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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

The crocuses are out already, the daffodils along the A148 are coming along nicely, and the Community Speedwatch crew are stirring from their winter hibernation. Spring must be coming!

Although temperatures are creeping up again, next month will see another increase in domestic energy costs even though wholesale prices have been steadily dropping for several months now. (No, me neither.) Please keep up your valued support for those who may be struggling by contributing foodstuffs to the Treehouse Fridge or donating to the Holt & District Community Support Fund (Energy) - or both!



Many thanks to our three stalwarts – Cllr David Carter, John Kellas-Kelly and Fr Howard - for their informative regular pieces this month, and also to those who have sent in occasional items touching on village life. It's good to see that the community spirit is thriving in Vale Road (right). Pictures of local scenes, flora and fauna, such as those gracing this issue, are always welcome, so please keep 'em coming! Many thanks to Linda and David Wyeth for the front cover picture of a recent visitor to their garden in Pineheath Road, and to Patrick Kelly for the picture (left) of the crocuses in Avenue Road.

Regrettably, I have to end by saying that last month's issue contained an item about an organisation promoting walking in Norfolk that is in fact a commercial enterprise. This only became clear when clicking on the associated website link. My bad, as they say, I should have checked. Needless to say (but I shall say it anyway), the Parish Council has no links with this organisation and inclusion of the feature in the Chronicle should not be taken to be an endorsement of its activities.

Enjoy the Spring!

Cllr Duncan Henderson, Editor
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WORKS


VALE ROAD
WINCLIFF DRIVE & BERNARD ROAD

THANK YOU



A huge thank you to all who made time to come out and help re-surface Vale Road, Bernard Road, and Wincliff Drive recently.

We had a great turnout, and without all of your help this could never work. Together, magic happens!

The road is looking refreshed, and with the added bonus of knowing we did this ourselves as a community.

Thank you all.

*The Vale Road, Wincliff Drive & Bernard Road
re-surfacing Committee*

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. (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.*

From your Parish Council

As I write this the daffodils are starting to bloom along the A148; Spring is just a month or so away. It's time to think about more planting and giving the planters the attention they deserve. Susan and Peter Rutherford's work in previous years has certainly paid off! Your Parish Council intends to build on this work, not only to make the route along the A148 more attractive but also to emphasise that pedestrians use the footpaths and that vehicles emerge from the side roads. Particular attention will be given to the area at the junction of Pineheath Road and the A148.



Standing as a Parish Councillor and voting in the May elections

As mentioned in the last issue some existing Parish Councillors will not be seeking re-election in May this year. If you are considering standing the process starts in March and I urge you to contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible. Jane Wisson will talk you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

There will be District Council elections at the same time. From May 2023 new UK government legislation means that all voters voting in person at a polling station **will need to provide photographic identification**. See item below summarising the new procedure, including the alternatives of applying for a Voter Authentication Certificate or a postal vote.

Continuing support for the Treehouse Community Fridge

It's so encouraging to see the boxes at the Village Hall and General Store & Post Office overflowing with donations of food, household goods and toiletries. Especially in these times of seemingly ever-increasing prices of these products. A big thank you from Treehouse and your Parish Council.

Coronation of King Charles III in May 2023

Your Parish Council will be supporting an event to celebrate the coronation of our new King. If you have any suggestions on the type of celebration you would like or, even better, would like to help set it up and run it, please do let me know.

New defibrillator

The new defibrillator located in the former telephone kiosk outside the General Store and Post Office is expected to be fully commissioned very soon.

General Store & Post Office re-development

The Parish Council is pleased to note the re-development of the General Store & Post Office, including a new Café offering fresh barista coffees, cakes and pastries. This seems to be going down well, both with residents and visitors. We understand that with the approaching better weather and summer season an extension to the current opening hours is being considered.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting....

... is on 21st March 2023, 7pm, at the Village Hall. The meeting is open to the public, with a dedicated section for public questions and comments. Arrangements for raising confidential matters can be made prior to the meeting by contacting the Parish Clerk.

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Jane Wisson, Parish Clerk, Tel: 07818026809

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The way you vote at a polling station is changing ...

Cllr Duncan Henderson summarises recent guidance issued by North Norfolk District Council regarding forthcoming changes to voting procedures.

From May 2023, under new UK government legislation contained within the Elections Act 2022, all persons voting in person at a polling station will need to provide photographic identification before being issued with a ballot paper. **This has implications for the local government elections taking place on May 4th, 2023.**

Accepted forms of photographic identification include:

- a passport;
- a driving licence;

- an identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) hologram;
- an Older Person's Bus Pass;
- a Disabled Person's Bus Pass;
- a Blue Badge.

Persons not holding one of the accepted forms of identification may apply for a **free** Voter Authority Certificate at **www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate**. Further information (including a full and detailed list of all acceptable forms of photographic identification) can be obtained from North Norfolk District Council, either by visiting their website at **electoralservices@north-norfolk.gov.uk** or by telephoning them on **01263 513811**.

But you **do not** need to provide photographic identification if you have a **postal vote**. For more information, and to apply for a postal vote, visit **postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk** or call **01263 513811**. Alternatively, a form can be collected from either the Cromer or Fakenham offices of the District Council.

If you wish to vote in the May elections you should therefore act now to:

- ensure you have one of the accepted forms of photographic identification; **or**
- complete an application for a free Voter Authority Certificate before the deadline of 5pm on Tuesday, 25th April 2023; **or**
- apply for a postal vote before the deadline of 5pm on Tuesday, 18th April 2023.

Become a Volunteer Driver?

The Holt Area Caring Society is looking for more volunteer drivers. We drive anyone who is a patient at the Holt Medical Practice to medical appointments, and we keep the cost to a minimum. Drivers use their own cars and are reimbursed per mileage. The Caring Society has its own insurance. Times are flexible and drivers can choose to do short or longer journeys (eg to Norwich).

Our service is very much appreciated by people in this rural area, where it is not easy to get to medical appointments. So if you are interested, please ring **01263 711243** and speak to Liz or Rachel, our co-ordinators, and we can send you an application form. (NB The same number applies if you are requesting a car.)

Very many thanks,

Peta Benson, Chairperson

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

Barry Howes writes in about the activities of your local rowing club.

The Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney (CRAB), is going from strength to strength with lots of activity over the winter months on the water around Barton Turf. Look at the club's website at **crablakeney.wordpress.com** for pictures of *Bluejacket*, one of our two beautiful skiffs, in different Broads locations. Behind the scenes, club members have been busy cleaning, sanding and painting *Hoi Larntan*, the other skiff, so that she can look stunning on the water. Soon, both boats will again become a familiar sight in Blakeney when the summer season begins.



CRAB will be participating in some major rowing events during 2023. Amongst these are La Semaine du Golfe du Morbihan, which takes place between May 15th and May 20th in Brittany. This is a huge gathering of craft, and to see so many types of oar-propelled boats is an amazing sight. The Crabbers will be there representing Norfolk.

Closer to home, the Broads Tour will take place between June 26th and June 30th. This year there will be many visitors from other clubs coming along to join the Blakeney rowers for some Broads rowing. It will be a great opportunity to meet other enthusiasts and to swap tales. This year's newsletters will be full of details and descriptions of these, and other, events.

If you want to know more about the club's activities, or try skiff rowing for yourselves, contact Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com. Beginners and returning rowers are always welcome. Coaching and helpful advice will be available. There is no obligation to compete. Come along for a gentle and sociable row. Remember, you can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram, on Facebook and on the club's website at **crablakeney.wordpress.com**.

See you on the water!

News from Your Village Hall

Hall profitability

Although the cost of almost everything has risen dramatically over the past year, the village hall has been protected from the huge hike in energy prices as it's been tied into a fixed rate contract. However, this fortunate position comes to an end in August of this year and we now know what the new energy prices will be, so the trustees are having to revise the future hall hire fees. Hirers have already been made aware of the probable extent of these increases as the energy bill will make up almost 30% of the hall's day-to-day running costs. We've done well to hold the prices from January 2020 but we cannot continue absorbing these inflationary increments.



Maintenance

Well, we're no nearer defining the precise source of the smell that was permeating the kitchen area but the good news is that it is dissipating! We believe that the issue has been caused by some animal getting into the roof void and dying there but we've not yet discovered where it might have gained access. Anyone with ideas, please come forward!

Amazon Smile

A little while ago I mentioned that the village hall was now linked to Amazon Smile meaning that villagers could make purchases through Amazon and a small percentage would then be given by Amazon to the hall at no extra cost to the purchaser. Well, we were a little late to this particular table and Amazon Smile shut its doors on 20th February. During its existence Amazon Smile generated 377 million dollars for good causes . . . of which we got the princely sum of £20.31. Anyway, thank you to those of you who nominated us as their chosen charity!

Draw Club

February's draw winners were: 1st prize of £23 to John Mangan, 2nd Alex Wilkinson £15 and Dave Summerfield won the 3rd prize of £10. Congratulations to all three gentlemen.

March Events

Note that we are now offering cafétieres of ground coffee – additional 50p at Bingo and Coffee Morning, and £1.00 at Pub Night.

Both **Bingo** and **Coffee Morning** were well-attended in February, and each provided a very sociable atmosphere. If you've not been before, do come along and, if you have been before, do come again.

Cakes are always welcome at Coffee Mornings but please let Lyn Morgan know if you intend bringing one, thank you.

As **Pub Night** attendance has been poor of late, we've decided that we shall only be holding a single session in March. This will be on Friday 24th when there'll be live music from Sean Doran to provide a belated St. Patrick's Day celebration - Doors open at 7pm with hot sausage rolls around 8:15 (pre-order either on entry or before if you notify me please - only £1 each). It promises to be a very good evening so do make the effort to come along.

Wednesday 15th	Coffee Morning	10:00-12:00
Monday 20th	Bingo	14:00-16:00
Friday 24 th	Belated St Patrick's Day Pub Night	19:00-22:00

John Kellas-Kelly

Chair, High Kelling Village Hall (Registered Charity 303989)

*The **Selbrigg Pond Toad Watch Group** are getting ready to organise the rota for the rescue of our frogs and toads as they cross the road from the woods to Selbrigg Pond for their annual mating migration. We are always looking for helpers to help out. The more we have, the lighter the load for everyone. If you are interested in helping out this year please contact Trevor Bland on jandtbland@gmail.com or Ann Cleall on ann@tignes.co.uk and we can give you more information about what is involved. Also see <https://www.toadwatch.org>.*

*On Monday 13th March the Speaker for the **High Kelling Garden Club** will be Pauline Harper who will talk to us about growing vegetables in containers and small gardens. The village hall will be open from 7pm for refreshments and chat, ready for a 7.30pm start. Members and visitors from High Kelling and surrounding areas are welcome. - £3 for non-members*

VILLAGE HALL PROGRAMME FOR MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	2 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 09.00-12.00 U3A German Group CR 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 18.30-21.30 Abacus Bridge MH	3 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 19.00-22.00 NN Model Engineers MH	4 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH
5 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH	6 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH	7 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH 19.00-22.00 Avenue Bridge MH	8 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	9 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 18.30-21.30 Abacus Bridge MH	10 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00 Trustees Meeting MH	11 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH 12.00-16.00 Craft Group CG
12 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH	13 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 13.00-16.00 U3A Bridge MH 19.00-22.00 HK Garden Club WH	14 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH 19.00-22.00 Avenue Bridge MH	15 10.00-12.00 Coffee Morning MH 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	16 09.00-12.00 U3A German CR 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 18.30-21.30 Abacus Bridge MH	17 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Digital Photography WH 18.00-19.45 Simply Yoga WH	18 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH
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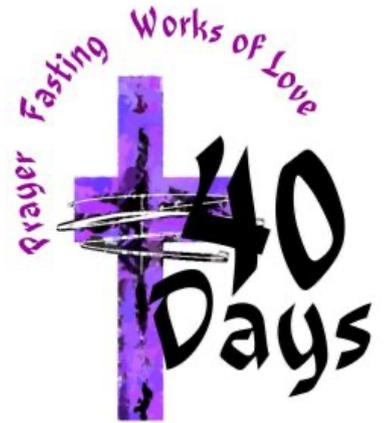
Services at All Saints:

Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist

Sunday 9.15am Said Eucharist

For services at the Parish Church please see the church notice board or visit
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Dear Friends,

One year on and the war in Ukraine shows no signs of abating. A conflict President Putin thought could be won in a few days continues to inflict unimaginable, pain, suffering, hardship, destruction and death on the lives both of those who wage war on each other and millions of innocent people. 18 million refugees, the majority of whom are in need of humanitarian aid, over 8000 civilians killed (but could be as high as 100,000) and 300,000 military personnel across both sides dead. The effects of war are felt around the world.

Once again aggression and war demonstrate what can happen when the lust for power and self-advancement becomes the driving force of those in positions of power and authority. Their vision for good is replaced with illusions of self-fulfilment, self-power, and self-advancement and a total disregard for those who stand in their way. War is surely a result not only of the evil that exists in our world, but also, albeit extreme, of what can happen when the human heart gives into temptation to prefer only self and the rejection others and God.

The holy season of Lent mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert during which he was tempted by the devil to pursue his own self advancement through political power for world domination rather than obey the will of His Father in

heaven. By refusing to give into temptation and not reject God, Jesus shows us the reason he endured temptation and death in order to destroy evil for our sake. At the end of Lent comes resurrection and victory over evil!

As we continue to extend a helping hand of aid and pray for an end to the conflict, may the people of Ukraine come to know the victory over evil, and experience both peace and justice.

Every blessing, Fr. Howard

COFFEE AND CHAT: March Tuesday 14th March 10.30am – 12noon at No 2 Orchard Close, Grover Lane, Holt, courtesy of Jo Bohan.

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

LENT 2023 For more information regarding services, devotions and study course during Lent please see the parish website www.holtchurch.org or church notice boards.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2023

Palm Sunday 2nd April.

Eucharist 9.15am at All Saints. 8am & 10.30am at St Andrew's, Holt

Week Days

Said Eucharist with Address Mon, Tues, Wed 7pm at St Andrew's, Holt

Maundy Thursday 6th April.

10am. Service of Penitence.

7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper at Watch of the Passion at St Andrew's, Holt

Good Friday 7th April.

10am Stations of the Cross at All Saints

2.30pm Liturgy of Word, Cross & Sacrament at St Andrew's, Holt

Easter Eve 8th April.

7.30pm Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter at St Andrews, Holt

Easter Day 9th April.

9.15 Eucharist at All Saints. 8am & 10.30am at St Andrew's, Holt

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.

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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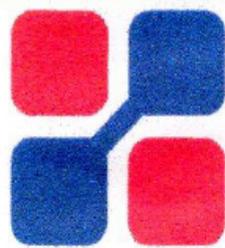
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