



HORNINGSEA Herald

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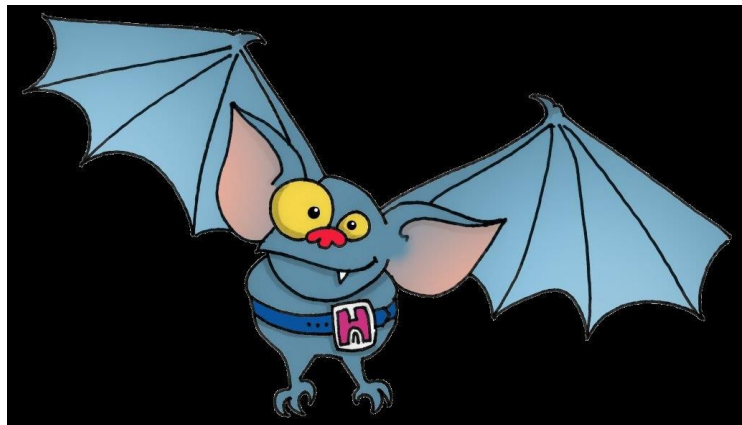
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Events

Bat Watch!

Saturday 6th August at St Peters Church from 20.00.

There are two colonies of Bats in St Peter's church and a summer evening is the best time to see them flying out at dusk to catch insects, they will probably head towards the river as that is a good source of food! Cambridge bat group will bring Bat Detectors with them. We will also see the owl which lives in the St John's lane barn out hunting in the churchyard and may even see the foxes on their nightly prowls... Inside the church we will have a talk by Olivier Restif from Priory Road who is an expert on African Fruit Bats, we can compare these enormous creatures to our tiny little pipistrelles. We hope some people will bring tents to camp in the churchyard or sleeping bags and sleeping mats to camp in the church! Hot chocolate will be provided to send us all to sleep and breakfast will get available in the morning for those who have managed to stay all night! This is a bit of an experiment so the Church members hope that a lot of people from the village will take up the challenge. See you all on 6th August at about 20.00!



Locals Week at the Crown and Punchbowl

15th to 21st August at the Crown and Punchbowl

The Crown and Punchbowl are holding a Locals Week from the 15th to the 21st August. *"Enjoy a starter or a dessert on us with your main meal as well as wine for the table all week long. (Tables of up to 6. Please just phone us to book your table on 01223 860643). It's really to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village for supporting us through our first 6 months. We've loved being back in Horningsea! We'll be distributing invites to all addresses in the village with full details."*

Madrigals on the River

18:15, Sunday 21st August, The Orchards.

by Frank Hopkirk

Madrigals on the River will take place on Sunday 21st August evening at the Orchards, Horningsea. Thanks to Roe Asplin for hosting this event.

The singing will begin around 18:15 to 18:30 depending on light conditions. In the event of wet weather the singing will take place in the church (watch out for any notices).

Assuming good weather bring your hampers, bottles of bubbly, table and chairs etc to relax by the river side and enjoy a musical trip back to the 16th century (with some later additions).

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.

- 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

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!

Saturday 10 September is Historic Churches Ride & Stride Day and also Heritage Open Day.

Horningsea Church has benefited from grants from Historic Churches and English Heritage so the Church will be open all day to welcome visitors. You can contribute by setting yourself a challenge to visit as many churches as possible that day, on foot, by bike, on horseback or even by car! Sponsorship forms are available from Andy Clarke. Horningsea Church will be hosting events all day. Come and see the Horningsea 800 film and there will be an exhibition of Horningsea 250 years ago under the title 1766 and all that! Which houses date from then? Who was married in that year? What do you know about Thomas Panton of Eye Hall and what did he do as the Keeper Of the Kings Wardrobe? What was happening in Cambridge with Addenbrookes Hospital and the Botanic Gardens. Have a look at the Horningsea Altar Cloth embroidered in 1766 and still used on special occasions.

During the afternoon there will also be readings to celebrate Shakespeare and a chance to look at parts of the church that date from Shakespeare's day. We may even have some readings of Dr Rowan Williams new play imagining Shakespeare (or Shakeshaft) as a young man... There will be chance to have a taster bellringing lesson and the afternoon will finish with a visit from the Bishop of Huntingdon who will come and present a grant that has

been awarded to the church for its community activities since the completion of the work to the kitchen and loos. And there may be other activities planned, watch out for the posters. Did you know that in 1766 the church wardens paid village children pennies to collect hedgehogs, pole cats and weasels? Shall we reintroduce this in 2016?

Summer at St Peter's Horningsea

Now the church is looking so splendid and we have two loos, the church council is determined that the church should be used by the community so the programme of events for this summer includes concerts, art exhibitions, tea parties and even an opportunity to "chump" or "champ" in the church with the bats! We welcome everyone to use the church for tea parties, concerts or other events. Please contact one of the Church wardens Jennie on 864513 or Vee on 441900.

- **10th September Heritage Open Day.** Horningsea in Shakespeare's Day and 250 years ago...
- **1st October Concert Corona Brass** and a small choir provide the Last Concert of Summer.
- **9th October 11:00 Harvest Service**
- **Sunday 11th December: 11:00 A very Short Nativity** and at **18:00 The Candlelit Carol Service**

Reports

Village Playground update

by HRA committee

For the last few years the HRA has asked ROSPA (the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) to annually review the Horningsea Playground. ROSPA undertook its review in April this year and their findings revealed that the climbing tower is in need of some repair to rotting posts. The HRA took the decision to cordon off the tower until it can be repaired and notices/cordons were put up immediately. The HRA and the Parish Council are working together to rectify the situation and find the best way to repair the item whilst still keep the playground open. Sadly, some of the seating areas were recently vandalised and a car crashing into the Jubilee Gardens has not helped the general look of the area! The HRA and the PC would like to assure you that they are actively seeking solutions to making the playground safer. This has involved getting quotes for repairs and also looking at further long-term plans to find grants to eventually replace tired pieces of equipment. ROSPA says there is no such thing as no-risk in any playground so please be aware when using the play area and we'll keep you updated on any work due to be carried out.

Horningsea Village Cycle Ride 26/06/16: A Ride Beyond the Pillboxes to the Middle of Nowhere!

by Bert Santilly

It was with some trepidation that we gathered outside the Crown and Punchbowl a little later than usual, to allow for those riders attending the St Peter's Day Service. Casting anxious eyes at the clouds overhead and wondering whether we would have a dry ride or not, eight of us set off in the direction of Baits Bite lock for our ride even beyond the pillboxes, to the Middle of Nowhere!

We put Isla (aged seven) out in front to lead us on our way thinking that as the youngest solo rider she would set a nice easy pace that we could all manage. Quite a miscalculation really, she set off like a greyhound and by

the time we had reached Baits Bite, I - for one – was glad of the chance to grab a breather!

We continued along the river path up to Waterbeach passing the first pillbox, accompanied by a heron and two buzzards as well as the usual mallards, moorhens, and Lesser Spotted Sunday Walkers.

We skirted through the back of Waterbeach and headed out towards

Bottisham Lock before turning north onto Long Drove. It is like entering another land and time; beautiful views out across the fen, hardly a person in sight and dead straight for about five miles! We stopped along the way to allow a horse and rider to come past and ended up having a long chat with them before they continued. It seems that horses are great fans of mini-flapjacks and Freddie, our youngest rider aged five, acting as stoker on his dad's Tridem, found he was just at the right height to feed the horse flapjack portions!.



We passed the second pillbox and then struck off north-eastwards towards the river along a grassy track and finally up an embankment from where we could see the river and, in the distance, the Five Miles From Anywhere pub. Here we had our picnic and relaxed. There was a suspicion of rain but not enough to cause any major problems and it was gone almost as soon as it started.

As we approached Waterbeach again on our return, Rob Balm found us a different way through, via a track and an unmanned railway crossing with little traffic lights! This brought us out eventually into Rosemary Road and from here it was an easy run back through Waterbeach, along the river and over Bait's Bite Lock before cycling up the track and home to Horningsea. Some of us rode straight back to our homes but a few of us enjoyed a contemplative pint in the Crown and Punchbowl before parting company.

All in all, an excellent outing in great company and a truly stellar performance by Isla who rode fifteen miles at a very good pace without any help from anyone at all. Her little brother, Freddie, did well too; alternately stoking the tridem and gazing around happily while Rob and Rachel (in turns) powered the front end! Try and join us next time if you can, we don't yet know what our next route will be, but we can guarantee you a fun day out!!

HPC and Speed Restriction measures - have your say

by Parish Council clerk

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 27th July; all minutes will be available on the notice boards and on the PC website <http://www.horningsea.net/community-parish-council> with information on the PC's financial state, councillor responsibilities and important notices from the district and county councils. There is also information on the public consultations for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Devolution and Greater Cambridge City Deal.

The council is considering making an application to Cambs. County Council for funding to install speed restriction measures at both entrances to the village. Information from other villages has shown differing levels of effectiveness and Highways engineers have

suggested pinch points and speed cushions or vehicle activated speed signs. All measures are costly and the PC would need to raise money, either through the Precept or other means. We would welcome residents' views on this; the next Ordinary Meeting is on Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm at the Village Hall so please come along and give your suggestions.

Agenda for all meetings are posted on the PC website and on the notice boards three clear working days before the meeting.

Our Parish Clerk, Hayley Livermore, can be contacted by e-mail clerk@horningsea.net

Notes

Bell Ringing in Horningsea.

From the end of April, the bellringers will be practicing on the last Friday of every month from 19:00 to 20.30. If you are interested do come along. In addition there may be visiting ringers on occasions in the summer.

Greater Cambridge City Deal: Milton and Histon roads

The Greater Cambridge City Deal has published details of designs for bus and cycle lanes on Milton and Histon Roads resulting in widening both roads with a loss of green space, including some front gardens and cutting down trees. At the previous consultation alternatives which focused on cyclist and pedestrian safety and priority for buses were suggested by local residents but these were rejected. A further consultation will take place in November, but representations can be made before then. More information can be found on the City Deal website:

<http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/citydeal/transport>

There's also a campaign website, "Smarter Cambridge Transport".

<http://www.smartertransport.uk/milton-histon>

Beware lead thieves.

In response to a large number of lead thefts in the county, the church now has a roof alarm, linked to a control centre. If it goes off in the day they will ring Andy Clarke or, if he's not at home, one of the neighbours.

There is a recorded message (very loud) telling intruders to clear off. And blue lights will flash.

If the alarm goes off at night they will send someone out, but neighbours are asked to ring 999 if they hear it.

We are very grateful to Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust for a grant of £1,000 towards the cost. The Trust derives its income from the sponsored "Ride & Stride" every September.

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.

Overview of this month's events

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>
Saturday 6th August from 20.00.	St Peter's Church	Bat Watch
15th to 21st August	Crown and Punchbowl	Locals Week
18:15, Sunday 21st August	The Orchards	Madrigals on the River

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