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Gathering in the Harvest, 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



Well, after a slow start, it turned out to be a pretty good summer in the end, didn't it? The days are cooler now and the evenings starting to draw in, but the surest sign that the Autumn is coming is the reappearance of your Parish Chronicle after our summer break. So, many thanks to our regular contributors for resuming their columns and to our distributors who go out in all weathers to deliver it to your homes.

A few issues ago, as part of our occasional features about notable villagers past and present, we published a communication received from village resident Sylvia Ackling about her late husband, the renowned artist Roger Ackling. Sylvia mentioned that the particular medium in which he worked was to use a magnifying glass to focus sunlight on discarded pieces of wood or scraps of card.

An exhibition of Roger's work is currently running at the Norwich Castle and Art Gallery until 18th September. Sufficiently intrigued by Sylvia's description of it, I went along to have a look. To be honest, I was unsure whether it was going to appeal, but in fact it proved to be fascinating.

Rather than pictures, Roger's work mainly consists of serried ranks of horizontal lines burned on to everyday items, including wooden forks and spoons, clothes pegs, garden tool handles and fruit crates, among many others. I don't think I'll ever look at an ice-cream scoop the same way again!



Okay, it may sound a bit bonkers, but why not go along and decide for yourself? You'll have to pay a modest charge to access the Castle, but this will allow you admission to all the museum as well as the exhibition itself. Happy viewing!

Cllr Duncan Henderson, Editor
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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2024
10.00 TO 12.00**

In the Village Hall

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



High Kelling Speedwatch Administrator/Organiser

After carrying out the role of High Kelling's Speedwatch Administrator/Organiser for over 15 years, Robin Johnson has decided that it is finally time to hang up the radar gun at the end of September.

The Parish Council extend their sincere thanks to Robin for his enthusiasm and dedication to the role for so many years. They are anxious to appoint a new Administrator/Organiser, in the absence of which there is a danger that the team may fold.

If you are interested in taking over the role, please contact the Chairman, Cllr Peter Rutherford, on Peter@rutherfordworld.com as soon as possible.

Robin will gladly assist in bringing whoever may be appointed up to speed (no pun intended).

From your Parish Council

Since the last edition of the Parish Chronicle, the Parish Council have held our July meeting and we have also had a separate meeting with the new Highways Engineer responsible for North Norfolk, Chris Purvis.

Consultation with Villagers

As a result of the consultation carried out in the earlier part of the Summer and the Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr Sally Monkman has collated the responses in a document circulated to all Councillors. This will be used by the Funding Subgroup and by the Parish Council when looking at new initiatives and priorities for the village.



New Pedestrian Signs

The new pedestrian signs have been installed on the A148. Unfortunately, as many residents have pointed out, they have been placed on top of existing signs and are not clearly visible to motorists passing through the village. They are also in the wrong place. We have contacted Highways and hope that they can be relocated. We have been promised additional signage to advise motorists of pedestrians crossing the road and hopefully this will be in place soon.

Village Gates

One of the village gates situated at the entrance to the village coming from the direction of Holt was damaged earlier this year. We now have confirmation from Highways that it will be replaced or repaired. The Parish Council have also been looking into the installation of new village gates on Bridge Road. Highways have agreed to this in principle and will advise the Parish Council where the gates will be best placed to achieve speed reduction. The Funding Group are looking at the options for funding this initiative.

Drains on the A148

When we met with Chris Purvis, we asked about the clearing of the drains on the A148. These used to be cleaned by Highways every year but, because of economies in Local Government spending, they are now only cleared every three years. We advised Chris that many of the drains were blocked and as a result caused water to pool during heavy rain. He will arrange for the drains to be cleared later in the year.

SAM2 Speed Camera

We have been waiting for confirmation of grant funding for a SAM2 speed camera to monitor speeds through the village. After considerable delays we have now received written confirmation of funding and, once we have agreed the locations where the camera can be sited, we will be able to order the equipment and arrange for it to be installed. Hopefully this will provide an additional deterrent to speeding motorists and will provide additional statistics on the speed of vehicles travelling through the village which we will be able to share with the police.

Bridge Road

We had many comments about the railway bridge on Bridge Road during the public consultation carried out earlier in the Summer and these concerns were raised at the meeting with Chris Purvis. However, it seems that the cost of traffic lights is prohibitive, and other options have been looked at but are not feasible. We will continue to review the situation and see if any new options for dealing with the issue can be found.

Pollinator Raised Beds

The Parish Council have agreed to purchase two large raised beds which will be sited at the village sign and the Pineheath Road junction with the A148. They will be filled with plants and bulbs which will attract pollinators and in the course of time should bring additional colour to the village. If successful, the Parish Council will look at other areas in the village where similar planters might be placed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th September at 7pm. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Parish Council website and on the Noticeboards a few days prior to the meeting. The meeting is open to the public and anyone who wishes to raise issues relating to the village is welcome to attend.

Peter Rutherford

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News from your Village Hall Committee

We hope you have had some good times over the past two months; hopefully enjoying good health and weather, at least most of the time. A few of the regular activities in the Village Hall were suspended for the summer holidays but the majority continued.



Village Hall Defibrillator

In the immediately preceding edition of the Chronicle we advised that we had chosen to seek a replacement for the defibrillator located outside the Village Hall: we are pleased to let you know a replacement is on order and should be installed in September.

Village Tabletop Sale

At the Tabletop Sale in July we sold some of the items held by the Management Committee, and some villagers took advantage of the opportunity to pass on some of their possessions, including plants. A good day was had by all present. Our thanks to everyone who took part. After expenses, the sum of £96.30 was raised. Further opportunities to clear the remainder of the items held by the Management Committee will be sought.

Village Hall Fencing

In recent months there have been two motoring incidents in the Village Hall car park, which meant repairs had to be made including the need for four new fence panels; some concrete furniture also had to be replaced. These actions highlighted the need for all 42 fences to be painted, and this work was completed early in August, with the addition of reflective markers on both the building and the majority of the fences.

Village Hall Management Committee

We have re-scheduled our next meeting to 27th September due to other commitments of some trustees. Our following meeting will be held on 8th November.

We have vacancies for trustees and committee members. Specifically, we have two officer posts to fill: Bookings Secretary and Website Manager. For the time being,

these posts are held by Peter Rutherford and Glenn Houchell respectively in addition to their other duties.

If you think you may be interested in joining the committee and would like to know more about what's involved, please contact Glenn Houchell (Hall Secretary) on 07941 647165 / glenn.houchell@gmail.com.

Seventies Club

After almost six years of being the administrator for the Seventies Club, Alan Mason has informed us that he will be handing over by December, although an earlier handover can be accommodated. We are very grateful to Alan for taking on this task from the outset and look forward to a somebody volunteering for the role.

Constant Filtered Hot Water Facility

We are pleased to let you know that following our decision to replace the hot water machine a brand new, commercial constant filtered hot water machine has been installed in the kitchen.

Grounds Improvements

Regretfully, plans to improve the appearance of the Village Hall frontage and grounds have not been finalised but we are hopeful of doing so and informing you in the next edition. It is not too late to let us know your views or ideas.

Future Events

Friday 13th September - Pub Night (19:00 – 22:00). Come along and have a chat with fellow villagers and friends at the Pub Night in the Village Hall. We look forward to meeting you then or on future Pub Nights.

Monday 16th September - *Bingo!* (14.00 – 16.00). This is an easy-going and sociable event with several chances to win modest cash prizes.

Wednesday 18th September - Coffee Morning (10:00 – 12:00). Do come along and have a go at a fun quiz, or just have a relaxing period with fellow villagers over with a hot drink with cake. Cakes always welcome!

Friday 27th September - Pub Night (19:00 – 22:00). Second Pub Night of the month in the Village Hall. We look forward to meeting you there.

Seventies Draw Club – August and September Winners

1st Prize (£25) - Liz Usher / Sean Moore
2nd Prize (£15) - Sean Doran / Graham Harris
3rd Prize (£10) - John Mangan / Ian Theakston

Congratulations to all winners.

Colin Kemp

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High Kelling: Our Green and Biodiverse Village

Cllr Susan Rutherford writes:

The Parish Council is delighted to report that with the benefit of some funding provided by Cllr Eric Vardy with support from Martin Horlock, Environmental Manager at Norfolk County Council, we are creating two pollinator sites at Pineheath Road, near the Parish Council noticeboard and village sign. The pollinator beds will be 3m x 2m in size, created in early September and then be planted up with bulbs and pollinator plants.



The Parish Council wishes to continue to provide support with the rural aspects of the village and biodiversity. We have registered the sites with the Royal Horticultural Society and arranged for the use of their 'Plants for Pollinators' logo.

We would like to extend our thanks in particular to Cllr Eric Vardy who, by supporting many Parish Councils as well as our own, has played a key part in developing and progressing work that will support biodiversity in North Norfolk for many years to come.

If anyone has any plants they would wish to donate, any ideas or thoughts on the type of plants they would like to see planted please do not hesitate to get in touch with Cllr Susan Rutherford on susan@rutherford.world.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2024						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH
2 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH	3 10.00-13.00 Quelle Art MH 10.00-12.00 WI Committee Meeting CR	4 09.45-12.15 Full Motion Pilates WH 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	5 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	6 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 19.00-22.00 NN Model Engineering MH	7 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH 12.00-16.00 Beading Plus! CG	8 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH
9 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 14.00-17.00 U3A Bridge MH 19.00-22.00 HK Garden Club WH	10 10.00-11.00 Quelle Art MH	11 10.00 VH Coffee Morning MH 13.15-15.15 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Holt Bridge MH	12 09.00-12.00 Art Lark MH 09.00-12.00 U3A German CR 13.15-17.30 HK SM Bowls WH 19.00-22.00 Abacus Bridge MH	13 09.30-12.30 HK Table Tennis WH 19.00-22.00 VH Pub Night	14 09.30-11.00 Simply Yoga MH	15 13.30-15.30 HK SM Bowls WH
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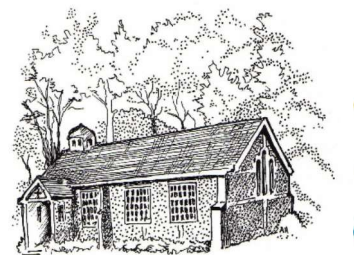
Key: WH=Whole Hall; MH=Main Hall; CG=Constance Grey Room; **Red Font**=Trustee-led events.

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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

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

Dear Friends,

Introducing our 'Authorised Pastoral Assistants'

Any community will undoubtedly be judged by how it cares for its members. The covid pandemic and recent events on the streets of our cities reveal how well or how badly people care. When communities work well, they pull together to care for people; but when communities break down, they can spiral downwards out of control into conflict.

Jesus gave us two commandments. The first to love God. The second to love our neighbour as ourselves. As a community of faith, we try to take both seriously. We try to be faithful in worship and prayer and take seriously our responsibility to love one another and not just members of the Church.

I think it was a previous Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, who said that the Church was the only organisation that existed for its non-members! As the parish priest, I strive to serve everyone in the parish, to be there, when and if needed, for those people of faith and those who profess no faith.



Yet I can't do it alone, and so recently the Bishop of Norwich has authorised two lay people to share in the church's pastoral work in the parish. After completing their training and safeguarding checks, Susan Pearcey and Darren Bunyan were commissioned last month to help the church care for the people of the parish.



Susan's main priority will be as a parish visitor to the new care homes in the parish. Darren, will be out and about visiting people in their homes, offering them a lift to Church on Thursday morning, accompanying them to the community café and helping where he can.

Of course, we may not always get it right. Some in our community may feel the Church does not care, that they are neglected or forgotten, that some will undoubtedly fall through the net. When that does happen, all I ask is that you do not judge us too harshly and give us the opportunity to put things right. If you or anyone you know would appreciate a pastoral visit from either me or our pastoral assistants, then please in the first instance let me know. Together we can continue to build and sustain a community that cares.

Kindest regards,

Fr. Howard

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

COFFEE & CHAT: Tuesday 10th September at No 6 Pineheath Road, courtesy of Ellie Humphries.

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

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS: 12th to 14th September, 10.30am to 4.30pm each day at Holt Parish Church. An exhibition of quilts, embroidery and needlework. Refreshments available. In aid of the redecoration appeal.

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.



I am again organising this years Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on **Friday 27th 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 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

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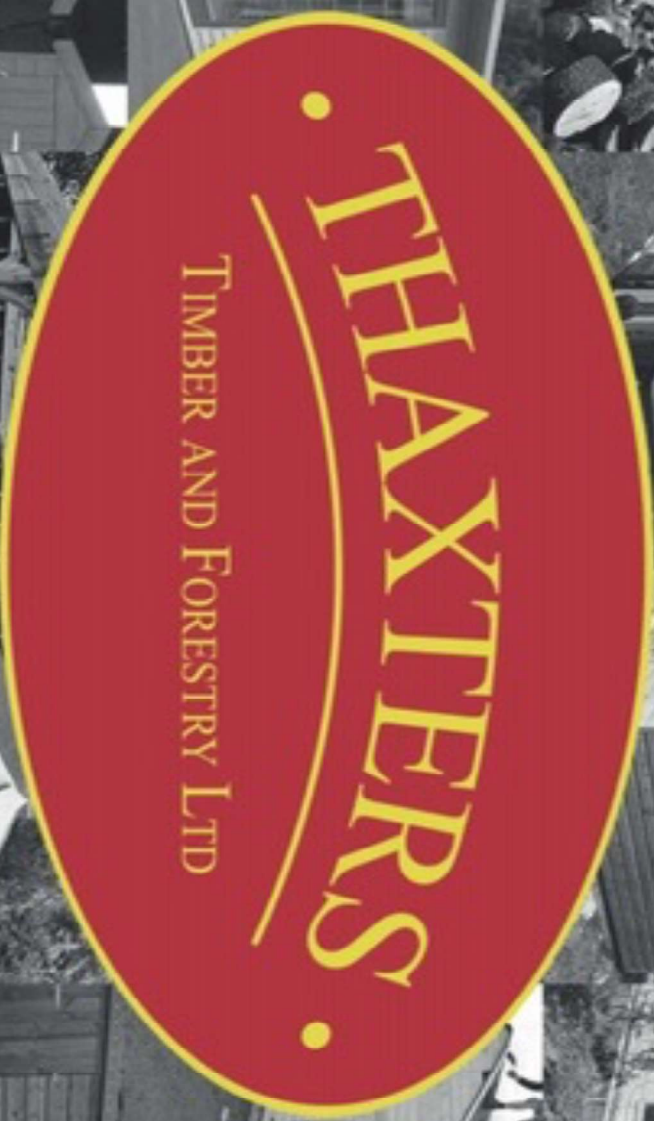
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