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Events

HRA Seniors Lunch

Wednesday 15th March, 12:30, Village hall.

The HRA invite all Seniors of the village to lunch on Wednesday 15th March at 12.30 in the Pavilion.

Please call Jenni Hill if you would like to attend - 01223 862293 BEFORE 12th March

Cycle coding event – Swavesey and Histon

Wednesday (March 1st) and Thursday (March 9th).

Histon Neighbourhood Team SouthCambsCops.

Local residents are invited to attend a cycle security event being run by Histon Neighbourhood Team. The events will take place on Wednesday (March 1st) Swavesey and Thursday (March 9th) at Histon Guided Busway. Officers will be attending each site between 16.30 -17.30 (from 16.00 at Histon) to offer bike coding and registration through Immobilise, as well as offering security advice and discounted 'Secure by design' bike locks (D-locks). Please come along to find out more.

Bottisham Village College - Adult Learning

Saturday Workshops - 18th March

- Cook with your Kids (10 - 14:00)
- Paediatric First Aid (Sat/Sun) – meets Ofsted requirements
- Stained Glass
- Wedding Flowers
- Willow Weaving – Frame Baskets
- Russian Decorative Painting

Saturday Workshops - 20th May

- Bread Making
- Fun with Flowers
- Illustration for Beginners
- Stained Glass
- Vegetarian Indian Cookery
- Willow Weaving – Cut Flower Baskets

Most workshops run from 10.00 - 4.00. Our full programme can be found on our website, together with enrolment information: www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning Tel: 01223 811372 email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Mothering Sunday in Horningsea

Sunday 26th March, 11:00, St Peter's Church.








There will be a special Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 26 March at 11:00 at St Peter's Church. There will be activities for children of all ages, posies of flowers for mums, grannies, godparents, aunties and anyone else who might like to have one! A working party will be needed to put the posies together on Saturday 25th March – probably at about 10:00 but check with Liz Harrison. Some families are planning to go to the Crown & Punchbowl for a family lunch after the service – check with the C & P and/or with Helen Robinson for details.

HRA Easter Egg Bingo

Friday, 31st March, 19:30, Village Hall.

Eyes down for the finest bingo action this side of the Mecca! Tickets available on the door. Fish and chip supper (veggie option available) ordered on the night.

Bring your own drinks and sauces. Prizes to be won in every game. Good fun for all the family!

Waterbeach Barracks Development Updates

News about the Waterbeach Barracks development with a Horningsea focus.

Meeting with Urban & Civic - developers for Waterbeach Barracks

Margaret Starkie, Chair, Horningsea Parish Council

The meeting on 22nd February attracted about fifty people and produced some searching questions. The members of Urban & Civic gave a presentation on the company structure, their relationship with the MoD, the proposed outline planning application, the traffic scheme and timelines. They then took questions from residents which were mainly on how the expected increase in traffic on the B1047 could be mitigated. The planning application is large and complex and includes 6,500 dwellings, business, retail, community, leisure and sports uses; a hotel; new primary and secondary schools; green open spaces principal new accesses from the A10 and other points of access; associated infrastructure, groundworks and demolition. It will then be 18 months to 2 years before the full application is submitted. The development, to be accomplished over twenty years, will eventually be for a total of 10,000 dwellings. SCDC will view this development in the larger context of the Local Plan and Greater Cambridgeshire City Deal. The Waterbeach section of the Local Plan is due for examination in March. Residents expressed considerable concern about the impact of

increased traffic on the village and traffic and transport is one of the main concerns also raised by Waterbeach, Landbeach and Milton. A transport survey has been conducted and subsequent modelling carried out to ensure feasibility of the extra traffic load from the new development. The modelling takes into account other committed developments e.g. Marshals, North Cambridge etc. It will incorporate the final outcome and strategic improvements for the A10 once they are announced in July 2017. Current solutions focus on trying to offer attractive alternatives to driving from the start so that behaviours can be changed early. Interventions include pedestrian improvements along the A10, temporary park and ride on the Waterbeach development, bus service through the development to the Science Park, Waterbeach Station, Cambridge North, better cycle parking at Waterbeach station, more trains from Cambridge North station, reducing single occupancy cars. The transport strategy is a 'monitor and manage adaptive approach'.

Residents recognised the opportunities the facilities, such as shops, open spaces, leisure and sport, nurseries and health care could offer. They were also concerned that there should be sufficient affordable housing to support key workers such as teachers, and social rented housing for essential workers such as council staff.

More meetings are planned with Urban & Civic and with our district councillor and the PC expects to consider the Outline Planning Application at the next PC meeting on Wednesday 29th March to which all residents are invited.

If you would like to be kept updated please see the PC website <http://www.horningsea.net/community-parish-council> or send your contact details to Hayley on clerk@horningsea.net.

Waterbeach Barracks Outline Planning Application now online

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 residents and the Waterbeach Barracks Development

A group of concerned residents grouped together following the recent PC meeting with Urban and Civic. The, as yet unnamed, group aims to represent the interests of all Horningsea residents in the Waterbeach Barracks development. Unfortunately the majority of the presentation in that meeting, did not address the topic of Horningsea. Even though we may see considerable negative aspects that may not be matched by benefits.

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 (see their report elsewhere in this newsletter). 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.

The main aims will be:

- Gather feedback from residents.
- Produce a list of specific items that will mitigate negative aspects.
- Produce a list of positive benefits to the village that might be possible.
- Be a public advocate for the village to achieve the items on these lists.

If you feel you could be helpful to the group and therefore Horningsea please contact horningseanews@gmail.com (Horningsea Herald).

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 Seniors Lunch - 15th March
- HRA Easter egg bingo - 31st March 2017
- 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

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: probably on 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!

Coprolite March 2017

by Bill Watts for Quy Fen Trust



Ye Jackdaw Chatter, Spring 1867


Unrest at ye Coprolite Diggings on Quy Fen.

Ye Coprolite diggers from ye olde Parishes of Quy, Fen Ditton & Horningsea, are so unhappy at the working conditions imposed on them by ye governors of the diggings that on May 2nd they held a march from Horningsea down to Quy Fen to protest to the governors.

On hearing word of this unrest the governors arranged for ye local constabulary to be present.

At about 9:00am nearly 200 men women and children assembled in Horningsea, the men carrying shovels. The march was preceded by a flag and a flute.

The contractor had, the previous day, made a reservoir for the washing of the coprolites, and levelled ground for about 1/4 of a mile. The demonstrators cut grips across making it completely unfit for use. The policeman reported that *"The whole of those assembled were very peaceful and civil in all they said and did towards the police."*



Many of you who keep all your back copies of our Village Magazine will recognise the above as an excerpt from the Spring issue of Jackdaw Chatter 1876. The current inhabitants of Horningsea wish to re-enact this famous March 150 years later, and have asked people from the surrounding villages, if they will join them (As they did in 1876) . If you have sympathy for their cause , or if you just want to go along please

assemble in Horningsea High Street on Sunday 21st May at 11:30. They are hoping for 200 people as on the original march.

This time when the marchers reach Quy Fen there will be a communal picnic, so please take along suitable eats and drinks. There are many rare and beautiful plants in Quy Fen, which is why it has been allocated as an S.S.S.I. May would be a good time to see these flowers at their best. It is hoped to find an expert botanist to come along and talk about all the rare plants you will see.

In addition to the above Quy Fen has been chosen by the Freshwater Habitats Trust of Great Britain to be one of only 11 sites in Gt Britain to be included in a vast study of flora and fauna. The trust have many experts in their field but welcome the help of local people in their studies. Already Bottisham Village College have decided to send a group of students. If you would like to be involved, please contact Peter Case PCase@freshwaterhabitats.org.uk.

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

- A14 quiz (possibly in March);
- Concert in church, May 6th, 6pm, 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.

Notes

A14 Widening Scheme Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton during March

Further overnight closures on the A14 will allow them to finalise the installation of both CCTV and speed cameras in preparation for the implementation of narrow lanes on both carriageways in the area between Dry Dayton and Swavesey. For safety reasons this work has had to be carried out at night under a full carriageway closure of the A14. Once the narrow lanes are installed they will be able to safely undertake works in the verges of both carriageways of the A14

The traffic management on the A428 will allow them to begin works in that area for the construction of a new bridge which will form part of the new free flow link for traffic travelling westwards from Histon. This link will remove the need to negotiate the current cloverleaf interchange and will connect directly onto the new improved A14 westbound carriageway prior to Cambridge Crematorium.

Work will begin this month on the construction of the new local access road that will run from Huntingdon Road, Cambridge and sweep south of the crematorium before it crosses over to the north side of the A14 at Dry Drayton, where it continues to Huntingdon.

A ramp to St Peter's Church Horningsea

It all sounded so easy – we have a disabled loo and we have completed the work inside the church. All that is left is to build the ramp for access by wheelchairs and pushchairs. However nothing is as straightforward as you think! We have to take down some of the trees in order to have a long enough “sweep” for the ramps. We have had surveyors digging holes to look at the foundations of the church, the council tree officer to advise, architects have produced number of different drawings. The ramp has to be strong enough to hold wedding and funeral cars, scaffolding lorries and lorries with skips. It has to blend in with the Grade I listed church. The surface has to be appropriate for wheelchair users and buggies not to get stuck in the gravel. We asked for comments from the village and Parish Council some months ago and had some useful comments. The PCC has agreed to apply to the Diocese for a Faculty (church equivalent of planning permission) and a notice will be put in the church notice board asking for any formal comments on the final plan. The PCC is also keen to ensure that any trees planted to replace the cypresses are wildlife friendly and propose to consult an organisation called “Gods Acre” which advises on wildlife in churchyards. If you have any questions or comments about the plan please speak to Andy Clarke.

A New Priest in Charge for Horningsea, Fen Ditton & Teversham

After a long wait the church wardens are delighted to announce that the new priest has been appointed. The Reverend Dr Alun Ford will be arriving in our three parishes in

May 2017. He and his wife, Carol have been based in Sugley, Diocese of Newcastle until now. The licensing service will take place on Thursday 18 May at 19.30 (either in Fen Ditton or Horningsea – not yet fixed). We all look forward to welcoming Alun and Carol to Horningsea.

Bell Ringers at the church

The Bell Ringers will 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
Wednesday, 15th March, 12:30	Village Hall	HRA Seniors Lunch
Sunday, 26th March, 11:00,	St Peter's Church	Mothering Sunday
Friday, 31st March, 19:30	Village Hall	HRA Easter Egg Bingo

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!
Fourth Wednesday of the month between 10:00 and 10:45	End of Priory Rd.	Library Van