



Horningsea Herald

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www.horningsea.net

To contribute to the Herald, please contact the editor by the 25th of the month at:

horningseanews@googlemail.com

Events

Fish n Chip Bingo

Friday March 28th at 18:30 in the Village Hall.

The eyes are down and the chips are up! Horningsea Residents Association are delighted to be running what is always a really fun evening of Fish n Chip Bingo on Friday 15 March.

Doors open at 18.30 for you to buy your books, dabber and place your order for fish & chips, Veggie option available. Find your table ready for eyes down at 19:00. Easter Eggs and alcoholic prizes to be won in every game.

Fish and Chip supper freshly fetched from The Beach Fryer in Waterbeach.

Bring your own ketchup, drinks and glasses and have an eggcellent evening of fun!

Easter eggs and wine to be won in every game. Good fun for all the family!

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5515>

THE HRA PROUDLY PRESENTS
FRIDAY MARCH 28TH | 18:30 | VILLAGE HALL

Fish n Chip Bingo

FISH 'N' CHIPS
SEASON WITH SALT & VINEGAR
a Great British Tradition

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Arrive in good time for eyes down at 19:00.
Fish and Chip supper freshly fetched from The Beach Fryer in Waterbeach.

Bring your own glasses and drinks.
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Good fun for all the family!

[St Peter's Church](#)

St Peter's Horningsea Services for March 2025

- **Sunday 2 March 10.30** Holy Communion. Followed by Welsh cakes and pancakes
- **Sunday 9 March 16.00** Village Service
- **Wednesday 19 March at 20.30** Late Evening Service of Compline
- **Sunday 23 March 10.30** Joint Service of Holy Communion
- **Sunday 30 March 10.30** Mothering Sunday Service with posies of flowers

March 2nd at St Peter's Church Horningsea

To celebrate St David's Day and also Shrove Tuesday there will be Welsh cakes and pancakes after the 10.30 Service at St Peter's on Sunday 2 March. Do come along and join us

Mothering Sunday 30 March at St Peter's Horningsea

Posies of flowers will be prepared on Saturday 29 March to distribute during the Special Family Service at 10.30 am on Sunday 30 March. If you would like to help prepare the posies then Liz will be in charge so she will let you know what time she will be starting! Do come to the service with babies and children of all ages, parents, grandparents, godparents, anyone who has been in a "mothering" role!

[The Plough and Fleece - Events for March](#)

(see attached flyer for more details and more events)

Fish and Chip Friday - Join us every Friday to start the weekend right with some Fish & Chips! Eat in or takeaway - £16 per person

Rock & Roll Bingo - Friday 28th March

Rock and Roll Bingo isn't just about crossing off numbers – it's about recognising your favourite songs, singing along with friends, and feeling the beat of the music. Our first event is going to be KARAOKE CLASSICS! There will be plenty of prizes to win

Arrive at 7pm for a 7:30pm start - TICKETS - £5 to play (tickets are limited)

Mothers Day - Sunday 30th March - Celebrate the Mothers, Grandmothers, Mother figures or whoever takes on the role of mum in your life and say 'thank you' for all that they have done and continue to do!

To make a booking for these please call or email us:

bookings@ploughandfleece.co.uk - 01223 860795

Upcoming Events

HRA Dates for Diary 2024

- Friday 28th March 18:00 for 18.30 **"Eyes Down" Bingo/Fish & Chips**
- Wednesday 23rd April – 12 noon **Senior's Lunch**
- Saturday 5th July **Village Day**
- Saturday 13th July **Horticultural Show**
- Saturday 13th September **Apple Pressing**
- Sunday 2nd November **Bonfire Night**
- Sunday 30th November **Christmas Tree Lighting**
- Monday 26th January 2026 **HRA AGM – 19:00**
- Saturday 7th February 2026 **International Evening**
- Saturday 4th July 2026 **Village Day**

Dates are subject to change. Check the village website for updates.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5469>

There's also the Herald calendar:

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

Events at St Peter's Church in the Spring and Summer

Plans are in hand for a series of events in the Church during the next few months – details will be advertised at regular intervals. If you are keen to get involved in any of them please let one of the Church wardens know – churchwardenhorningsea@gmail.com

Draft programme of events – all to be confirmed!:

- **Saturday 12 April:** Craft Event for Easter
- **Saturday 10 May:** Illustrated talk about wildlife and mountains in Kerala
- **Sunday 11 May at 4pm:** Village Service commemorating 80th Anniversary of VE Day
- **Sunday 18 May** – Film show about Chalk Streams in Cambridgeshire – linked to the Science Festival in Fen Ditton Church that weekend
- **Saturday 14 June** – New Cambridge Singers Concert
- **Saturday 21 June** – Possible Literary Day and winners of Short Story & Poetry competition
- **Saturday 19 July** – Unveiling of plaque commemorating the USAAF officer who was killed on Horningsea Fen on 19 July 1945; Exhibition of Horningsea in the War; School Reunion

Craft event at St Peter's Church Horningsea

On Saturday 12 April - time tbc- there will be an all age craft event when we hope to decorate eggs, including in the traditional Polish and Ukrainian way. Contact Sharon if you would like to get involved sharon.byrne@3parishes.org

Horningsea Parish Council

Horningsea Parish Council meetings for 2025

PC meetings are in the village hall and generally from 19:30 but check the agenda published on the village website before.

- 26th March
- 21st May
- 30th July
- 24th September
- 26th November.

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

Defibrillator Replacement

Many of you may be aware that, unfortunately, the village defibrillator was stolen from its cabinet around 15th February. We are working to replace it as soon as possible and are actively pursuing grant applications to cover the cost of a new unit, estimated at approximately £1,000.

We will keep you updated, as restoring this vital, life-saving equipment to the village remains a priority.

North Entrance Redesign

Following our successful Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid last year, design work is now underway to improve the north entrance to the village, aiming to reduce traffic speed. We expect to receive the initial designs soon, at which point we will invite community feedback.

Community Speed Watch

We are in the process of navigating the extensive paperwork required to re-establish the Community Speed Watch scheme. We already have a list of volunteers, but if you would like to get involved in running or supporting this initiative, please email us at Clerk@horningsea-pc.gov.uk

Village Maintenance & Improvements

Recent maintenance work around the village has now been finished with works including various electrical upgrades and fence repairs on the Village Green and Jubilee Gardens.

As always, we appreciate the community’s support and involvement in keeping our village a great place to live, so if you have any ideas as to what you would like to see improved in the parish please do let us know! Clerk@horningsea-pc.gov.uk

Reports

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

Village Litter Pick

On Sunday, 23rd February, Chloé Lindley and Jemma and Amelia Neale, took a stroll through the village armed with litter pickers and a mission to tidy up! In just 45 minutes, they managed to fill an entire bin bag with rubbish—great work!

Litter picking equipment is available for anyone who wants to do their bit to keep our village looking its best. Contact the Parish Council to arrange access to the equipment.

Every little effort makes a big difference!



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.

Horningsea Planning

Save Honey Hill update

Following the end of the DCO Examination Period on the 17th April, 2024, the Planning Inspectors submitted their report to Steve Reed OBE, the new Secretary of State for Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). DEFRA then had three months in which to make a decision (12th October 2024). After multiple postponements in a statement to the House of Commons Steve Reed stated that the decision must take into account the recently published National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which had been revised by the new government and formalised on the 12th December 2024. **The new deadline was then set for 14th April 2025.**

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/dco-update-another-postponement/>

One last song: "Steve".

Just a few weeks to go before Steve Reed makes his decision known.

We are getting the choir back together again

Just turn up at Horningsea Church on Tuesday 25 March at 18.30

You can preview the song "Steve":

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/steve/>

There's a rehearsal for those that would like a head start:

Thursday 6 March at 19:00 in The Plough and Fleece.

NO SINGING REQUIRED
FUN GUARANTEED
EVERYONE WELCOME

JUST TURN UP!

**HORNINGSEA CHURCH
TUESDAY
25 MARCH
6.30PM**

RECORDING
OUR LAST
SAVE HONEY
HILL
COMEDY
PROTEST
SONG.

EVERYONE
WELCOME!

MAY CONTAIN
FOOTBALL REFERENCES

NEW SONG
'STEVE'

LISTEN TO SONG
SCAN HERE

Notes

Plaque to commemorate James M Farmer

John Wilson

As you may be aware we intend to place a plaque in the church on the 19th of July to honour James Farmer a pilot in the USAAF who crashed in Horningsea Fen on this day eighty years ago.

Two men from the village were in the field at the time and went to his assistance when his parachute failed to open, but he sadly died.

James had a distinguished career and received several military honours for his war service.

Peter Halford has designed a plaque and talks are ongoing with the Church Parochial Council as to the placing of the plaque beneath our war memorial

Lindsay Davies has organised several events on that day which will be confirmed later.

The director of the United States Air Museum at Duxford, wishes to be involved and has been instrumental in making contact with relatives of James in the states ,who have since been in touch with me. She has also given me contacts with the American air force who may wish to attend

I will give you further updates as we receive them.

<https://www.horningsea.net/history-2/the-fallen-of-horningsea>

Work at St Peter's Church

The Church Council is working on obtaining grants to pay for some major work that is needed to the fabric of the church – the floors in the North Aisle are collapsing and the access to the Tower is no longer safe. We will have to raise about £90,000 to pay for this work. We will be launching a fund raising campaign as well as applying for grants. The Vicar and churchwardens would be delighted to hear from anyone who can help with fundraising! The Friends of Horningsea Church are supporting the fundraising – see the attached letter. You can contact the Vicar – nick.moir@3parishes.org or churchwardens – churchwardenhoringsea@gmail.com or the Friends of Horningsea Church at theasplins@hotmail.co.uk



Trustees of Horningsea Parish Charities

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.

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 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!

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 an update on the closure of the locks on the 7th February.

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

The Conservators are pleased to announce that progress has been made on the construction contract for the stabilisation project at Baits Bite Lock Island. The enabling phase commenced on 29 January 2025.

Conversations have been ongoing with Members of Parliament, Environment Agency, and local authorities to seek external support in expertise and funding. These have been positive and the short and long-term issues facing the Conservancy have been taken seriously.

Matched funding has been offered by the City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council to appoint temporary expert help to produce a business case and review of the Conservancy's future.

Further updates will follow.

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 email "horningseanews@gmail.com". There is no fee.

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.