



HORNINGSEA Herald

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Events

Cemetery tidy and Village Litter Pick

Sunday 3rd December, 10:30, meet at the bus shelter.

Please come and help on Sunday 3rd December to help in the cemetery tidy and village litter pick. Meeting at bus shelter 10.30.

HRA Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday 3rd December, 18:30, Jubilee Gardens.

Come and start being festive with your neighbours and the HRA. We'll be lighting the Xmas Tree and lights on Sunday the 3rd of December at 18:30. We'll be doing decorating and lighting in the Jubilee Gardens. You'll be able to keep warm with some mulled wine and of course some mince pies.

There will be carols and possibly a childrens choir if we are lucky!

As usual there will be a collection for charity.

We'll also be putting the lights up on Saturday morning at 10:30. Please come along and help.

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/2754>

Christmas at The Conservators!

Thursday 7th December 2017, 20:00, Conservators House

An evening at Conservators House, Clayhithe Road, Horningsea with historian Mike Petty. For anybody who is interested in the house, its history and the work of the

Conservators, this is a rare opportunity to see inside the house and learn a bit more about it.

- 20:00 - Reception of mulled wine and mince pie.
- 20.30 - 21.30 – Talk: 'Reflections on the Cam's muddy waters'

Please contact joannakcates@yahoo.co.uk for more information and tickets. Tickets are also available from Waterbeach School office. Advance purchase is essential and admission will not be possible on the door.

All proceeds to go to Waterbeach Community Primary School Parent Teacher Association.

Horningsea Adults and Toddlers (HATs) Christmas Party **Tuesday 12th December, 2017, 10:00, Village Hall**

Horningsea Adults and Toddlers (HATs) invite all families in Horningsea with under 5s to the HATs Christmas party. It starts at 10:00 and goes on until 13:00. There will be festive crafts, games and songs with a buffet lunch and a visit from Father Christmas!

R.S.V.P by 4th December to Jayne (jayne_warren@hotmail.com)

Candlelit Carol Service **Sunday 10th December, 18.00, Church.**

Thank you to everyone who has been helping to prepare the Church for the Carol Service on Sunday 10th December. As usual there are too many to thank individually. Last minute help will be required in the weekends and days leading up to 10th, on the evening and after the Service. If you have some spare time beforehand, borrow a key from Liz Harrison or Vee.

There is a list of tasks in the church, so do what you can in the time you have available! We will need mince pies if you have time to make some.

During the Service we need help handing out books, setting up the lanterns for the children as well as lighting candles. We start the lighting at about 17.15 if you want to help.

After the Service we need help making tea and coffeeand of course blowing out the candles!

If you have never been before this is a traditional Carol Service, well known Carols and the well known readings that bring together the story of the first Christmas in Bethlehem. The Church is usually full, so come early to get a seat and wear warm clothes!

Crib Service on Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve, 16.00, St Peters Church.

This is a Family Service when children are invited to come dressed up as characters from the Christmas Story...shepherds, angels, wise people... during the short service a Nativity Scene will be created with everyone joining in. Bring your children, or send them with the grandparents so you can get on with last minute preparations!

Christmas Day Service

9.30 at St Peter's Church and other Services in December.

Holy Communion with Carols - all are welcome to this Service of Celebration

On 27th December at 10:00 there will be a special Quiet Holy Communion for the feast of St John the Evangelist, this will be taken in St Peters church by the Chaplain of St Johns College.

On Sunday 31st December at 10:00 New Years Eve, there will be a joint three parishes Holy Communion.

Everyone is welcome and invited to come and join in these services.

Finally ... if you would like to make a regular financial commitment to St Peters Church, we have just signed up to a new Parish Giving Scheme. Ask Andy Clarke for a Gift Form and pack which explains what you have to do.

Advance Events

Horningsea Parish Council

Waterbeach New Town - RLW briefing 10th January 2018 19.30 to 21:00

All residents are invited to this briefing by RLW, the developers for the eastern site and the proposed new rail station. The exhibition will start at 19.30 on 10th January in Horningsea Village Hall. This will be followed by a short presentation at 20:00 and a question and answer session.

More information on the proposals for the new town can be found at the [Waterbeach New Town website](http://www.waterbeach.co.uk/)

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Next Ordinary Meeting will be on Wednesday 31st January at 19.30 at the Village Hall. This is the time the budget is set and request made for the Precept, so residents are very welcome at the meeting to hear how some of your council tax will be used for grass cutting, hedge maintenance and insurance of village assets.

Horningsea Residents Association AGM

It's the annual general meeting of the AGM next year on the 24th Jan. It's in the village hall. It's when we discuss the events of last year and plan the coming year.

Reports

Captain Reginald Baker of Horningsea

You may have noticed a wooden cross with a plaque has been placed in the churchyard to mark the grave of Captain Reginald Baker, the son of the village school mistress who, on the 14th February, 1920 died as a result of wounds incurred in the First World War while serving in the 19th Battalion of the Tank Corps.

It is believed he commanded the tank *Damocles* during the battle of Cambrai in 1917, one hundred years ago this year.

His grave remained overgrown and lost in the village cemetery until recently. It was not until the 1980s that his name was added to the war memorial in the church. Now the War Grave Commission has asked if they can place a plaque on the wall approaching the church to register that there is a war grave in the village.



Horningsea Village Cycle Ride report: In Search of Santa!

Bert Santilly

Bracing! With mean temperatures of around 5°C and a hefty wind-chill factor, we set off feeling more like Scott of the Antarctic than cyclists and sure that we would find Santa's grotto somewhere along the way.

We headed south out of the village and soon Bait's Bite Lock and Milton Country Park had passed by. We headed out towards

Landbeach where a short stop was made to take a look at an extraordinary historical site which had once been home to a mediaeval moated house and farm.

On towards Cottenham (a very windy and bleak stretch of road) then through the village and out towards Oakington (also pretty bleak!). Our original plan had been to



take a break at the White Horse there, but mechanical problems and the very low temperatures caused us to head straight onto the Busway and begin our return.

We followed this excellent path all the way to Cambridge North Station and onto Fen Road before crossing the river at the Green Dragon Bridge and heading home via Stourbridge Common and Ditton Meadows. Our final (well for most of us!) rural adventure was to head down Green End to Field Lane, emerging onto the Horningsea cycle path just at the north end of Fen Ditton.

From there it was but a short run back to the village and the Crown and Punchbowl where we were welcomed and enjoyed a good Sunday lunch and a bit of "après ride".

Did we find Santa? Well we're pretty sure that we spotted two of his elves sitting on a tree trunk but they are shy little things so we'll never know for sure.



Christmas Greetings from Rev'd Alun Ford

Rev'd Alun Ford

Thank you to everyone in Horningsea who has welcomed me into the Village since I arrived in May. I have enjoyed meeting people at the village events during the last few months and look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Tree lighting, at the Candlelit Carol Service and other Services in December. Please introduce yourself to me and if you would like to talk to me about Baptisms, weddings, funerals or anything else ring me on 295927 or email on parishesthree@gmail.com. I wish everyone in Horningsea a happy and joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Horningsea Parish Council

Crime in Horningsea: There has been an increase in shed, house and car entry and theft in Horningsea and the surrounding area recently. This is obviously very distressing for the residents; victims of crime can access confidential support from the Victim and Witness Hub, whether the crime has been reported to the police or not. You can contact the Hub on Freephone 0800 781 6818; opening hours are 8:00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday and 9:00 to 17:00 on Saturdays.

Crime prevention officers advise all residents to ensure sheds and outhouses have secure locks, install motion activated external lights, especially in back gardens that are accessed from lanes or fields, install burglar alarms, use timed internal lights, especially when the house is unoccupied, remove all items from cars and ensure they are locked and parked in a lighted area. Do not leave garden equipment, such as spades, where it can be used to break locks or windows. Beware of cold callers and distraction thefts and always ask for ID. There has been an increase in phantom debt collectors in the county; do not be pressurised in handing over money or giving your

bank details. If you see a suspicious vehicle note its registration number and be "good neighbours", checking on the elderly and vulnerable.

A letter received from the chief constable indicates that fifty new officers will be recruited across the county and, although this means a reduction in the number of PCSOs through natural wastage, each area has its own PCSO. He says that an increase in illegal encampments, hare coursing, people trafficking, drug related crime and suspected terrorist activities in the county has put a strain on the force; however, South Cambridgeshire still remains a much safer place to live than other parts of the country.

Waterbeach New Town: When the examiners have agreed the most recent modifications to the Local Plan there will be a public consultation. However, these modifications are not likely to affect the plans for Waterbeach development. County and District officers are working on the Ely to Cambridge Transport Study (formerly A10 corridor) and the Supplementary Planning Document which will manage delivery of the LP proposals across the whole site. Formal consultation on the SPD is expected early 2018 with six weeks in which to respond. A new rail station is included in the Waterbeach plan; an eight-carriage platform upgrade is planned for the existing Waterbeach station. New sewage works for Waterbeach will be provided outside the development site: Cambs. County Council is working with Anglian Water and Cambridge Water. The possibility of moving the waste water treatment works from Milton is still under discussion.

Cycle and pedestrian path Horningsea Road: The council is currently looking to replace some of the solar lights on the path. This has to be done through recognised contractors as third party funding. A big thank you to the volunteers who clear leaves and debris.

The Mary Muhr Award for Contribution to the Cultural Life of Horningsea.

Each year an award is made to a person who has made a real contribution to the cultural life of the Village. The Award will be presented at the Carol Service. The last two winners were Dinah Asplin and Frank Hopkirk. Who will it be in 2017?

End of Year Update from Lucy Frazer MP

Luzy Frazer MP

I wanted to take the opportunity to wish all my constituents a very merry Christmas and a happy new year to come. 2017 has flown by with so much to do and an unexpected election on top! I have been pursuing with vigour the roll out of superfast broadband across the constituency regularly meeting and speaking with all involved pressing for more, quicker! I am also pursuing a campaign to get South East Cambridgeshire selected as a testbed for the trialling of the next generation of digital infrastructure through industrial 5G pilots.

As most of you will know by now, education is a passion of mine and I am relentless in my efforts to pursue fairer funding for our schools. I take every opportunity to engage

with both schools and the Secretary of State for Education to ensure our requirements are front of mind. I welcome the recent announcement of £3.1 million more for our constituency and I will continue on this mission to pursue funding wherever it is available.

Other projects I am involved with around education include encouraging businesses to work hand in hand with schools with specific reference to STEM subjects and building pathways to future careers in local businesses. I am also driving a project to reduce the costs of teacher recruitment through an online government website.

Infrastructure projects occupy a lot of my time, fighting for necessary funding and maintaining a presence where projects are underway to ensure where possible they remain on schedule and on budget. The start of works on the Ely Southern Bypass in March was the culmination of a great deal of work and lobbying by a great many people including myself and I'm delighted work is now underway. I am very much behind the Greenways initiative to introduce more cycle and multi-purpose routes into Cambridge.

I enjoy every opportunity I have to meet with constituents from all walks of life, whether welcoming groups and individuals to Westminster, attending a Rotary club meeting, joining a Women's Institute gathering, opening a summer fete, chatting at an Open meeting, or meeting constituents in my surgeries - I never like to pass up the chance to exchange views and hear any issues constituents may have.

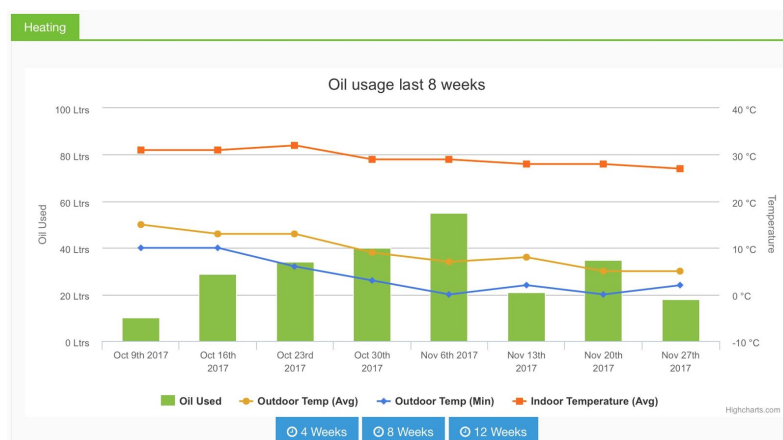
All across the constituency, over recent weeks, our senior school pupils have been busy debating. This year marks the 4th inter schools debating competition since I became a Parliamentary Candidate and first initiated the idea. The final sees 14 students debating in the House of Commons. I am so grateful for all the support I receive from constituents young and old and I look forward to working as hard as I can on your behalf in the coming year.

To keep up with what Lucy is doing on a more regular basis, you can sign up for her newsletter at www.lucyfrazer.org.uk and / or follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy

Olive Home Heating Oil Manager

Debs Balm

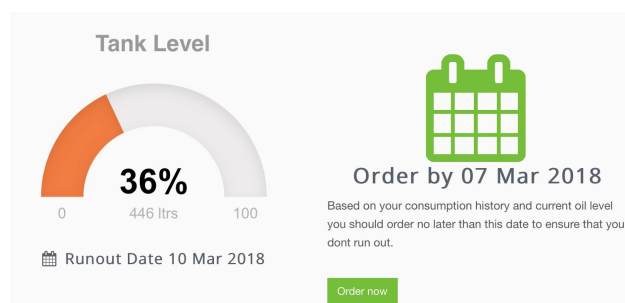
As the cold weather draws in I'm becoming more grateful for a purchase that Robert and I made around Easter this year. I have a professional interest in the Smart Home because I work for Hive (aka British Gas Connected Home). At home Robert and I had been using the perfunctory and slightly clunky Watchman, which has a sensor in the tank and a radio receiver which



you plug in displays an approximation of the amount of oil left in your oil tank. We did some research into some other more accurate and smarter methods of oil tank monitoring and in May 2017 we finally chose Olive (<http://myolive.co.uk>).

We paid around £100 for the tank sensor and home receiver and it plugged straight into the hole in the top of tank that we removed the Watchman from. On setup you tell the application which tank you have and it knows what capacity it has. Olive uses sonar to accurately monitor your oil level.

You can view your oil usage week by week, and compare it with the outside temperatures, without going anywhere near the tank, and it gives you a best forecast when you are likely to run out. It also alerts you when you have 30%, 20% and 10%



left in your tank and it can automatically reorder for you if you set it up that way. We chose not to do this but we watch the level and click the reorder button when we are ready. Olive also supply the oil and so far they've been pretty competitive. In May we ordered though Olive we paid 39p per litre.

I'm not in any way sponsored by Olive and they are nothing to do with Hive but we've been very pleased with the application, especially that we don't have to go out in the cold and dark to check the tank!

Notes

Horningsea Adults & Toddlers - HATs

Horningsea adult and toddler group meets on a Tuesday morning in the village hall in Horningsea from 10-11:30.

We have Play-doh, a toy kitchen and food, toy farm animals, cars and garages, Duplo, puzzles, books and drawing materials as well as baby friendly toys along with support cushions for the really tiny ones. If the weather is nice the children have the opportunity to play outside with outdoor toys.

For adults there is a hot drink and biscuit and a chance for a chat whilst the little ones play.

A snack and drink is given to the children half way through the session which is included in the cost of the attendance. This cost is £2 per session, per family. However, if you pay for four sessions at once it's £6 (£1.50 per session).

Adults without children are also welcome if you fancy a hot drink and a chat (amongst the noise of the children playing), a £1 donation is asked for in this instance.

We look forward to welcoming you to the group!

There is plenty of parking available outside the village hall.

Cambridge Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets.

Lt. (SCC) Vic Galpin RMR

Cambridge Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets has its unit based in Cheddars Lane, just off Newmarket Road, Cambridge, where we meet Tuesday and Friday evenings. There has been a Sea Cadet unit in Cambridge since at least the Second World War and we are the oldest running maritime youth organisation in the U.K.

We take cadets from 10 to 12 yrs of age into our dedicated Junior Branch; we also have the Senior Sea Cadets from 12 to 18 yrs of age . We have recently opened a dedicated Royal Marines Cadets Detachment and take cadets from the age of 13 to 18 yrs of age.

We are keen to welcome new recruits.

The summer boating season allows cadets to go kayaking, canoeing, power boating and sailing and there is an opportunity to join T.S Royalist, our flagship vessel. During the winter we have a skills based training programme which includes nautical skills, engineering, catering and meteorology.

As some instructors are British Canoe Union and Royal Yachting Association accredited, cadets can build up qualifications with these bodies. They can also take some of the life skills to Btech level and take part in Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme-based activities.

There is more information on the Sea Cadet Unit and the Royal Marine Cadets at:

<http://www.sea-cadets.org/cambridge/home.aspx>

<http://www.xcrmc.co.uk>

See some of the things your future cadet can look forward to at :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwXZcW4jjVU>

Contact me at vic.galpin@sky.com and come along to see our young people in action.

Cambridge Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets is a registered charity (No. 300372)

New to Yoga?

Starting Monday 30th October : 9.30-10.30, Horningsea Village Hall

Felicity has recently moved to Horningsea and wants to introduce yoga into the village. She invites you to yoga classes that will lengthen and strengthen your mind and body.

- Classes suitable for all levels and ages.
- Running during term time for 6 weeks of classes.
- To book contact yogawithfelicity@gmail.com

www.yogawithfelicity.com

Bell Ringers at the church

Bellringing practice in Horningsea is on the 2nd and last Friday of each month from 19:00 to 20.30. Do come along and find out about learning how to ring. There is no age limit! You don't need to be musical and many Bell Ringers are not members of a church congregation. We have just managed to open our box of handbells and on some Fridays there will be a chance to try handbell ringing as well. If we manage to find enough ringers who can get together to practice we might manage to learn something to ring at the Carol Service in December.

Burglary prevention with the early nights.

POLICE are urging residents to check their home security as the clocks go back and the evenings start to draw in. With more homes empty after sunset, officers are concerned the number of burglaries could rise.

In the six months from November last year to April this year (inclusive), 1238 homes were burgled in the county. During the previous six months (May-October 2016) 1051 homes were burgled, meaning offences rose by 17.8 per cent over the autumn/winter months.

Detective Inspector Andy Tolley said: "Burglary is a priority for us and we're working hard to catch offenders and bring them before the courts. However, with the clocks going back offences can start to increase. It is usually an opportunist offence so there are steps people can take to remove the temptation for burglars. Keeping possessions out of sight and making it seem like someone's at home are two good starting points."

Police are offering the following advice:

- Install good lighting, e.g. exterior lights with dawn-to-dusk sensors and an alarm.
- Use timer switches. These can be linked to lighting or even a radio giving the impression that someone is at home and can be switched on through mobile phone applications.
- Close your blinds or curtains at night, preventing people from looking into your home. If your children are home first from school encourage them to close curtains and blinds first.
- Keep windows and doors secure, and lock side gates, even if you are at home.
- Never leave spare keys hidden outside – a burglar will always look for these.
- Mark your valuables – with your post code and house number – or garden and shed equipment with a spare can of paint or even nail varnish.
- Do not leave car keys near the front door or anywhere easy to find.

For more burglary prevention advice, visit our website

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/Burglary.aspx>

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 view the calendar with 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.

Event	Location	Date & Time
Cemetery tidy and Village Litter Pick	Meet at the bus shelter	Sunday 3rd December, 10:30
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HRA Christmas Tree Lighting	Jubilee Gardens	Sunday 3rd December, 18:30
Candlelit Carol Service	Church	Sunday 10th December, 18.00
Crib Service on Christmas Eve	St Peters Church	Christmas Eve, 16.00
Christmas Day Service	St Peter's Church	Christmas Day, 9:30

Date & Time	Location	Event/Notes
Monday: 9:30-10:30	Village Hall	Yoga Class - yogawithfelicity@gmail.com
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
Second and last Friday of the month. 19:00 - 20:30	Church	Bell ringing