



Bert Santilly & Tony Phillips accepting the Festival of the Year Award

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to include information for the following  
month's Herald!

Thanks,  
Sabina  
Editor

### ***Horningsea wins Festival Award***

South Cambs District Council awarded Horningsea Festival 2010 their "Festival of the Year" award at a gathering at Swavesey at the end of March 2011. Horningsea is very pleased that all the efforts made by the village last year have been recognised in this way. So many people were involved in producing such a wide range of concerts, events and exhibitions that everyone can feel proud of the accolade. The trophy is on display in the Plough & Fleece.

There will not be a festival as such this year but concerts and events are planned anyway! Dates so far planned include:

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| 28th May   | Cluzion Club - Two Coats Cold: Plough & Fleece 20:00                    |
| 2nd July   | Bert Santilly's Summer term Accordion Concert: Village Hall 19:30       |
| 3rd July   | Photographic exhibition - School Reunion: St Peter's Church 14:00-17:00 |
| 3rd July   | Good Christian Folk: Music and poetry: St Peter's Church 19:30          |
| 9th July   | Art Exhibition in Village Hall as part of Horticultural Show            |
| 10th July  | The Tempest (with book in hand): Riverbank behind The Orchards          |
| 22-24 July | Open Green Stage weekend: Plough & Fleece                               |

Other events which have not yet been confirmed include: Edwardian Garden party with readings from Wind in the Willows and Three Men in a Boat; Madrigals on the Riverbank; Fen Edge concert in St Peter's Church ... so watch this space!

Lindsay Davies

### ***Horningsea Spring Litter Pick: Sunday 8 May***

Tired of seeing all those crisp wrappers, beer cans and burger boxes adding to the colour of the spring flowers in our verges? Then come join us and do something about it! Children must be accompanied. Small children and their guardians will be assigned tasks in the centre of the village, away from the main road. Please wear stout shoes or boots and heavy gloves if you have them. Some gloves will be provided, as will reflective bibs, picking-sticks and bin bags. Meet at the **bus shelter at 10:00**, Sunday 8 May. We should be finished by around noon (even faster if there's a good turnout!)

### ***Have a Heart Charity Sale in the Village Hall***

There will be a Sale in the Village Hall on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 12:00-16:00** in aid of Papworth Hospital and the British Heart Foundation.

Stalls including raffle/tombola, gifts, bric-a-brac. Tea & home-made cakes served.

If anyone has unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, can make a cake, or help on the day, please contact Julia Gallagher on 440 981. She can collect your items if you like.

### ***Cycling allowance for students***

A termly allowance, currently £40 per term, may be paid to students who are entitled to free or subsidised transport but use a bicycle to travel to school/college. A separate 'claim for cycling allowance' form needs to be completed at the end of each term. Forms are available from schools/colleges.

Students can only claim for a cycling allowance if he/she is more than three miles walking distance from home as measured by the nearest available unimpeded route. This allowance is not available to pupils using Cambridgeshire County Council education contract buses.

Link to CCC newsletter (cover story on Horningsea bike path): <http://www.camcycle.org.uk/newsletters/95/>

### ***New Horningsea Website***

The new version of the website, which will still be at [www.horningsea.com](http://www.horningsea.com) is planned to go live during the last week of May (in the meantime, you will still see the current version). Many of the pages on the new site will be the same, but it will be more interactive and searchable than the current version and villagers will be able to post their own notices to it.

Robert Balm has already given instructions to a small number of users and he is now available to instruct others (especially members of the HRA, parish council, and clubs, but also anyone else who's interested) on how to use the site for posting contributions. You can contact him on [robert.balm@gmail.com](mailto:robert.balm@gmail.com) and he will be happy to arrange a session. It is possible that some group instruction sessions may be arranged if people think that this would be helpful.

### ***News from St Peter's***

Horningsea Church is sad to announce the death of John Paulson. John had been Lay Reader at Horningsea since 1980, rarely missing a Sunday. He had just celebrated his 90th birthday and was still helping take the services each Sunday. His funeral at St Peter's Church was well attended. He will be greatly missed.

At the Church Annual meeting Vee Saunders and Jennie Pratt were elected as Church Wardens for a further year.

The Friends of Horningsea Church are launching an appeal in May to raise funds to renovate the stained glass window in the Tower. Trisha Smith has taken a lovely photograph of the window and produced bookmarks of the window – these will be distributed around the village as part of the appeal. Please give generously – we hope to raise the £5000 that is needed so that the window can be repaired this year. The Friends are also funding a new altar frontal – for use at Lent, Advent and for funerals.

### ***Can you help to keep Horningsea looking green?***

It is that time of year that our Christmas tree struggles. If you are passing, or if you have a few minutes, giving it some water would greatly help its chances of survival. There is a can at the tree which you can use to take water from the village pond. Even just doing it once will help. As would once a week or even once a day.

Thanks, The HRA

### ***Sunflower growing competition***

Grow your sunflowers from seed from April and watch them grow. Later in the season flowers will be judged and points will be awarded for height, breadth, character, positioning and attitude. Apart from the kudos, points may possibly mean prizes!

Frank Hopkirk

### ***Time to start plant/ning for the Horticultural Show!***

The Show this year will be on **Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>**. We hope as many residents of the village will enter as possible, and it is always nice to have new exhibitors, whether they have lived in the Village for years or just a few months. Following the theme of the last couple of years, the adult photo category this year is 'Summer'. For the children the title is 'Food'. The flower arrangement is 'Royal Wedding' so start collecting your accessories.

As usual we will deliver a copy of the schedule free to every house in Horningsea, and you will also find it on the Horningsea website. If you have any questions do please contact Vee Saunders on 441 900.

### ***Horningsea Interest Groups Day 2<sup>nd</sup> April***

This event was one of the outcomes of the Parish Plan Questionnaire. People were invited to offer their time to help others develop a skill or interest or to provide a service. The response turned into a vibrant event and covered a range of interests including bridge, the proposed 'community interest company', local history, ecology and wildlife, art, music, pub games, etc.

We also had excellent support from our village groups, clubs and organisations including the Parish Council, Parish Charities, Women's Institute, Residents Association, village Website, Horningsea Herald, Horticultural Society, Quy Fen Trust, St Peter's Church, the Adults and Toddlers Group, Book Club, Village Hall Trust, Millennium Green Trust, and the Plough and Fleece.

Many put up excellent displays illustrating their activities and there was a constant buzz of people talking as they moved round the hall from one stand to another. One of the undoubted successes of the afternoon was the rolling demonstration of the village website which showed just how easy it is for village groups and organisations to upload information they want to make available to the community.

A few people new to the village were able to find out useful information which, hopefully, will make them feel welcome and help them to settle in to Horningsea more easily. Everyone who attended felt that the day was worthwhile and that it should be repeated again perhaps on an annual basis to keep us up to date on what is available to the whole community of Horningsea. A big thank you indeed to all of you who helped to make this event so successful.

Bert Santilly (on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Group)

### ***Senior Citizens' Easter Tea 20<sup>th</sup> April***

The HRA was delighted to entertain around 20 Seniors of the Village to Afternoon Tea in the Pavilion. On a glorious sunny afternoon we sat down to a gorgeous tea which included sandwiches, trifle and a selection of cakes! Background music was provided by Bert Santilly and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with the news! The Tea was planned and prepared by Jenni Hill with very capable help from Pauline Hellowell and Liz Harrison. Michael Harrison gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Seniors and as everyone left they were each presented with an Easter Egg.



### ***Royal Wedding Celebrations 29<sup>th</sup> April***

The Horningsea Residents Association celebrated the Royal wedding day in the village hall using a large screen projector which was watched by residents arriving throughout the event. Refreshments were made and shared amongst the guests and toasts to the couple drunk throughout the day. Up to a hundred people came through the gates to enjoy the sunshine and relax on the green. We would like to say thank you to all of you who provided food, drinks, put up decorations and especially to John and Chris for setting up the TV system.

We're sure that Horningsea has contributed in the celebrations of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in a fine and fitting manor.

***Free to a good home!***

Football goal and a free standing basketball net – both rather scruffy. We no longer need these now our son has gone to University. If you would like either of them and can collect them, contact Jane or Alan Tunnacliffe, 14 Abbots Way, Tel: 860582.

***CALENDAR OF EVENTS for May***

*Note: These events are open to all Horningsea Residents and, unless otherwise stated, are FOC.*

<b><u>Date &amp; Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Event/Notes</u></b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 19:30	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> 13:00-14:00	Notcutts	Police Surgery
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:00-10:50	High Street	Mobile Library

***Overview of Weekly Events:***

Mondays 19:30-21:30	Plough & Fleece	Bridge Club
Tuesdays 10:00-11:30	Village Hall	Adults & Toddler Group (£1/adult; first session FOC)
Tuesdays 20:00	Plough & Fleece	Quiz Night
Thursdays 21:00	Plough & Fleece	Band/Open Mike Night. Bring an instrument and join in!
Thursday 19:30-21:30	Village Hall	Painting group. £2 per session. No experience necessary. All welcome!

***Horningsea Village Shop  
at the Plough & Fleece***

Opening Hours

Mon-Sat 11:00-15:00 & 18:30-21:30  
& Sun 10:30-21:30

To book the village hall, please contact  
Pauline Hellowell at 860 118 or  
hellowell@horningsea.com

To post a notice on the village signboards,  
please contact the Parish Clerk,  
Emily Asplin at clerk@horningsea.com