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Harvest Steam by Bob Johnson of Fakenham

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 harvest is in, the days are gradually getting shorter, the holidaymakers are wending their way home, and the traffic on the A148 is the teeniest bit lighter. Oh yes, and the Chronicle is back! All signs that the summer is drawing to an end and the Autumn beckons.

That can only mean one thing – the **MacMillan Coffee Morning** – which is being held this year at the village hall on Friday 26th September from 10am to 12noon, thanks

to Lyn Morgan and her team of dedicated helpers. Whilst not a Trustee-led event, it is fully supported by the Village Hall Trustees and Management Committee who hope that as many as possible will attend and that the funds raised will exceed the record amount raised last year. **See the notice on page 12 for more details.**

In his column, Fr Howard mentions that after many years of service Michael Allard has decided that the time has finally come to push in the stops and retire as All Saints Church's organist. As well as those who have enjoyed his wonderful music during church services, many villagers will remember his virtuoso performance at the concert held to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church a little over two years ago. Thank you, Michael, for your dedication and the pleasure you have brought to so many people over so many years. Anyone out there with the skills - and stamina! - to step up to the plate? (Apologies for mixing my metaphors there.)

Cllr Peter Rutherford in turn brings us up to date on the future of the former Pineheath Care Home site that has lain abandoned and neglected for so many years. But what impact will the 35 dwellings that are now to be constructed there have on the A148 traffic?

Also of concern, is the further delay that it seems will now occur before any action is taken to improve pedestrian safety on the A148, despite the overwhelming evidence that speed on this stretch of the road is a significant issue. This, together with the measures that in Peter's view need urgently to be taken, is to be discussed at the next Parish Council on the 16th September – why not come along and let your Councillors know your views?

Finally, the deadline for copy for the October issue of the Chronicle is Wednesday 24th September.

Cllr Duncan Henderson

Editor

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From your Parish Council

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer. During the Summer break there have been two important developments affecting High Kelling:

HIGHKELLING

Planning permission – former Pineheath Care Home

I can report that planning permission was granted on the 18th July by North Norfolk District Council for the change of use of the former Pineheath Care home to 35 dwellings. This is subject to several conditions, including a condition for the provision of visibility splays 2.4 metres wide and 59 metres in length on each side of the access. These splays will need to be maintained at all times, and free from all obstructions exceeding 0.225 metres above the level of the existing highway.

The site owner has entered into an agreement with the Planning Authority and Norfolk County Council to pay the following contributions:

- £20,000 payable to the County Council to be used solely towards the provision of a highway scheme or schemes that will enhance safety for pedestrians crossing the A148 in the vicinity of the site to mitigate the transport impact of the development.
- 2. £62,432 to be used towards the provision, enhancement and maintenance of parks and recreation areas in the vicinity of the site as well as the provision and installation of two dog waste bins within the vicinity of the site and the cost of ongoing collections therefrom.

The Parish Council will be contacting the County Council for details of the schemes for the enhancement of road safety and will be seeking to ensure that the monies for parks and recreation are spent in the village as it is not clear what the term "in the vicinity of the site" means.

Pedestrian safety on the A148

I can advise that there will be a delay before any action is taken to improve pedestrian safety on the A148. Despite the overwhelming evidence that speed on this stretch of the road is a significant issue, we have been advised that no action will be taken until after the Coroner's Inquest has taken place into the tragic deaths of the two pedestrians killed at the junction of Avenue Road in December 2024. As far as I am aware, no date has yet been set for the Inquest, and it is of concern that even after over eight months no real action has been taken. The Parish Council will discuss this delay at its next meeting on the 16th September. Measures need to be taken as a matter of urgency, and the following seem to me to be imperative:

- 1. The provision of a pedestrian crossing.
- 2. The provision of lighting, particularly on the junctions.
- 3. A fixed speed camera in the village.
- 4. The extension of the 30mph zone so that it starts at the village sign as one approaches from Holt.
- 5. Reduction of the speed limit between Bodham and Holt from the current speed limit of 60mph.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 7pm. Contributions from villagers are always welcome and if there are any issues that you would like us to include on the agenda, please let me or one of the other Councillors know.

Peter Rutherford

Chair, High Kelling Parish Council

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Foodbank Donations

For several years now, the Carters of Vale Road and the Kellys of Pineheath Road have organised a collection point in the village hall foyer for the North Norfolk Foodbank. The following message was received from the Foodbank team in July:

Thank you for your donations from High Kelling of 4.70kg in July. As a small charity we rely on donations, both food and financial, to operate and we are extremely grateful when people choose to support us. During 2024 we fulfilled 2085 food vouchers, providing food for 4695 people, 2925 adults and 1770 children.

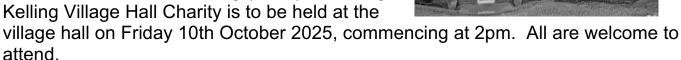
Whilst Trussell campaigns to end the need for foodbanks, we will be here helping those who need us right now. But that can only be done with kind donations from our supporters. To see what we need most right now, our wish list is published on our website and social media, and the list gets updated throughout the month on our donation page https://northnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

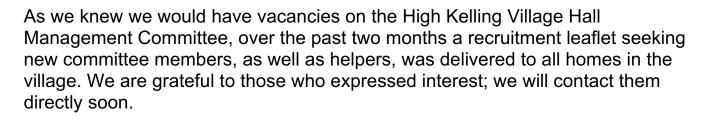
Thank you for thinking of us and enabling us to serve the people facing hardship across our district.

News from your Village Hall Committee

Advance Notice of Annual General Meeting on 10th October 2025

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the High Kelling Village Hall Charity is to be held at the





Notably, Glenn Houchell, our Village Hall Secretary, is stepping down at the AGM later this year and we need a volunteer to replace him. Glenn will provide a handover to his replacement and will be on hand to assist if necessary. For clarity, Hall bookings are undertaken entirely by our Booking Secretary.

If you did not receive the recruitment circular and may be interested in joining the committee or would like to find out more please contact our Secretary Glenn Houchell on 07941 647165 or email at glenn.houchell@gmail.com or me, my contact details are given below.

Village Hall Management Committee Meeting on 10th October 2025

The next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee is to be held on 10th October, directly after the AGM.

Village Hall Events

Following the successful events held earlier this year, after the AGM we intend to plan further events over the next year. We will publish our plans in the November edition of this publication.

Piano

We are pleased to inform you that the village hall piano has been tuned and has been played on several social occasions recently.

Flagpole

Our new stand-alone flagpole was installed outside the village hall in time for VJ Day. Our thanks to Chris Stubbard for his assistance.

Seventies Draw Club – August and September Winners

Congratulations to all prize winners: 1st (£25), 2nd (£15) and 3rd (£10):

August: 1st Debbie Buckley, 2nd David Wyeth, 3rd Alan Mason September: 1st John Wickham, 2nd Ray Morgan, 3rd Geoff Hanley

For information, all profits go towards maintenance costs of the High Kelling Village Hall. To take part, participants are required to pay £12 per annum in April. If you have not paid subscriptions for 2025 you should ensure Keith Usher has received your subscription. Keith can be contacted at keithusher89@gmail.com

Hire of High Kelling Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for hire, with several slots available for regular bookings and functions. If you would like to consider hiring the hall for a function or event, please contact Peter Rutherford at hkvhtreasurer@gmail.com.

Trustee-led Events

Coffee Morning: Wednesday 10th September, from 10am to 12noon.

Why not have a relaxing period with a hot drink and cake with others attending as well as an opportunity to have a go at a quiz? Cakes always welcome!

<u>Pub Nights:</u> Friday 12th September and Friday 26th September from 7 to 10.30pm, from 7pm to 10.30pm.

Do come along and have a chat with fellow villagers at the Pub Nights in your Village Hall.

Bingo: Monday 15th September, from 2pm to 4pm.

These sessions are easy-going and sociable with several chances to win modest prizes, as well as a chance for a chat over tea or coffee.

Colin Kemp

Chair

High Kelling Village Hall Management Committee (Registered Charity 303989)

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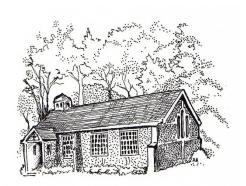
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Tel. 01263 712954

Licensed Lay Minister: John Allen Tel: 07771363176

Authorised Pastoral Assistants: Susan Pearcey Tel: 07546918865 Darren Bunyan Tel: 07368412999



Services at All Saints:

Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist Sunday 9.15am Said Eucharist

For more information about services at the Parish Church and church life please see the church notice

board or visit www.holtchurch.org

For Live Streaming search YouTube: St Andrew the Apostle, Holt

Dear Friends,

Recent statistics on church attendance provide evidence that more and more younger people are exploring faith and attending Church. In the insecurity of an uncertain world and drawn by the richness of the Church's traditional liturgy, and teaching and searching for that sense of belonging and community, many among Generation Z', those born from the mid-to-late 1990s to the early 2010s, are discovering the Christian faith for the first time.

As church attendance recovers from the covid pandemic we have also witnessed a steady growth in our congregations, particularly at the 10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Andrew's - though, given the demographics of the parish, I have to be honest and say not many from Generation Z!

To help those who are wanting to know more about the Christian faith, beginning on Tuesday 7th October 7.30pm - 9.00pm, we will be running a six-week enquirers course entitled "Faith Explored." For some this may lead to "Faith Confirmed" when we welcome Bishop Luke to the parish on Saturday 29th November to celebrate St Andrew's Day and confirm those who wish to be confirmed.

Meeting at St Andrew's in an informal, friendly and welcoming atmosphere and with opportunity for conversation, the course will explore questions about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, Church, Prayer, Life, Death and what it means to live out the Christian faith in our daily lives. It is open to anyone who is searching for answers to some of those bigger questions and wanting to explore the Christian faith.

I look forward to welcoming anyone who wants to rediscover their faith or discover it for the first time.

You can register your interest by emailing standrewsholt@btinternet.com.

May God grant us grace to grow in our love and knowledge of Him and holiness of life.

Every blessing, Fr. Howard

RETIREMENT: Now in his ninth decade and after many years' serving All Saints, Michael Allard has finally retired as our organist. I think this may be for the second or third time of asking, but this time he says he really means it!! Michael has served the church faithfully, volunteering to play each Sunday. As well as accompanying our hymns he has delighted the congregation with some wonderful organ voluntaries at the end of each service. Michael's playing has been exceptional, and he is an accomplished musician, always getting the best out of our little pipe organ. Thank you, Michael, we have been privileged to have you as our resident organist, and we will miss you.

VACANCY: Michael's retirement leaves a vacancy for an organist at All Saints. Is there anyone who is hiding their light under a bushel and could play for Sunday services? (It does not have to be every Sunday.) Unfortunately, we are not in position to offer any financial remuneration for this position. If you can and are willing to help out, please contact Ann Alborough of the Rector Fr. Howard.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

COFFEE & CHAT Tuesday 9th September 10.30am at No 4 Pineheath Road, courtesy of Ellie Humphries. All Are welcome.

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

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: Two groups meet once a month in the parish for bible study, prayer and fellowship. For more details www.holtchurch.org

MENS' GROUP AT ST ANDREW'S: Meets on Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.00pm in the meeting room at the Parish Church. An inclusive, non-judgemental, welcoming group which offers support, friendship, and conversation and is concerned for men's wellbeing. Come along and find out more.

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 to 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 an authorised pastoral assistant please make contact.

Digital Voice is coming . . .

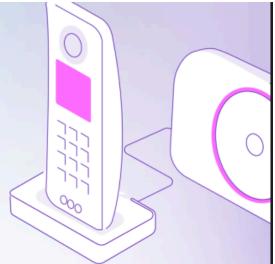
You may have heard that the current analogue network of landlines will be completely switched off, to be replaced by new digital landlines which work using broadband. telephone landlines in the UK will be switching from analogue to digital by January 2027. These changes will affect everyone who has a digital landline that they want to continue using after that date.

BT has produced a useful guide to Digital Voice which we have reproduced overleaf.

More information can be found at www.bt.com/digital-voice .

A guide to Digital Voice

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For most customers, the switch to Digital Voice will be as simple as connecting your home phone handset to a router rather than the phone socket on the wall.

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All local authorities and telecare providers have been asked to share which phone lines have telecare devices on them, and BT is encouraging any vulnerable customers who have concerns or who haven't told us about their circumstances to give us a call on 0330 1234 150.

Together with Government, Ofcom, telecoms providers, charity partners and key industry groups, BT is working hard to ensure that everyone knows about the change, how they will be impacted and what they need to do as a result.

For customers without broadband, BT will be offering a dedicated landline service, allowing them to use their landline in the same way they do today.

What if there's a power cut?

We understand that for many, particularly those with additional needs, the landline is a lifeline. We want to be sure everyone remains connected. We've been working to make battery back-up units available to those that need them. Customers with additional needs such as health pendants or without mobile signal, can take advantage of free additional support, on request. We're also working closely with the power companies to establish processes which help them to restore power as quickly as possible.



For more information, visit www.bt.com/digital-voice

Village Hall Diary for September 2025						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH	2 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH	3 09.45-12.15 Full Motion Pilates WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH		5 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 19.00-22.00 NN Model Engineers MH	6 09.30-12.30 Simply Yoga WH	7 13.30-15.30 HKSM Bowls WH
8 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH	9 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH	10 10.00-12.00 VH COFFEE MORNING	11 10.00-13.00 Art Lark MH 13.15-17.30	12 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 19.00-22.00 VH	13 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga WH 12.00-16.00	14 13.30-15.30 HKSM Bowls WH 18.00-19.30
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2025 10.00 TO 12.00 In the Village Hall

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Monday 1st September ,10am to 12 noon - **Caring for the Carers Coffee and Chat**. We will be joined with a representative from Social Services who is happy to advise about support systems in place to help carers. Do bring your loved ones with you but please call first so we know.

Every Monday - **Happy Mondays Lunch** 12.30pm. Two delicious hot courses for £8.00 (please book ahead, with a quick phone call, to avoid disappointment!)

Every Tuesday, 10am to 12 noon – all are welcome at our weekly **Coffee, Cake and Chat**.

Do call in to see us if you would like a look round the Glaven Centre, or perhaps if you are interested in joining us as a volunteer – we're open to all your ideas.

Perhaps you know someone in your village who might like to visit for a trial day? Do check out our website www.glavencaring.co.uk for further information, or phone us on 01263 740762.

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Social Walking + Plus

I would like to expand the Social Walking WhatsApp page to include social notices that could be of interest to more neighbours than those who watch or use our current setup. The extended version would still be exclusively for High Kelling residents and, according to WhatsApp, Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. No one outside of this chat, not even WhatsApp, can read or listen to them. So, everything mentioned in a chat is solely for the eyes of the members who wish to register for the site.

Apart from arranging walking or social events I envisage local community notices that would reach residents more readily than our monthly Chronicle.

For example, we were able to quickly publicise that a local indoor cat had recently gone missing and were able to ask neighbours to check gardens, sheds and garages etc. Happily, he was found safe in a garden some distance away. Another member asked how to deter squirrels from destroying bird feeders, something we all know something about!

I use the pages to publish upcoming local events like coffee mornings etc nearer the dates to remind people or to put out requests for help, contributions, raffle prizes etc. The original purpose of social and/or walking will not be affected, possibly enhanced with more members.

This is in no way to detract from the purpose of our informative, monthly High Kelling Chronicle and calendar but to supplement, in a small way, how relevant information can be transmitted quickly around the village between the monthly publication.

Once registered, members can invite others to join so a village network could be a useful tool. Please email me with any questions or to register for the WhatsApp Social Walking Plus site. I just need a mobile contact number and name to get started.

Best Wishes

Trudy (Email trudyelsiewhite@gmail.com)

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If you are a local business and wish to advertise in the Chronicle, then please contact the Editor (see address on page 2) to discuss terms and our advertising rates.

The High Kelling Parish Council is grateful to the serviceproviders who already support this publication through their advertisements. If you use their services, please let them know how you came to hear of them. Also, if you know of anyone who might wish to advertise their services with us, please mention the Chronicle to them.



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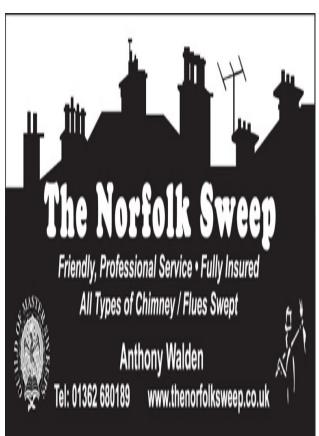












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