



Horningsea Coprolite Workers march.



Events

Friends of Horningsea Church Annual General Meeting

Sunday 11th June, 12:00 St Peter's Church

Please come along and find out what you can do to help enhance this beautiful, historic Church which has been at the heart of the village since Saxon times!

Village Bike Ride

Sunday 11th June, 10:30, Meeting outside the Crown and Punchbowl

We hope you will be able to join us on Sunday June 11th leaving the Crown and Punchbowl at 10.30, for a short family ride (about 10 miles) on easy terrain, mostly cycle paths, tracks and quiet roads. If you haven't ridden for a while, this could be the opportunity you need to get you going.

We ride slowly and in good company so you will be very welcome whether you are an experienced, or an occasional, rider. We are planning a picnic stop en route so bring your lunch with you!! Just let me know if you would like to come, by emailing me at bert@santilly.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you there.

Horningsea School Reunion and Petertide

Sunday 25th June 2017, 14:00 to 16:00, St Peter's Church

On Sunday 25 June there will be Petertide Celebration Service at 10:00. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come along and join in this special service. After the Service - at about 12 noon- there will be a Bring and Share picnic in the churchyard...so even if you can't make it to the Service, come to the picnic. The School Reunion will be from 14:00- 16:00. If you were at school in Horningsea, if you or your parents/grandparents lived here, if you have any photographs of Old Horningsea come along to the School Reunion, meet up with old friends, exchange stories and enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake. Dinah Asplin(nee Bell) is the School Reunion coordinator!

Waterbeach Barracks Development Updates

News about the Waterbeach Barracks development with a Horningsea focus.

"Our Waterbeach" Petition

There's an online petition about the development. It's accessible below, but there's also a paper petition (with pen) in the Horningsea phone box library. There are full details available here:

<http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/mqEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=1000000017&RPID=1003185406&HPID=1003185406>

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

HRA Village Day

The HRA are excited to invite you to this year's Village Day on Saturday 1st July from 15:00. It's a great opportunity to meet and catch up with other villagers and families in a relaxed setting. Bring a picnic, something to Barbeque, your families, your family dog if you have one and come and join in the fun on the Village Green.

Headlining this year are [The Stomp-Happy Tribe](#) - the popular Ceilidh band who had everybody dancing in 2016. They will play two sets during the evening. Other attractions include a bouncy slide for the younger villagers and there will also be a Dog show. The Crown and Punchbowl have kindly offered to supply Ale for the event, though you are welcome to bring alternatives. Towards the end of the afternoon we will be lighting the Barbeque for you to cook your own food.

15:00 Village Day Opening

Village Teas, Bouncy Slide, Dog Show, Picnic, Crown and Punchbowl Ale

17:30 Barbeque Lighting

18:30 The Stomp-Happy Tribe 1st set

Come and join us and don't forget your dancing shoes!!

Pudding Night at The Crown & Punchbowl

It's Pudding night on Thursday 6th July 18.30 - £30 per person including: - Choice of Main Course - 5 Traditional European Puddings - Tea & Coffee

After a hearty main course the parade of the five puddings begins! Our host will guide you through the evening's sweet excesses, introducing the puddings with pomp & ceremony, a touch of history and the occasional quirky anecdote. Throughout the evening you will be invited to score each pudding and take part in crowning the winner at the end of the night!

Please contact us to book. Email: crown@cambscuisine.com Tel: 01223 860643

Horningsea Horticultural Show

This years show will be held on Saturday 8th July in the Village Hall. Entrants can show fruit and vegetables, flower arrangements, handicrafts and home baking/preserving. There are also children's categories for all ages up to eighteen. Friends and relatives can also join in, look out for the special categories in the schedule.

The flower arrangement theme this year is "Jane Austen" to mark the 200th Anniversary of the author's death. The theme for the adult and children's photograph is "Things with wings".

There are many cups and trophies to be won including one for the best exhibit as voted by the visitors during the afternoon. The day concludes with a lively auction of donated produce and a raffle.

Schedules and entry forms will be delivered to all houses in the village in late May/early June, these can also be accessed on the village website.

Ideally entry forms need to be in by 19.30 on Wednesday 5th July but late entries may be accepted up to Friday evening. Exhibits can be staged between 19:00 and 21:00 on Friday 7th July and between 8.30 and 10.30 on Saturday 8th July and the doors open for viewing at 14.30.

Horningsea's Arts and Culture weekends in July 2017

On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July and on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July St Peter's Church will be transformed into an Arts centre!

Saturday 22nd: exhibition by potters, textile artists, jewellery makers, creative talents of all disciplines (and an exhibition of archeological finds from our gardens) 11 - 4.30

Saturday 22: 12 - 14.30: Literary Lunch with Fran Smith (Johnson) of Clayhithe whose second novel of the adventures and activities of Sister B is published in mid June; also pub poet Colin Shaw, editor of Cloudburst III; Waterbeach poet Trevor

Thorne "The Cross and The Cosmos" and children's author Alex Mellanby. No tickets but donations to St Peter's Church for a Ploughmans Lunch.

Sunday 23: 10:00: Art & Christianity Service led by Professor Canon Ben Quash, Professor of Art & Christianity, Kings College, London

11-16:00 church Exhibition Open

16:00: Readings from Wind in the Willows on the Riverbank, in church if wet!

Saturday 29th July: 11 - 16.30 Horningsea Painters exhibition

19.30 : Concert by Frank Hopkirk and Friends!

Sunday 30th July: 11 - 4 Horningsea Painters exhibition

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.

Reports

Margaret Dorrington

Margaret's nephew Bill and Sid's niece Margaret were both so pleased at the number of people who came to Margaret's funeral to celebrate her long and fascinating life, and they want to thank everyone who supported and cared for and about her. Jenni Hill will write a full tribute in the next HH so this is just a summary of Margaret's contributions to the village and church. Margaret had worked as an archivist during the War and in Horningsea she used her skills to record everything that went on in the village. Her file of press cuttings was on display in the church, including the Daily Mail report of "the Vicar is the least popular man in the Village", the report of restoring the bell tower and the installation of electricity. She had saved the minutes of an extraordinary meeting of parishioners who decided to clear the churchyard, digging up brambles and Ivy, decided to put the visitors book back on display (after tearing out the "rude" pages) and to hold a Carol Service. Many present at the funeral remembered Margaret and

Molly Marshall picking snowdrops and cherry plums to raise funds for the church. Margaret researched the history of the church and, like Sir Christopher Wren who said of St Paul's Cathedral, if you want a monument, look around you. The same should be said for Margaret and St Peter's Church. The rose the church planted for her 100th birthday burst into bloom just in time for the funeral! We are all so grateful for everything she did for the church and miss her wise guidance.

Horningsea Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 31st May. This is the meeting at which the effectiveness of internal audit is reviewed, the end of year accounts are approved, councillor responsibilities are agreed, the RFO is appointed and the Annual Governance Statement is adopted. These will be posted on the notice board and on the PC website.

Margaret Starkie and Robert Balm were re-elected as chair and vice-chair respectively. We welcomed Anna Bradnam as our newly elected County Councillor for the Waterbeach Division; she reported on the newly formed CCC and its constitution.

The meeting started with the presentation of the Village Hero award to Mary Fishpool for all her voluntary activities in the village. The PC recently agreed to present this award each year to recognise individuals who do much to help the village.

It was agreed to defer the village and cemetery tidy up to the autumn as the cemetery is looking good and the grass on the verges outside the village too long to see any litter. A big thank you to the residents who regularly pick litter throughout the year.

The next PC meeting is on 26th July at 19.30. All residents are welcome at PC meetings and may speak briefly during the Open Forum.

150th Anniversary of the Coprolite Workers March - Report.

Fran Johnstone

I've already written two novels set in a village very like Horningsea, but thanks to the Coprolite evening and walk, I now have material for at least four more, each in a different genre. Here they are, look out for them in 2018.

Dig that Dinosaur Poo!*

A hilarious introduction to the coprolite industry for 8-10 year olds. Includes an illustrated pull-out timeline (leaving out the 80 million years** when nothing much



happened) and one or two of the very jolly stone poo slides from Bernard O'Connor's presentation. No giggling at the back!



Overpaid, Overworked and Over Here.

A story of love, lodgings and long walks to Lode. It is 1875. Nothing much has happened in the peaceful village of Horningsea since the Vikings invaded. Suddenly a discovery in the fields brings an inrush of muscular young coprolite miners earning double the usual wage. Can the local maidens resist?

It May be Coprolite to You, but it's Bread and Butter to Me!

A thrilling 19th Century adventure, following the whiskery young pharmacist in a top hat who first discovered that throwing those funny stones into sulphuric acid produced hugely valuable fertiliser - even if the odd workman did go missing in the early days. (Think Ripper Street meets Taboo)

The Hills of Horningsea. Poldark meets Jericho.

The full smouldering shirtlessness of 19th century Quay Fen mining manhood exposed at last! (TV serialisation rights available).



* OK technically coprolite is not just the droppings of dinosaurs, it's lots of their other leftover bits as well - another thing we all learnt, but frankly that's just not so much fun.

**give or take a few million.

It was a brilliant talk. Apart from the artistic inspiration, there was the glorious news that elephants and rhinos once grazed around the village. I will never look at Horningsea's horizontal view without picturing a herd of one or the other again. The slides were fascinating. We saw the fields we have all walked dotted with trenches and pits. Workers pushed barrows along wobbly planks balanced above the heads of men digging below. Health and safety seemed to consist of tying string around your trousers below the knee and maybe wearing a cap. In those pre-selfie times the men stare at the camera unsmiling, but slightly proud. And we had glorious weather for a stroll to Quy Fen to recreate the workers' march. Another novel to be written there - the poor man who was struck by lightning...

Thanks, organisers, it was fun.

Notes

Consultation on legislation to prevent LAs charging for Parkrun

The Department for Communities and Local Government is consulting on proposals to legislate to put it beyond doubt that local authorities, including parish councils, cannot charge parkrun or junior parkrun for the use of public parks. Parkrun organise free, weekly five kilometre runs in local parks every Saturday morning. Junior parkrun is an associated event for children aged 4 to 14 taking place every Sunday morning in local parks. Parkrun and junior parkrun are organised by volunteers at a local level and are free to participate in. Parkrun is a not for profit company and relies on donations and sponsors. The government supports the principles behind these events and does not consider it appropriate for a local authority to charge a volunteer community seeking to provide a free weekly event for the use of a public park.

If you would like to comment on this consultation you can find more information at <http://www.gov.uk/dclg>.

Comments can be sent to

runconsultation@communities.gsi.gov.uk

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 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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Saturday 1st July from 15:00.	Village Green	HRA Village Day

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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

