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Editorial Note

Well, it wasn't much of a summer, was it? But I suppose that if the alternative is the searing temperatures and wildfires that Southern Europe, Hawaii and Canada suffered then we didn't have it too bad after all.

Do read Jane Fejer's musings on a damp walk in the rain, which will no doubt resonate with many. The peacefulness and beauty of what she describes contrasts with the extensive cabling works currently being undertaken around our village, with what looks like a small motorway cutting across the fields to facilitate the work. Hopefully the landscape will be substantially restored to its former glory once the cables are in. Ah well, better than pylons, I guess!

Sadly, the village has suffered the loss of two of its more well-known residents over the summer.

Chris White, the former owner of the Village Store & Post Office but latterly more widely-known as an artist (particularly in the craft of fused glass), died suddenly on the 28th June.

On the 24th August Col (ret'd) Gordon Lane CBE died after a brief but hard-fought battle against cancer. Gordon was well-known to many in the village through his service on the management committee of the now-defunct High Kelling Society and subsequently as the Vice-chair of the Parish Council.

My thanks to Colin Kemp, Brian Shaw and David Carter for sharing their memories of Chris and Gordon.

For my own part, I shall miss Gordon's unwavering enthusiasm for the Chronicle, his always constructive suggestions for content and his help with proof-reading, which continued even after he stepped down from the Parish Council. If you spot anything amiss with this issue, it will be because it has not had the benefit of being run past his gimlet eye.

Our thoughts are with the families and friends of Chris and Gordon at this difficult time.

Many thanks to Robin Johnson for our front cover photograph of the harvest being gathered in.

Clir Duncan Henderson, Editor highkellingchronicle@gmail.com

From your Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council will be meeting informally in the next few days to discuss priorities for 2024.

Speeding issues

The purchase of a SAM2 speed camera has already been approved and we hope to have this in place shortly. This camera will warn motorists when they exceed the speed limit and will



provide statistics as to how many vehicles are travelling at excess speed and when this is most prevalent. This information can then be supplied to the Police. The camera will need to be moved regularly so that speed can be monitored on different sections of the road. Exceeding the speed limit is unfortunately an increasing problem witnessed by our Speedwatch team who have been recording increasing numbers of motorists travelling at excess of 40mph on a regular basis.

Norfolk County Council have this year published "Norfolk Speed Management Strategy". This offers guidance as to the best local solutions to speed related issues on our roads. The document can be accessed at: https://surlingham.org/2023/03/16/norfolk

I recently attended a meeting of SNAP with the Police and confirmed that speeding on the A148 remained a problem. The Police have been visiting High Kelling with the mobile speed camera and I was assured that these visits will continue to take place.

Keeping High Kelling tidy

The Parish Council recently made enquiries of North Norfolk County Council as to which areas of the village were maintained by the grass-cutting team. We were informed that the only area is at the entrance to Pineheath Road and this is limited to the area closest to the entrance, which is supposed to be done four times a year. There is also some limited cutting of the verges twice a year. The village therefore relies on volunteers to cut the remaining areas of grass in the village, and the Parish Council are extremely grateful to these individuals who assist in looking after the public spaces in the village, including the clearing of paths of leaves and other debris.

We will be arranging another village litter-picking the late Autumn and will provide further details of when this will take place in the October edition.

Bulbs! Bulbs! Bulbs!

The Parish Council will be planting more bulbs this autumn for an even better showing in the Spring.

If you know of an area that would benefit from further bulbs, please send me an email to the address below.

Money! Money! Money!

The Parish Council are also going to be exploring funding opportunities for improvements in the village. There is the potential to obtain grants from NNDC and from Ørsted (Hornsea 3) who are currently carrying out the cabling works across North Norfolk. A working group of Councillors is to be set up with the aim of looking at possible projects and funding streams and we will report further on this in due course.

Bad vibrations

On the subject of the works close to the village, I am aware that some residents experienced disturbance earlier in the Summer when works were being carried out using heavy machinery. These works resulted in some residents on Pineheath Road and Heathfield Road experiencing vibrations to their homes. A letter has been received from Ørsted indicating that the work that caused the vibrations has now been completed. If anyone in the village does experience any further issues then please let me know.

Full Fibre Broadband

I would urge residents to read the information compiled by Chris Bleasby about Full Fibre Broadband which is published in this edition of the Chronicle. The Parish Council have been made aware that Full Fibre Broadband is now available to the residents of Warren Road but that there are no current plans to extend this to other parts of the village. We need to ensure that Fibre Broadband is made available to the whole village to avoid High Kelling being left behind and the only way to do this is by showing there is a demand by residents.

Gordon Lane CBE (RIP)

Finally, I would wish to pay tribute to former Parish Councillor Gordon Lane CBE. Gordon served the Parish Council for many years with great distinction and boundless enthusiasm. It was a great blow to the Parish Council when he had to step down because of ill-health. He continued to offer invaluable guidance and help during the period of his illness and his untimely death is a great loss to the village and for all of us who counted him as a friend.

The next meeting of the Parish Council . . .

... will take place on Tuesday September 19th at the Village Hall. The meeting is open to the public, who may ask questions and make comments. Arrangements for raising any confidential matters can be made prior to the meeting by contacting the Parish Clerk, Jane Wisson on 07818026809 or email highkellingclerk@gmail.com.

Peter Rutherford, Chair, High Kelling Parish Council

Email: Peter@rutherford.world

Full Fibre Broadband for High Kelling

Chris Bleasby writes in support of the deployment of Full Fibre Broadband in the village.

Myself and others in High Kelling are doing everything possible to get the local Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to deploy Full Fibre Broadband (FFB) in the village. To do this we need your help as local residents to register your interest as per the below instructions. The more people that register, the more likely we are to get one of the ISPs to implement the required infrastructure.

Below are some of the benefits of full fibre, plus the registration instructions. Please take a few minutes to register as soon as possible. FFB means that the network connection from the local Internet hub all the way to your property is fibre optic; this means that the old existing copper lines which slow the current connections down will be replaced with an optical cable which is not only more reliable, but also supports more than 10x the speed to a maximum of 1000Mb/s. The current copper network is already being removed across the country, so this initiative will ensure that High Kelling residents are ahead of the curve and not left in the past paying higher costs for old slow copper-based speeds.

FFB provides more reliable, resilient and future-proof connectivity with fewer faults, more predictable, consistent speeds and enough capacity to easily meet growing data demands. Residents can enjoy a host of online services and entertainment, with seamless streaming and smooth online services such as emails, video calling (Skype/FaceTime), online banking, social media, online shopping, weather, TV, entertainment, <u>GOV.UK</u> services, uploading, downloading, file transfers, browsing, news, literature, etc. All of which will be significantly improved by the faster full fibre connections.

With terrestrial and satellite TV services being phased out, FFB delivers a scalable future-proof network which ensures that reliable streaming services are available to all for the future. Upgrading the full fibre ensures that residents are not left with old copper technologies that are already being removed. If full fibre is not adopted, the current copper connections will continue to degrade in performance which means that all of the above activities will become more and more difficult to do, plus this could have a major impact on people wanting to move into the village as they will simply not be able to live somewhere that has old slow internet connections.

Government initiatives are already underway to ensure that 85% of the country have access to gigabit broadband by 2025; however, there are almost no current plans for our village, therefore we want to ensure that residents understand the benefits of full fibre and to ask them to register their interest as soon as possible with the two ISPs that are looking to deploy in the village. The more people that sign up, the stronger case we build and the more likely the chances of the full fibre upgrade happening sooner rather than later or not at all. Please take time out of your day to register your interest using the following steps with both ISPs:-

Upp.com

- 1. Using your computer or iPad, go to https://upp.com/portal/order on your preferred browser.
- 2. Enter your postcode and press the "Check Availability" button.
- 3. Select your property from the drop-down list.
- 4. Once you get to the "We're not with you yet..." page, enter your first name, last name, email address, mobile number, and select "Social Media" from the "Please tell us where you heard about Upp" drop-down list.
- 5. Press the "Keep me updated" button.

Openreach

- 1. Using your preferred browser on your computer or iPad, go to: https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/ultrafast-full-fibre-broadband
- 2. Enter your postcode into the full fibre checker and press the "Check Postcode" button. This will then ask you to select your property address. Select your property and press the "Check availability" button.

- 3. The results of the check will be displayed and "Ultrafast Full Fibre Broadband" will be shown in red as "Not yet available". Scroll down the page to the "Keep me updated" button and press the button.
- 4. Please complete the form with your first name, last name, email address, contact preferences and select "Yes" regarding being contacted in the future. Once the form has been completed, press the "Keep me updated" button to register your interest.

WORLD'S
BIGGEST
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CANCER SUPPORT

I am again organising this year's Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Friday 29th September from 10.00 to 12.00.

If anyone is prepared to make a cake or donate a raffle prize it will be **GREATLY** appreciated. Cakes can be delivered on the day itself; raffle prizes can be dropped off beforehand at my house: 23 Avenue Road.

Thanking you all in advance and hope to see as many of you as possible on the day.

With thanks,

Lyn Morgan

Village Hall Seventies Club

The results for August 2023 were:

1st Prize £25.00 – David Summerfield

2nd Prize £15.00 – Silvia Carter

3rd Prize £10.00 – Amelia Doran

The results for September 2023 were:

1st Prize £25.00 – David Carter

2nd Prize £15.00 – Trish Moore

3rd Prize £10.00 – Geoff Cleall

Chris White (RIP)

Colin Kemp, current Chair of the Village Hall Trustees, reflects on the life of Chris White.

"Chris White, who was well known both as a previous owner of High Kelling Post Office and Store and as a local glass artist and teacher of the craft, passed away suddenly on 28 June. He will be missed by many friends and students whom he taught at Upper Sheringham Village Hall and elsewhere.

There was standing room only for his funeral at Cromer Crematorium. His brother delivered a potted history on Chris's life, punctuated by snippets and humorous anecdotes. In his early days Chris worked as a business machines mechanic, prior to joining the Cooperative Society for which he managed retail electrical outlets.

Chris, who spent his early life in Dagenham, moved to High Kelling in 1991 to run the Post Office and Store until early 2001. Afterwards he developed his glass artist skills to the point where he needed his own studio, which he set up after purchasing a disused railway passenger carriage which was delivered to his garden by crane. His reputation as a glass artist blossomed and he undertook both private and public commissions as well as becoming a recognised glass artist teacher, who featured much of his work through the Open Studios initiative.

Throughout the past 20 or so years, Chris inspired many people to get involved with the crafts of stained glass and fused glass. He organised trips to many artist studios in this area, many of which involved lunch in nearby hostelries, thereby avoiding packed lunches.

Perhaps his greatest glass achievement was the creation of two window friezes in Upper Sheringham Village Hall to commemorate our late Queen's Diamond and Platinum Jubilees, both of which he designed and achieved with the help of some of his students.

Chris will be fondly remembered as a good friend and villager, but above all as a man who shared both his love and knowledge of his crafts, as well as being an inspirational glass crafts teacher."

Colonel Gordon Lane CBE (RIP)

We hear from Brian Shaw, past Chairman of the high Kelling Society, and David Carter, former Chair of the High Kelling Parish Council, with their reflections on the life of Gordon Lane.

Brian writes:

"It is with great sadness that we hear of Gordon's passing.

He served as Vice Chairman of the High Kelling Society during its time and was always involved in every aspect of its voluntary work.

From routine planting and weeding the garden around the village sign, to supporting the monthly village lunches and the annual MacMillan Coffee events, he was forever on the "front foot" and always full of enthusiasm.

He will be remembered as a real 'doer' who was always available when a task, whatever it might be, needed doing.

It was a privilege for all of us to know him and work with him within the Society.

and he will be greatly missed by the village.

We offer our condolences to Joy and the rest of the family."

David writes:

"The recent passing of Gordon Lane is not only a sad day for Joy, his family and friends but also for High Kelling itself.

It was a privilege to serve with Gordon on the Parish Council. He was forever seeking ways to make the A148 and Bridge Road safer for villagers, whether through his support for planting, liaison with the police, clearing of pathways or the use of a Sam2, to name just a few. He was also instrumental in the acquisition of a second defibrillator for our village.

Gordon not only bought his considerable enthusiasm, experience and knowledge to meetings but also contributed so much to making the village a much better place to live. He was often the first to spot matters needing attention, dealing with them himself if he could. Until recent months he was a common sight around the village walking his dogs, Bess and Silver, always with a ready smile, a humorous quip and a friendly word.

To his colleagues on the Parish Council the onset of his illness, which seemed to come out of the blue, was a great shock. Their thoughts and prayers are with Joy, the family and his friends at this difficult time. He will be sorely missed."

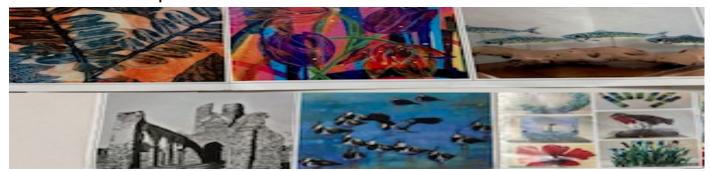
And finally . . .

During the earlier stages of his illness, Gordon requested the following message to be published in appreciation of the services provided by Community First Response:

"Many of you will have seen the article in the Holt Chronicle about volunteer Community First Responders. There are five of them in the area, including within High Kelling.

Last month we had need of emergency medical support and dialled 999. Within less than 5 minutes the First Responder Eirian Baker arrived to provide rapid assistance, closely followed by further support. The rapid response was invaluable, and we are most grateful to the volunteers."

A memorial service for Gordon is being planned for a later date, details of which will be published in the Chronicle when available.



Jane Fejer writes:

"The North Norfolk Open Studios 2023 event was very exciting to see and celebrate. It showcased the work of the artists within our village (Tricia Arnold, the late Chris White, Caroline Houchell, Richard Woodfield and Sue Monteath), all working in different genres and capturing the beauty of Norfolk fauna and flora, nature and the environment. The art-work in oils, acrylics, watercolours, sketches, print-work and glass-work was a journey through the source of the artists' creativity."

		Village Hall Pr	ogramme for Se	ptember 2023		
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1				1 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 19.00-22.00 NN Model Engineers MH	2 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH	3 VH Summer BBQ set up 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH 16.30 VH Summer BBQ
4 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH	5 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH	6 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH	7 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH	8 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00 Trustees Meeting MH	9 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH	10 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH
19.00-22.00 North North Studio's (MH)		19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH			18.30-20.00 Yoga Class WH
11 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH 19.00-22.00 HK Garden Club WH	12 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH	13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	14 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	Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Digital Photography WH	16 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH	17 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH 18.30-20.00 Yoga Class WH
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2023
10.00 TO 12.00
IN THE
VILLAGE HALL

There will be lots of cake, lots of chat plus a Raffle

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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,

Two events this September which may be of interest to you:



First, an Art Exhbition at the Parish Church in Holt, created and curated by members of our very own Art Group which meets every Thursday morning in the meeting room at St Andrew's. The exhibtion will open at 3pm on Thursday 21st September with an opportunity to meet the artists and enjoy some refreshments. The exhibition will run until Thursday 28th and will give members of the art group the opportunity to exhibit some of their considerable talent. Well worth seeing!

Also this month in we see the launch of a book which examines the history and content of the stained-glass windows in the Parish Church. Painstakingly researched and well written by James Thomson and beautifully photograped by James Sidgwick, the book serves as an in-depth guide for those who want to



know more about the "windows into heaven" which punctuate the walls of the church.

The stained-glass windows of Holt Parish Church may not be ancient, yet they bear testimony to the ancient faith of the Church received from the first Apostles of Christ and handed onto every generation throughout the ages. Dedicated to those who have served the parish, these beautiful multi-coloured stained-glass windows tell the story of our faith and are worth examing in greater detail.

Over the coming months, James Thomson will be giving a number of illustrated talks highlighting not only the heros of our christian faith but also the people who have shaped the very fabric of the parish church. Look out for more details.

Both your Parish church in Holt and District Church here in High Kelling remain open daily for public worship, private prayer and to welcome visitors. Well worth a visit!

Warmest regards,

Fr. Howard

COFFEE AND CHAT: Tuesday, 12th September. Time:10.30 at Gorse Cottage, Bernard Close, courtesy of Helen and Gary Austin.

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

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.

Sky, Clouds, Wildflowers and Woods

Wet July, when the rain falls either like a waterfall or as a silent gentle brook.

Leaves capture the water, its sound beating as a drum, then a gentle spray, droplets hanging from leaves like jewelled beads captured in the breakthrough of morning light, waiting to fall to the ground. These moments bring the abundance of nature's vision; their rhythms touching the richness as a note, a whisper or a loud thunderous applause.

Crossing the sky, clouds darken as they journey up from the sea like huge sail ships passing our woods and open fields. Or caressed by a gentler sunrise, the light breaking through them and tinting the sky, pinks and reds touching the horizon.

My dog Morse and I greet the summer season as we walk down the path shrouded by wet trees. Unable to shake the water off like Morse, a young buck scampers ahead down the path, then disappears into the field margins before stopping to watch us warily. The sky now clearing, having been washed by the rain, fills the space above our heads with blue.



Too wet for him to sniff the woodland path, Morse sticks close to me on these walks, hoping that my waterproof will give him some protection from the rain. Then a moment of dryness as the sun comes through, and once again he revels in capturing the scents of those who have been on the path before us.

Warmer days bring in the wildflowers' sweet perfume; cornflowers - blues, whites and yellows - buzzing with bees, busy as at an airport waiting to catch their planes to the nectar stations. They are accompanied by meadow brown butterflies and the background sound of crickets, filling the field edges as well as the wildflower hubs within the village gardens. All is nature waking up after the interruption of rain.

On our way back, a clear look across the field before we turn up the road to the village. The landscape has been temporarily interrupted by the working of a new energy stream from the sea turbine fields, adding new landscape colours of grey snaking their way across the green fields.

Turning into the village, we are heralded by a buzzard flying down Avenue Road, the sound of its huge honey-brown wings parting the silent air; alarm calls fill the air as it suddenly makes it way down then swoops up again through a clearing in the trees into the now cloudless sky. Then silence. Minutes later the birds begin to sing again.

Jane Fejer

Ruth Wilson of Avenue Road writes:

Household Hazardous Waste Days

You've painted the interior of your home and the fences in the garden, and cleared out the shed. Now you're wondering what to do with all that waste that should be disposed of by specialists. It's not a problem. You will be able to safely dispose of your old paint, weed killer, wood preservers and so much more during the annual Household Hazardous Waste Days, and all free of charge.

The next Household Hazardous Waste Days will be held at the following Recycling Centres between 9am - 4pm:

Norwich South - 9/10 September King's Lynn - 23/24 September Dereham - 7/8 October Norwich North - 21/22 October Thetford - 16/17 September Caister - 30 September/1 October Hempton -14/15 October

The full list of items accepted during the Hazardous Waste Days are:

Aerosols

Antifreeze

Brake fluid

Degreasers

Descalers

Drain cleaners

Fence or shed treatments/preservers

Fertilisers

Fire extinguishers (maximum 2 per household)

Fungicides

Gas bottles and cylinders - empty gas bottles and cylinders only can be accepted

Glue

Insecticides

Lawn treatments

Lubricants

Oven cleaners

Paint/paint cans

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