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www.horningsea.net

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horningseanews@googlemail.com

Events

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday 1st December at 18:00, Jubilee Gardens

The month of December starts the festivities for Christmas so villagers come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine or two with mince pies coupled with the lighting of the Christmas Trees in the Jubilee Gardens on Sunday 1st December at 18:00.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5350>

Traditional Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 8th December at 18.00, St Peter's Church

The annual, traditional Carol Service will be on Sunday 8 December at 18.00. The church is filled with hundreds of candles, the oil lamps are lit and the electric lights are switched off. The service begins with one child singing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City, other children join in the second verse and then the congregation sing. There will be a couple of new readings but the usual Bible readings tell the story of the birth of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. The musical Young People of Horningsea will play a special Carol and Fen Edge singers will sing but mostly the well known carols will be sung by the congregation. Children carry lanterns in procession to the crib. If you have never been you should try to come this year - dress up warm and arrive early to get a seat as some years it has been standing room only.

Gifts of mince pies to share with a hot drink after the service are always welcome!

Christmas Services at St Peter's Church Horningsea

Traditional Candlelit Carol Service - Sunday 8th December at 18.00

A Family Crib Service - Saturday 21st December at 15.00

Families of all ages are invited to this short service when the children help build the crib as each of the characters make their way to the stable. Children can come dressed as someone from the Nativity – it doesn't matter if we have 4 Mary's or half a dozen Wise People!

Christmas Day - 25th December at 10.30

A Family Holy Communion with Carols to celebrate Christmas Day.

Christmas services

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5354>

The full list of services is on the village website

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5397>

- Sunday 1 December: 10.30 Holy Communion
- Wednesday 18 December: 20.30 Compline

Upcoming Events

HRA Dates for Diary 2024

- Monday 27th January 2025 **HRA AGM**
- Saturday 8th February 2025 from 18.30 **International Evening**

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

Horningsea Parish Council meetings for 2024

- Next meetings are in 2025

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

Advent Windows in Horningsea

Once again Liz Harrison has organised volunteers in Horningsea to decorate a window in their house for Advent. Make sure you walk around the village to spot each day's new window from Sunday!



Reports

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

HRA Bonfire and Fireworks: Photos

(Photos - Mark Harrison) More photos <https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5356>



Fen Ditton Community Primary School - news

Term dates

AUTUMN TERM 2024	SPRING TERM 2025	SUMMER TERM 2025
Term Starts – Weds 4 Sept School Ends – Fri 25 Oct Half Term - 28 Oct – 1 Nov School Starts – Tues 5 Nov Term Ends – Fri 20 Dec	Term Starts – Tues 7 Jan School Ends – Fri 14 Feb Half Term - 17 Feb - 21 Feb School Starts – Mon 24 Feb Term Ends – Fri 4 April	Term Starts – Wed 23 April May BH – Mon 5 May School Ends – Friday 23 May Half Term - 26 May – 30 May School Starts – Tues 3 June Term Ends – Wed 23 July

Parking outside Fen Ditton Primary school

School has respectfully requested that only parents who have and can display a blue badge park in the lay-by mornings and afternoons, unless you have prior permission from the school.

They also want to make all parents aware that MUST NOT block the school gates, this includes the gate to the school car park and the gate to the playground, as these must be accessible at all times.

Notes

The Trustees of Horningsea Parish Charities invite you to contact them via horningseaparishcharities@googlegroup.com if you are in need of financial support at this time of year, or if you are worried about your friends or neighbours who might be struggling to pay for heating or food. All requests for assistance are dealt with in confidence.

Domestic Abuse at Christmas

If you are living in an abusive home, then Christmas time can be a particularly frightening time. You can get help from the Domestic Abuse Support Service on 0300 373 1073 or National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247 or email www.cambsdasv.org.uk

Building work at the Church

Plans are afoot to repair the floor in the north side of the church and to make the access to the church tower safe. It is a slow process getting the architects specifications, a Faculty (permission from the Diocese) and then find the money to pay for the work. The church council will be applying for grants but may also be asking for help in fundraising. Offers of help will be happily received!

Horningsea Planning

Solar Farm proposal

A proposal has just been put onto the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Portal for a large solar farm behind the site for the proposed Sewage works relocation.

[Planning Application](#)

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!

Cam Conservancy statement on Baits Bite and Jesus Lock

The Cam Conservancy issued a further update on the closure of the locks on the 7th November. Note: the chair of the Conservancy said during a Horningsea Parish Council meeting (27th Nov) that the opening date of April/May 2025 was very optimistic. A further update is expected soon.

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

7th November 2024

The Baits Bite Lock Island stabilisation project is now nearing the end of the initial planning and preparation phase. It is hoped that the Enabling Work will begin within the next few weeks allowing for all the necessary information to be gathered to create the detailed plans and timetable for the stabilisation phase.

Recognising the need of the boat users to understand the timeframes concerned with this work, as much information as possible has been sought from the project management team and contractors involved. Conservators have been reminded that these estimated dates may change for a number of reasons, including agreement of the scope of work, costs, the weather, and the environment.

At the moment it is anticipated that the results of the Enabling work will have been assessed and incorporated into the scope of works December 2024/January 2025 time, and that the Stabilisation work is expected to begin around February 2025. It is currently estimated that the stabilisation work will take between 8 - 11 weeks depending on environmental circumstances, culminating in the monitoring phase when it is hoped that the lock will be opened again for navigational movement of vessels April/May 2025. Subject to change.

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.