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At the Going Down of the Sun by Jane Fejer of Pineheath Road

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

Last month the village bade farewell to David and Silvia Carter, who have moved from Vale Road to be nearer to family in Dorchester.



David has been at the heart of village life for many years, as: a former chair of the Village Hall Management Committee; a Parish Councillor and former chair of the Parish Council; a founder member of Village Hall Table Tennis Club; a joint leader of the bi-annual village litter-pick; the prime mover behind the conversion of the former BT telephone box into a defibrillator point; and many other activities too numerous to mention (except for his campaigning for the installation of a dog

waste bin near the Village Store, which he always rather ruefully said would be his legacy to the village!).

Oh, and yes, it was also David who had the vision for the Parish Council to take over publication of the village newsletter in the form of this Chronicle, following on from its predecessor, the High Kelling Village News, which ceased publication when the High Kelling Society disbanded at the end of 2021.

In all of these ventures he has been supported by Silvia, a former member of the Village Hall Management Committee in her own right, who ran the Bookings System for several years, and later the Bookstore – and was invariably to be found helping out with the catering at social events. So thank you David and Silvia for everything you did to make village life in High Kelling what it is today.

No space left to say anything else . . . except that the copy deadline for the December/January issue is **Wednesday 24**th **November**

CIIr Duncan Henderson

Editor

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"ALL THINGS APPLE DAY"

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us on Saturday, October 25th. We made £455 from our stall, which goes to support the BEAT Eating Disorders Charity. Many thanks to Emma, Claire and Matthew for braving the weather to sell everything, and to Ray for the bunting and getting the grass cut for us. And thank you as always to all of you for your continuing support.

Phil and Carol Otty

From your Parish Council

Parish Council Report November 2025

2025 is passing very quickly and already we are enjoying the colourful beauty of our wonderful village. Over the last few months, we have continued to lobby for improvements and continue to work hard for the village.



Bus Shelter Improvements

The Parish Council have been successful in securing funding for improvements to the bus shelters in High Kelling. The grant will cover 80% of the funding and I am pleased to report that Cllr Eric Vardy has agreed to put in the remaining 20% of the cost from his budget. The work will include

- Cleaning the two galvanized shelters
- Clearance of vegetation
- Painting the woodwork on the brick shelter
- The installation of 2 long charge solar lights at each shelter at the Bodham end of the village
- Clearing the guttering and inspecting and repairing any roof damage to the brick shelter

It is hoped that these works will be completed before the end of the year.

The bus stop adjacent to Holt station which is technically in High Kelling will be subject to a separate scheme to include the bus stop on the other side of the road which is in Holt. The improvements are significant, and the objective is to persuade rail users to visit Holt before travelling back to Sheringham.

HGV signs at Bridge Road

The Parish Council have been advised that the County Council will be installing two new signs at each end of Bridge Road advising that the road is unsuitable for HGVs. The existing signage is clearly inadequate.

Signage in the woods

Cllr Maureen Pearman has emailed the Forestry England forest ranger to report the poor signage in the woodland in High Kelling and awaits a response. The Parish Council are also separately hoping to install new noticeboards in the Village to include an extended village map with information on the history of the village and signposting certain local features and buildings such as the Church and Selbrigg pond. It is hoped that grant funding will be available to cover all or part of the cost of

these proposals. We are also looking at funding to improve the surfacing of the entrances to the woods at the Bodham end of the village.

Road safety and the A148

The Parish Council and local District and County Councillors are pressing for action to be taken to improve road safety on the A148. The police are continuing to monitor speed through the village, and this includes the use of unmarked vehicles and regular checks at night when some vehicles choose to totally ignore the 30mph signs and the SAM2 speed camera. The Parish Council intend to report all incidents affecting residents and I would urge anyone who experiences problems along the road to report it to me directly so that we can continue to maintain pressure for action to be taken.

CIIr David Carter

Many will know that David and Silvia Carter have now moved from High Kelling to be closer to their family. David had been a keen member and former Chair of the Parish Council for many years. He made a massive contribution in the Village and will be very much missed for his dedication, commitment, and steadfast drive to engage with villagers and relevant stakeholders in the interests of High Kelling. Silvia also put in many hours of work in various roles at the Village Hall over many years and her enthusiasm and commitment will be missed.

Remembrance Sunday

As in previous years the Parish Council will be placing a wreath at the Village sign at 11.00am on Sunday 9th November. Villagers are very welcome to attend.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 18th November at 7pm at the Village Hall. Villagers are welcome to attend these meetings and indeed we had several attending the last meeting. We would be very interested to hear from any resident as to any new projects for the village so that we can develop plans for funding new projects in the future.

Peter Rutherford

Chair, High Kelling Parish Council

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Former Parish Councillor Betty Summerfield recently sent in the picture below and wrote:



For all I know, there may be better photos of this occasion but here is my record of the first High Kelling Parish Council. From left to right Peter Rodwell, John Clarke, Ralph Butler, myself and John Morrish. I have it dated as Spring 1987and hope that is correct. I am nearly 90 years of age and sadly the only member

still alive, but I love High Kelling and have so many happy memories and photos of the wonderful people I have enjoyed being with here over the years.

Does any High Kelling resident still remember them?

MAKING EMERGENCY CALLS DURING A POWER CUT

Following his recent experience of losing both the internet and mobile phone signal during a recent power cut, Michael Evans has written in with the following helpful advice:

"With BT discontinuing conventional copper landlines and switching to the internet, in the event of a power cut, are you concerned about contacting anyone should you have an emergency?

BT can provide emergency battery packs free of charge and any BT customer having difficulties following the switch to the new system is urged to request an engineer to come to the house to assist with this.

BT has also given an assurance that special provisions are in place to assist any customers in need of special support, for reasons such as age or infirmity, but anyone wishing to be included in the database will need to notify BT and is actively encouraged to do so.

BT's contact number is 0800 800150."

News from your Village Hall Committee

New Date of Annual General Meeting - 28 November

We are pleased to announce the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the High Kelling Village Hall



is to be held on 28 November 2025, at the village hall, commencing at 2pm. All are welcome to attend, including representatives of activities held in the hall. Our AGM usually lasts about one hour. Do come along

Village Hall Management Committee Meeting – 10 October 2025

As a consequence of the delayed AGM, the next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee is to be held immediately after the conclusion of the AGM on 28 November.

Village Hall Website (highkellingvillagehall.weebly)

At the time of writing, we are still seeking a volunteer to run the Village Hall website. This is an important but not onerous task, as you will know or see from the content of the website, link above.

If you are interested, please contact Glenn Houchell for more information on 07941647165 or email at glenn.houchell@gmail.com. Be assured, although Glenn is standing down from the Committee, he is able to provide an open-ended handover period for his successor.

Village Hall External Lighting

Through the Norfolk Community Fund, a grant of £1,000 has been awarded towards the lighting enhancements for the Village Hall, which includes the rear car park area. Work will be carried out as soon as possible.

Village Hall Events

For information, when considering potential events your Village Hall Management Committee will always take into account:

- · our desire to enhance village life;
- expected popularity of each proposed event;
- having the people available to organise and hold the event;
- financial and safety risks;
- funding or granting a sum from the High Kelling Village Hall charity;
- ticket pricing, sales and distribution, when necessary.

After our next Management Committee meeting, we will let you know the trustee- led ideas for events to be held at the Village Hall during 2026.

Carol Singing

A date for your diaries – Fr Howard will be leading the Carol Singing at High Kelling Village Hall on Friday 12th December, commencing at 6.30pm, prior to the Pub Night that evening.

Christmas Day Drinks – 11am till 1pm

As usual, on Christmas morning we will be welcoming all villagers and their house guests to attend the Village Hall for Christmas Drinks. The bar will be open with the usual offerings, plus mulled wine and mince pies will be available. Please put the event in your diary and come along to join fellow villagers and their friends.

Village Hall Christmas Decoration

Just to let you know, we shall be decorating the Village Hall for Christmas and taking them down after the New Year.

Hire of High Kelling Village Hall

Readers are reminded that High Kelling Village Hall is available for hire, particularly most Saturday afternoons and evenings. Our policy on hire of the Village Hall, including hire fees, is displayed on our website. 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

<u>Pub Nights:</u> Friday 14 November and Friday 28 November, from 7 to 10.30pm. Do come along, perhaps bring a friend and have a chat with fellow villagers, or even play the piano, at the Pub Nights in your Village Hall.

Bingo: Monday 17 November, 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.

<u>Coffee Morning:</u> Wednesday 19 November, 10am – Noon.

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!

Seventies Draw Club – October Winners:

Congratulations to all prize winners: 1st (£25) Lynne Henderson, 2nd (£15) Anne Cleall, 3rd (£10) Carol Otty.

Colin Kemp

Chair

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Eileen Mary Macquire 1923-2025

Fr Howard has kindly sent in this obituary.

With the death of Eileen Macquire, High Kelling has lost the person believed to be its oldest resident. Born in Bedfordshire on the 28th February 1923, Eileen arrived in High Kelling in the early 1970s to take up the position of Matron at Home Place (now Voewood) which was then a convalescent home.

Eileen was obviously good at what she did because, soon after, she took on the position of Senior Nursing Officer at Kelling Hospital. She ran the hospital with efficiency and professionalism. I'm told, because I never saw it in her, that like many matrons in charge of hospitals, she had a strength of character which no doubt made many a doctor quake in their shoes!

Eileen had both determination and a self-belief that anything was possible, and if she set her mind to do something she would do it. Perhaps it was this, together with her faith, that kept her going right until the end. Eileen would walk to All Saints for the 9.15am Sunday service and she could still kneel at the altar rail for communion and get up again! Her faith in the love of God gave her both strength and comfort and she remained a faithful communicant member of our congregation, receiving holy communion in hospital just two days before she died.

She trusted in the love of God and always remained positive in her outlook on life. Eileen's life has been one of service to others, lived out in the caring profession. She regarded her nursing career as a vocation; it is what she felt she had been called to do, and she loved taking care of people. Retired from the NHS Eileen continued as to care privately for people younger than herself. She was also still volunteering at Felbrigg Hall well into her 9th decade. Eileen never thought of herself as old and in her own mind; I think she thought she was forever young! Thanks be to God for a life well lived. May she rest in peace.

LEST WE FORGET



Ray Morgan of Avenue Road sent in this montage of a plaque which, together with a scroll, was awarded to the immediate next of kin of all who died whilst serving with the British and Empire forces in the First World War. Unfortunately, owing to their ubiquity, the plaque came to be known as the 'Dead Man's Penny'.

The design features the figure of Britannia holding a laurel wreath in her left hand. Underneath the laurel wreath the serviceman's name is commemorated. (A similar plaque was later designed for servicewomen.) A growling lion stands in front of Britannia, with another much smaller lion under its feet, biting the German Imperial eagle.

Around the edge of the plaque are the words 'He died for freedom and honour'. The name on this plaque is Algernon Cecil Stephens, who was killed in action on 10th August 1917, aged 22, and is buried in Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Ypres. He has no known connection with High Kelling, or even Norfolk, but is representative of those who gave their tomorrows for our todays.

NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

John Mangan of Heathfield Road writes:

"I would like to thank all the many good people of High Kelling and one or two from slightly further afield, who sponsored me on the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride which took place on 13th September. Your generosity was astounding and together we raised even more money than last year for the Trust, half of which will go to All Saints in High Kelling with the rest going to the Trust for distribution to other churches in the County as allocated by the Trust.

The final amount collected was £1390.00, of which £1100.00 was eligible for Gift Aid, so thank you all once again."

Village Hall Diary for November 2025						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat 1 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga WH	Sun 2 13.30-15.30 HKSM Bowls WH
3 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH	4 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH	5 09.45-13.45 Full Motion Pilates WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	MH 13.15-17.30	7 09.30-11.30 HK Table Tennis WH 12.00-17.00 Wake WH 19.00-22.00 NN Model Engineers MH	8 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga WH 12.00-16.00 Beading Plus CG	9 13.30-15.30 HKSM Bowls WH
10 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH	14.00-17.00 HK	12 09.45-13.45 Full Motion Pilates WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	13 10.00-13.00 Art Lark MH 09.30-12.30 U3A German CR 13.15-17.30 HKSM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge		15 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga WH	16 13.30-15.30 HKSM Bowls WH
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Key:

WH=Whole Hall
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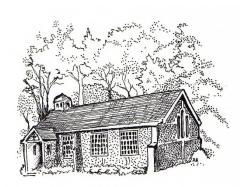
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Services at All Saints:

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,

November is very much a month of remembrance. We begin the month with the Feast of All Saints, on which we honour those who in life and often in death witnessed to their faith in Christ: those who from their place in heaven surround our steps as we journey through this life. Those with whom we join in worship and prayer; those whose Christian example serves as an inspiration and whose prayers aid us in this life.

Following this glorious feast of the Church triumphant, we commemorate those we love but see no longer. The commemoration of All Souls provides us with an opportunity to remember those with whom we have shared our lives and who now rest in the sleep of peace. We give thanks for the years we shared with them, the good we saw in them, the love we received from them and memories we treasure of them. We also pray for the courage to leave them in God's safe keeping, confident in the assurance that life in death does not end but is somehow gloriously changed.

Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November is a National Day of Remembrance when the nation rightly honours our war dead. We remember and give thanks for those who served this country in battle and made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives for our freedom. We will be forever indebted to them, and we will remember them.

November ends with the Feast of St Andrew the Apostle, when we will gather to honour this faithful follower and Apostle of Christ Jesus. This humble fisherman serves as an example of what it means to deny self, take up our cross and follow Christ.

I am greatly encouraged that the six adults currently being prepared to be confirmed will be confirmed by the Bishop of Richborough, and assistant Bishop in Norwich Diocese, the Rt. Revd Luke Irvine-Capel when he comes to the parish to celebrate our patronal festival.

November can often seem a long and dark month, yet it is marked by these great acts of remembrance it is also a reflective month in which can give thanks for all that has gone before us and with hope look forward to that which is to come.

With sincere gratitude, Fr. Howard

Dates for your diary:

FUNERAL of the late Eileen Macquire. Friday 7th November at All Saints at 12noon.

COFFEE & CHAT: Tuesday 11th November 10.30am – 12.00 at 16 Avenue Road, courtesy of Jill Baker.

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

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – ALL SOULS DAY

Monday 3rd November 6.30pm Sung Requiem Eucharist at Holt

Thursday 6th November 10am Said Requiem at All Saints

Names of departed loved ones will be remembered and candles lit in their memory. Please let Ann know if you would like someone remembered by name. All are Welcome.

FESTIVE HOLT 14th – 16th November. A weekend of Christmas shopping, street food, entertainment and market. The Parish Church will be open from 6pm – 7.30pm on Friday 14th November. Come and party with "the lighters" performing music from the 1950's-1970's. Mulled wine and mince pies available.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL EUCHARIST AT THE PARISH CHURCH: Saturday 29th November 6.30pm. This year's patronal festival will be kept on the eve of the Feast of St Andrew the Apostle, when we welcome the Bishop of Richborough, the Rt. Revd Luke Irvine-Capel to preside, preach and confirm. Supper will be served after the service, for which tickets are now on sale at £15pp.

ADVENT SUNDAY: 30TH November. Morning services as usual. Advent Carol Service at St Andrew's 6.30pm.

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. Help can be provided towards white goods, winter essentials and winter fuel allowance.

HOME VISITING: If you would welcome a visit from the parish clergy or an authorised pastoral assistant please make contact.



Standing down from the organ

Maureen Pearman of Pineheath Road writes:



As Father Howard noted in last month's Chronicle, Michael Allard has retired after many years volunteering as organist at High Kelling's All Saints Church.

A celebration was held in church on Sunday 5th October, when villagers gathered together to enjoy coffee and cake, and to thank Michael personally for his many years of service.

We wish Michael a happy 'retirement.

Autumn returns to High Kelling



Jane Fejer of Pineheath Road writes:

A new autumn arrives after the heat of the summer, ending with thunderous rain, high winds and the Harvest Moon. Early morning walks accompanied by the arrival and sounds of pink-footed geese as they fly in skeins across the open skies above the village.

The amber, yellow and red leaves of the autumnal trees mimic early sunrises with honeyed hues, as the sun rises above the fields and woods beyond. Sometimes bathed in sea mist, their crowns look like empty sails suspended above. Mast-year fruit and seeds cover the ground in abundance, to be carried by squirrels and jays to their larders for harder times to come.

Golden leaves, chestnuts and acorns crunching underfoot, we return to the village. Whilst the sun is still managing to hold on to some warmth, the woods and village now await the first wisps of icy frost. Later, as dusk falls, the tawny owls' calls and responses fill the village night as villagers settle in front of log fires.



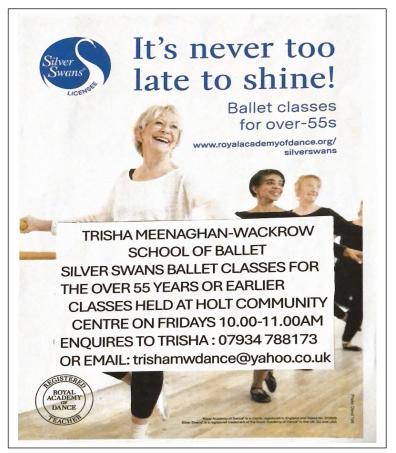
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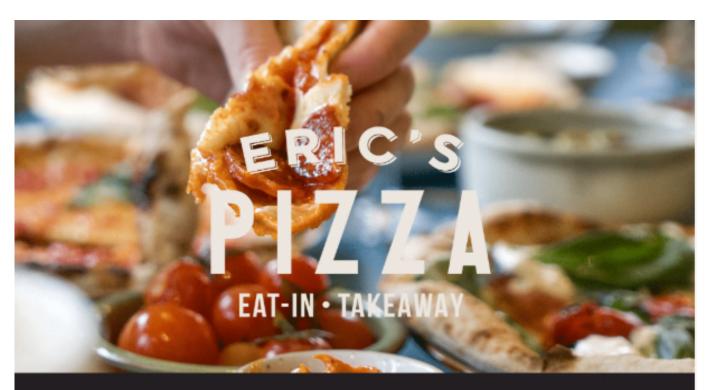
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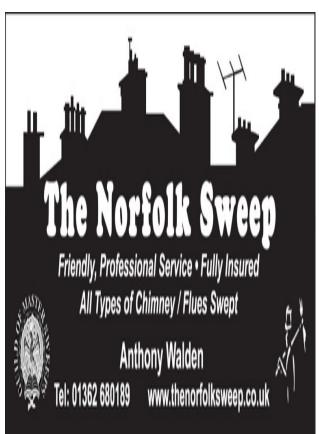












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