

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM

HIGH KELLING PARISH COUNCILLORS

AND

THE VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

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Editorial Note

It seems incredible that Christmas and another new year are already almost upon us. High Kelling made an early start in getting into the festive spirit, holding its Christmas Craft Fair (the best in North Norfolk – probably!) on Saturday 26th November. More is set to follow, both at the Village Hall and All Saints Church, as detailed in John Kellas-Kelly's report and Fr Howard's letter respectively.

This issue marks the second anniversary of the Parish Council setting up the Chronicle in place of the High Kelling Village News formerly published by the High Kelling Society. I would like to thank all those who contribute on both a regular and occasional basis, helping to foster our thriving and friendly community spirit, as well as our lead distributors who turn out in all weathers bringing it to your letter-boxes: Lyn Baguley, David Carter, Ann Cleall, Pam Connolly-Hart, Debbie Buckley, Giselle Moorhouse, Lyn Morgan, John Nixon, Beryl Noel and Susan Ruru. And, of course, their helpers.

Your Parish Councillors join me in wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and, hopefully, a more peaceful and prosperous New Year. We are conscious that these are very difficult and worrying times for many, and encourage those who are able to contribute to those local organisations seeking to alleviate some of the hardship.

In particular, we are proud to support the Treehouse Community Café Fridge with regular foodbank collections at the Village Hall, and in promoting awareness of the recently-launched Holt & Community District Support Fund (Energy Costs): "*Local Support for Local People*". See Cllr David Carter's column and Fr Howard's letter for further details.

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HIGH KELLING VILLAGE HALL

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2022

ALL WELCOME!

FRIDAY 9TH
FROM 7PM(ish)



WEDNESDAY 14TH
10AM TO 12AM



IN AID OF ALL SAINTS
CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 21ST
10AM TO 12AM



SUNDAY 25TH
11AM TO 1PM

CHRISTMAS
DAY GATHERING

From your Parish Council

Defibrillator

As I mentioned in the last issue, the defibrillator was fitted as planned to the old phone booth by the General Store/Post Office on 1st November. Once it has been registered with the NHS it will be commissioned and working. There will be opportunities for training in its use, although the machine itself talks you through the necessary steps to take. This is a valuable resource at a key location in our village - a big thank you to all involved. Once in operation we will send out a village wide email.



Litter-picking and path-clearing



The 6th November session was very well attended. The whole village was scoured for litter etc and sections of paths along the A148 were cleared of leaves.

Are there more leaves now than, say, five years ago? Not sure, but it definitely seems like there are. My one abiding memory being how the heavens opened and left one and all well and truly drenched. Were we disheartened? NO!

Participants retired at the end of the session to the Village Hall for a very welcome hot cuppa and bacon roll, in a nice warm and dry setting. Thanks to everyone who took part and to the Village Hall Management Committee for use of the Hall. Next year, we will probably have the end-of-year litter pick in October to avoid the fallen leaves obscuring any litter.

Standing as a Parish Councillor

If you would like to discuss putting your name forward as a High Kelling Parish Councillor at the forthcoming elections in May 2023, please do contact Jane Wisson, the Parish Clerk, details below.

Supporting the Treehouse Fridge in Holt

I am proud to say that each week so far, items of food, household and toiletries, placed in the collection box in the lobby of the Village Hall have been delivered to the Treehouse Fridge in Holt. Many thanks to everyone who has donated items. If everyone who can were to donate just one item a week it would make such a difference to struggling families in the area. To make donating even easier the Village General Store is very kindly hosting a similar collection box. Indeed, the store itself has regularly been donating items - another good reason to patronise it. Items can be donated at the Village Hall and General Store whenever they are open.

Items wanted include:

Long-life milk, fruit, tinned goods, pasta, soup, biscuits, detergent, washing-up liquid, nappies, soap and shampoo, toilet rolls etc.

Remembrance Sunday, 13th November 2022

As mentioned in last month's Chronicle, the Parish Council recently signed-up to the Armed Forces Covenant. This involves the Council supporting current and former members of the armed forces living in our parish and recognising the value of their contribution.



This year the Parish Council held a short ceremony at the Village Sign and attached a wreath of poppies to it. Cllr Gordon Lane, as a former member of the armed forces, led the event, which was also attended by District Councillor Georgie Perry-Warnes and villagers. More photographs of the village's Remembrance activities appear below.

Your Parish Chronicle

Hopefully you enjoy getting your copy delivered to your home each month. Alternatively, you can, if you prefer, have it sent to you via email or access it via the Parish Council's website. Or indeed you can opt out of having a paper copy delivered. Just let the editor know via email to highkellingchronicle@gmail.com or telephone 01263 715709.

The village email system

If you haven't already and want to receive the most up to date important information join the village email system. Contact the Parish Clerk, details below.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and season's greetings.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall. The meeting is open to the public, with a dedicated session of questions and comments. Arrangement for raising a confidential matter can be made prior to the meeting. Contact the Parish Clerk.

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Green Village: Climate Change

Cllr Patrick Kelly reports back below from a forum on Living with Climate Change that was held at St Andrew's Parish Church on the 6th November.

The forum was chaired by the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Reverend Graham Usher, with speakers Enid Barron (Environmentalism), David Gillam (Extinction Rebellion) and Nigel Lloyd (North Norfolk District Council). The focus was on practical action to address climate change.

Individual

People can just feel overwhelmed by the enormity of global warming. But the cumulative impact of lots of individuals taking small actions can make a huge difference. By way of example, Enid Barron picked just two areas:

i) Food. Carbon emissions can be significantly reduced if we move towards a plant based diet and reduce the amount of meat. Ideally, we should consume food which has been sustainably produced and grown locally. We can save energy (and money) with one-pot meals, cooking several items at a time in ovens and by using microwaves, and slow cookers. Many Councils, though not North Norfolk, also collect food waste.

ii) Fashion. It is estimated that clothing accounts for 10% of green house gases. Fast fashion in particular is associated with forms of modern slavery, excessive use of water, and increased pollution of rivers and oceans. Can we make our clothes last longer and look for garments made from materials such as linen, hemp, organic cotton and recycled textiles.

Community

Extinction Rebellion (XR) seems to be increasing its focus on supporting community action at local and regional levels. For example, 'The Great Collaboration' (<https://greatcollaboration.uk>) collects examples of individual carbon reduction actions in relation to Buildings, Energy, Food & Waste, Land Use, Money, and Transport which are shared within the local community and also with the local council to help them develop plans based on local needs.

North Norfolk District Council

NNDC has a target and accompanying action plan to reach Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030 (<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/media/7736/net-zero-strategy-document-v8.pdf>). Action taken so far includes improving the energy efficiency of

buildings, installing solar panels at the Cromer HQ, increasing the number of electronic vehicles, installing public EV charging points and planting trees. The District Council wants to encourage us to grow some of our food and buy locally sourced produce, to recycle and reduce waste, improve home energy efficiency and install renewable energy or buy green energy and to save water and install water meters and water butts.

Church of England

The Church of England also has a target of reaching Net Zero by 2030 - a major challenge given the nature of its buildings, including 658 mostly medieval churches in Norfolk. Actions range from looking at ways to reduce draughts to the possible use of solar power and heat pumps. In addition, the Church is seeking to improve biodiversity on its lands.

The Bishop is the lead for the C of E on the Environment and, the forum taking place in the same week as the start of the UN Conference of the Parties (COP27), drew attention to the international lack of progress towards the 1.5 degree commitment and the insufficient funding to support those mostly poor regions and nations already suffering the effects of climate change. We were all encouraged to ask 'What Is Enough?', and to live more simply rather than accumulate more and more stuff so that there is enough to share with all.

We'd like to hear what you've been doing to help reduce your carbon footprint, save energy, support local producers, grow your own food or promote biodiversity.

Cllr Patrick Kelly

Lynne Henderson, Trustee, High Kelling Village Hall, writes:

Many generous donations were received for the food and drink tombola and Christmas hamper raffle from High Kelling residents and the groups who use High Kelling Village Hall. We were also fortunate to have received donations from local businesses, including the High Kelling Village Store & Post Office, Tesco's Sheringham and, in Holt: the Owl Café and Tea Rooms, the Wandering Whelk, the Cross Street Union coffee shop, Holt Folkes General Store, Eric's Fish & Chips, Adnams, Horatio's, The Feathers, P&S Butchers, Budgens, the Folly Tea Rooms, Harris & James, Crowes Greengrocers and Kirsty Loaf Bakers. The Hall Trustees would like to thank all those who donated to the raffle and tombola, and to those who bought tickets on the day, thereby contributing to vital funds for the hall.

News from Your Village Hall

Christmas Craft Fair

A heartfelt thank you to all those who helped make this event such a successful and joyous affair! The number of local people willing to lend a hand is so encouraging and that spirit filters through to the actual event making it a very friendly and social occasion. Thank you all so much!



There were a few cries of “Fix!” when the winner of the marvellous Christmas Hamper was announced. I can only apologise for my poor skill in drawing out the winning ticket and, through gritted teeth, say my congratulations to fellow Trustee Peter Rutherford!

Incidental to the enjoyment had by us all in such a pleasurable atmosphere, the day also generated a very welcome amount of around £700 towards the running cost of the hall. Some photographs of the event appear below.

Winter Warmer

A special thank you to Lynne Henderson for arranging this trial, free soup lunch. Surprisingly, the attendance was very poor, making us question whether it's worth the effort continuing the idea. It would be interesting to know why people declined to come along – maybe you thought there was no such thing as a free lunch! If you do have a view on this idea, please drop me a line.

Trustees

As hoped, we were very pleased to welcome Colin Kemp as a new trustee of the hall last month. Colin has quite a background in the charity sector, so I'm sure he too will make a valuable contribution. Colin's joining now brings the total number of trustees to eight, which is workable but there's still a need for a couple more.

Draw Club

This month's winners are 1st prize of £23 to Pen Evans, 2nd Vic Carter £15 and John Wickham the 3rd prize of £10. (Hope Alan puts my number in the bag next month).

Website

A special vote of thanks to Mandy Woodland for keeping our website looking so fresh and up-to-date throughout the year.

December Events

I hope many of you will brave whatever winter weather is thrown at us and pop along to some of this month's events.

Firstly, please note that ***there is no Bingo this month.***

The last Pub Night of 2022 is on Friday 9th when we will be reintroducing the ever-popular sausage rolls and vegan rolls baked to order – these will be served from 8:15pm onwards but they must be pre-ordered, either on the night when you come or in advance by contacting John Mangan or me. The cost will be held at £1.00 for the rest of this year but we cannot guarantee that price for 2023!

Wednesday 14th is Ann Alborough's Special Coffee Morning in aid of our local All Saints Church. Do pop along to support the church and enjoy yourselves.

The following Wednesday, the 21st is the regular but more festive Coffee Morning. Attendance has been good of late and it's a very social affair where you can learn something new every time, i.e. when the quiz answers are given out.

Finally, on Sunday 25th we have our well-established Christmas Day Get-together when we will be serving mulled wine and maybe the odd snack before we all go off to indulge ourselves in other Christmas fare.

In summary:

Fri 9 th	Pub Night	19:00 – 22:00
Wed 14 th	All Saints Coffee Morning	09:00 – 12:00
Wed 21 st	Coffee Morning	10:00 – 12:00
Sun 25 th	Christmas Day Get- together	11:00 – 13:00

Best wishes to all for a happy festive season and my hopes that the New Year brings with it more hope for a brighter future for those suffering so much hardship.

John Kellas-Kelly

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS - DECEMBER 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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HIGH KELLING VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 2022



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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



Dear Friends,

Whether I like it or not people will always find a reason not to go to church, even at Christmas! The pews are too hard, the church is too cold, or else the preacher goes on too long. Well, you cannot say the pews are too hard at All Saints, and personally I have never been cold in church. The length of the sermons, well that's another matter! The latest excuse for someone not going to church that I have come across, is that on their way to church they looked at their mobile phone and it said "no service" so they turned around and went home!

Whatever reasons people come up with, Christmas remains an invitation to come to church and hear again the Christmas story, the good news of God's saving love for the world, revealed in the child Jesus born to Mary and laid in a manger. The birth of Jesus is God's gift of love to us all. Christians believe that Christ Jesus is love personified. Love made visible. The means of our salvation and the promise of a life that will never end.

The prophets had foretold his coming, angels and archangels announced with joy his arrival into this world, shepherds came in from the fields to worship him and wise men from the east travelled from afar to adore him. You too are invited to come to church this Christmas to celebrate his birth. I have even rearranged the date of the Carol Service so as to avoid the World Cup Football Final and play-offs; so you have no excuse now!!

But the invitation is not just to come to church and hear again the story of Christmas, it is an invitation to make the story your own; to put the love of God at the centre of your

celebrations and to share it with others. In these difficult and uncertain days there is no shortage of opportunities to demonstrate your love for others, especially those in greatest need in our communities and around the world. In the child Jesus, God has blessed us with his love – may we too become a blessing to others.

May God bless you and yours with the peace and love of the Christ child this Christmas.

My warmest regards, Fr. Howard

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS:

Fri 16th Dec. 3pm. Lessons & Carols *followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

Sun 25th Dec. Christmas Day: 9.15am Said Eucharist with carols

Sun 1st Jan. Mary, Mother of God. 9.15am Eucharist with carols

Sun 8th Jan. Feast of the Epiphany 9.15am Eucharist with carols

For services at Holt Parish Church – see www.holtchurch.org, Holt Chronicle or Church Notice boards

CHRISTMAS COFFEE AND CHAT: Wednesday 14th December 10.30am - 12noon at High Kelling Village Hall. Festive refreshments & raffle. All welcome.

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

HOLT & COMMUNITY DISTRICT SUPPORT FUND (Energy Costs). Local support for local people. UPDATE: Over £18,000 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; Donation/Gift Aid forms are available in both churches, or if you ring the Editor on 01263 715709 he will be happy to drop one round to you. **If you are aware of anyone who needs help, please let them know funds are available and not to be too proud or afraid to ask.**

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.

Dr Thomas Stephens West OBE, formerly of Pineheath Road

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Tom was born on the 12th January 1930 in Rhodesia (present day Zimbabwe). His parents had moved there in 1928 to farm near Bulawayo. His early formative years were spent growing up with his younger sister surrounded by the sights and smells of Africa, which left a lifelong impression on Tom. When he was seven, the family returned to the UK where Tom would complete his education. On leaving Uppingham School Tom served his National Service with the Royal Artillery as a Gunner and was then commissioned and posted to Germany.



After National Service Tom was accepted to train as a doctor at St Thomas' Medical School in London. Following his graduation he was offered a post as a missionary doctor with the Church's Missionary Society at a hospital in Wusasa in Northern Nigeria in 1960. Tom developed the hospital from mud buildings into a modern facility with a 36-bed maternity wing, an operating theatre and 123 beds in general wards. On his return from Wusasa in 1972, Tom was awarded the OBE in recognition of the difference he made to the people of Northern Nigeria.

Whilst Tom was in Nigeria, Dame Cicely Saunders, with whom Tom had been at medical school, was building St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham, London, effectively starting the worldwide hospice movement. Tom was appointed as deputy medical director at St Christopher's.

In 1980, Tom married Doro. They had met many years before and had a common background as Doro had worked as a missionary midwife in India for many years. Aged 62, Tom and Doro retired to live in North Norfolk, first to Edgefield and then, of course, to High Kelling. He enjoyed his retirement. He was a keen golfer and, with Doro, made many friends playing bridge.

Underpinning Tom's life and his world view was his Christian faith. He was a regular communicant member of the congregations at the Parish Church in Holt and in High Kelling. He read and led prayers in services and always had something to contribute to our study and discussion groups. He strongly believed in the incarnation of God in the person of Christ Jesus and he wrote that he had "looked to the Lord Jesus as a pattern for his life and what it means to become fully human". He believed too in the life which awaits us on the other side of death and again had faith and hope in Christ's journey through the cross to life beyond death, which, Tom wrote, "gives us the promise of life with God, in whose house are many mansions."

Tom was an intelligent, compassionate, and spiritual man, with a good sense of humour and a positive outlook on life. His life was long and well-lived. He had a

distinguished career and made a positive difference to the lives of thousands of others. Like so many others, I count it a privilege to have known him.

Revd Canon Howard Stoker

Want to meet new friends and have fun while mastering a new skill in 2023?

*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. (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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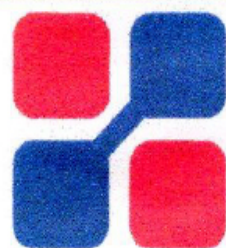
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