



Horningsea Village sign.



Events

Craft for All in Horningsea Church

Sunday 11th August 14.00 -15.30, St Peter's Church

Come along and have a go at clay modelling, painting pebbles, making something with sea shells, decorating boxes Crafts suitable for everyone however old or young you are. The curate, Sharon Byrne is organising the afternoon which will include stories and snacks. No need to book – just turn up with your imagination and creative ideas.

Fen Edge Voices will be singing madrigals on the river

Sunday Aug 11th, 18:15, Church End House garden

Bring chairs and picnic

In the church if wet.

Venue: the river bank at Church End house, behind St Peter's.

Zephus recorder quartet

Sunday 18th Aug, 19:00, St Peter's Church, Horningsea

Music from ancient to modern, including pieces or arrangements of music by Holst, Bach, Lawes, Telemann, Sieg with some folk tune arrangements and readings

Retiring collection in aid of the church

St Peters Church services for August

Fen Ditton Church is closed for urgent repairs which means all services are in Horningsea or Teversham.

Large areas of plaster suddenly fell from the top of an archway onto the font in Fen Ditton church. The church is closed while investigations and repairs take place. For the next few weeks the church services have been moved to Horningsea and Teversham. The pattern is:

- Sunday 4 August 10.30 Horningsea
- Sunday 11 August 10.30 Teversham
- Sunday 18 August 10.30 Teversham
- Sunday 25 August 10.30 Horningsea.

It is hoped that Fen Ditton church may be safe to use by September.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5258>

Bell ringing in Horningsea Church during August

Fen Ditton bell ringers are going to have their weekly practice in Horningsea until FD church is repaired. They will be here on Monday evenings 7.30 – 9pm

- Monday 5th August
- Monday 19th August
- Monday 26th August

The situation will be reviewed at the beginning of September.

Horningsea & Landbeach bell ringers will be practising here on the second Wednesday of August (14 August), second Wednesday of September (11 September) etc. 19:00 – 20.30 as usual.

The Plough and Fleece - Summer events

Monthly Supper Club - The first Wednesday of each month we will host an evening of food and drink from different cuisines. **Wednesday 7th August** will be French themed. Please email or call to book a table.

Weekly Worker's Wind Down - Every Friday from 12th July, join us in the bar for some complimentary food & snacks! Food is on us when you join us for a drink!

Beer Festival - 23rd - 25th August - Join us for a weekend full of food, drink & live music! Bands include - Run for Cover, Stone Cold Stumble & Jonno Stanford.

- Fri - Run for Cover 7-10pm
- Sat - Stone Cold Stumble 7-10pm
- Sun - Jonno Stanford - 4-7pm

<https://ploughandfleece.co.uk/>

Upcoming Events

HRA Dates for Diary 2024

- Saturday 28th September 14:00 **Apple Pressing**
- Sunday 3rd November **Bonfire Night**
- Sunday 1st December **Christmas Tree Lighting**
- Monday 27th January 2025 **HRA AGM**
- Saturday 8th February 2025 from 18.30 **International Evening**

Watch the village website for the latest updates throughout the year:

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5180>

Horningsea Parish Council meetings for 2024

- 25th September, 19:30 Village hall
- 27th November, 19:30 Village hall

<https://www.horningsea.net/community-parish-council>

Reports

Please send in photos or reports of any village events to horningseanews@gmail.com

Horningsea Parish Council - Report

Cllr Will Neale, Chair, Horningsea Parish Council

Speeding

On the 20th we met with a Superintendent from the Cambridgeshire Police to discuss how they can work with the Parish Council (PC) to address the speeding issues we are seeing in the village.

As a result of this meeting, we are looking to re-establish the Community Speed Watch program, however, the Police do not currently have a Community Speed Watch coordinator so once this role is filled, we can look at getting this up and running.

As some of you may know Horningsea was the first village in Cambridgeshire to install an Auto Speedwatch camera and since then there has been a growing number of villages fitting these cameras. We have had varying amounts of success with the Police as to how they use the data collected. Cambridgeshire Police have confirmed that they are looking to adopt the Auto Speedwatch system on a wider basis. Before they are able to do this they will have to go through extensive consultation.

The data from our village camera shows for the period between the 28th of April to the 28th of July 2024, 4,155 verified speeding incidents, with the maximum speed recorded at 68mph. We are only logging vehicles travelling over 37mph. This is a static camera and only records a single direction of traffic.



My AutoSpeedWatch Persistent

Persistent speeders

This page lists vehicles that have multiple verified speeding incidents over a specified period (defaulting to past 30 days), and therefore presents stronger evidence of behavioural speeding than an individual record. Unverified incidents are not shown on this page.

Show 30 vehicles, and order by # incidents, then speed, then # incidents for All locations between 2024-04-28 and 2024-07-28 Submit

BW14YFF 30 times Max: 52	YC72DPV 20 times Max: 47	AE20HRF 20 times Max: 44	AF11YCK 20 times Max: 41
AU67VGR 14 times Max: 45	LB54BVO 13 times Max: 48	HG61VYJ 13 times Max: 45	AE73VGN 13 times Max: 45
PO63CYE 13 times Max: 44	AJ65KKO 13 times Max: 41	LY14RUA 12 times Max: 46	FE61NTK 12 times Max: 43
KM62SBY 12 times Max: 43	S30RCP 12 times Max: 42	RE62CVF 11 times Max: 45	RE69XMS 11 times Max: 44
SD64CEV 9 times Max: 51	LO17VZZ 9 times Max: 49	WO11EYE 9 times Max: 46	DY70WDG 9 times Max: 45
LG61ZPJ 9 times Max: 44	WR22UBK 9 times Max: 43	DR07RGN 9 times Max: 42	AO13YDA 9 times Max: 39
FV59UZN 8 times Max: 52	J8YPT 8 times Max: 45	RJ21DYC 8 times Max: 45	SL23HBK 8 times Max: 43
	YJ58MPO 8 times Max: 43	LM20EFO 8 times Max: 43	

Top 30 persistent speeders - 28th of April to the 28th of July 2024

The data from the Auto Speedwatch system has highlighted that vehicles from a local company have been regularly speeding through the village. Consequently, we have made contact with them to highlight this to them. As a result of speaking to this company we have seen a positive result in stopping these vehicles from speeding.

In addition, we are working with Cllr Graham Cone who in turn is working with the Taxi Licensing Manager to write to licensed taxi drivers and warn them they have been caught on our Auto Speedwatch camera. They will be told that the speeding report will be kept on file, and further reports may lead to formal action being taken against them.

Laney Meadow

As discussed at the last Parish Council meeting Quy Estates/ Dakin Estates have put forward the idea of a development on Laney Meadow. They have asked the Parish Council to respond accordingly with our views. As such we have set up a brief survey to gauge the feelings of the Village.

The link to the survey is below for residents to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K5PMZBY>

Please note we will be closing the survey on Monday 9th September and responding to Quy Estates/ Dakin Estates thereafter.

Anglia Water – sewage leaks on St John’s Lane

Given the ongoing sewage discharges that occur at the bottom of St John’s Lane, the PC held an onsite meeting with Anglia Water. From this meeting, we understand that the cause of the blockages which manifest as a discharge from the drainage cover at the bottom of St John’s Lane is due to poorly designed pipework at the pump station on Dock Lane.

We are pushing Anglia Water to now address this and undertake the required upgrade work on the pump station to stop this happening in the future.

The current update received from the Chief Executive of Anglian Water is as below. The PC have and are continuing to chase Anglian Water to ensure this is dealt with as soon as possible.

“The works have not yet been prioritised for delivery. The issue was reviewed against other submissions, which are looked at on a case-by-case basis, taking into account risk and severity.

As a result, we have arranged for this to now be escalated through a different work stream and again, this will go to a review meeting within the next two weeks and I will send you an update as soon as we are able to following that meeting.

With regards to cleaning the line, we do have a Planned Preventative Maintenance (PPM) in place which is a 2-year wet well plan. This was last completed on 28 January 2023 and is next due in January 2025.

I can also confirm that our Operational Risk Reduction Manager has looked at the three closest sensors to the pumping station and has confirmed that all of these sites have a Pollution Driver which means any alert that needs to be raised, will be sent on a 4 hours Level Of Service basis to the field technicians to attend.”

Baits Bite Lock

At the PC meeting held on the 24th of July, the Chair of the Conservators of the River Cam was asked for an update as to the current closure of Baits Bite lock, we were directed to the current update as on their website. The first paragraph is below:

“Over recent weeks, since we first closed the locks, the Conservators have sought further expert reviews regarding the threats to the historic lock island structures, the impact of opening the locks on the structures and the nature of the work required to stabilise them. Based on this expert advice and in view of the increasing movement at the lock islands, particularly at Baits Bite, Conservators consider that in the interests of public safety we cannot justify opening the locks or lock islands until the lock islands have been stabilised. We recognise that this will cause great concern and inconvenience for powered boat users. The lock islands are being monitored regularly in the meantime. In the coming weeks additional information about the repairs will be clarified and this will be communicated as soon as possible.”

<https://www.camconservancy.org/general-5>

Greater Cambridgeshire partnership – cycleway and associated road calming measures

Below is the current update we have from the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) response to an email sent to them by the PC. Should we receive any further information we will update accordingly.

"Thank you for writing to me, I would like to assure you that we are very keen to complete the project as quickly as we can, and we do understand your frustrations.

In line with the postponement of works, the event with the school you mentioned has been deferred too.

The combination of a wider path and slower speed limits on Horningsea Road will improve safety along the road. But I recognise the 20mph limits in the villages will be more important to parishioners.

We aim to be back on site as soon as the other maintenance works are completed and will finish the remaining works in Horningsea Village (installing traffic islands, buildout, street lighting, 20mph signage) and Fen Ditton (installing belisha beacons) in one go, once we have a road space permit to do so.

Our board agreed an 'early works' programme in September 2022, which aimed to accelerate delivery of some sections of the 12 greenways. The Horningsea Road path being one of those schemes. This means that works are delivered as the opportunity arises around other planned works in the area, using the same contractors, rather than booking the entire project in in one go, which can take a lot longer. As such we've been able to work on detailed designs for the latter sections while construction was underway on the path, rather than wait for the whole scheme's design to be completed.

While this means we have been able to complete the path well ahead of any other greenway in the region, the remaining elements are now in the queue behind other essential maintenance works in the local area, so as not to disrupt the road network too significantly or overstretch our contractors. We will of course inform you and council members as soon as we have a date confirmed for the remaining works.

I hope this answers your questions and offers some reassurance."

Horningsea: Past and Present

Six Inches of Soil book launched by Horningsea residents

Co-edited by Horningsea resident Priya Kalia and based upon the film Director by partner Colin Ramsay, *Six Inches of Soil* the companion book is the inspiring story of British farmers standing up to the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food. This approach includes healing the soil while benefiting our health and providing for local communities.

But how has it come to this point in our history that we hardly value the food we eat and the soil that it's grown in? How is it that we care so little how food production

impacts animals and the environment? Industrial farming has transformed Britain's rural landscapes, increasing crop yields and reducing hunger. Yet this has all come at a terrible ecological cost. It is 'both a miracle and a disaster'.

Six Inches of Soil is a story of courage, vision and hope. This book is not just for farmers. Reconnecting with our food, and regenerating our soils, ourselves and our communities benefits everyone and needs everyone to be involved. We want to inspire farmers with the confidence and practical know-how to adopt regenerative farming approaches. We want to give consumers the impetus and information to rethink their food choices.

This book and the film are closely related but stand on their own. In these pages you will find detailed chapters on each of the three farmers that provide replicable case studies and inspiration. The book's stories are inspiring, guiding and frustrating. Allow yourself to be inspired, to be guided and to turn your frustration in to action. _Half of the profits from book sales will go to the community interest company driving the follow up impact campaign._

Order on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Six-Inches-Soil-Communities-Regenerative/dp/1917159005>

The book follows the successful screening of the film at St Peter's Church in Horningsea on 2nd June, with a Q&A with Colin at the end.

Volunteers wanted: Beaches Community Car Service

Do you drive? Could you spare a few hours per week?

The Beaches Community Car Service is a local voluntary car service based in Waterbeach providing transport for people from the Waterbeach, Milton, Landbeach, Chittering and Horningsea area who have limited transport options.

We need more volunteer drivers and co-ordinators

Could you help?

For more information please ring 07807 875878 and leave a message

New Life, the Parish Magazine

New Life is the Parish Magazine produced by the churches in Horningsea, Fen Ditton and Teversham. It costs £5 a year to subscribe and ensures you are kept up to date with whatever is going on in the Three Parishes. If you don't already get a copy let one of the Church Wardens know and you can be added to the list!

Fen Ditton Community Primary School - news

Term dates

- The School year (Summer term) ended on Friday 19th July.
- The next School year (Autumn term) starts on Wednesday 4th September.

New Executive Headteacher appointment

Anglian Learning Trust appointed Mrs Emily Thompson to the role of Executive Headteacher of Fen Ditton Community Primary School and Marleigh Primary Academy. Mrs Thompson will be in place with effect from 4 November 2024. Mrs Thompson has extensive primary leadership experience including previously leading across two schools as an executive headteacher for a trust based in Buckinghamshire.

Supporting Miss Thompson will be Miss Charlotte James, Mrs Cara Hearn and Mrs Alice Parker to the positions of Executive Deputy Headteachers working across both Fen Ditton Community Primary School and Marleigh Primary Academy. As part of their role, Miss James will be responsible for SEND and Mrs Hearn and Mrs Parker, who will be sharing the full-time position, will be responsible for the curriculum.

Parking outside Fen Ditton Primary school

It is now getting very dangerous to park outside Fen Ditton Primary school - traffic is increasing and the road works keep starting and stopping. There have been a number of near misses as cars try to do three-point turns before or after dropping children. Teachers now have to stand outside and manoeuvre bollards to make sure there is space for "blue badge holders" - putting themselves at risk of being injured. A request has been made to Highways Dept (Cambridgeshire County Council) for the lay-by to be designated "Blue Badge holders only" but so far the request has not received a positive response. The school therefore asks all parents/carers to park in one of the side roads and walk the last few hundred metres, leaving the lay-by for blue badge holders.

Horningsea Planning

Active Travel consultation - Cambs County Council

A consultation was launched by the Highways & Transport service at Cambridgeshire County Council regarding proposals for an 'Active Travel Hierarchy'.

The Active Travel Hierarchy looks to introduce a way of prioritising maintenance activities to better reflect the use of the highway network by walkers, cyclists and other non-motorised traffic. This will support the Council's Active Travel Strategy and its ambition to make walking or cycling the natural choice for shorter journeys, in turn helping to reduce road traffic congestion, improve journey times, and contributing to carbon reduction in the County.

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/active-travel-hierarchy>

General

Public Calendar of Horningsea events

There's a public calendar to share Horningsea events. This is a busy little village and it can be hard to keep track of all the different events. Anybody can view the calendar with this link:

<https://goo.gl/4592dL>

You can also add it to your own calendar directly using the following link:

<https://goo.gl/MrNWfg>

How to submit news to the Herald

The only guideline for news is for events and articles that are of direct relevance to the inhabitants of Horningsea. The Herald does not accept advertising, but one off "news items" may be used to publicise local businesses. To submit news items either email "horningseanews@gmail.com" or submit them via Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/horningseanews>.

All villagers are invited to send in recipes, stories past and present about Horningsea, photos of the village past and present, your hobbies! If it interests the editorial team then it gets published!

You must submit by the 2nd or 4th weekend of the month, the Herald being published before the first and third weekends of the month. Submission of any news items implies consent to any editing and the editorial team's decision is always final. **Always send as plain text via email.** Do NOT send formatted documents. Do NOT send articles as PDF or Word files. Stay under 700 words, preferably less. Attach any photos to the email. If you send in a PDF or image of a poster/flyer then attach a paragraph of text to go into the Herald as well.