



Village Boat Trip 2018

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## **Events**

### ***Heritage Open Day: Extraordinary Women: What did you do in the Great War Great Grandma?***

**Saturday, 8th September, 10.00 – 16:30, St Peter’s Church**

The full programme for the events on 8<sup>th</sup> September is set out on the flier attached. The highlights of the day are:

**10.30** - Walk around the churchyard to look at your ancestors’ gravestones and also the area where we may ask for permission to re-use for new burials. If you are interested, if you have family buried in Horningsea, if you would want to be buried here, this is a chance to come and see what the options may be.

**13.00** – Lady Sybil Grey, daughter of Earl Grey (of the tea fame) who was in Russia in 1916 during the Russian Revolution, caught up in the murder of Rasputin, then travelled to France where she set up a Women’s Ambulance corps. An illustrated talk by her grandson Simon Boyd from her diaries and letters, and a chance to buy a signed copy of his book.

**14.00** – a talk by Mim Gardener, a descendant of the Pettitt family about the Pettitts of Horningsea at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Nettie Pettitt lived in St John’s Lane, she was one of a large family. A number of her brothers also went to WWI and two were killed. We know she was aged about 14 in 1911, we know when she was baptised and there is a photograph of her at school, with reference to her in the school records, what did she do in the war and what happened to her afterwards? What did the rest of the Pettitt family do? How many Pettitts were there in Horningsea in 1918?

**14.30** – Professor Rae Langton will talk about the suffrage movement and in particular some of the well known suffragettes or suffragists who had Cambridge connections, including Millicent Fawcett who studied at Newnham.

**15.00** – Ray Smith who has researched the Coprolite industry in Fen Ditton – men and women worked alongside each other digging for coprolites – his talk will be illustrated with photographs of the remnants of the coprolite workings that can still be seen in Fen Ditton.

**15.30** – a session called Letters from the Front – this will depend on you producing letters or diaries written by your grandparents, great uncles, great grandparents .... About their experiences in the Great War. We already have some accounts of the work that women were suddenly expected to take on as their husbands joined up, a letter from the King to a bereaved father, accounts of life in the trenches... if you have a document you could read or if you have something you could lend for the exhibition (please photocopy anything precious) let one of the churchwardens know.

**17.00** - Short Evensong with a Thanksgiving for Women's Suffrage

**18.15** - the Ely and District Bell ringers will be coming to ring out the day.

There will be refreshments available all day – from a ploughman's lunch at 12.30 to tea and cakes off and on all afternoon in between the talks. Please come for all or part of the afternoon, call in for those parts which interest you, you never know you may stay for longer!

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/3079>

## ***Friends of Horningsea Church Annual General Meeting***

**Sunday, 9th September, 12:00, Horningsea Church.**

There will a financial report, a report on the activities of the Friends over the last year and discussion as to any plans for fundraising in the future. If you are a Friend please come along. If you are not yet a Friend you are also welcome to come and see what the Friends are planning.

## ***Horningsea Churchyard Consultation Meeting***

**Saturday, 22nd September, 10:00, St Peter's Church**

As part of the consultation about the possibility of reusing part of the churchyard for new burials there will be a meeting to discuss the options. All interested parties are invited – whether you have ancestors buried in the churchyard or you thought you might want to be buried in the churchyard – or if you re just generally interested in the concept, please come along and share your thoughts.

## ***HRA Apple Press Day***

### **Saturday, 29th September, 13:00-17:00, village green**

It's the ninth annual Horningsea Apple Press on Saturday the 29th of September at 13:00.

Bring your own apples from the garden, some empty bottles (and just a bit of elbow grease!) and take your self-pressed apple juice home with you. As with previous years all apples will be placed in a communal pile for pressing.

On the morning of the Village Apple Pressing day we'll trawl public apple trees in the village to start the "communal apple bucket". If you fancy doing some scrumping, whether for the community pile or for yourself, then meet on the village green at 10:00. We'll finish at 12:00 with the main event starting at 13:00.

Email [hra.events@gmail.com](mailto:hra.events@gmail.com) or ring Chris on 07739 578 612 for details.

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/3066>

## ***Church services for August***

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/3044>

## **Local Development Issues.**

### ***Inspectors Reports on South Cambs District Council and Cambridge City Council Local Plans***

On the 3rd of September 2018, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council published the Inspectors Reports on their respective Local Plans. The Inspectors have concluded that both Local Plans are 'sound' subject to a number of modifications being made, which are appended to the Inspectors' Reports.

The Inspectors' Reports are published on the Councils respective websites:

[www.scambs.gov.uk/local-plan-examination](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/local-plan-examination)

[www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-plan-review-about-the-examination](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-plan-review-about-the-examination)

## Advance Events

### *Ringing Out For Peace.*

There is a plan for all the bells in the all the Churches in the Country to ring out at 19:00 on 11th November 2018 to commemorate 100 years since the Armistice was signed at the end of the first World War. In order to get a band to ring in Horningsea we need to recruit some new ringers – we have three ringers living in the village and always depend on others coming from elsewhere to ring all five of our bells. If you would like to learn to ring so that you can take part you need to start now! Come along to St Peter's Church Horningsea on the second or last Friday of each month at 19:00 and "have a go". Fen Ditton practice on Mondays at 19.30 and you can learn there too!

### *HRA Advance events*

- 13th October - International Evening
- 4th November - Bonfire Evening
- 2nd December - Christmas Tree Lighting

## Reports

### *Optimist Course, Cam Sailing Club - Report Summer 2018*

*by Helen Harding-Male*

The Cam Sailing Club is right on our doorstep and so a wonderful resource for those with a love of all things water. My childhood household was awash with shipping and boat images and so I aspired from an early age to be a sailor! It was only as an adult that I realised my father disliked 'messaging about in boats' and was a shipping solicitor not a frustrated sailor. Before moving to Horningsea I had bought a yacht - as you do and then when we started a family we sold the yacht - all without having really learnt to sail in between. When moving to Horningsea some seven years ago now we rather wistfully went down to the Sailing Club and also the Motor Boat Club next door and imagined a life on the river.



Our family dreams forgotten for some years I then heard from other families in the village that there were children's courses for 8 years plus. We didn't make the course the year our son Julian was 8 but I was determined that he would get on the course this summer, now aged 9, and so he could continue our now misplaced family fantasy

to be sailors and join the boating fraternity. We did agree that if he didn't take to it that we wouldn't force him as, after all, it was our fantasy not his.

The week runs Monday through Friday towards the end of July every year and the craft they learn on are called 'Optimists'. Small enough to navigate on their own and designed very much not to tip over! The week was super scorching hot so great weather but the wind of course was the key ingredient and that was a little mixed over the week itself, especially on the last day when a 'race' took place to mark the end of the course and those taking part could test their newly learnt skills.

To our delight Julian loved every minute of the week and really did take to the water and the nature of the course. The course is run by those Club members who have been there for over two decades and have in fact been running the course for many years as



well. It is quite intense as the children are on the river for over 2 hours in the morning and then a further 2 hours in the afternoon. They really do go from complete novice to competent optimist sailor in the space of only a few days. For those who haven't been down to the Cam Sailing Club it is a rather idyllic hidden gem, as I said right on our doorstep; it feels like time has stopped and the developers aren't expanding across the City and indeed Waterbeach just for that moment! One parent told me across the week that if a child learns to sail on this particular part of the river then they can pretty much sail anywhere, another parent said that this was a highly regarded course and we were very lucky to have this opportunity on our doorstep.

One of the nicest things about the week was the huge community feel from all those involved in making the course a success, from the participants who ranged from 8 years upwards through to the 'teachers' who all had a variety of backgrounds and were not all local, one gentleman comes from Holland each year. A large number of support and key to making the course run well was received from teenagers and those who had been sailing for some years in Waterbeach and elsewhere. This amazing group of young people ensured that the younger ones who might feel shy or hesitant were actually being taught by their peer group or by those that perhaps they knew from their school or Horningsea itself. It was so much easier for them to take instruction from a kindly 17yr old than perhaps an older unknown adult. This group of teenagers and young adults were an absolutely amazing testament to their parents and upbringing as they really gave their time and energy and enthusiasm all week relentlessly without moaning about long days and getting up early or having to play football perhaps with young children after hours!

We chose to camp all week which added to the challenge in the high heat but actually meant that the children took part in the informal activities across the week, from a well organised film night through to a BBQ as well as a Fish 'n' Chips evening. By the end of the week Julian had learnt to sail, he felt part of a community right on the doorstep and we can only hope that if he perseveres that he too will be leading and inspiring future generations of sailors and romantic water lovers for years to come. I was so very pleased to have had the sailing club highlighted to us by fellow Horningsea residents and to be part of this very special and rather magical place for a week this Summer.

I might add that for those with similar sailing aspirations and no children or older children that they do run adult courses and the club welcomes all members from all backgrounds, it is run formally and informally and so there are rules but the members all advise and help each other out with advice on winter boat storage through to where to park.

<http://www.camsailingclub.org.uk/>

### ***Merchant Navy Day - 3rd September***

To celebrate Merchant Navy Day, and the contribution the service has made to this country over the years, South Cambridgeshire District Council flew the Red Ensign on 3rd September at 12.30 at their offices at Cambourne.

John Wilson was asked to attend and talk about the work of the Merchant Navy at the ceremony. John's whole career was spent in the service and his father was also at sea in the 1930s and was fortunate enough to survive. Many merchant sea men lost their lives in the two world wars supporting our country and this day will commemorate them and recognise their contribution.



### ***Horningsea Open Gardens - report***

The grand total raised from the Open Gardens in Horningsea in aid of the Friends of Horningsea Church was £1,090.95. An amazing sum to use towards the repair of the windows. Thank you to everyone who took part but particular thanks to Yvonne Rook and Pauline Hellowell whose idea it was and who worked so hard for the event

## **Notes**

### ***Horningsea Emergency Plan***

*Margaret Starkie, Chair, Horningsea Parish Council*

The Parish Council is updating its Emergency Plan to submit to SCDC. We all hope that it never needs to be put into operation but we need to be prepared in case of a flood, fire, major road or air accident.

If you would be able to help with any of the following please contact me (*margaretstarkie@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01223 863035*).

Co-ordinators to put plan into operation willing to give their 24 hour telephone number, owners of 4x4s, houses with solid fuel heating (in case electricity is off), owners of generators, storage for sand bags.

Most people in Horningsea are good neighbours but we would also need a list of people who could look after elderly or vulnerable people in case their home is affected.

### ***Waste Recovery Facility Hearing - change of venue***

Cambs County Council hearing for application S/3372/17/CW Waste Recovery Facility at Levitt's Field Waterbeach on 17th September at 10am has been changed to council chamber Shire Hall, Castle Street instead of SCDC chamber at Cambourne. The hearing is open to the public but residents may only speak if they have registered. To do so please contact Daniel Snowdon on [democraticservices@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01223 699177.

### ***Books of Cambridgeshire Churches***

Five years ago Mike and Val Cowham published two volumes full colour, hard back books on some of the churches of Cambridgeshire. Fen Ditton, Horningsea and Teversham are all in Volume 2. They are based on drawings and descriptions by Charles Bell a Victorian architect. Mike and Val Cowham re-visited the churches and so the books are a combination of Victorian drawings and modern photographs. Mike and Val have donated two boxes of these books for us to sell for the benefit of our churches. They will be on sale on days when the churches are open at a price of £10 a copy ( a bargain as originally they sold at £60). Please ask one of the Churchwardens if you would like to buy a copy.

### ***Reverend Alun Ford's working days from September***

The Vicar is only supposed to work half time but in fact he works 4 days a week or more. From September his working days will be Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. If you need to contact him please email [parishesthree@gmail.com](mailto:parishesthree@gmail.com) or ring 295927.

## ***Ditton Lane and Links to East Cambridge - cycleway works start Tuesday 28th August***

For the construction of a new shared-use foot/cycleway, utility services such as cables and drains will need to be diverted. Work starts Tuesday 28th August; during the first two weeks the contractors will be setting up and carrying out investigation work. The work will begin on Horningsea Road at the High Ditch Road end and then proceed to the Primary School. The programme of work is due to run until Spring 2019. There will be temporary traffic lights 09:30 to 15:30 during the initial phase. There will be full closure of Ditton Lane and Horningsea Road in early 2019 (more details nearer the time). Information about the scheme can be found at

<http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/dittonlane> it includes the following: Widening the current share foot/cycleway to 2.5m on both sides of Horningsea Road between High Ditch Road and just north of the primary school, at east side of Ditton Lane between Fison Road and High Ditch Road, between Ditton Lane crossing and Ditton Meadows and on the west side of the green area on Ditton Lane (south of the small car parking area next to no. 142 Ditton Lane); new toucan crossing north of the school and upgrade the puffin crossing near the High Street Fito a toucan crossing; pedestrian and cycling improvements to the area around Fison Road junction and Ditton Lane crossing.

## ***Parish Council - vacancy***

*Margaret Starkie Chair Horningsea Parish Council (Tel: 01223 863035).*

Following resignation of two councillors due to personal and work pressures, there are now only five members. The council meets alternate months and members bring a variety of skills and backgrounds to help decide on local and district issues. We are looking for residents who have lived or worked in the village (or within three miles) for the past year, UK, EU or Commonwealth citizens and prepared to give a little time to prepare for meetings. The work is interesting and not onerous and is of real value to the community.

If you would like more information please contact Hayley at [clerk@horningsea.net](mailto:clerk@horningsea.net) or speak to any of the councillors.

## ***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.

### ***Bell Ringers at the church***

Bellringing practice in Horningsea is on the second 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.

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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. If you send in a PDF or image of a poster/flyer then attach a paragraph of text to go into the Herald as well. The editorial team are not retyping out a poster!

## Overview of this month's events

*Note: These events are open to all Horningsea Residents and, unless otherwise stated, are FOC.*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
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Friends of Horningsea Church Annual General Meeting	St Peters Church	Sunday, 9th September, 12:00
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Monday 9:30-10:30	Village Hall	Yoga Class - yogawithfelicity@gmail.com
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!
First Tuesday 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