monkman, who brings a wealth of experience to the Council. This means that we now have eight of the nine positions filled. Is there anyone else in the village who would like to be considered for co-option?



Highways

Following the meeting with Steve White of Norfolk County Council Highways Department, some of the footpaths in the village have had debris removed and growth cut back, and this has improved the width of the footpath in many areas. We are now waiting for a white line to be installed along the side of the kerb adjacent to the footpath on the A148 which will hopefully result in traffic keeping a little further away from the footpath.

We discussed with Steve the issues we have in crossing the road because of the speed and volume of the traffic. The road is unfortunately too narrow to accommodate an island crossing but consideration is being given to the installation of new signs warning drivers of pedestrians crossing the road. Many of the existing signs need cleaning or replacement and this is something else that Steve is looking at.

Speeding

The Parish Council had hoped that we could persuade the police to allow us to purchase a speed warning sign on the A148 that would not only advise motorists of the speed of their vehicle but also identify the number plate if the vehicle exceeded the speed limit. Such cameras have been trialed in Suffolk but have not been authorised yet in Norfolk.

Whilst we received support for the trial from Duncan Baker MP, we have not been able to persuade the police so at this stage we will go ahead and purchase the standard SAM2 camera which is in use in many other villages on the A148. I am pleased to report that Councillor Eric Vardy has agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of the SAM2 and an application is being made for further funding under the Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme.

The Parish Council also discussed the issue of speed on Bridge Road where unfortunately the national speed limit of 60mph applies. We will be looking at whether

there is anything that can be done to reduce speeds on this road, particularly as there are several junctions and access points from the Rugby Club and it is regularly used by pedestrians and cyclists. One suggestion is that we arrange for a further set of village gates to be installed on Bridge Road and next year we will explore the cost of this and any funding opportunities.

Full Fibre Broadband

On the issue of Full Fibre Broadband, it is good to report that Upp Broadband (which has recently purchased by Virgin Media O2) are pressing ahead with plans to install Full Fibre to the village. The Parish Council are waiting to hear from Upp as to the precise locations of the cables, particularly where these are going to be on private roads. Openreach have already installed the cabling for Warren Road and it is hoped that within the next 12 months Full Fibre Broadband will be available to all properties in High Kelling.

Defibrillators

The defibrillator at the Village Hall is going to need to be replaced in the near future. Lynne Henderson from the Village Hall Committee has been looking to see how this can be funded and, provided the application for funding is made by the Parish Council rather than the Trustees of the Village Hall, we hope to be able to obtain full funding from the British Heart Foundation. In the meantime, the defibrillator at the Village Hall is still fully working and is being maintained.

The next meeting of the Parish Council . . .

... will take place on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall. 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.

The full list of meeting dates for 2024 is as follows:

23rd January

19th March

21st May

16th July

17th September

19th November

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peter Rutherford

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

News from your Village Hall Committee

Village Hall Activity Groups

In 2023 we have been blessed by a greater number of activity groups using the Village Hall and we are delighted to have received much appreciation from those groups. Of course, those groups and occasional



users have contributed a great deal of money towards the overheads which has enabled the Committee to maintain the standards expected by our patrons, including all village residents.

Village Hall Maintenance

To give villagers an indication of our costs, each year Village Hall insurance is in excess of £2k. In recent months we have undertaken some niggly and urgent repairs, such as central heating and plumbing faults, and we have addressed repairs soon after reports of the defects were received.

Village Hall Improvements

For some time, the Village Hall Committee has been compiling "The Big Plan". Early next year, as part of this, we intend to draw up plans for possible enhancements to improve the Village Hall, focussing on our energy footprint and funding possibilities.

Village Hall Committee

Last month we sought more Village Hall Committee members; this is likely to result in the appointment of two new committee members, one of whom could become the new Bookings Secretary in place of Silvia Carter (see below). If so, the committee will be in a better position to support the High Kelling Village Hall Charity in line with the Constitution and the Charity Commission's requirements. In the past there were 15 or so Committee Members at any one time; currently there are just eight trustees, so it is not too late for you to consider joining us if you wish.

Village Hall Volunteers

We are very grateful that some villagers have asked for their names to be added to our list of Village Hall Volunteers on an ad hoc basis, when they are available, to assist with background activities or events or both. If you would like to express an interest in any role please contact me or the Village Hall Secretary; contact details are at the end of this article.

Village Hall Bookings Secretary

As mentioned last month, shortly we will be saying goodbye to Silvia Carter who is to stand down from her role as Bookings Secretary during January. In preparation for standing down, Silvia has reviewed the needs of client clubs and organisations for 2024 and has prepared handover notes on her duties to give her successor a good start in this crucial role, for which we are extremely grateful.

Village Hall Events



The Folk Music Pub Night on 24th November, organised by Sean Doran, was a great success, providing over 60 people with excellent entertainment over three sessions between 7.30 and 10pm.

Sean Doran and Chris Halsall provided the warm-up with a set of classic Irish folk songs blending a medley of instruments, including guitar, mandolin, bouzouki and banjo.

Headliners John and Pauline Pearce then performed two sets of intelligent, humorous and emotional songs, taking the audience on a journey ranging from the sparkling Northern Lights, the church bells of old Dunwich town and the card sharps of Great Yarmouth.



The event set good markers for future entertainment in the Village Hall.

The Village Hall activity programmes for December and January are set out on pages 10 and 11, but I draw your attention to the Village Hall Committee-led events in the near future:

8 Dec - Carol Singing at the Village Hall from 6.00pm

8 Dec - Pub Night from 7pm to 10pm

18 Dec - Bingo from 2pm

20 Dec - Coffee Morning from 10am to 12noon

25 Dec - A Christmas Get-Together in the Village Hall from 11am to 1pm

3 Jan - Coffee Morning from 10am to 12noon

12 Jan - Pub Night from 7pm to 10pm

15 Jan - Bingo from 2pm

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

Frequency of Pub Nights

Villagers are reminded that, following our review of Village Hall Pub Nights, we decided to introduce a degree of seasonality into their frequency. In essence, during December, January, February and March, we will only hold one Pub Night each month, but will hold two in each of the remaining months.

Seventies Club

The winners from the Christmas Draw are:

Ist Prize £25 Yvonne Harris

2nd Prize £15 Doreen Bambridge

3rd Prize £10 Liz Usher

Congratulations to all winners.

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The Village Hall Committee wish all villagers and members of village hall activity groups "A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year", and we look forward to serving you throughout the 2024.

Colin Kemp

Chair, High Kelling Village Hall Committee



Please join us on Wednesday 20th December In the Village Hall at 10.00 a.m.

Attendance over the past few months has considerably depleted and we really would like more of you to join us for coffee/tea, home made cake, a raffle and a fun quiz. It's always a very light hearted morning with lots of chat and laughter. The charge is only £1.50 for the refreshments.

Village Hall Programme for December 2023										
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun				
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WH = Whole Hall

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CG = Constance Gray Room

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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
For Live Streaming search YouTube
St Andrew the Apostle, Holt



"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah Ch (:6)

Dear Friends,

As the year ends and another begins, we proclaim once again the good news of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and surely the world is in need of some good news! But why is it good news? Well, because it is a story of the triumph of love. Christians believe that it was out of love for the world that, born of Mary, God in Jesus Christ came to live among us, to embrace humanity, to reveal the light of his love, to forgive us and offer us a vision of peace and justice. It is a vision we are invited to own and share with others.

Just as God entrusted the child Jesus, the gift of his love to Mary and Joseph, so God entrusts to all of us a responsibility to share his love in the world. He asks us to be partners with him in loving the world, to welcome the Christ-child into our lives, to look for him in others and work together to relieve suffering and establish peace.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus and look forward to another year my hope and prayer is that our own lives will tell this good news story; the story of how we care for the presence of Jesus entrusted to us by caring for others as well as ourselves. God revealed his love for us all when he chose to come and dwell among us in the child Jesus.

May we be blessed by his gift of love this Christmas so that we in turn may become a blessing for others.

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

Every blessing to you and yours,

Fr. Howard

COFFEE, MINCE PIES & CHAT! Wednesday 13th December 10.30am – 12noon in the Village Hall, including a raffle. All are welcome. (Please note: no coffee and chat in January.)

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

LEAF-CLEARING: Saturday 13th January 10am at All Saints. Many hands make light work! Come along and join a working party to clear the church grounds of leaves. Please bring your own rake if you can. Refreshments provided.

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.

The David Buckley Cup Table Tennis Tournament 2023

The inaugural David Buckley Cup singles tournament took place on Friday 24 November 2023.



The competitors . . . before battle commenced

David was a very popular, kind and generous member of the High Kelling Table Tennis Club who died after a short illness last year. Loved by everyone who knew him, he was an active participant in activities in the village.



Peter Pazda and Chris Larkins battling it out

Debbie, his widow and, like David, a keen member of the Club, very kindly donated the Cup and took part in the tournament itself.A total of 14 players took part, playing in four separate leagues with the player coming top in each one proceeding to the semi-finals. A handicap system was used to ensure that all participants had a reasonable opportunity to win, the strongest player conceding 12 points, the least strong 0, with the average of around 5 and 6. All games were played to 21 points.

The players topping their respective leagues were Colin Humphreys, Chris Larkins, Peter Offord and Peter Pazda. Colin and Peter Pazda (the strongest players in the Club) then proceeded to the Final itself. In a very hard fought contest, Colin finally triumphed by 21-18 and 21-13.



Debbie Buckley presents the David Buckley Cup to Colin Humphreys

All those attending enjoyed the event, made even better by refreshments including the ever-popular sausage rolls as well as cakes.

Many thanks to all who took part, congratulations to Colin and commiserations to Peter Pazda. Thanks also to Peter Offord for devising the scoring system and to Silvia Carter for the refreshments.

All in all, a very enjoyable day and a wonderful way to commemorate David Buckley.

David Carter Table Tennis Club Chairman



On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, villagers met at the village sign to observe a minute's silence and a wreath was laid by Chair of the Parish Council, Peter Rutherford.

SOCIAL WALKING

I have recently had several conversations with friends and neighbours where we have discussed the subject of walking locally. It transpires that some people aren't comfortable or just prefer not to walk alone and would very much like to have like-minded people to accompany them.

I appreciate that there are other organisations that have similar systems in place but I very much prefer to 'do my own thing' on a daily basis. Different factors determine the time and distance that I choose to walk. In that regard I do not wish to have an arranged walk at a specific regular time or day.

I have given quite a lot of thought to this and am prepared to set up a closed WhatsApp group whereby participants can dip into this group on a daily basis and make contact with other members, expressing their wishes to go walking. I do not wish to be 'in charge' of this group but hope that High Kelling residents who wish to participate can get together for local walks as the mood takes them.

Of course, it is imperative that nobody advertises publicly when their properties would be empty. I think that if any interested parties could contact me at first via email in order for me to assess the level of interest.

If this idea is successful there is no reason that it has to be exclusively for walking. Maybe those less able would prefer to meet on a social basis. For example, for a coffee and chat at the garden centre or Kelling Heath Holiday Park when the shop or café are open. Also, a general 'meet-up' location might be preferable, for example, at the Millennium Seat on the green at Pineheath Road.

I would like to hear your views, suggestions (or even reservations if you think/know this is not a good idea).

Please contact me at first via email on trudyelsiewhite@gmail.com or by phone if you already have my number.

Trudy White

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