

# 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

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## Editorial Note

Welcome to the third and final Coronation issue of the *Chronicle*. It was good to see the village coming together to celebrate this momentous occasion at the various events featured in later pages. A good time was had by all, including some of a mildly republican disposition - after all, we pride ourselves on being inclusive.



Last month also saw some significant changes in the composition of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trustees, with the tenure of both Chairs - David Carter and John Kelly-Kellas respectively - coming to an end. I doubt if either foresaw when taking on those roles that they would be managing the village's responses to a pandemic, the Platinum Jubilee and subsequent passing of one monarch, and the Coronation of a new one. Their successors will no doubt be hoping for a rather less exciting time.

Throughout the time that the Parish Council has been producing the *Chronicle* both David and John have provided articles each month keeping residents informed on all aspects of our small but thriving community. I am particularly grateful to David, despite standing down from the Council, for providing so much of the content for this month's issue during the interregnum.

Many thanks also to Chris Colton of Pineheath Road for our Coronation-themed cover photograph and to Robin Johnson, also of Pineheath Road, for his selection of photographs of the various Coronation events. All such contributions are always welcome, so do please send in your pictures of village scenes as we go into summer.

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## From your Parish Council

We begin with the report of the outgoing Chair, David Carter, to the Annual Parish Meeting and the High Kelling Parish Council on 23 May 2023.

*“Again, another busy year for the Parish Council, meeting every other month, with the Parish Plan Group meeting during the months in between. Villagers have been encouraged to attend and participate in the appropriate part of the meetings.*



*During the financial year we have continued to address issues around the A148 and Bridge Road in an effort to improve road safety.*

*The Parish Council completed the purchase of the redundant phone box adjacent to the Village Store & Post Office, and had a defibrillator fitted and commissioned. It was almost immediately successfully called into action. Thanks go to the late High Kelling Society and NNDC's Sustainable Communities Fund for contributing towards the cost.*

*June 2022 saw the Parish Council-led and financially-supported celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of the late HRH Queen Elizabeth II. This included a superb showcasing of villagers' arts and crafts talents, a very popular Hog Roast, an Afternoon Tea Party, all hosted by the Village Hall, and the Bramblewood Open Garden. Commemorative trees were planted on the area around the village sign with a specially commissioned bench opposite. All was captured for posterity on film and in the August edition of the Parish Chronicle. Cllr Maureen Pearman, with others from the Village Hall, All Saints Church and residents, put very many hours of work into making the celebrations the success they were.*

*Sadly, our Queen passed away in September and the village expressed their condolences in our Book of Remembrance.*

*The subsequent Coronation of King Charles III was celebrated with a Big (Buffet) Lunch held on 7 May, attended by over 80 people, and the Big Help Out Village Litter-Pick and Thank-You to those that volunteer in village activities, which around 50 attended. Again, all very successful events.*

*As part of the commitment to better engage with villagers the Parish Council's Open Day on 18 October 2022 gave everyone an opportunity to listen to presentations from NNDC and NCC representatives, and discuss planning and environmental issues as they affect the village.*

*In July 2022 Cllr Duncan Henderson took over as editor of the High Kelling Parish Chronicle, building on the excellent work of Susan Ruru and latterly Susan Rutherford. Under his stewardship it has continued to go from strength to strength.*

*The October issue of the Chronicle announced the launch of collection of food, household items and toiletries to support the work of the Treehouse Community Fridge based in Holt, which supports those in need in our area. Villagers have been most generous in their donations and box-loads of items are delivered weekly to their volunteer-run Café in Charles Road, Holt. Donation points are at both the Village Hall and the Village Store.*

*Throughout the year the Parish Council has considered and commented on planning applications, recognising the wish by owners to improve and modernise their homes in the village whilst also seeking to protect the character and environment of the village which makes it such a great place to live. Areas for improvement have been identified, for which funding could potentially be sought from developers of the several larger plots of potential development land in the village.*

*Regrettably, when preparing the parish precept (the sum the Parish Council wishes to raise to meet the cost of its functioning and services) it was concluded that a substantial percentage increase was necessary. This was no easy decision and it was not unanimous. However, the increase should provide for all anticipated expenses and sufficient reserves to meet any potential contingency.*

*Cllr John Mangan ably led on issues around off-shore windfarms and their potential impact on our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Cllr Patrick Kelly has likewise led on High Kelling becoming a greener village; early but encouraging days. As Vice-Chair Cllr Gordon Lane provided his considerable knowledge and skills to the work of the Parish Council, whilst also rolling up his sleeves to clear vegetation and paths when required. Cllr Jan Kemp continued to provide background to matters affecting the village.*

*All in all 2022-23 has been a very busy time for the Parish Council. A number of Parish Councillors including myself did not seek re-election for 2023-24, but six of the nine places have been filled. It may well be that the Parish Council will, as in previous years, seek to co-opt to the remaining three places.*

*May I say on behalf of the Councillors who have stood down that it has been a privilege serving on behalf of High Kelling.”*

## New Parish Council

As reported in Return of Result of Uncontested Election in the May issue, the following were nominated and duly elected as Councillors for High Kelling Parish Council without a contest: Philip Fejer, Duncan Henderson, Janice Kemp, Maureen Pearman, Peter Rutherford and Susan Rutherford.

At its meeting on 23 May 2023 the newly-elected Council elected Peter Rutherford as Chair and Maureen Pearman as Vice Chair.

The next meeting of the Parish Council . . .

. . . is scheduled for Tuesday 18 July.

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***Bessie Dean***

***(1929-2023)***

***It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of our darling Mother, Granny and Sister on Easter Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023.***

***Bessie died peacefully in her sleep at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital after a short illness.***

***She was and always will be loved and cherished by us all.***

***David and Sylvie Dean, Denise Collins and family, Annie Kempton-Dean and family, Jennifer Panella-Dean and family, Peter and Domini Bamfield and family.***

***A memorial service will be held at All Saints, Church, High Kelling at 15.00 on Friday, 16th June. Refreshments will be offered after the service in the church/grounds.***

## News from Your Village Hall

### So it's goodbye from him . . .

John Kelly-Kellas became a Trustee of the Village Hall charity on April Fools' Day, 2017. One can only wonder if he had any inkling back then of the magnitude of the contribution he would go on to make. For much of his time he served two key roles simultaneously and, briefly, three. He was Bookings Secretary before also being Chair and then, after the passing of Dave Buckley last year, he also took on the role of Treasurer before relinquishing being Bookings Secretary. While each role is significant, John has been involved in much else besides, including among other things being barman at pub nights, liaising with tradespeople on routine and maintenance matters, and many low-level tasks too. When asked to list the regular minor tasks he did, the list was surprisingly long, and even the other day yet another task got added.

In short, John has devoted much of his time to the smooth running of the Village Hall and his contribution cannot be understated. And he did all this stoically, with grace and humour. He leaves a strong legacy and a large hole that the remaining trustees are struggling to fill.



*The Big Buffet Lunch (see more below) was the last Village Hall function over which John presided*

The Annual General Meeting on 19 May was John's final act as Chair, at which he stood down as a Trustee, and we took the opportunity to formally thank him for his contribution. We all send our very best wishes to John and to Janice as they embark on the next chapter of their lives down in Dorset.

## Village Hall Trustees needed

The Village Hall is a well-attended, lively place that gives enjoyment to many. The Hall is a registered charity and cannot operate without trustees. We are currently seeking more trustees to help run the Hall for the benefit of villagers and local residents, in accordance with the trust deed.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the Hall Secretary, Glenn Houchell on 07941 647165 or [email at glenn.houchell@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.houchell@gmail.com)

We would also like to hear from you if you would be happy to help but don't feel up to being a Trustee. Ideally, we would like to have a pool of 'Friends of the Hall' to call upon to help with events and when we need a help in hand for periodic tasks. Please get in touch.

### **Glenn Houchell**

Secretary, Village Hall Management Committee

*And Sean Doran, a Trustee, also writes:*

### Village Hall Big Plan

Last year the Village Hall kicked off the "Big Plan". The intention of this plan was to ensure that the Hall has a long-term role within village life.

The Plan has 4 elements:

- 1) Making Our Environmental Contribution;
- 2) A Beautiful and Useful Hall;
- 3) The Hall At The Heart Of The Community; and
- 4) A Financially Secure Future.

Last year's engagements generated lots of ideas to improve the hall and its service to the community. A revitalised Big Plan sub-committee of trustees is now in place and we're working these ideas into a deliverable plan.

We promise to tell you more about it here in the Chronicle and elsewhere. If you have any ideas that you'd like to get included in the Big Plan, including simply letting us know what events you'd be interested in attending at the Hall, then do let us know at [HKVHBigplan@gmail.com](mailto:HKVHBigplan@gmail.com)

## **Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III: the Big Buffet Lunch, the Summer Litter-pick and the Big Help Out**

*David Carter reports on the events held in the village to celebrate the Coronation.*

### The Big (Buffet) Lunch

The day following the Coronation was themed as the Big Lunch; communities across the UK and the Commonwealth of Nations were invited to meet and eat together.

In High Kelling, generously sponsored by your Parish Council and the Trustees of the Village Hall, our wonderful Village Hall was packed to the rafters, bedecked in Commonwealth and Union flags. Over 80 villagers and friends enjoyed each other's company over a tasty buffet lunch, enhanced by an open bar and a superb Coronation Cake baked by Giselle Moorhouse.



The Hall's video and audio system was used to good effect, adding musical accompaniment and a video of the life of King Charles. Fr Howard gave a moving address and proposed the Loyal Toast with a glass of bubbly. Although the cake looked too good to cut, the then Chair of the Parish Council was persuaded to join in with carving it up, and everyone enjoyed a piece.

It is said that the British know how to do pageantry and, with our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the new King's Coronation celebrations, High Kelling certainly showed that it knows how to celebrate!

Many thanks are due to the organising committee of Cllr Maureen Pearman, Ann Alborough, Gillian and Patrick Kelly, Lyn Morgan, John Kellas-Kelly, and Silvia and David Carter. And to the numerous helpers who helped make the event such a success on the day.



Special mention should also be made of those who decorated the church so beautifully to mark the occasion. A picture of the floral Crown accompanies Fr Howard's column in this issue.



## The Summer Litter-pick and Big Help Out



Following on from the Big (Buffet) Lunch, Monday was designated as the Big Help Out, where communities were encouraged to come together to celebrate and promote volunteering. High Kelling has a proud record of villagers' helping-out, and it seemed a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate this in action by carrying out the first village-wide litter-pick of the

year and to hold an event to thank all those who regularly volunteer their services. Needless to say, we had more than enough volunteers to scour the whole village.

Tradition demands that the litter-pick is followed by a cuppa and a bacon roll (or veggie alternative, of course). Pickers were joined in this by other villagers who have helped out in one way or another throughout the year. A total of well over 50 represented numerous groups, including Community Speedwatch, Toad Patrol, Chronicle distributors, All Saints Church, Holt Caring Society, organisers of last year's Jubilee celebrations and many more, all enjoying a slice of the Coronation Cake to boot.

Cll Maureen Pearman invited Claire Chapman, Community Connector at NNDC, to talk about the incredible contribution that volunteers make and how she can help, not just by advising about volunteering opportunities but also on how those in need of the voluntary services can access them. Claire can be contacted at NNDC on 01263 516147 or by email: [Claire.Chapman@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.Chapman@north-norfolk.gov.uk).



Thanks go to the Village Hall Trustees for the use of the Hall and kitchen, the Parish Council's sponsorship of the event and to the volunteers who provided the catering: Silvia Carter, Gillian and Patrick Kelly and others.

## THE PARISH OF HOLT WITH HIGH KELLING

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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](http://www.holtchurch.org)

For Live Streaming search YouTube St Andrew the Apostle, Holt



Dear Friends,

“What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare?” are the opening lines to W Davies’s well known poem “Leisure” written in 1911. Which is why I am pleased that June is a quiet month in the church’s calendar, allowing time to enjoy the summer (when it finally arrives) and to take time out from the busyness of the daily routine of life.

Time spent for relaxation and refreshment is so important to our health and well-being. Even in retirement the diary can be full of commitments and things to do, so much so that people often remark that they don’t know how they found time to go to work!

The concept of our modern holiday is, of course, derived from holy-day, when people would abstain from work on major holy days and Sundays. The package holiday resulted from pilgrimages to holy places. Rest was built into the natural rhythm of daily life in a way that perhaps it is not so today, and so the summer enables us to rediscover something of that natural rhythm. So, my advice is to enjoy the summer; I’m planning to! Though perhaps not the five days I will be spending in York attending General Synod in July!

Kindest regards, Fr. Howard

**COFFEE AND CHAT:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am – 12noon at 2 Orchard Close (off Grove Lane), Holt, courtesy of Jo Bohan.

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

**COUNT ON NATURE 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> JUNE:** Join us as we stop and stare and take note of what dwells in our churchyards. Mon 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am St Andrew's Churchyard. Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Methodist Memorial Garden, Holt. Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm Guided Walk in Spout Hills Holt, Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holt Town Cemetery, Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am at All Saints followed by coffee. All welcome.

### **HOLT COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Good News! The community choir meets on Thursdays, 6.30pm – 7.30pm. In the Parish Church Hall, Church Street. Guest Director for the summer term: Teresa Verney. Cost £4pp. All are welcome. Anyone can sing!

**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.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. 10am Said Eucharist at All Saints. 7.00pm Sung Eucharist with Benediction at St Andrews

**BESSIE DEAN (RIP):** Memorial Service at All Saints, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 3pm.

**FAREWELL & THANK YOU:** John and Janice Kellas-Kelly leave High Kelling this month for pastures new. Since moving to High Kelling they have been very much part of our community, and John has volunteered both at the Village Hall and the District Church. John has given of his time and talents as treasurer to the District Church Council and we have appreciated his help and advice in managing our financial affairs. They both will be greatly missed and everyone at All Saints would want to assure them of our prayers for their future endeavours, and express our appreciation and gratitude to John for his support. They will be dearly missed in the village.

**VACANCY (VOLUNTEER):** All Saints District Council (DCC) is seeking to appoint a treasurer to manage our financial transactions and present accounts. The DCC meets three to four times per year, and the accounting procedure is simple and straight forward and should not prove too arduous to the right person. Anyone interested and willing to help should contact Ann Alborough or Fr. Howard Stoker.

## Village Hall Programme for June 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			<b>1</b> 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH  13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	<b>2</b> 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH  18.00-19.45 Simply Yoga WH	<b>3</b> 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH	<b>4</b>  13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH 16.30-18.30 Soulful You (Sound Healing & Yoga) MH
<b>5</b> 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH  14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH	<b>6</b> 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH	<b>7</b>  13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH  19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	<b>8</b> 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 09.00-12.00 U3A German Group CR 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH  19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	<b>9</b> 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH  14.00 Trustees Meeting MH  19.00-22.00 Pub Night MH	<b>10</b> 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH  12.00-16.00 Craft Group CG	<b>11</b>  13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH
<b>12</b> 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH	<b>13</b> 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH	<b>14</b>  13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH  19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	<b>15</b>  13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH  19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	<b>16</b> 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Digital Photography WH	<b>17</b> 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH	<b>18</b>  13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH
<b>19</b> 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH  14.00 Bingo MH	<b>20</b> 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH	<b>21</b> 10.00-12.00 Coffee Morning MH  13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	<b>22</b> 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 09.00-12.00 U3A German Group CR 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	<b>23</b> 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH  19.00-22.00 Pub Night MH	<b>24</b> 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH	<b>25</b>  13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH

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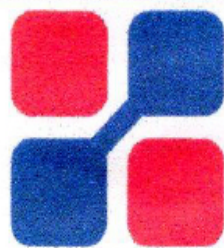
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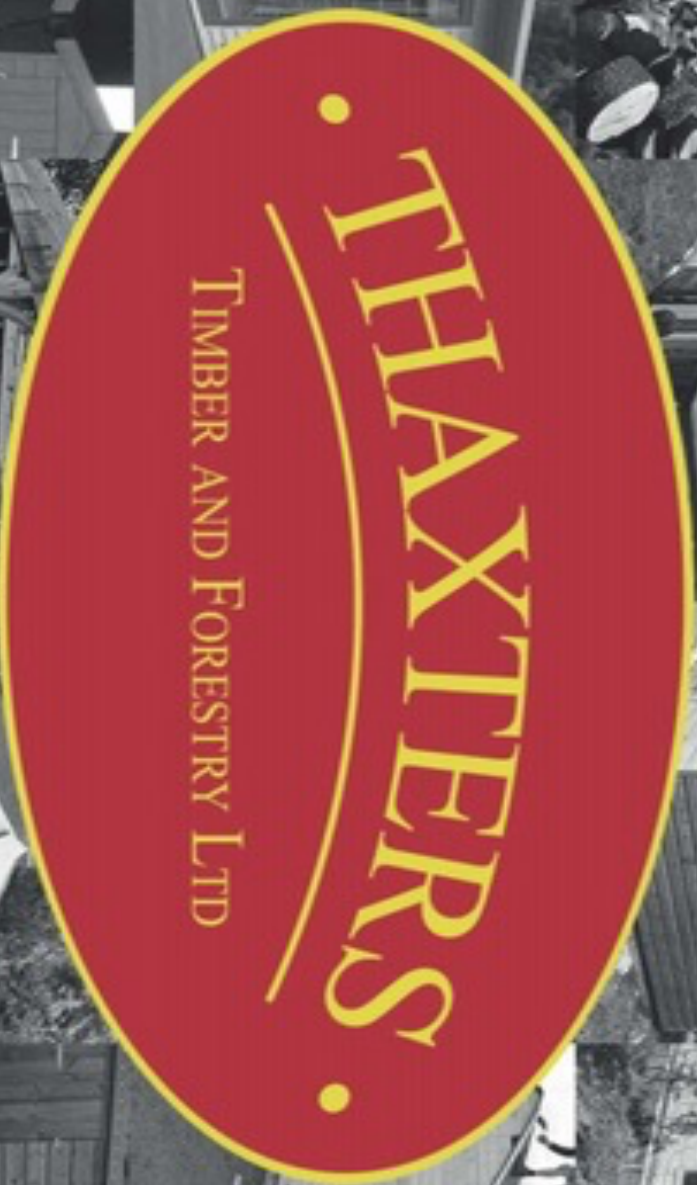


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