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Horningsea is a two pub village again!

Events

Seniors Easter lunch

Wednesday 23rd March , 13:00 Village Hall

The HRA will be organising the Seniors Easter lunch at 13:00 in the Village Hall. If you would like to attend please call Jenni Hill on 862293.

The closing date is Saturday 19th March and numbers are limited. So please call early!

St Peters Church in March - Easter approaches

Sunday 6 March at 10.30: Mothering Sunday Service: Come along with your children, your mother, father, aunts, uncles, grandparents. godparents ...or friends and join in the celebration of our mothers! Posies of flowers will be distributed during the service. There will be refreshments afterwards. Children may like to bring along a picture or drawing of their mum to show everyone!

Sunday 20 March at 9:00 - Palm Sunday when Palm Crosses are distributed to everyone during the Service

Tuesday 22 March at 10.30: Student Cross Pilgrims call into Horningsea on their way from London to Walsingham in Norfolk. They will arrive at St Peters Church at about 10.30 to dry out, tend to their blisters, have a cup of tea, sing a song, say a prayer and head off again across the fields towards Lode. If you see them coming up from Baits Bite why not join them for the last few yards of their walk in the Village. If you are free during the morning please come along and help pour out cups of tea. It's always a very jolly morning!

Thursday 24 March at 19.30: at Fen Ditton there will be a Maundy Thursday service starting off the Easter vigil and weekend.

Good Friday 25 March 12:00: at St Peter's Horningsea: a special quiet church service when there is a chance to contemplate on the events of Good Friday 2000 years ago.

Saturday 26 March 19.30 at Fen Ditton - the Easter vigil service will take place

Easter Day Sunday 27 March at 11:00: at Horningsea (please check details on posters) Celebrate Easter day at St Peter's Church

Advance Events

HRA events for 2016

Below is a list of events that the HRA is hoping to host this year. Times have not been fixed yet, but watch out for posters nearer the time or check the Horningsea Herald for updates.

- 23rd March - Senior Citizen's Party
- 15th April - Bingo Fish & Chips Evening
- 11th June - Village Day/ Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration
- 16th July - Dance & BBQ ... Early start (5pm) to give the children a chance to show off their moves!
- 11th Sept - Village Boat Trip
- 24th Sept - Apple Pressing with Vee's Teas
- 15th Oct - International Evening ... Italian Theme! Dust off those unused pasta makers!
- 6th Nov - Guy Fawkes Night
- 4th Dec - Christmas Tree Lighting

Phew... that's it, except for some last-minute rounders/cricket/football games on the green during the warm summer evenings. No dates booked yet due to our questionable summer weather.

Please let us know if you can offer any help organising these events. It can sometimes be a bit of a struggle, particularly building the fire for Guy Fawkes night ... and just manning the tea urn for half an hour at village events is greatly appreciated. The offer of help, however small is never turned down!

Village Litter Pick

Sunday, 3rd April, 11:00 St John's Barn on St Johns Lane.

There will be a Horningsea litter pick on Sunday 3rd April. Meeting at St. John's Barn, St Johns Lane at 11:00 to collect refuse sacks and other equipment.

April in the Church. The opening of the new kitchen and toilet.

Sunday 24th April at 10:00 - the Bishop of Huntingdon will be coming on to dedicate the new kitchen and loos! A number of events are planned for that weekend - Flower arrangements and Quiz on Saturday and Sunday afternoons with tea and cakes on both days. A village concert on Saturday evening - maybe including a performance of "The Queens Knickers" in celebration of her 90th Birthday, some Shakespeare songs and readings in commemoration of 400th Anniversary of his death and something (maybe from Just William ?) celebrating St Georges Day. If you have any suggestions of a light hearted party piece you could perform to fit one of these themes, please let us know - lindsay@horningsea.freeserve.co.uk. During the afternoon of 24th April Landbeach Bellringers will attempt to ring a quarter peal in celebration.

Bottisham Village College Adult and Community Learning

Learn something new at one of our Saturday Workshops on 21st May

Choose from; Copperfoiled Stained Glass Day, Italian Cookery, Make a Beach Bag in a Day, Summer Flowers for the Home or Gifts, Upholstery and Chair Caning, Willow Weaving – Plant Climbers & Garden Structures and Woodturning

Workshops run from 10.00 to 16:00 . Why not come along with a group of friends and enjoy the day together?

To enrol, see our website: www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning, or contact the Community Office Tel: 01223 811372. email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org, Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or Twitter: @CommunityEdBott

Reports

Horningsea Valentine's Day Ride 2016

by Bert Santilly.

Brilliant sunshine and a very cold northerly wind marked the day, from setting off at the Plough and Fleece to our return about four and a half hours later.

Our route took us south from Horningsea along the cycle path; then via Waddloes Path, Fen Ditton, along the Jubilee Cycle path to Bottisham, The Swaffhams and out to Reach where we stopped for lunch.

Some of us dived into the Dyke's End pub for a welcome hot coffee while others gathered under a large tree on the green and had our lunch al fresco (it was certainly very "fresco!").

From here we skirted round Burwell before striking off to the north-west along Little Fen Drove. It was at this point that the cunning of Frank's route planning became apparent. As we turned north-west and later south, the wind that we had been fighting all the way out now became an asset and, crossing the bridge over Burwell Lode, we found ourselves positively blown along!

We followed the Sustrans route south towards Lode before picking up the route of the old railway line and returning home across the fen via Alicky Farm, making a total ride distance of just under 25 miles.

It was then just a short hop back to the Plough and Fleece for a well-earned pint, a chance thaw out a bit and a few moments to reflect on a very successful trip.



Our rides have a very gentle pace and we are happy for you to join us for part of the route if you don't want to go all the way round. This makes them very suitable for everyone from beginners to experienced cyclists. If you would like to join us on future rides, just email me at bert@santilly.co.uk and I'll put you on our mailing list.

Agricole donation to the HRA

As a direct result of many villagers purchasing oil through Agricole's syndicate, Jeremy Cole, from Agricole, recently donated £120 to the HRA to be spent on events for the benefit of our village.

Many residents enjoy low oil prices by joining the oil buying syndicate operated by Agricole Ltd. This is a free service. To join all you have to do is register with them on 01954 719452 or e.mail sales@agricole.co.uk.

<http://goo.gl/CHH4MW>

Agricole will contact you at regular intervals to see if oil is required. They will then obtain best price for a bulk village delivery. You can accept or decline. Minimum orders are for 500 litres at low price. Payment is made direct to supply when the cheapest has been accepted.



In addition to the convenience and lower cost, the Village also benefits from a £5 donation from Agricole per order per calendar year. This is usually paid to the Parish Council but we have requested this to go to the HRA. Agricole makes no charge but does receive a commission from the suppliers.

Notes

Horningsea Fibre/ Faster Broadband update

We've had another update (below) from Connecting Cambridgeshire on the 25th Feb 2016. The editorial team abstains from further comment, except that the new(!) date of June 2016 is looked upon with cynicism. A representative from Connecting Cambridgeshire and BT Openreach will be at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 30th of March.

"Connecting Cambridgeshire has been working with BT and Openreach to resolve the unprecedented access issues which have delayed the fibre broadband connection for Horningsea. Unfortunately, repeated attempts to agree a legal wayleave to take the last length of fibre across private land to connect the cabinet at Waterbeach have not been successful, as the landowner does not want the disruption.

Openreach has now advised that the only remaining solution to complete the connection is to install new ducts for the fibre to run close to the railway line, having previously discovered that the existing ducts are blocked. This involves a formal process to obtain permission from Network Rail to

be allowed to carry out the work because it is within 200m of the railway line, so traffic management will be needed.

Based on previous experience with Network Rail issues, Openreach anticipate that it could take several months to obtain permissions and complete the work, which means the cabinet will go live with fibre broadband by June 2016. We will be able to give a more detailed timescale once permissions have been confirmed.

Connecting Cambridgeshire is aware that this will be disappointing news for residents and will be working with the Parish Council, Lucy Frazer MP and local councillors to speed up the formal process by talking to Network Rail and Highways officers.

We have offered to attend a Parish Council meeting with representatives of the agencies involved to explain the situation, and will also provide regular updates via Horningsea Herald and on the Horningsea 'my area' page on Connecting Cambridgeshire website.

We understand this is very disappointing for residents waiting for faster Internet connections and want to assure you we are working to bring fibre broadband to the village as soon as possible. If you would like us to email you direct when fibre broadband is available, please register your contact details by emailing contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk

Beaches Community Car Scheme - volunteer drivers urgently needed

Could you spare a couple of hours a week to take people on essential journeys such as the doctor's surgery, the dentist, hospital outpatients?

Beaches Community Car Scheme serves the villages of Horningsea, Landbeach, Milton and Waterbeach. More volunteer drivers are urgently needed to deliver this service - with a limited bus service this is the only way some of our residents can get to the surgery or hospital.

Volunteers are paid a small mileage charge by the client and this is topped up by Cambridgeshire County Council once a month.

If you would like more information please contact Mike Dean, the chief coordinator, on 01223 575698 (this number is for volunteer drivers only and not to request trips).

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for this month

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

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event/Notes</u>
Sunday 6th March, 10.30	St Peter's Church	Mothering Sunday Service:
Sunday 20th March, 9:00	St Peter's Church	Palm Sunday
Tuesday 22nd March, 10.30	St Peter's Church	Student Cross Pilgrims
Wednesday 23rd March, 13:00	Village Hall	Seniors Easter lunch
Thursday 24th March, 19.30	Fen Ditton Church.	Maundy Thursday
Good Friday 25th March, 12:00	St Peter's Church	Good Friday service
Saturday 26th March, 19.30	Fen Ditton Church.	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 27th March, 11:00	St Peter's Church	Easter Sunday

Overview of Weekly Events

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event/Notes</u>
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