



*A foggy morning in December*

## **HORNINGSEA Herald**

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### **Events**

#### ***Help needed to clear the cycle path***

**Saturday 7th January, 9:00 until 10:30.**

Last January a large group of villagers helped clear the cycle path. After its initial construction in 2009 the hedge and soil had significantly encroached upon the path. It was hard work, but the results were satisfying.

After one year the path is still in good shape but the verge/mud/grass has started encroaching again on the path. The hedge has just been cut back so now is an ideal time to clear it again. With sufficient people just an hour of work with shovels and brushes should be enough to restore it to pristine condition again. So if you have an hour to spare on Saturday morning (7th), please come along. We'll meet at the village end of the cycle path. Bring a spade/shovel/brush!

#### ***Horningsea Residents Association (HRA) AGM***

**Wednesday, 18th of January at 19:30, Village Hall.**

The HRA is having its Annual General Meeting on the 18th of January at 19:30 in the Village Hall. Come and listen to what happened during 2016 and get involved with what will be happening in 2017!

We are also looking for a few new committee members, so if you are interested please come along and chat!

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/2054>



## **Advance Events**

### ***Church diary events planned for 2017***

A fuller diary will be printed in the next HH but the year will include: probably on 21 May a celebration and re-enactment of the Coprolite Workers March 150 years ago when 200 men, women and children from Horningsea marched behind a pipe and drum to the Coprolite works on Quy Fen.... And had a picnic! Watch out for more details of our celebration which will include Tony Phillips telling the background story, Dave Jenkins performing specially written songs, an opportunity for dressing up, and a picnic...

The Victorian theme will continue later in the year when the theme for Heritage Open Day will be Victorian Horningsea, with exhibitions about Thomas Jekyll, the architect who worked on the church 150 years ago. If anyone in the village has a collection of Victoriana or any particular interest in Victorian times please offer to get involved.

In between there will be Open Studios in July, possibly a whole village yard/garage/drive way sale to raise funds for the Friends of Horningsea Church, possibly Open Gardens (in addition to Don and Sally's garden?) ... So many ideas for a busy New Year!

## **Reports**

### ***Horningsea Residents Association Chairman's Report 2016***

*by Richard Pleasants*

It was with considerable trepidation that I took over the role of Chairman from John Wilson in January 2016. He had filled the post for eighteen years and was going to be a hard act to follow. Under his chairmanship the Association has evolved a full calendar of regular events plus the expectation of the odd 'extraordinary' function. This year, being that of the Queen's ninetieth birthday, was promising to be one of those.

The first event of the year was the Seniors Lunch on March 23rd. I was pleased to be invited to dine with the seniors, but also horrified to learn that I was a senior too! The event was fully attended. Several of the committee helped to prepare an excellent meal under the leadership of Jenni Hill.

On April 15th we had our regular Bingo Night with a fish and chip supper. This event produces groans from those pretending not to enjoy it, but it fills up well every year!

June 11th was Village Day combined with celebrations for the Queen's ninetieth birthday. We are grateful to the Parish Council for the special grant which allowed us to hire a ceilidh band, plus HRA funds were used to purchase a marquee which will be useful for many years to come.

July 16th saw the Village Disco and Barbeque which was another highly convivial event with much delicious food and the event sprawled on into a warm summer night.

In Autumn, the already-busy Horningsea life goes into overdrive. It was a perfect late-summer afternoon when five boats left St John's Lane flying the official Horningsea flag for the village boat trip and laden with about fifty villagers. Drinkers in the Bridge at Clayhithe sat open-mouthed as the flotilla steamed gently past towards Bottisham Lock, where we made an unplanned stop and had an impromptu picnic. Children played on the hayricks and dogs (and even some people) swam, with others dozing in the sun.

Two weeks later it was Apple Pressing Day and more brilliant weather. The production line is pretty slick these days. We must have picked at least a tonne of apples and trailed them to the Green for chopping, scratting, pressing and bottling.

Three weeks later and it's International Night. This year we chose Italian as our theme. The tables groaned with every kind of Italian food and we all knocked back the Chianti. Yet again the hall was packed to capacity.

This year's bonfire was another whopper, partly because of some long-overdue thinning of the Millennium Wood. The fireworks, hot dogs and soup were as brilliant as ever and the fire was lit by another of John Harrison's guided missiles. This is the major fund-raising event as it attracts people from miles around. This year was a record-breaker (again), allowing us to make a sizeable donation to charity.

On December 4th we had our usual Christmas tree lighting in the Jubilee Gardens. It's a short event, which is good because it was very cold, but we were all sustained by mulled wine and mince pies, courtesy of Pauline.

It's tempting to think that the HRA is all about having fun. There's nothing wrong with that, but there have been some other more serious matters to deal with this year. We manage the playground for the parish council, and a RoSPA report in April highlighted some areas of concern on the ageing equipment. The HRA has expended a £1500 budget on essential repairs to address these issues, but a small subcommittee under the leadership of Graham Haynes is in the process of submitting a bid to win funds to totally renew the equipment.

I am grateful to all of the HRA committee for the hard work that they have put in to make this year the success that it was, but particularly to Graham for his energetic input as Vice-Chair, which has been a great help to me personally in my inaugural year as Chairman.

We look forward to another successful year in 2017 in this varied and social village.

### ***Horningsea Carol Singers: report.***

*Frank Hopkirk*

The Horningsea Carol Singers sang their way round the village on the Thursday before Christmas and, thanks to the generosity of villagers and to the staff and clients at The Crown and Punchbowl and The Plough and Fleece, were able to send £180 to Winter Comfort. It takes a surprisingly long time to go round most of the village and stopping to sing. Sometimes we sang just to one person and sometimes to large groups, and occasionally to houses where no one was at home, but it was an enjoyable outing, and

being invited in for wassail and mince pies half way round to escape the cold was much appreciated.

## ***Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Horningsea 2016***

*Michael Hellowell, Local Honorary Organiser*

Many many thanks for your excellent support! Delighted to report a record collection from Horningsea for 2016 of £798.87. This total was achieved from the following:

- Scotsdale £334.48
- Plough & Fleece £126.94
- Crown & Punchbowl £17.07
- Haywards £16.02
- St Peters Church £107.51
- Street Collection £86.85
- Horningsea Parish Council £30
- Horningsea Residents Association £80

Thank you all once again

## ***Waterbeach Development - presentation 30th November***

*Parish Council*

Rebecca Britton of Urban & Civic attended the PC meeting on 30th November to present on the proposed development at the former Waterbeach Barracks. Residents raised some very important points; the PC noted these concerns and wants to talk more to Urban & Civic. These included:

- Horningsea could be used as a rat run as soon as houses are built and especially if any are occupied before the A10 is dualled
- Sufficient and frequent alternative means of travel must be available from the start; most people rely on cars and a modal change takes some time to achieve
- More information is needed on the location of the second station and the frequency of trains
- A cycle path on the east side of the river is needed; there is currently no safe cycle or pedestrian path on the east side of B1047
- Speed restriction on the B1047 travelling north is needed; the long, straight road from the A14 junction does not encourage drivers to reduce speed on entering the village
- Disruption to the village by construction traffic
- An undertaking that 40% affordable housing will be available. We understand that some of this might be Exception site so would primarily be available to local residents, their close relatives or those who work in the area. This would be welcome.

Later in the meeting we discussed the development and how we could communicate the process to our residents. We have to accept that it will happen but recognise that

we should turn it to our advantage and therefore need to make Horningsea's needs known to Urban & Civic right from the start.

To this end we will organise more meetings and invite residents to put forward their ideas. We will invest in a communications programme to ensure all are kept informed and know how to make their voices heard. The meetings will be in addition to ordinary council meetings and will be clearly advertised.

However, the development needs to be viewed in the context of the wider plans for Cambridge especially Greater Cambridge City Deal and Devolution, both of which are looking at transport infrastructure. There is more information here on the City Deal

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolution>

Since the meeting we have had a positive response from U&C who will deliver their latest newsletter to Horningsea Residents and help organise future meetings.

## ***A Cleaner Horningsea***

### *Parish Council*

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to the litter pick and cemetery tidy up on 4th December. We were very lucky with the weather and many bags of litter were collected from Clayhithe through to the A14 bridge. The cemetery is looking much better after leaf clearance and bramble cutting. Our volunteers ranged from two years to late 70s and all were very enthusiastic. Special thanks to Tessa Pleasants for her organisation of the event.

Thank you also to those who collect litter throughout the year, not just at organised Litter Picks; they help to keep Horningsea looking beautiful.

Another tidy up will be arranged in the Spring.

The next meeting of Horningsea Parish Council will be Wednesday 25th January when the budget will be set for the next financial year.

Sincere, if belated, good wishes for the New Year to all residents from Horningsea Parish Council.

## **Notes**

### ***Flood risk and riparian responsibility***

The Parish Council has received an update from Cambs. County Council on Flood and Water Management. They ask us to alert owners of land adjoining, above or with watercourses running through their land, to be aware of their riparian responsibilities. The Environment Agency leaflet [Living on the Edge](#) is a guide to rights and responsibilities of riverside ownership.

There is more information on CCC website at [Water management](#)

Residents can report flooding on roads and pavements through the CCC portal at [Report a problem](#)

The next PC meeting is on Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 19.30 at the village hall. All residents are very welcome.

### ***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 your "service". To submit news items either email "horningseanews@gmail.com" or submit them via Twitter <https://twitter.com/horningseanews>. You must submit by the 25th of the month, the Herald being published around the start of the month. Submission of any news items implies consent to any editing and the editorial team's decision is always final. Plain text sent via email is greatly preferred.

## Overview of this month's events

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

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	Jubilee Gardens.	
Wednesday 25th January 2017	Village Hall	Parish Council meeting

## Overview of weekly events

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event/Notes</b>
Mondays 19:30-21:30	Village Hall	Bridge.
Tuesdays 10:00-11:30	Village Hall	Adult & Toddler Group (£2 per session per family, £6.00 for four sessions. £1 for unaccompanied adults; first session FOC)
Tuesdays 20:00	Plough & Fleece	Quiz Night
Wednesdays 11:00	Plough & Fleece	Silver Circle (coffee club for over sixties)
Thursdays 19:30-21:30	Village Hall	Painting group - £2 per session
Thursdays 21:00	Plough & Fleece	Band/Open Mike Night. Bring an instrument and join in!
Fourth Wednesday of the month between 10:00 and 10:45	End of Priory Rd.	Library Van