



8 years of daffodil photos!

(See next section below Events for important information about the Waterbeach Barracks Development. Deadline is 10th April for comments). See also the attached leaflet for more advice about the development.

## HORNINGSEA Herald

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For further information on Horningsea visit our village website at:

[www.horningsea.net](http://www.horningsea.net)

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## Events

### **Easter and Holy Week at St Peters Church, Horningsea**

#### **Tuesday 11th April 10:20/10:40**

On Tuesday 11 April at between about 10.20 and 10.40 am the Student Cross pilgrims will be making their way from London to Walsingham in Norfolk, calling in to Horningsea on their way. You will find them walking up from Baits Bite lock through the fields, then along the High Street carrying a large cross...and possibly singing! They come to St Peters Church where they stop for a cup of tea, to dry out (if it is raining) and tend to their blisters. Vee is organising refreshments but will need help - so if you can pop in to the church to make tea and coffee she would be most grateful. The students finish their visit with a song, a prayer and blessing before heading out across Quy Fen to Lode, their next stop. If you are around in the village you can walk with them, say hello or come and have a chat over tea and coffee. It is always a good way to remember Holy Week.

#### **Good Friday 14th April**

There will not be a service in Horningsea this year but the church will be open for quiet reflection and prayer from 12 noon to 14.00. Take an opportunity to spend some time in peaceful contemplation....

#### **Easter Sunday 16th April St Peters Church**

The Easter celebration Service will be at 9:00 and if you are lucky there may even be an Easter egg for those who come along!

## **Coffee Morning at The Crown & Punchbowl**

### **Friday 21st April 2017, 9:00 to 11.30, The Crown and Punchbowl**

The Crown & Punchbowl will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday 21st April 9:00 to 11.30 in support of Horningsea Residents Association. The HRA have been instrumental in creating a strong sense of community in the village, supporting those in need, organising events and taking care of public areas such as the children's play area. All funds raised from the coffee morning will go towards helping them continue this valuable work.

The whole team at The Crown & Punchbowl will be getting involved baking cakes and serving tea & coffee. We hope to see you then!

## **Fen Ditton Cricket club Race Night**

### **Friday 21st April, 19:30 King's Head, Fen Ditton**

There's a Race Night at the King's Head in aid of Fen Ditton Cricket Club

It starts at 19:30 and the first race will be at 20:00.

Come and join in the fun. Either sponsor a race, be an owner or just have a flutter

For details contact Adam on 07708 261555 or adamwilson2312@hotmail.co.uk

## **St Peters Church Annual Meeting**

### **Tuesday 25th April, 19:30, St Peter's Church**

St Peter's Church Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday 25th April at 19.30 in the Church. This year there will be an opportunity for us all to say "Thank You" to Vee who is stepping down after being Church Warden for 17 years. These have been very demanding years as Vee has worked through the years when we have been without a vicar, the years when Michael Bowers health prevented him from working, the years when so much building work has gone on in the church. Vee has coped with it all and has decided now is the time to "hang in the church warden's wand"! We all hope she will carry on taking messages and helping out, particularly until the new priest settles in. Do come along to the meeting to join in our thanks to Vee. The rest of the meeting will include the usual reports on the fabric of the church, events past and planned, finances, and hopes for the future. The members of the Church Council will be elected or chosen as will the new Church Warden. The meeting is open to everyone who cares about our Church.

## **Waterbeach Barracks Development Updates**

*News about the Waterbeach Barracks development with a Horningsea focus.*

### **Outline Planning Application TEN DAYS LEFT TO COMMENT.....**

**The deadline for comments is the 10th April. Every residents comments help!**

The Outline Planning Application S/0559/17/OL has now been posted on the SCDC website; you can view it through the following link [WB OPA](#)

<https://goo.gl/gwH8qI>

### **Horningsea Parish Council update**

*Margaret Starkie, chair Horningsea PC.*

Thank you to all residents who attended the PC meeting on Wednesday 29th March and the various viewings of the Waterbeach Development plans. The Parish Council has listened to all the representations and will consider these when responding to SCDC.

Paul Mumford, the case officer for this application and his colleague Andrew Winter together with Dave Allatt from Cambs. County Council were at the meeting to answer questions on process and timings. They stressed that this is an Outline Planning Application and therefore an opportunity for residents to raise concerns about any aspect of the proposed development.

The primary concern of the council and of residents is the apparent lack of joined-up thinking, and integration of schemes, especially in relation to the increased pressure on the A10 and the likely effect on the B1047 and Horningsea. While this OPA is from the Secretary for State for Defence and Urban & Civic and is for 6,500 dwellings, schools, retail outlets, an hotel and landscaping, the area of land to the east is being developed by Turnstone for RLW Estates and plans for this area, taking the total number of dwellings to about 9,000, although 11,00 has been mooted, will not be available until the end of 2017.

CCC Highways is responsible for the A10 and has commissioned the A10 Corridor Transport Strategy which will conclude this summer. This will report on the current and future burden on the A10 from north of Ely to the A14 interchange effect on routes further into Cambridge. This planning application seems premature considering the A10 strategy and the infrastructure and connections between the western and eastern parts of the new town are unknown. However, we were told by Dave Allatt that the A10 Corridor Transport Strategy must be in place before the OPA can be determined early in 2018.

Other concerns raised were of the height and density of the buildings in a long-view, flat landscape, the use of agricultural land (35%) for urban building, the lack of feasible

cycle routes, building on fen land, flood risk and effect of construction traffic on listed buildings and conservation area.

The lack of cohesion and detail on funding any improvements to the A10 was also a concern. We were told that City Deal will provide much of the funding although there will be contributions from all developers along the A10, and Cambridge City, County and District will work together for an integration of plans.

The PC has drafted a response to the proposal; we have an extension to 10th May so it will be ratified at a special meeting before the APM on 3rd May. Residents have until 10th April to enter their comments; if any resident needs help with this please contact one of the councillors.

After the OPA has been determined a Supplementary Planning Document will be produced to allow a better understanding of the infrastructure, transport, foul water drainage, energy supply and the strategy for the organisation of the whole site. The PC will comment on this.

I have invited Chris Goldsmith of Turnstone, the developers for RLW, to meet residents; the date will be posted on the PC website. If you would like to receive updates by email please send your address to Hayley at; [clerk@horningsea.net](mailto:clerk@horningsea.net)

## ***Horningsea Planning - residents and the Waterbeach Barracks Development***

Horningsea Planning is a group of concerned Horningsea residents that came together following the PC meeting with Urban and Civic. The group aims to represent the interests of all Horningsea residents in the Waterbeach Barracks development. The rules of parish councils means Horningsea PC has a strict remit as to how they can use residents feedback. For example providing specific objections to planning applications. However, there are many areas, outside of planning, in which we could benefit from this development. The group will strive to ensure that if the development goes ahead, there are positive developments to benefit Horningsea to offset the inevitable negative aspects.

## **Advance Events**

### ***HRA Event Calendar for 2017***

Watch out closer to the date for more details. A flyer has been posted to every house in the village.

- HRA Coprolite day - 21st May 2017
- HRA Village day - 1st Jul 2017
- HRA Village Boat Trip - 10th Sep 2017
- HRA Apple Press day - 30th Sep 2017
- HRA International Evening - 14th October, 2017
- HRA Fireworks and Bonfire - 5th November, 2017

- HRA Crimbo tree lighting - 3rd Dec 2017
- HRA AGM - 24th Jan 2018

## ***Annual Assembly of the Parish (Annual Parish Meeting)***

*Horningsea Parish Council*

Annual Assembly of the Parish will be held at the Village Hall on 3rd May 2017 at 19.30. This is not a Parish Meeting although there will be an update from the PC. All residents are very welcome to hear reports on village activities over the last year.

Hayley will be sending out invitations to all trusts, groups and organisations but do contact her if you would like to speak - [clerk@horningsea.net](mailto:clerk@horningsea.net) (two minutes each!).

Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## ***Waterbeach Running Festival***

### **Saturday 13th May, Waterbeach Barracks**

Are you looking for something to do on Saturday 13th May? Come and join in the 2nd Waterbeach Running Festival. There are 10k and 5k races, 2k fun run (4 - 104 years old!) and a 100m toddle for under 5s. It's a great course, all on the disused Barracks so no traffic, flat & good surface. There will be lots going on - commentator, music, bouncy castle, cakes, bacon butties, kids activity corner etc. Finishers medals and prizes for winners. And of course there won't be many more years when you can run around the old Barracks!!!

We also need volunteers to help on the day and are always open to discussing sponsorship if you know anyone who might be interested.

To enter or register to volunteer go to [www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk](http://www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk)

## ***Licensing of the new Priest in Charge.***

### **Thursday 18th May, 19:30. St Peter's Church**

Reverend Dr Alun Ford will be licensed to our three parishes at a Service in Horningsea on Thursday 18th May at 19.30. We are expecting the church to be full to bursting with people from all three villages and guests ..Parish Council chairs, Residents Associations, Head Teachers, Trustees of Village Trusts, visiting clergy... and Alun's family and friends. We hope as many people as possible will come from Horningsea AND we need your help! To clean and prepare the church, to help put up marquees, to help with refreshments, to help hand out orders of service and show people to their seats. Traffic is likely to be chaotic, so some traffic directors may be helpful. If you are free that night please volunteer! We are very grateful to John Harrison for offering to allow parking on his field in Church End, to Michael Harrison and Richard & Tessa for allowing visiting clergy to get dressed up in their houses. The last time such a service took place in Horningsea would have been in 1944 when Reverend Smythe became our Vicar, so this really is a "once in a lifetime" event!

## **Coprolite Workers March**

### **Sunday 21st May 2017**

On Saturday 20th May Bernard O'Connor will come and give an illustrated talk about the Horningsea Coprolite workers. He is a "world expert" on the Cambridgeshire Coprolite industry and has written a number of books, including one on Coprolite workers in Horningsea and another on Fen Ditton. The evening will also include songs and music about the workers the Fens (and some Irish music for the workers who came here from across the Irish Sea!) Details in next month's HH. On Sunday 21st May we hope to get as many "men, women and children" (plus some dogs) to replicate the march to Quy Fen of 150 years ago when 200 walked behind a flute and a flag to complain about conditions. We will have a picnic when we get there. We will set off from the Jubilee Gardens and playground at 11.30am.

## ***Horningsea's Arts and Culture weekends in July 2017***

Plans are in hand for two weekends of arts and culture in and around Horningsea Church on the 22/23 July and 29/30 July. The weekends will include art exhibitions, a concert and a literary lunch with local author Fran Johnson – on Saturday 22nd July. We particularly hope that village potters, sculptors, jewellery makers, textile artists, spinners or weavers will exhibit on the weekend of 22/23 July. There will be an Art & Christianity Service led by Ben Quash. There is a plan to have a rehearsed reading of Wind in the Willows – possibly on the river bank on Sunday 23 July. Anyone who would like to get involved is encouraged to contact Frank Hopkirk or Lindsay on lindsay@horningsea.freeserve.co.uk.

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

A fuller diary will be available soon but the year will include: 21st 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 (see below)....and had 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!

## **An invitation to Horningsea from Fen Ditton 800**

by Fen Ditton 800 management committee

We would like to invite our neighbours in Horningsea to join us in celebrating Fen Ditton's 800th anniversary this year. There will be events throughout the year, including the following, but more to be arranged

- Concert in church, May 6th, 18:00, in aid of church;
- Bumps weekend June 17th - tea and cake in the church, open all day;
- Concert in church, June 24th, time tbc, in aid of Hall;
- Gardening Club – open gardens on July 2nd, in aid of church;
- Ride and Stride / Heritage Open Day on – September 9th, church open all day
- Bishop Stephen coming for service on September 10th, followed by bring and share lunch;
- Autumn Fair, October 7th;

....and various weekends throughout the year when the church will be open.

And there is one big event planned: On Sunday afternoon, 27th August, from 12.30 to 17:00 we will be organising a celebration on the Recreation Ground, Church Street, open to all residents and their friends. There will be displays of raptors, medieval woodworking, hand bell ringing, medicinal herbs, local dance and singing groups and many free activities for children such as bouncy castle, football, archery and craft making. Food stalls, including a hog roast, tea and cakes and an ale tent will help complete a family day out.

In the evening, from 19:00, Fen Dragon band will be playing at the Ceilidh (ticketed) which will have a BBQ and ale tent.

We hope to see you at some or all of these events.

## **Reports**

### ***Mothers Day service and lunch***

The villagers of Horningsea enjoying a lovely roast lunch at The Crown and Punchbowl after the special Mother's Day Service at St Peter's Church Horningsea. Families gathered for the special service led by Vicar Liz Brown - the children especially enjoyed the waving of colourful flags as part of the Service and also sharing out flower posies to all the guests and



particularly mothers in the Church that day. Thank you to Liz Harrison for organising the posies.

The fabulous lunch in The Oak Room at The Crown and Punchbowl was extremely well managed by the Staff - as we were a large group all with differing needs! Thank you to the Restaurant and to all the Staff.

It was lovely to see so many Horningsea families join us in the lovely sunshine both during and after the Service.



## **Notes**

### ***100 issues of the Horningsea Herald***

This is the 100th issue of the Herald. The Herald was started by Sabina over eight years ago.

The current editor first came across the Herald when it was pushed through my door when I moved here in 2009 (we should start doing that again). Sabina left for Germany in 2013 and the current editorial team took over editorship then!

The editorial team hope it's still a useful resource!

### ***Winners of 100 Club***

The 100 club was drawn at the Fish and Chip/Easter Egg bingo on 31st March 2017.

- First – Chris Lindley
- Second – Mike Hellowell
- Third – Marion Sanderson
- Fourth – Mike Hill
- Fifth – Catherine Morris

Any villagers wishing to join in and acquire a '100 Club' number

please contact: Pauline Hellowell, 7 The Square, CB25 9JJ, tel: 01223 860118 email: pauline@ horningsea.com

## **An update from Lucy Frazer, MP.**

**by Lucy Frazer**

It's a huge honour to represent the diverse area of South East Cambridgeshire in Parliament. I am always delighted to attend local events and meetings whenever I am able to so please do keep me posted on anything upcoming.

I wanted to take the opportunity to make you aware of some of the areas I'm working on that I think may be of interest to you. I am actively working to progress a number of key infrastructure projects across the constituency including upgrading the A10, building the Ely bypass, improving the A14/A142 junction and building a station in Soham. I am delighted that building work on the Ely Bypass has started and want to pay credit to all those I have been working with and all those who came before us to make this happen. I am campaigning hard to improve broadband and mobile connections in the area and will be hosting a meeting with Matt Hancock, Minister for Digital and Culture in the region later this month. Campaigning for fairer funding for our schools has always been high on my agenda and I was pleased to enable a delegation of headteachers from our local secondary schools to put our case directly to the Secretary of State for Education, Justine Greening.

These are just some of the key projects I am engaged with and you can see more of what I'm doing by looking at my website [www.lucyfrazer.org.uk](http://www.lucyfrazer.org.uk) and/or following me on Facebook [www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy](https://www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy)

If you have any issues you would like to raise with me, any local events you would like me to attend, or if you would like to arrange a tour of the Houses of Parliament please do contact me by email on [lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk).

I look forward to hearing from you.

## ***Staying safe in Cambridgeshire***

Chief Inspector James Sutherland hosted a Safety meeting at SCDC offices in Cambourne on 18th March which was attended by more than 80 parish councillors from across Cambridgeshire. Workshops were held on SAFE (scams and fraud education), Fire safety and the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH), Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch. The aim of the meeting was to raise awareness of the issues and to try to prevent them.

We learned that people of all ages were subjected to scams involving telephone requests for money for charities or access to computers, bank accounts and personal identity. We heard of clairvoyants who preyed on recently bereaved, of offers of lottery wins, spiritual protection and investment schemes.

The fire service and MASH offer a Safe and Well visit for those who might be at risk and targets fire safety in the home, falls prevention, incidents arising from alcohol use, how to stay warm and well and crime reduction.

Neighbourhood Watch and Speed Watch coordinators both highlighted how prevention was better than cure and gave advice on setting up volunteer groups.

If any resident would like more information on any of these agencies or knows of someone at risk I can give details of whom to contact. There is also more information on the following websites:

[www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk)

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb/download/downloads/id/244/mash\\_leaflet.pdf](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb/download/downloads/id/244/mash_leaflet.pdf)

[www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

[www.tradingstandardsecrime.org.uk](http://www.tradingstandardsecrime.org.uk)

[www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch](http://www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch)

### ***Horningssea Road repairs and closure***

Cambridgeshire Highways and their supply chain partner, will commence carriageway patching and preparation works on Friday 7th April 2017, in advance of carriageway Surface Treatment later in 2017.

Works are anticipated to last 1 night, and whilst the work is in progress, during operational hours, the road will be closed 20:00 to 6:00, and vehicular access will be restricted. In order for the contractor to complete the work with minimum disruption, it is essential that no vehicles are parked on the road. If you have particular access requirements, please speak to a member of the crew onsite who will usually be able to assist.

Please look out for the advanced notices on site, as these will give the most up to date information; or contact Matt Huntington or Shane Wilding 01733 247192 option 1 or out of hours 07712 490137

### ***Fen Ditton Cricket Club***

Fen Ditton Cricket Club is one of the small number of cricket clubs in Cambridgeshire that is actually growing. Last year we started a 2nd XI for the first time in the club's history and had a good first season with the 2nds finishing comfortably in mid table of their division of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Junior League whilst the 1st XI had their highest ever finish - 3rd in League 1 North, just missing out on promotion to the Senior Leagues. Over the last few years we have been developing a junior section and this season we expect to have teams playing at Under 13 and Under 11 levels throughout the summer. We are also encouraging our older youngsters, some of whom are playing regularly in our 2nd XI, with the chance to play in a number of midweek development fixtures. We have invested in new training facilities and have purchased a batting cage which will be in use on Wednesday evenings on our new practice strip on Fen Ditton Recreation Ground from 19th April. We are actively seeking new players, particularly from the villages of Fen Ditton, Horningsea, Teversham and Abbey ward in

Cambridge, and so if you or your child (or grandchild) are interested in joining our friendly club then please contact:

Adults: Adam Wilson (Club Captain) on 07708 261555 or adamwilson2312@hotmail.co.uk

Juniors (or parent of a junior): Adam Brown (Club Coach and Development Officer) on 07792 129077 or py0alb@hotmail.com

### ***A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon road update***

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a14-upgrade-bridge-foundations-roman-cows-and-a-floating-pontoon>

### ***Bell Ringers at the church***

The Bell Ringers practice in Horningsea Church on the last Friday of each month from 19.00 - 20.30. Anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a ringer is invited to come along.

### ***Public Calendar of Horningsea events***

There's a new 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 access it and hopefully it will prove to be a useful extension of the Herald. To view the calendar open this link:

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

You can also add it to your own calendar directly using the following link:

<https://goo.gl/MrNWfg>

Please contact the Herald (horningseanews@gmail.com) if you require assistance. If you want to enter events please also contact us and we'll send you an invitation.

### ***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 before the first weekend 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.*

Date & Time	Location	Event/Notes
Monday 10th April		DEADLINE FOR OPA COMMENTS
Tuesday 11th April 10:20/10:40	St Peters Church	Pilgrim walk
Sunday, 16th April	St Peters Church	Easter Sunday
Friday 21st April 2017, 9:00 to 11.30	The Crown & Punchbowl	Coffee Morning
Friday 21st April, 19:30	King's Head, Fen Ditton	Fen Ditton Cricket club Race Night
Tuesday 25th April, 19:30	St Peter's Church	St Peters Church Annual Meeting

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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