



HORNINGSEA Herald

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*Margaret (Peg) Dorrington
(22nd June 1916 - Friday 28th April 2017)*

Margaret Dorrington

Margaret (Peg) Dorrington passed away on Friday the 28th April. Margaret was our oldest resident. She would have been 101 in two months time. She had lived in the village since the seventies and, along with Molly, was instrumental in revitalising St. Peter's Church. Her funeral details are not yet finalised but details will follow shortly as will a fuller obituary in next month's Herald.

Events

Annual Assembly of the Parish (Annual Parish Meeting)

Wednesday 3rd May at 19.30, village hall

The Annual Assembly of the Parish, aka Annual Parish Meeting, will be held on Wednesday 3rd May at 19.30 in the village hall and followed by light refreshments. All residents are very welcome to come and hear reports from the PC and the various village groups.

Prior to the APM there will be an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting at 19:00 in order to ratify the Council's response to the Outline Planning Application for the development on former Waterbeach Barracks. Residents are also welcome to attend this meeting.

Fish night for locals at The Crown & Punchbowl

Thursday 11th, May, Crown and Punchbowl

Summer is almost upon us and our fresh fish board is calling! We're inviting local residents to enjoy two fish courses along with a glass of fizz for £20 on Thursday 11th May.

Click [here](#) to view some example dishes from our current fish board. Please contact us in advance to book a table mentioning the Horningsea Herald invite – T: 01223 860643 E: crown@cambscuisine.com

<https://goo.gl/JyICt2>

Waterbeach Running Festival

Saturday 13th May, Waterbeach Barracks

Are you looking for something to do on Saturday 13th May? Come and join in the 2nd Waterbeach Running Festival. There are 10k and 5k races, 2k fun run (4 - 104 years old!) and a 100m toddle for under 5s. It's a great course, all on the disused Barracks so no traffic, flat & good surface. There will be lots going on - commentator, music, bouncy castle, cakes, bacon butties, kids activity corner etc. Finishers medals and prizes for winners. And of course there won't be many more years when you can run around the old Barracks!!!

We also need volunteers to help on the day and are always open to discussing sponsorship if you know anyone who might be interested.

To enter or register to volunteer go to www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk

Licensing of the Reverend Dr Alun Ford.

Thursday 18th May, 19:30. St Peter's Church

Everyone is invited to come to the service on 18 May at St Peter's Church, Horningsea at 19.30 to welcome our new priest –the Reverend Alun Ford and his wife the Reverend Carol Barrett Ford. We will have lots to do to prepare the church and ask for as much help as possible on the days before. The Church will need to have a good clean – thank you to everyone who comes and gives an hour or so – can we ask you to do this again? Please liaise with Vee. On Wednesday 17th we will put up some marquees in the churchyard – again – offers of help please – to Lindsay or Andy! Liz Harrison will need all the flower arrangers to produce their usual spectacular displays. On the evening of the Service we will need help particularly meeting and greeting our guests, giving out service sheets and helping with refreshments afterwards – offers of help to Jennie Pratt. John Harrison is in charge of car parking and may need some assistance. The church wardens are proud that, even though we are the smallest of the three parishes, we are the most organised with the most support from the village!

Practical arrangements: Parking will be on the field behind the church – go down St John's Lane, turn left along Church End and at the end of the lane you will see the field. If there has been a lot of rain, parts of the field may be a bit muddy! Anyone with mobility problems can be dropped at the door of the church but please do not leave your car on the church path. We will reserve seats for anyone with a disability – please contact one of the church wardens. Choir, Clergy and Lay Ministers will robe at Richard and Tessa's home at St John's Barn – across St John's Lane from the Church. Thank you to them and to Michael and Sally whose home will be used for the Bishop,

Archdeacon, Alun & Carol and other key players to robe. Thanks to John and Liz for allowing us to use their field.

The 150th Anniversary of the Coprolite Workers March from Horningsea to Quy Fen

Saturday 20th May at 18.30 at St Peter's Church

Bernard O'Connor, the expert on the Coprolite Industry in Cambridgeshire will be giving an illustrated talk to get us all in the mood for the march, answer our questions and tell us why the Coprolite Industry had such a major impact on the villages of Horningsea, Fen Ditton and Quy. He will be able to tell us what coprolite is (possibly not fossilised dinosaur dung as we all believe!) and what it was used for.

We have arranged this talk for the early evening so that families can come – after all children know more about dinosaurs than adults! In addition to the talk there will be some music – maybe the *Song of the Coprolite worker* (by Dave Jenkins - one of his Coprolite Songs!), Irish tunes as some of the workers came here from across the Irish sea and music from the Fens.



There will be no charge for the evening but donations will be collected.

Sunday 21st May at 11.30

The group will gather at the Jubilee Gardens in the centre of Horningsea to set off on the march – behind a “flag and a flute”. Can we match the 200 men, women and children who took part 150 years ago? The walk to Quy Fen is about a mile or so – depending on which footpath you follow. The footpaths will be muddy and uneven so wear sensible shoes. Bring a picnic to eat when we arrive at the “cut”. Dogs need to be kept under control and at Quy Fen they must be on leads as there will be cattle grazing on part of the fen - we all know how cattle can get spooked by lively dogs and have been known to trample dogs or people – so take care! On the march parents must be responsible for their own children – we will have stewards directing the marchers across the road – outside Old Tiles – but we still have a short walk on the road itself before going through the hedge onto the footpath. At Quy Fen we must all obey the rules of this Special Scientific area – so read the signs. I am always amused by the one that says “nudism may offend



and is forbidden!" and note that, how ever hot it is, swimming in "the cut" is dangerous because of the depth of mud and the vegetation. At the Fen there may be a botanist or ecologist who can talk to us about some of the rare species to be found – orchids and dragonflies in particular. Let's hope for fine weather and that a good day will be had by all! If anyone wants to come but can't walk that far arrangements will be made to provide transport by car. Please let Lindsay know if you need transport.

Waterbeach Barracks Development Updates

News about the Waterbeach Barracks development with a Horningsea focus.

PC response to the Waterbeach Barracks OPA

Please see the attached PDF for a late draft of the Horningsea PC response. The final response will be ratified at the Extraordinary meeting on the 3rd May.

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 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

Friends of Horningsea Church Annual General Meeting

The Friends AGM will be on Sunday 11th June at 12 noon at St Peter's Church. This meeting is open to everyone who cares for and is interested in our Grade I listed building.

Horningsea School Reunion

Horningsea School Reunion will be on Sunday 25 June 2017 from 14:00 to 16:00 at St Peter's Church. Put this date in your diary now, pass this message on to anyone who went to Horningsea school – or taught at the school – or anyone who used to live in the village and likes to come along to meet old friends. Dinah Asplin is the coordinator of the reunion and "takes the register!"

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.

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

- 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.

Reports

Horningsea Cycle Ride to the Queens Head, Newton, 'Over the Gogs and far away'

by Bert Santilly.

St George's day must have been the perfect weather for a cycle ride; sunny, very little wind, just warm enough to make it feel good and not a dragon in sight!

Eleven of us started from our usual haunt, The Crown and Punchbowl, and made our way via the cycle path through Fen Ditton and on to the Jubilee Cycle Way passing through Teversham and Fulbourn before heading south to the Roman Road (Ermine Street) and the Mile Road – a glorious green road rolling downhill from the top of the Gogs to just short of the Babraham Institute.

There, we took advantage of the new cycle path that took us through the institute's grounds, the village itself and on to Sawston where we crossed the main road and took the Sawston to Whittlesford Cycle Way. We made a sandwich stop here alongside a very clear flowing River Granta (with a very brief sighting of a swimming grass snake) and enjoyed the warmth of the day before moving on via Whittlesford Church and a footpath that led us past the Bees In The Wall and a quiet country road to Newton.

The Queen's Head (our outward objective) welcomed us with some excellent ales, Ploughman's lunch and coffee. After refuelling, we set off on one of Frank's now famous "little diversions" which took us via farm tracks, round the back of the village and eventually over the M11 before depositing us on to the road just outside Little Shelford.



On through Great Shelford and over the level crossing, we picked up the DNA path that took us back towards Addenbrookes. Here, we were able to join the Guided Busway (yes, we were on the cyclepath!) and rode on to Cambridge Station. The contrast between the tranquility of our journey and the frenetic activity of Cambridge Station, with its cafés, shops, taxis, etc., was really mind-blowing.

Still, within minutes we had left all that behind and, crossing the pedestrian/cycle bridge, wove our way through the back streets to Mill Road and Coldhams Common; on past the football ground, then home via Ditton Meadows and Fen Ditton. Finally we found our own cycle path back to Horningsea and the Crown and Punchbowl. Here we received our usual warm welcome and made short work of a couple of Milton Brewery's best!

For those who like to know such things, we cycled just over 29 miles (46.7 Km) and climbed a total of 556ft (169m).

We are planning a couple more rides at the moment one of which will be a shorter family ride suitable for children and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

Notes

Fen Ditton 800 calls for votes to bag some funds

Fen Ditton 800 is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. Vote for us at Haverhill Tesco. Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to local community projects. Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to vote for who they think should take away the top grant. Fen Ditton 800 is one of the groups on the shortlist.

Fen Ditton 800 is the group organising the celebrations of the 800th anniversary of a church at Fen Ditton and hence a settlement (see note on p5 above).

So please vote! Voting is open in stores throughout May and June. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the checkout in store each time they shop.

Fen Ditton Cricket Club

Fen Ditton Cricket Club is one of the small number of cricket clubs in Cambridgeshire that is actually growing. Last year we started a 2nd XI for the first time in the club's history and had a good first season with the 2nds finishing comfortably in mid table of their division of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Junior League whilst the 1st XI had their highest ever finish - 3rd in League 1 North, just missing out on promotion to the Senior Leagues. Over the last few years we have been developing a junior section and this season we expect to have teams playing at Under 13 and Under 11 levels throughout the summer. We are also encouraging our older youngsters, some of whom are playing regularly in our 2nd XI, with the chance to play in a number of midweek development fixtures. We have invested in new training facilities and have purchased a batting cage which will be in use on Wednesday evenings on our new practice strip on Fen Ditton Recreation Ground from 19th April. We are actively seeking new players, particularly from the villages of Fen Ditton, Horningsea, Teversham and Abbey ward in Cambridge, and so if you or your child (or grandchild) are interested in joining our friendly club then please contact:

Adults: Adam Wilson (Club Captain) on 07708 261555 or
adamwilson2312@hotmail.co.uk

Juniors (or parent of a junior): Adam Brown (Club Coach and Development Officer) on
07792 129077 or py0alb@hotmail.com

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon road update

You can view their regular newsletter on the following links:

<http://assets.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon-improvement/A14+Newsletter+April+digital+version.pdf>

<https://goo.gl/PN9jkN>

Bell Ringers at the church

The Bell Ringers 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
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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