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www.horningsea.net

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Events

Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday March 15th at 15:00

Mothering Sunday Service and Horningsea's farewell to Reverend Michael Bowers followed by tea in the village hall. Come along as a family to say "thank you" to and for our mothers, and to say an informal goodbye to Michael and Rita. Posies of flowers will be distributed during the service. Dinah and her team will be making the posies on Saturday 14 March at 10:00 in the church. Please come along and help her - the more the merrier! Contributions of cakes, scones, biscuits ... for the tea party will be warmly welcomed. Michael's formal retirement service will be on Palm Sunday 29th March at Fen Ditton at 10:00 (see below).

Horningsea Horticultural Show – appeal for new committee members

Wednesday March 18th at 19:30 in the Village Hall

The show committee is looking for a few new members to help with the planning and running of the show.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday March 18th at 19:30 in the Village Hall, everyone is welcome to attend. Committee members will stay behind afterwards for a short planning meeting. If you are interested in joining the committee, please attend the AGM. The show itself will be held on Saturday 11th July 2015.

If you would like more information about what is involved, please contact Jane Tunnacliffe by email tunna@btinternet.com or phone 01223 860582.

We look forward to seeing you on 18th March!

Pirate Night at the Plough and Fleece

Saturday 28th March, 20:30, The Plough and Fleece.

Avast me hearties!

Once more the brethren come together to revel in sculduggery and rum!

20:30 onwards in the backbar. Expect costumes, carousing and of course silliness!

The Cantilena Singers: Lamentations and Hope

Saturday 28th March, 19:30, Church of St Cyriac and St Julitta, Swaffham Prior

Music for Lent and Easter in the beautiful surroundings and spectacular acoustics of this 13th century church building. Programme including Duruflé's Quatre motets sur des thèmes grégoriens (Op. 10) and Tallis's Lamentations of Jeremiah

Refreshments available. Tickets £10. Children free.

Contact David Holton email: dwh11@cam.ac.uk or phone 01638 743947

www.cantilenasingers.org

Reverend Michael Bowers is retiring

Sunday 29 March, Palm Sunday, 10.00, Fen Ditton

Reverend Michael Bowers has announced that he will retire at Easter due to his ill health. His last joint service will be on Sunday 29 March -Palm Sunday - at 10.00 at Fen Ditton. He hopes as many people as possible will come along to say farewell, so if Michael has baptised your children, married you, conducted a funeral service for a member of your family, become a friend, chatted to you at village events then please put this date in your diary now.

Student Cross Pilgrimage

Tuesday 31st March approx. 10.15 to 10.30

Tuesday 31st March at about 10.15/10.30 the Student Cross Pilgrims will be walking through Horningsea on their way from London to Walsingham in Norfolk. They stop at St Peter's for a cup of tea, to dry out if it is raining, to treat their blisters and for a friendly chat. If you see them walking through the village walk along with them for a little way, come and join them in Church and wave them off as they walk across the fields towards Lode.

Future Events

Saturday 25 April at 19:30 in St Peter's Church "the Road to Mandalay"

Lindsay will give an illustrated lecture on her travels in Myanmar (Burma)

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 May 2025:

Horningsea will celebrate the 70th anniversary of VE Day ...the end of WWII in Europe. The HRA have organised a series of events on the village green for the Saturday. In the Church there will be an exhibition of Children in the War with memories and stories of those who were children between 1939 and 1945 - with photographs, toys, books, gas masks, school reports?... If you were one of those children, or if your parents or grandparents fit into that category can you write a brief story about the experiences you had and give it to Lindsay (lindsay@horningsea.freemove.co.uk). On Sunday 10th May at 11:00 there will be special Church Service commemorating the 70th anniversary when a poppy from the Tower of London will be displayed. During the afternoon there will be the Horningsea School Reunion. Refreshments will be served.

HRA Calendar of events for 2015

Here's 2015 list of events from the Horningsea Residents Association.

- 3rd April - Easter Egg hunt - Jubilee gardens from 10.30 to midday
- 9th May - VE day
- 20th June - Village day
- 19th September - Apple Press day
- 10th October - International day
- 1st November - Firework night
- 6th December - Christmas tree lighting

Notes

The bells of St Peter's Horningsea

Debbie Dennis-Jones who used to live in Horningsea recently found this letter and poem. It is not dated but probably relates to 1981 when the church bells were rung for the first time in 20 years:

Dear Bellringers

I've been so pleased to hear the Horningsea bells ringing again as I walk along the towpath between Waterbeach and Milton. (They can be heard in the parish of Waterbeach when the wind is in the right direction.)

They add so much to the splendour of a summer evening by the river. I was inspired to write a few verses which I enclose.

Best wishes for many happy hours of ringing.

Yours sincerely

Dennis Cheason

The bells of St Peter's (Horningsea)

The bells of St Peter's
Not far from my home
Stir me far more
Than the famed bells of Rome

So many years silent,
So many years still,
Now ring with great vigour
Ring with a will.

O'er Milton and Ditton
And Cambridgeshire's plain,
Tell the whole world
You are ringing again.

Ring over meadow
And ring over wheat
And over thatched cottage
In yon narrow street

Ring for the sheep
And ring for the lamb
Ring over still waters
Of slow-flowing Cam.

The cuckoo and blackcap
From Africa's shores
Have ne'er heard a sound
That's grander than yours.

I give thanks for the magic
That's carried to me
By the bells of St Peter's
In dear Horningsea.

You will have heard the bells ringing on the last Friday of each month. Landbeach ringers hold a practice session in Horningsea from 19:00. As all the Church bells throughout the land were rung on VE Day 70 years ago there is a plan to arrange for the bells to be rung in Horningsea on the afternoon of Sunday 10 May 2015. This will also be an opportunity for you to try your hand and discover how you too could become a bell ringer. The Landbeach learners include two primary school children, a couple of young teenagers as well as more "mature" learners. Some teenagers take up ringing as part of their Duke of Edinburgh scheme project. Other learners have just always wanted to have a go! You are never too young or too old to ring! Keep an eye on the posters and notices in New Life and Horningsea Herald or speak to Cathy Clarke, and come along on 10th May.

March Bulletin From Cambridgeshire Fire And Rescue Service

How many times have you tested your smoke alarm since the start of 2015? If the answer is zero, please go and do it now! We're asking residents to test their smoke alarms every month – mark it in your diary and make sure you press the button.

If you have young children, then why not devise a fun game to get them involved in testing the smoke alarms in the household? If you can't quite reach it, then use a broom handle to press the test button.

Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms of those you love. If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative, friend or neighbour, pop by and make sure they have a working smoke alarm. If you think someone is vulnerable and could be at a higher risk if a fire broke out in their home, then please call us on 0800 917 9994 and we can provide advice and support. Alternatively contact Gary Dew, your local fire safety Community Champion on 01223 440414 or by email at garydew@btinternet.com.

Log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk for the latest incidents, news and safety advice. Find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Horningsea events on the village website

If you particularly do not want to miss a "Horningsea Event!" then the village website has an events calendar. Events are generally (hopefully!) put on a few months in advance.

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/category/events>

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. e.g. local events, reports of local events, useful services. The Herald does not accept advertising, but one off "news items" may be used to publicise your "service" if it meets the criteria. 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. News items that are sent ready to be copy and pasted into the Herald will make the editorial team smile. Plain text sent via email is greatly preferred. Please also use the third person when writing articles and use the 24 hr notation for time. Thanks!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for this month

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

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Overview of Weekly Events

Date & Time	Location	Event/Notes
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!
First Sunday of the month 15:00-17:00	Village hall	UK Knitting and Crochet Guild, Cambridgeshire branch