



Events

HRA Seniors Lunch

Wednesday 23rd April, 12:00, Village Hall

Spring is here finally which means Seniors lunch is fast approaching. This is the only event run by Horningsea Residents Association where we need to know numbers and therefore send out invitations.

If you've never been before the HRA will be serving a three course sit down lunch on Wednesday 23rd April in the village hall for all over 65's in the village.

This really lovely event starts at 12:00 with a welcome glass of wine or a soft drink before the HRA serve up a delicious home cooked lunch finishing with coffee and chocolates and it's all free!

Invites will be sent out shortly, if we haven't got you on our list or you don't receive an invite and you'd like to join us please contact Pauline, Carolyn, Catherine, Debs, Tessa or Nicola before 18th April.

Horningsea Village Hall Trust/Village Green Trust AGM

Monday 14th April, 19:30 Village Hall

Horningsea Village Hall Trust (HVHT) and Horningsea Village Green Trust (HVGT) will be holding their AGM at the village hall on Monday 14 April at 19.30.

All welcome.

St Peter's Church

St Peter's Horningsea Services for April 2025

- **6th April (5th of Lent) - 10.30 - Holy Communion**
- **16th April - Wednesday of Holy Week 20.00 - Address & Compline**
- **18th April - 12.45 - Outdoor Service & Procession**
- **20th April - 10.30 - Holy Communion**

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5571>

The Plough and Fleece - Events for April

Disco party - to celebrate the First Anniversary. Saturday 5th April - 19:30 -23:00 (flyer attached).

Quiz Night at The Plough and Fleece - Wednesday 16th April (3rd Wed of the month)

Rock & Roll Bingo - Friday 25th April (last Friday of the month)

The Paint Club at the pub. First event will be held on Thursday 1st May. Tickets can be purchased directly from their website.

<https://www.thepaintclub.co.uk/events/paint-night-in-horningsea-cambridge-plough-and-fleece-1>

Tickets are limited. This first event is a trial run and if it is popular, it will be held on the second Thursday of each month!

The new menu will be on from next week.

To make a booking for these please call or email:

bookings@ploughandfleece.co.uk - 01223 860795

Upcoming Events

HRA Dates for Diary 2024

- 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

The Song of the Mass

New Cambridge Singers will be coming to Horningsea on June 14th to give a concert of German Romantic Choral music, entitled The Song of the Mass.

This will include Rheinberger's acappella Mass for double choir, one of the most beautiful choral works of the 19th century, along with other sublime German Romantic-era choral music by Brahms and Mendelssohn.

St Peter's Church, 19:30

Tickets will be £14, students £7, box office details to follow. See attached flyer.

<http://newcambridgesingers.org.uk/>

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 [Parish Council website](#) before.

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

Horningsea Parish Council Launches New Website!

We are excited to announce the launch of Horningsea Parish Council's brand-new website! This updated platform ensures full compliance with current regulations while providing an accessible and user-friendly experience for all residents.

Visit the new website here: www.horningsea-pc.gov.uk

On the site, you will find council meeting minutes, local updates, planning information, and a host of resources to keep you informed about parish matters.

It is important to note that the existing village website will remain active and continue to provide general village news and updates.

We welcome your feedback, as your input is invaluable in helping us improve communication with residents. Be sure to check it out!

A special thank you to Peter Halford for providing the stunning photography featured on the new website.

Horningsea Parish Council Explores First Aid Training Initiative

Horningsea Parish Council is considering organising a First Aid training course for residents, which would include vital training on how to use a defibrillator. To assess feasibility, the PC is currently gauging interest from the community.

If you would like to take part in such a course and have not already registered your interest via Facebook, please send an email to wneale@horningsea-pc.gov.uk. If you have any specific training requests or outcomes you would like covered, please share your thoughts.

Defibrillator Update

We anticipate having the village defibrillator back in service over the weekend. A further update will be provided once it is fully operational.

Cambridgeshire County Council and Mayoral Elections



It's the elections for our County Councillor and the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority on the 1st May 2025. Full details are on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.horningsea-pc.gov.uk/2025/04/county-council-and-mayoral-elections-1st-may/>

Horningsea Parish Charities – Fundraising drive.

The [Horningsea Parish Charities](#), founded in the 18th century, are dedicated to supporting those in need within our village. Over the centuries, the charity's mission has evolved, but its core purpose remains the same: to provide assistance to anyone in Horningsea facing challenging circumstances. Today, the charity supports a variety of needs, from offering grants to young people to participate in sporting activities to helping the elderly with small grants during the Christmas season and much more between.

To further our mission, we are launching a fundraising initiative and warmly invite local businesses and individuals to get involved. Your generosity can help us provide vital support to those in need.

We welcome contributions in the form of:

- Monetary donations
- Goods or services

In recognition of your support, we will feature your business or contribution in our village publication to express our gratitude and highlight your commitment to our community

To make a donation, please contact us for bank account details or other arrangements. Your support, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families in our community. Together, we can uphold Horningsea's tradition of kindness and solidarity.

Waterbeach Colts FC

Waterbeach Colts U11 football team are looking for one or two more strong players who passion about football and want to join. See attached flyer and contact coltswaterbeachsecretary@gmail.com for more details.

Reports

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

HRA Fish and Chip bingo.

Once again the HRA put on an enjoyable evening of bingo and chips! With the very best bingo caller (in Horningsea!) Catherine.



More photos on the website.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5537>

Fen Ditton Community Primary School - news

Term dates

| AUTUMN TERM 2024 | SPRING TERM 2025 | SUMMER TERM 2025 |
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| 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 |

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".

Hopefully this is our last ever protest song. Let's make sure [Steve Reed MP](#) at [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Defra\)](#) gets to hear it BEFORE he decides a few days from now.

In full here <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1A6uycPSg7/>

and here on YouTube <https://youtu.be/WUbiW-qQCUs>

Notes

Bell Ringing in Horningsea Church

Bell Ringing practice will be on the second Wednesday of each month from 19.00 -- 20.30. Email blegallez@yahoo.co.uk and ask Barbara about practice sessions.

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.