



*Stop playing, there's apples to squish!*

## **HORNINGSEA Herald**

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## **Events**

### ***Horningsea Firework display and Bonfire***

**Sunday 5th November, 18:30, Village Green**

The HRA's annual firework display is on Sunday 5th of November.

The fireworks start at 18.30 on the Millennium Green followed by the Bonfire.  
Admission is £5 for adults and free for Children.

### ***Bonfire building***

**Saturday 4th November, 10:00, Village Green**

Please bring dry wooden items you would like to dispose of between the hours of 10:00 and 16:00. Even if you do not have anything to burn we really, really need help building the bonfire. The last few years have seen fewer and fewer people come help.

Please do not bring anything outside these hours and please do not bring wet or damp garden waste. Thanks!

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/2718>

### ***Fen Ditton Cricket Club Annual Quiz night***

**Friday 10th November, 19:30, Kings Head, Fen Ditton.**

Fen Ditton Cricket Club are holding their very popular annual quiz night at the Kings Head in Fen Ditton on Friday 10th November. Teams of up to six people can enter at £10 a team. Please arrive from 19.30 for an 20:00 start. Landlord Derek will be providing his famous chilli con carne for a nominal charge, there will be a raffle and all proceeds will go towards the club's junior teams. Poster is attached.

## ***Living with Integrity Group***

### **Saturday 11th November, 8.30, St Johns Rooms, Waterbeach**

The next meeting is on Saturday 11th November at 8.30 for breakfast at St Johns Rooms in Waterbeach. The LWI group have extended an invitation to the neighbouring parishes to join them. The last meeting considered issues of recognising modern slavery, Big Data, ethnic balance in the ministry of the church and the, often under-valued, strengths of rural parishes. The next meeting themes include looking at textile production – is it ethical? Is it sustainable? Trevor Thorne has used the discussions to stimulate his writing of 'Eco-Verses' Blog-Spot which you can see at:

<https://eco-verses.blogspot.co.uk/s>

## ***Remembrance Day Service in Horningsea***

### **Sunday 12th November, 10.15 in Church, 10.50 at War Memorial**

On Sunday 12th November the Remembrance Day Service will start at St Peter's Church at 10.15. At 10.45 the poppy wreaths will be collected by various Village groups – the HRA, Parish Council, Church Council, Friends of Horningsea Church and the veterans. The wreaths will be taken to the Jubilee Gardens where we will all gather for the concluding part of the service. John Wilson will read the names of the fallen of the Village and tell us a bit about each one – what they did before they went off to war, how old they were and where they are buried. We hope to have a trumpeter again to sound the Last Post as we keep the minute silence at 11:00. Everyone is invited to place a British Legion cross around the base of the Memorial.

99 years after the Armistice it is important we continue to remember "those who grow not old as we that are left grow old...". The Commonwealth War Graves Commission plan to put a notice in the Church Noticeboard in the next few months drawing attention to the fact that we have a war grave in Horningsea Churchyard. John Wilson will tell us the story of Captain Baker and how he came to be buried here.

After the Service everyone is invited back to the Church to warm up(!) over a hot coffee.

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

### ***Diary dates for church events***

- Sunday 10th December at 18.00 – Candlelit Carol Service.
- **New this year** Crib Service on Christmas Eve in the afternoon.

## ***Candlelit Carol Service - help needed to prepare the Church!***

The Carol Service will be on Sunday 10th December at 18.00 and you will probably know there is a huge amount of work needed to decorate the Church with the many hundreds of candles. So on the basis that "many hands make (candle)light work" this is a plea for help. Last year we had a wonderful team of workers – please come and help again. We will start getting the candles and candelabras out of the boxes on the weekend of 18th & 19th November. A list of what needs to be done after that will be in the church so you can come in at any time and spend an odd hour setting up candles – not just at the weekends.

It is worth all the effort to see the church glowing with the oil lamps and candles, full of people, singing the well known carols and listening to the traditional Christmas readings. Even if you cannot come and help in the preparation, write the date in your diary and remember you need to come early to get a seat!

## ***Crib Service on Christmas Eve at St Peter's Church.***

### **New this year!**

Children are invited to come dressed as characters from the Nativity. This will be a very short Service when children make a crib with the various characters. We thought we could use the knitted Nativity for this. This will take the place of the Nativity Service.

## **Reports**

### ***A Special Summer***

*By Richard Pleasants, Chairman, Horningsea Residents Association*

After the spring's events (notably the ever-popular Bingo and Fish and Chips Night) we moved into summer with a special event on May 21st organised by Lindsay - the Coprolite March. To celebrate the anniversary of the coprolite worker's march in Victorian times, we met in the Jubilee gardens and set off for Quy Fen. The weather was perfect late spring combination of sunshine and cotton-wool clouds. As is usual in Horningsea, the happy band was swollen by a fair contingent of children and dogs.

For those who have not been to the Fen (can there really be any?) it is a beautiful area of unspoilt pasture and woodland with small lakes that were once the site of coprolite diggings. Coprolite was used as fertiliser and was a very busy industry in this village. It was responsible for Horningsea's highest population spike ever (more than 450) in the nineteenth century. We paused by the lake for the dogs to have a dip, and then pressed on to the shade of the lovely large oak tree for our picnic, close to the memorial to William Ison who was struck by



lightning on the Fen, allegedly whilst sheltering under a bale of straw held above his head with an iron pitchfork - wrong!

Village Day was on July 1st, and in the light of last year's popular ceilidh we decided to again ask The Stomp Happy Tribe to join us. Ceilidhs have the advantage of being fun for all ages, and this event was very well attended. The new marquee was erected with commendable effort from the team and its presence ensured good weather. The event stretched long into a delightful summer evening.

The Village Boat Trip on 10th September was again an expanded event. We stopped at the GOBA moorings upstream of Bottisham Lock for a picnic. Unlike last year we were denied the pleasure of halcyon weather. It was grey and windy, but we all had fun - but nobody was tempted to swim.



The finely honed production process that is Apple Pressing Day took place on 30th September (the events come thick and fast at this time of year!) and the weather was perfect. The usual heap of apples was turned into the usual vessels of cloudy brown liquid, but it was a special pleasure to enjoy the company of a few guests from outside the village who joined in with the work.

October 14th was International Night - this year the cuisine was Thai - and a magnificent effort by the many superb cooks in the village contributed to a well-attended and riotously enjoyable evening.

So what makes this year particularly special? Well, for a village whose population has held more or less stable at 300 for the last 1000 years, apart from anomalies caused by coprolite (see above) and the Black Death, we have experienced something of our own little baby boom since April. Welcome to the world Benoît, Sebastian, Persephone and - most recently - Sid, and in particular welcome to your home - Horningsea.

## ***Parish Council report***

*Margaret Starkie*

**Paper caddy recycling by SCDC** From 11th December residents will no longer need to use paper caddies; used paper should be placed directly into blue wheelie bins for recycling. Residents may keep their caddy following the change or take them to a household waste recycling centre. They should not be placed in wheelie bins. More information can be found on [www.scams.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.scams.gov.uk/recycling).

**Illegal encampment guidance.** Following a number of illegal Gypsy and Traveller encampments in the district, SCDC has issued some new guidance to parish councils to help them protect their land and deal with any issues that may arise. They have also

updated the Guidance for Travellers - see

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/gypsy-and-traveller-illegal-encampment-advice>.

**Low Fen Drove Way.** As a result of crime, hare coursing, ASB and fly tipping there is a proposal to put a barrier at Horningsea Byway 17 & Fen Ditton Byway 14, the track at Lower Fen Drove which connects Snout's Corner to High Ditch Road. This would allow access to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders but not to vehicles except emergency and farm vehicles with keys. The Parish Council discussed this at an EPC meeting on 25th October and agreed to support the proposal.

**Sawston Police Panel meeting** on 18th October highlighted issues with the 101 service and traveller encampments; Cambridge Constabulary is aware and addressing these.

**Waterbeach Development** EIAS The PC has considered the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request made on behalf of RLW for the site to the east of the former Waterbeach airfield and barracks. The proposed development includes 5,000 residential units, retail, leisure and business spaces, primary school, secondary school, sixth form centre and train station. This site is in addition to that for which Urban & Civic submitted an outline planning application in February for up to 6,500 dwellings, three primary schools, one secondary school and business and retail outlets as well as leisure facilities. The scope of the assessment is comprehensive but the PC has commented that it is premature given that the inspector has not reported on the Local Plan, that the total number of dwellings exceeds the LP proposal and it is difficult to assess without an Outline Planning Application.

**S/0559/17/OL Application by Urban and Civic** - the period for comments on this application has been extended to 31 December 2017. Responses from all the local PCs, Horningsea Planning Group, NHS, CCC Highways, Environment Department etc can be found on the SCDC planning portal at [WB responses](#)

**Joint Parishes Meeting Representatives** from Fen Ditton, Horningsea, Landbeach, Milton and Waterbeach met with officers and councillors from SCDC and CCC for an update on the Ely to Cambridge Transport Study (A10 corridor) and SCDC's Supplementary Planning Document for Waterbeach New Town. The Transport Study gathers data on rail, pedestrian, vehicular and cycling use to model future requirements. A report is expected early 2018 with wider consultation in March '18. The SPD will follow the proposals in the Local Plan and give the spatial framework for the primary road and cycle network, the schools provision and the town centre. With two landowners it must manage delivery across the whole site with infrastructure delivery on time. More information will be given at the PC meeting on Wednesday 29th November.

**Consultation on Grafton Area Major Change** - Cambridge City Council is running a consultation on this SPD from 25th September to 6th November. More information at [Grafton Masterplan](#)

**The next PC meeting** is in the village hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29th November. Members of the public are very welcome at PC meetings and may speak briefly during the Open Forum.

### *Venice - Vision and Voice - report*

The interior of St Peter's Church was transported to Italy at the weekend with 'Venice - Vision and Voice', an exhibition combining a display of art by Janet Hathiramani, Frank Hopkirk and Ann Mitchell, three members of locally based Studio CB25, and a concert of Venetian music. There were images of the Grand Canal, churches, roof top skylines, bridges, gondolas, palazzos and islands of the lagoon in the form of paintings, drawings, prints and photographs, depicting not only the grand vistas but also the more intimate back street areas, away from the rush of the main thoroughfares.



To add to the event we were pleased to have the company of a lady mannequin suitably wearing a pair of knee-height Venetian plastic overshoes (yellow, to complement her purple dress) and a lovely silk scarf, both items purchased when the three artists visited the city last year on a drawing trip. Visitors were invited to give her a name and the winner of a selection of cards will be drawn on Thursday. The rear pews of the church were adorned with the 6 barred comb seen on the gondola and there was a Venetian flag displayed on a pillar to remind anyone who still hadn't fully realised where they were!

There was a steady influx of people on both days but the main audience came on Saturday night to both view the art and to hear a concert of Venetian music performed by Fen Edge Voices and Fen Edge Baroque Ensemble. This included a sublime Renaissance choral canzona by Croce, Monteverdi's exuberant *Beatus vir* (Blessed is the man who fears the Lord), a lovely and lively concerto for strings by Telemann and ended with Vivaldi's inspiring *Gloria*. As a counterpoint to the music we were intrigued by a talk given by gondolier Robin Rigby on the history and traditions of the gondola and gondoliers and on the techniques involved in controlling it by means of the oar on the *forcola*, requiring the highest degree of skill. Robin learnt his gondoliering in Venice, where he now rows as a club member, and has his own gondola which he and his wife have rowed in both London's Little Venice and Cambridge. The talk suitably ended with a rendition of two traditional gondolier songs with a back row chorus from the choir's men.

The Campanile Quartet played the weekend out on Sunday with music by Venetian composers arranged for the recorder.



All in all it was a great weekend, focussed on the single theme of an amazing city which holds a fascination for people the world over.

## Notes

### ***Horningsea Parish Charities***

Horningsea Parish Charities were established over 200 years ago with a fund of money which is to be used to help provide for "those in need" in the parish. The four Trustees meet annually to consider if there are any people living in Horningsea who may be regarded as "being in need". Over the years small grants have been given to the elderly, to those who have had a particularly difficult financial year through redundancy or illness, grants have been given to enable children to go on the annual school residential week and for young people to go on a football tour. If you know of anyone living in Horningsea who may be "in need" this year can you please let the Trustees know by emailing [ldathorningsea@gmail.com](mailto:ldathorningsea@gmail.com)

### ***Horningsea Adults & Toddlers - HATs***

Horningsea adult and toddler group meets on a Tuesday morning in the village hall in Horningsea from 10-11:30.

We have Play-doh, a toy kitchen and food, toy farm animals, cars and garages, Duplo, puzzles, books and drawing materials as well as baby friendly toys along with support cushions for the really tiny ones. If the weather is nice the children have the opportunity to play outside with outdoor toys.

For adults there is a hot drink and biscuit and a chance for a chat whilst the little ones play.

A snack and drink is given to the children half way through the session which is included in the cost of the attendance. This cost is £2 per session, per family. However, if you pay for four sessions at once it's £6 (£1.50 per session).

Adults without children are also welcome if you fancy a hot drink and a chat (amongst the noise of the children playing), a £1 donation is asked for in this instance.

We look forward to welcoming you to the group!

There is plenty of parking available outside the village hall.

### ***New to Yoga?***

#### **Starting Monday 30th October : 9.30-10.30, Horningsea Village Hall**

Felicity has recently moved to Horningsea and wants to introduce yoga into the village. She invites you to yoga classes that will lengthen and strengthen your mind and body.

- Classes suitable for all levels and ages.
- Running during term time for 6 weeks of classes.

- To book contact [yogawithfelicity@gmail.com](mailto:yogawithfelicity@gmail.com)

[www.yogawithfelicity.com](http://www.yogawithfelicity.com)

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

Bellringing practice in Horningsea is on the 2nd and last Friday of each month from 19:00 to 20.30. Do come along and find out about learning how to ring. There is no age limit! You don't need to be musical and many Bell Ringers are not members of a church congregation. We have just managed to open our box of handbells and on some Fridays there will be a chance to try handbell ringing as well. If we manage to find enough ringers who can get together to practice we might manage to learn something to ring at the Carol Service in December.

## ***Community Flood Volunteer Training***

Community flood volunteers and flood groups are key in helping their community to be prepared for flooding and other emergencies. They play a vital role in a community's response before, during, and after a flood.

Working in partnership the Environment Agency, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue, Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council and Anglian Water are offering free training sessions for all flood volunteers and those communities who are interested in setting up flood volunteers in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

You don't need any previous experience. You just need to be willing to learn how to help your community.

By attending the training, you'll gain an insight into the work of the Environment Agency and its partners.

The dates of the training sessions are:

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 – 16:00**

*Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Brampton Road, Huntingdon PE29 2NA*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10:00 – 16:00**

*Environment Agency Office, Bromholme Lane, Brampton, PE28 4NE*

## ***Shed Security***

Many people underestimate the value of the items they store in their sheds. Unfortunately criminals are fully aware of the value of the goods that some people do store in vulnerable places. The following advice can help to keep your property secure and reduce the chance of you becoming a victim of crime.

Whilst a shed is not designed to withstand any form of determined attack, there are some simple measures you can take to make them more secure. Position your garden shed as near to your house as possible so that it is clearly visible from your home.

Consider painting your house number and postcode onto your valuable gardening equipment (e.g. lawn mower, strimmer and tools). This makes them much less attractive to potential thieves as it makes them more difficult to sell on, and also increases the chances of the property being recovered and returned to its rightful owner if it is stolen.

Avoid storing valuable items such as power tools, fishing tackle or golf clubs in a shed. These items should be stored inside your home or a secure garage.

If you have been working in your garden ensure that you lock away tools such as spades or forks when you're finished. Tools left out overnight could be used by an intruder to gain access to your property.

If you don't intend to use the windows in your shed you can make them secure by screwing them shut or fitting window locks. Hanging old curtain or netting up against the window will prevent any prying eyes from seeing what is stored in your shed.

## **Locks and Bolts**

The most effective way to secure shed doors is to fit a strong hasp and staple (also called a 'padbar'). Secure this with coach bolts (long bolts with a smooth head that cannot be undone with a screwdriver or spanner) and lock the hasp over the staple with a closed shackled padlock.

You can further protect your shed with items such as 'shed bars' and larger items such as cycles can be secured to shed shackles. These and other approved products can be found at [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com) or [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com).

Secure the shed door hinges with 'clutch head' or 'coffin' screws. These are a special type of screw that once fitted can only be unscrewed with a special tool. They can be purchased from DIY outlets and on the internet.

## ***Blue recycling bin changes from 11th December.***

South Cambridgeshire District Council is changing the way used paper is collected from residents for recycling.

From 11th December, residents won't need to use their caddies to recycle paper anymore.

From that date, residents should place their used paper directly into their blue wheelie bins instead. This used paper will still be recycled after being sorted from other materials at our facility near Waterbeach.

Residents can keep their caddy to use for anything they like. Alternatively, they can be recycled by being dropped off at the nearest household waste recycling centre. They should not be placed into wheelie bins.

The decision to withdraw the paper caddy service was taken at South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet meeting in September. The decision will save taxpayers money and simplify the recycling process for residents.

Because of this upcoming change, the District Council will not be delivering any new paper caddies. If they are lost or stolen before 11th December, residents can begin putting paper in their blue bin.

After 11th December, residents can keep their caddies and use them however they wish. Alternatively, they can be taken to a household waste recycling centre for recycling. They should not be placed into wheelie bins.

More information can be found here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling>

### ***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>

Please contact the Herald ([horningseanews@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event/Notes</b>
Saturday 4th November, 10:00	Village Green	Bonfire building
Sunday 5th November, 18:30	Village Green	Horningsea Firework display and Bonfire
Friday 10th November, 19:30	Kings Head, Fen Ditton.	Fen Ditton Cricket Club Annual Quiz night
Saturday 11th November, 8.30	St Johns Rooms, Waterbeach	Living with Integrity Group
Sunday 12th November	10.15: Church 10.50: War Memorial	Remembrance Day Service in Horningsea
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Monday: 9:30-10:30	Village Hall	Yoga Class - yogawithfelicity@gmail.com
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
Second and last Friday of the month. 19:00 - 20:30	Church	Bell ringing