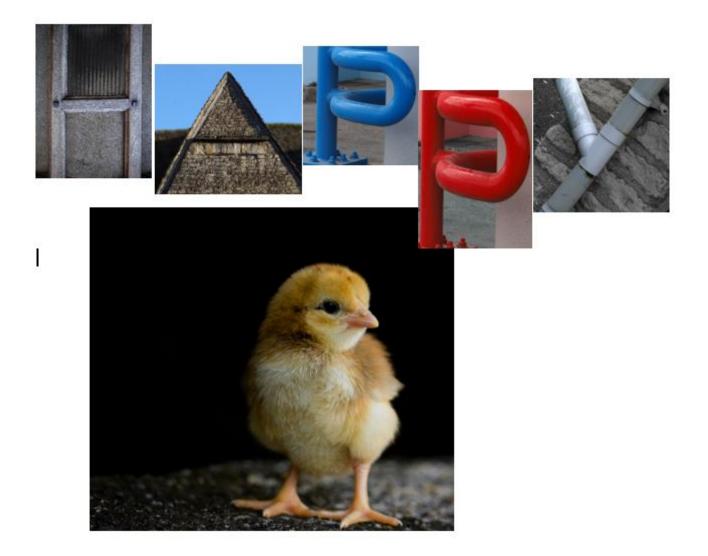
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Editorial Note

As I write this, the sun is shining, the daffodils are blooming, the hedgerows are turning a vibrant green and that persistent easterly wind seems finally to have abated. Dare one hope that Spring has finally arrived? I certainly hope so.

Although you will not be receiving this issue in time for the Easter Bank Holiday, I take this opportunity on behalf of your Parish Councillors and the Trustees of the Village Hall to wish you and yours a very happy and peaceful Easter. In doing so, I am grateful to Chris Colton of Pineheath Road for sending in another of his photographic collages spelling out that message on the front cover.

In last month's issue Richard Woodfield of Avenue Road wrote in about the small community of artists living in and around High Kelling. This prompted a communication to me from Sylvia Ackling, also a High Kelling resident, about her late husband, Roger Ackling, who lived in High Kelling for many years until his death in 2014. Sylvia told me:

"What might be interesting is that Roger's previous studio was one of the coastguards' cottages at Weybourne, which had no electricity and was very exposed to the elements. We moved here [to High Kelling] 25 years ago when the allure of normal modern life got too tempting. We loved the leafiness of High Kelling' driving through, the field walks, and meeting all the other dogs. Roger was a great supporter of [the late] Chris White's effort to keep his railway carriage at the wooden house opposite the Post Office and use it for his glass studio. There was a time too when Roger was asked to paint the village sign, but he turned the request down, sadly, because he only worked with a magnifying glass.

He was Professor of Art (later Professor Emeritus) at the Chelsea School of Art & Design. Sometimes, if students needed extra TLC, he would bring them back with him on the last train from Norwich on a Friday night and I would meet them with the car at Sheringham Station. They would go back happier and well-fed but sometimes with terrible hay fever. The grass and pollen around High Kelling working its tricks; young people needing London exhaust fumes to revive them.

Roger was famous for his teaching, and the exhibition at the Castle will celebrate his pedagogy as much as his art.

Perhaps people remember him? They do at the shop. And If you Google the National Portrait Gallery you will find a photo of him."

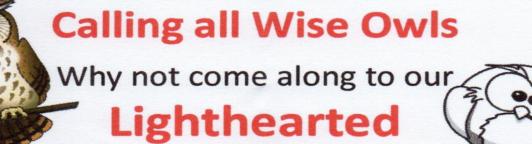
An intriguing feature of Roger Ackling's work was that he would focus sunlight to draw on pieces of discarded wood or scraps of card – hence the reference to a magnifying glass in Sylvia's comments above which might otherwise have puzzled you.

An exhibition of his work opens in Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery on the 18th May and runs until the 22nd September.

A privilege indeed for High Kelling to be associated with such an eminent figure from the art world!

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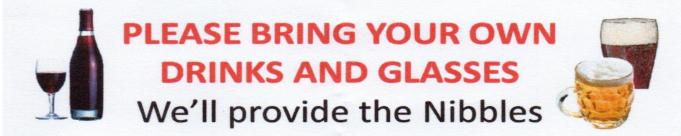


Village Quiz Evening

on

Saturday, 18th May 7.00pm for 7.30 start in the Village Hall Tables available up to 6

The evening is for fun and hopefully laughter and not to be taken too seriously. Your own team, or come along and join friends and neighbours to make up a team



Tickets £5 per person (cash only please) from Lyn Morgan, 23 Avenue Road

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From your Parish Council

New Parish Clerk

I am very pleased to announce that the Parish Council have been able to recruit a new Clerk who has already taken up his position. He is Phil Chapman, who has previously been involved with Aldborough & Thurgarton Parish Council, and I am sure he will prove to be a great appointment and will work hard with the Parish Councillors for the benefit of the residents of High Kelling. The Parish Council are very grateful to Gemma Harrison who stepped in to act as Clerk about six months ago and has been a great help and support.



Budget and Grant Funding

The Parish Council have approved the Budget for 2024/25 and decided on priorities for the next financial year. The budget has been set so that there will be no increase in the Parish Precept, so this part of your Council Tax Bill will not be increasing this year.

The Parish Council is awaiting written confirmation from Norfolk County Council that it has received a Grant under the Parish Partnership scheme for the purchase of a SAM2 speed camera for the village. The remainder of the funding for this is being provided by County Cllr Eric Vardy from his own budget, for which the Parish Council is grateful. It has taken a very long time to secure funding for what will hopefully deter motorists from speeding through the village. I hope that it will be in place in the very near future.

Funding Group

The Parish Council have set up a Funding sub-group chaired by Cllr Maureen Pearman to look at opportunities for Grant funding and to consider projects which would benefit residents of High Kelling. Further details of the work of this group are included in this edition of the Parish Chronicle.

Volunteers

I am pleased to report that we have several volunteers who have agreed to help clean the village telephone box which is now used for the siting of a defibrillator. A rota will be set up shortly. Many thanks to those who have volunteered. We are also looking at how the bus shelters can be kept clean. The local Ranger service have been asked to clean the signs on the A148 so that they are more visible to motorists.

Public Participation

It is always good to see villagers attend our Parish Council meetings to express any concerns they have or express an opinion as to matters that the Parish Council should be making a priority. At the March meeting two residents came along to express their concern about recent sightings of rats at various locations in the village. Cllr Philip Fejer has prepared a note which is published in this edition, and I would urge all residents to read this and to take any action they think appropriate to discourage rats from visiting their gardens.

Church Centenary Celebrations

The Parish Council have agreed to contribute up to £500 towards the costs involved in the events to celebrate the centenary of All Saints Church which will be taking place between 28th June and 1st July.

Full Fibre Broadband

It is still unclear what full fibre broadband opportunities will be available in High Kelling. The Council are liaising with District Councillor Martin Batey on this subject and upon receiving further information the Funding sub-group will look at any funding opportunities.

Portrait of HM King Charles III

There is currently a portrait of the late Queen on display in the Village Hall. This will soon be replaced by a portrait of the King. The new portrait is being provided free of charge to all Parish Councils.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 21st May at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

This meeting will also be the Annual Meeting which the Parish Council is required to hold.

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

HIGH KELLING PARISH COUNCIL FUNDING GROUP

Cllr Susan Rutherford sets out the remit and objectives of the newly-formed Parish Council's Funding Group.

The Parish Council has formed a Funding Group charged with the following objectives for the benefit of the villagers of High Kelling:

- Securing funding;
- Allocating funds;
- Building networks and effective collaborations with key stakeholders, eg. The Kelling Estate, Holt Rugby Club and NNDC;
- Effectively engaging and consulting with villagers;
- Achieving more targeted and effective funded projects/initiatives.

Cllrs Maureen Pearman(Chair), Sally Monkman, Philip Fejer and Susan Rutherford members the behalf of the Parish Council. of group on are They have expressed a commitment to working hard to pursue every possible opportunity to meet the needs of villagers through engagement with a range of stakeholders and pursuing as many funding opportunities as possible for the benefit of the village.

Key emerging projects at this stage are:

- Installing village gates on Bridge Road;
- Locating pollinator sites throughout the village;
- Improving poor village walking surfaces with recycled material;
- Installing traffic lights at the railway bridge.

The emerging projects are intended to benefit the local community by making walking and cycling around the village more enjoyable, making High Kelling a safer place by reducing traffic speeds away from the A148 and continuing to improve biodiversity, particularly of insect species.

SAVE THE DATE: 18TH **JUNE 2024** The next meeting of this informal group will be on Tuesday 30th April 2024 when they will start the process of creating a positive action plan which will form the basis of village-wide consultation, including an Open Consultation Meeting for villagers on Tuesday 18th June 2024. More details will follow but please feel free to contact the Parish Council in respect of this work if you wish to include any funding matter for the meeting in April.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TEAM ENGAGEMENT EVENT



In recent months High Kelling's Community Speed Watch (CSW) team has been reviewing its operations to ensure its long-term sustainability. As part of this review, the team identified the need to recruit new volunteers and to listen to your views on road safety issues.

On the 8th March the CSW team held an engagement event during the Village Pub Night when they were available to answer any questions about CSW involvement.

We were joined by Special Constable Bob Dye and Police Support Volunteer Ray Lumley of the Norfolk Constabulary's Community Speed Watch Team, who brought along demonstration equipment, leaflets and information.

The Pub Night was very well-attended, and we are delighted to announce that Martin Parkes-Rolfe of Warren Road signed up to join the team. The photograph above shows him getting in some practice with the radar gun under the watchful gaze of Bob Dye and Ray Lumley.

The CSW team really do care about the speed of the vehicles travelling through our village and we are lucky already to have so many committed members. But if anyone reading this is also interested in joining us, please contact Robin Johnson via <u>rob859a@gmail.com</u> or Tel 01263 712490. We would love to hear from you.

Many thanks to Robin Johnson of Pineheath Road for his photographs of the event overleaf.



News from your Village Hall Committee

Regular Village Hall activities have continued with only a few slots available throughout each month. Sadly, for personal reasons, both Lynne Henderson and Philip Fejer have stood down as trustees on The



High Kelling Village Hall Management Committee, but they will continue as HK Village Hall supporters. We are extremely grateful for the support provided by them over the years, as both trustees and supporters. This does leave The Village Hall Management Committee somewhat thin and barely within the terms of our constitution, so we are keen to find additional trustees and supporters.

Bookings Clerk

As mentioned last month, we shall be seeking a replacement High Kelling Village Hall Bookings Clerk with Peter Rutherford continuing to do a sterling effort taking on the duties of the post on a temporary basis. We will ensure all organisers of activities that take place in the Village Hall will be advised of any changes of Bookings Clerk.

April Events

Friday 12th – Pub Night (19:00 – 22:00). Recently, over 20 people have come along to have a chat with fellow villagers and friends at the Pub Night in the Village Hall. Please feel free to join us. We look forward to meeting you there.

Monday 15th – *Bingo!* (14.00 – 16.00). This is an easy-going and sociable event with several chances to win modest cash prizes.

Wednesday 17th – Coffee Morning (10:00 – 12:00). Do come along and have a go at a fun quiz, or just have a relaxing period with fellow villagers over with a hot drink with cake. Cakes always welcome!

Friday 26th – Pub Night (19:00 – 22:00). Please feel free to have a chat with fellow villagers and friends at the Pub Night in the Village Hall. We look forward to meeting you there.

Seventies Draw Club – April Winners:

1st Prize£ 25Val Blaxill2nd Prize£ 15Patrick Kelly3rd Prize£10Robbie Wilkes

Congratulations to all winners.

Spring Table Top

The Village Hall has accumulated many collected books, CDs, DVDs and household items which need to be cleared, so we are hoping to hold a Table Top event in May or June. Villagers may wish to book a table to try to sell some of the contents of their homes, garages or gardens at this event; please watch out for news and details of the event.

Colin Kemp

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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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KEY: WH = Whole Hall; MH = Main Hall; CG = Constance Grey Room; Red Font = Trustee-led events.

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,

As well as being a month associated with showers, April is also a month of annual meetings. Our own annual vestry meeting and parochial church meeting is planned for Monday 15th April at the Parish Church in Holt. Each year parishioners are invited to meet to elect churchwardens, members of the church council and to receive annual reports and accounts. It is an opportunity for us reflect on the past year and express our appreciation to everyone who has supported the church.

The Church like many charitable organisations Is still recovering from the covid pandemic yet, while we face a number of challenges, I truly believe the church in the parish is good health. Easter Day 2023 saw over 250 people attending Church either in Holt or High Kelling. Over 500 people made their way to church over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and our average Sunday attendance over three services was approximately 120 plus 30-40 people joining us online via our YouTube live stream. I officiated at eight baptisms, seven weddings and 31 funerals during the year.

The Church continues to draw together a community of faith Ih seeks to serve the people of the parish. Yet we are an ageing community with less people able to be actively involved as they once were. This means that fewer people are doing more and one of the challenges we face is to reverse this trend, so that more people are doing less. Therefore, I would like to put in writing my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Ann Alborough who serves the church as deputy churchwarden with responsibility for All Saints. Ann is supported by those who regularly attend All Saints and I am grateful to all who support the Church in High Kelling, but I hope they will forgive me if I single out Ann for a special mention. Ann goes that extra mile and is incredibly generous with her time, effort and hospitality. Thank you Ann!

I would also like to thank Michael Allard, our church organist at All Saints. Michael uses his considerable talent as a musician to accompany the hymns during our Sunday service and always ends with a wonderful organ voluntary to conclude service. We are very fortunate that Michael is our organist; his playing is an absolute delight.

All Saints is well served by those who support the Church and we always welcome anyone who would like to get involved.

Every blessing to you and yours,

Fr. Howard

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

COFFEE & CHAT: Tuesday 9th April at No 4 Pineheath Road, courtesy of Ann Alborough. All Are welcome.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE at No 4 Pineheath Road following the 10am Eucharist at All Saints. All welcome.

ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Monday 15th April 7pm in Holt Parish Church Meeting Room for the election of Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council and to consider the annual report and accounts.

CENTENARY TREE PLANTING Thursday 25th April: 10.30am. Following the usual 10am service we will be planting a mulberry tree in the church grounds to mark this centenary year. All are welcome. Coffee will be available.

ALL SAINTS CENTENARY WEEKEND Fri 28th June – Mon 1st July. 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 with the Sheringham Shantymen, the Cromer & District Brass Band, an evening of light classical music, an open air service with the Bishop of Lynn, in the presence of the Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk. Come along and view a flower festival and partake of delicious refreshments.

More information and tickets will be available from the beginning of May. Watch this space

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.

RIFF RE RATS

Cllr Philip Fejer, a former Director of the British Pest Control Association advises on what to do if you encounter a rat problem in your property.

Rats are bad news. They cause damage to property and are a risk to health.

If you see a rat in High Kelling, it is most likely to be *Rattus Norvegicus*, the common or brown rat. Up to 23 cms long excluding tail, it has small ears, small eyes, and a tail shorter than its body.

If the conditions are right, a female rat can reproduce every six weeks, with litters of six to eight offspring. This means that a pair of brown rats can produce up to 2000 descendants in a year. Rats are normally active at night, so if you see rats during the day there is probably a large infestation nearby.

The disease most commonly associated with rats is Weil's disease or leptospiral jaundice. It can be acquired either by ingestion or through open wounds. If you think you have rats in your garden, it is important to keep any wounds covered and to wash your hands before eating or drinking.

If you have rats on your property, you should report this to North Norfolk District Council. They have a duty to control rats and mice in the district. Unfortunately, North Norfolk District Council does not have an in-house pest control team. They will provide you with details of their approved pest control contractor. The Council has enforcement powers which they can exercise against landowners who fail to take action to control rats. However, in practice, these powers are most often used to ensure that rubbish is properly disposed of.

If you decide to employ a pest controller, they will most likely use a rodenticide, a 2nd generation anticoagulant, which they will place in bait boxes around your property. The pest controller should provide you with a treatment report which shows what pests they think you have what poisons they are using and what other action you should take to control the infestation and protect yourself and any pets from the poison they have put down.

Rats are like us in they need three things for a long and happy life: food, water and a roof over their heads. Taking away one or more of these will reduce the likelihood of rats on your property. Unfortunately, all the things we do to encourage wildlife into our gardens can also make them a wonderful place for rodents. But there are things that we can do to make our properties less hospitable. Rats don't like tidy gardens. Don't feed birds to excess. During an infestation take bird food in at night. Don't dispose of food waste directly into your general waste bin. Instead, first put it in a plastic bag. Locate your waste bins and compost areas as far away from the house as possible so that you do not attract rodents into the house.

Do-it-yourself pest control? Not recommended. Products that are available to the general public from shops or online are not as effective as those used by pest control companies. For the product to be licensed for sale to the public, the manufacturers are required to lower the concentration of poison in their products.

Furthermore, there is evidence of resistance to some rodenticides in rat populations in Norfolk.

Finally, keep your pets away from rodent carcasses as rodenticides are harmful to them. If you are concerned, speak to your vet. You will need to tell them what poison you think your pet has ingested. Dead rats can be disposed of in your grey general waste bin.

GARDEN WASTE BIN DAY CHANGE

You should have received notification from Serco on behalf of North Norfolk District Council that from 8 April 2024 there will be some changes to when garden waste bins are collected in our area.

Please read the leaflet carefully as your collection day or week might be changing.

Contact details for more information are:

Tel: 0330 109 9220 Email: <u>norfolkwaste@serco.com</u> Website: <u>www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/bins</u>

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