



## Events

### ***Horningsea Residents Association AGM***

Join us for the Horningsea Residents Association AGM at 19:00 on Monday 27th January in the Village Hall.

We're the social heart of our village, and we need YOU! Find out more about how we bring the community together with fun events like Village Day, International Night and the Fabulous Easter Egg Bingo.

Want to help organise our next big bash? Come along to the AGM and share your thoughts!

We're especially keen to welcome new committee members. If you're a friendly face who loves to have fun and bring people together, we'd love for you to join us.

All residents are welcome. See you there!

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5441>

## St Peter's Church

### ***St Peter's Church - service times for January/February***

- Sunday 12 January at 16:00 - **Village Service**
- Wednesday 15 January at 20.30 - **Late evening service of Compline**
- Sunday 26 January at 10.30 - **United Parishes Holy Communion**
- Sunday 9 February at 16:00 - **Village Service**
- Sunday 16 February at 10.30 - **Holy Communion**
- Wednesday 19 February at 20.30 - **Late evening service of Compline**

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5446>

## ***Thank you***

St Peter's Church says "thank you" to everyone who contributed to the Services in Church over Christmas

To all those who helped decorate the church, who donated the tree, who lit (and blew out) the candles, to those who played, sang and read at the Carol Service. It was lovely to have the church so full -- back to pre-pandemic levels! Thank you also to those who came to the Crib Service and on Christmas Day. Thank you to all of our clergy team who worked so hard at all three churches. Altogether about 200 people came to the services in Horningsea Church over Christmas!

## **The Plough and Fleece - Events for January**

**// SUPPER CLUB //  LEBANESE **

Wednesday 8th January

Arrive at 19:00. Dinner to be served at 19:30

** 'Early' BURNS NIGHT **


Saturday 18th January

Arrive 18:30. Dinner to be served 19:00

To make a booking please call or email us !

01223860795 [bookings@ploughandfleece.co.uk](mailto:bookings@ploughandfleece.co.uk)

We will be enjoying the traditions a week early in order for our incredible, [world famous piper Andrew Parsons](#) to be able to join us for the evening!

Make sure you have booked your table to avoid disappointment - it's going to be a great night filled with haggis, neeps & tatties, reciting of poetry & some fantastic Bagpiping!! 

## **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**

### ***Have Your Say on a Sustainable Village Initiative!***

The Horningsea Parish Council is exploring an exciting opportunity to bring eco-friendly, sustainable resources to our community—and we want your input! As part of this initiative, we're considering applying for a grant to fund two innovative additions that could benefit villagers of all ages.

#### **What's Being Proposed?**

##### **An Electric Cargo Bike**

Imagine an easy, eco-conscious way to get around the village! This electric cargo bike would be ideal for parents transporting children, villagers running errands, or anyone looking to reduce their carbon footprint. Best of all, it would be available for all residents to use.

##### **Solar Panels and Battery Storage**

To power the bike sustainably, we propose installing solar panels and a battery storage system. This step aligns with our ongoing commitment to achieving net zero emissions, ensuring the bike is always charged in an environmentally friendly way.

#### **Where Would the Bike Be Stored?**

The bike would be conveniently housed in the cupboard to the left of the Jubilee Gardens toilets. A ramp will also be installed to ensure easy access for all users.

#### **We Need Your Feedback!**

Do you think these additions would benefit our village? Would you use an electric cargo bike? Your thoughts are crucial to shaping this project and ensuring it meets the needs of our community.

Please share your views by emailing us at [clerk@horningsea.net](mailto:clerk@horningsea.net)

### ***Horningsea Parish Council meetings for 2025***

- Next meetings are in 2025

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

## Reports

Please send in photos or reports of any village events to [horningseanews@gmail.com](mailto:horningseanews@gmail.com)

### *Advent Windows in Horningsea*

Once again Liz Harrison organised volunteers in Horningsea to decorate a window in their house for Advent.





Full photos on the website <https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5413>

## ***Horningsea Parish Charities***

A big thank you to Emily Kitt for fundraising, preparing and delivering hampers around the village before Christmas. This was part of Emily's Duke Of Edinburgh award project which she did in liaison with the Horningsea Parish Charities. It meant we were able to deliver more Christmas gifts than in previous years. Thank you also to the businesses who made donations to the Parish Charities and to the HRA for donating the money collected at the Tree Lighting. The Parish Charity funds are available all year round to assist anyone in the village who finds themselves in need of assistance -- whether it is because your boiler has broken down, or because there is an event at school you would like your child to attend or some other crisis has arisen. Please let the Trustees know

[horningsea@parishcharities.co.uk](mailto:horningsea@parishcharities.co.uk)



## ***Duke of Edinburgh Hampers***

Emily Kitt made and distributed 32 hampers to residents in the village just before Christmas as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award. They were funded by Horningsea Parish Charities and generous donations from those who came to her fundraising coffee morning.

## ***The Mary Muhr award for contribution to the cultural life of Horningsea***

Every year the Church Council makes an award to the person in the village who has made an outstanding contribution to the cultural life of the village. In 2024 the award went to Bill Parker in recognition of the way in which he contributed by his paintings of the village (and wider areas), his art classes, making notice boards, helping to build the Village Pavilion 25 years ago .... And his genial and generous approach to every question he was asked. Bill has decided to move into a residential home and so it was with a degree of sadness that we presented the award to him but along with everyone

else in the village we wish him well. He plans to set up painting classes in his new home and no doubt we will hear of an exhibition of work in a few months!

## [Fen Ditton Community Primary School - news](#)

### *Term dates*

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2024</b>	<b>SPRING TERM 2025</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM 2025</b>
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](mailto: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.

### *Friends of Horningsea Church*

This is the time of year to make plans! One suggestion the Friends of Horningsea Church are exploring is the possibility of organising an Open Gardens weekend in the summer to help raise funds for the work that will commence soon to repair the floor and access to the Church Tower. Older residents will remember the success of the last such event. If you would like to get involved in helping with an "Open Gardens" event please contact Helen Skaer on [hs17@cam.ac.uk](mailto:hs17@cam.ac.uk).

### *Bell Ringing in Horningsea Church*

Bell Ringing practice will be on the second Wednesday of each month from 19.00 -- 20.30. Why not come along on Wednesday 8th January and have a try? If you cannot make it that day then email [blegallez@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blegallez@yahoo.co.uk) and ask Barbara about other practice sessions. New Year -- New Hobby!!

## ***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!

## ***NHS Winter Vaccinations***

NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough is urging anyone eligible for their COVID-19, flu, RSV or pneumococcal vaccines to make sure they've had them this winter. Please check if you, or someone you care for, is eligible - each vaccine has a slightly different eligibility criteria as follows:

- Flu vaccine -- for anyone aged 65 or over (including those who will be 65 by 31 March 2025); have certain long-term health conditions; are pregnant; live in a care home; are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance; or live with someone who has a weakened immune system.
- COVID-19 vaccine -- for anyone aged 65+; those aged between six months and 64 years who are at increased risk of getting seriously ill due to a health condition or treatment; people who live in a care home for older adults, and those who are pregnant; and frontline health and care workers.
- RSV vaccine -- for anyone who is pregnant, or aged 75-79.
- Pneumococcal vaccine -- for anyone 65 or over (only one dose is needed).

To find out more about these vaccines and how to book them, or find a walk-in clinic, please visit The Vaccinators website

<https://www.cpics.org.uk/the-vaccinators>

## ***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 19th December.

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

*19 December 2024*

*A number of issues, not the least of which is the complexity of the project, mean that we have not yet been able to finalise the contract with the principal contractor. This is delaying the start of works despite the contractor being otherwise ready to begin, but at this stage the expected date of completion remains May/June 2025.*

*The Conservators are pleased to report that we have been working closely with the local authorities to bring additional expertise and practical help into the Conservancy from 1st January 2025.*

## ***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.