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Events

German & English Hymnody – a shared heritage

Tuesday 2nd October, 19.00, Fen Ditton Church.

Following the success of the Hymnology evening last year, Professor Dick Watson (honorary resident of Horningsea) is returning to talk about hymns we in England have borrowed from Germany and vice-versa! This is an event organised by the Cambridge – Heidelberg ecumenical churches exchange. Come and join in singing some of our best loved hymns (in English and in German) after hearing their stories. There will be refreshments after we have finished singing.

Blessing of the Pets and Dog Walk

Saturday 6th October, 11:00 Fen Ditton church

Bring your pets (however big or small!) to Fen Ditton church for a Blessing followed by a dog walk!...who said "you can't take a goldfish for walks"?!

Harvest Service in Horningsea Church

Sunday 14th October, 11:00

This will be a Family Morning Worship Service when there will be an opportunity for us all to bring fruit, vegetables, flowers to church. Anna Jones (one of our ordinands) is leading the service and she will be wanting help from children and parents to take part. The Church will be decorated on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th October. Liz Harrison will be pleased to have as much help as possible to make sure the church looks as lovely as ever (although we may all struggle a bit to find much still growing in our gardens or allotments ...). After the service there will be a sale or auction of the produce in aid of Farm Africa. Most years we have raised enough money to pay for a goat or some chickens!

Do come along to the Service. This is a reminder that although we are close to Cambridge we are still at heart a rural, farming community!

HRA International Evening – POSTPONED

Saturday, 13th October, 19:30, Village Pavilion.

Now postponed.

<http://www.horningsea.net/?p=3092>

Forest Church

Sunday 28th October, 15.00 (the day the clocks go back), Horningsea Churchyard

If you have enjoyed the Forest Churches throughout the year do come along – if you have never been this is a chance to find out what it is all about. Weather permitting it will be outside followed by hot chocolate and cakes or biscuits.

Local Development Issues.

Waterbeach New Town

Margaret Starkie, Chair Horningsea Parish Council

The Community Forum was held on 24th September with updates on the Supplementary Planning Document, the Local Plan (now found sound and adopted with some modifications) and the newly formed Community Land Trust. These Fora will be held every three months and the next will include information on schools, transport and the SPD. The latter is out for consultation and residents are encouraged to comment on it via the SCDC website <http://www.scams.gov.uk/waterbeachspd>.

The Parish Council will meet on Wednesday 17th October at 19.30 to agree its response to the consultation and residents are very welcome to attend and give their comments.

The PC recently commented on the amended Outline Planning Application submitted by Urban and Civic. Although we welcomed some of the changes in relation to position of schools, lower height of dwellings at edge of existing village and near Denny Abbey, we rejected it as premature while the A10 study funding and logistics are unknown, the SPD has not been finalised and cycling and public transport provision is not clear. The PC continues to have discussion with the developers on the effect on the B1047. The LP allows for 8,000 to 9,000 dwellings while the total of the two developers' Outline Plans is 11,000. The LP expects between 2,300 and 3,200 to be built by 2031. This is based on current building averages of between 250 and 400 a year. Market houses will be built before affordable houses but the plan is for these to be 40% of the eventual total.

If you cannot attend the meeting please send your comments to Hayley at clerk@horningsea.net

Advance Events

Ringling Out For Peace

On Sunday 11th November it will be 100 years since the Armistice was signed to bring to an end the First World War.

The village beacon on the village green will be lit at 19:00 as part of a national chain to mark the end of the 1914/18 war. Refreshments will be available provided by the HRA and Parish council at the village Hall.

There is a plan for all the bells in 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

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

Celebrating Suffolk Saturday

3rd and 4th November, St Peter's Church

Frank Hopkirk and his artist friends have been focusing on painting and drawing in Suffolk over the last year. They will be exhibiting their work over the weekend of 3rd and 4th November. Frank has also been exploring the Suffolk composers and on Saturday night there will be concert "Celebrating Suffolk". Write this in your diary now!

Reports

Heritage Open Day - Report

Lindsay Davies

St Peter's Church buzzed with activity on Saturday 8th September as people gathered to celebrate "Extraordinary Women" and find out what our Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers did in the First World War. Simon Boyd told the story of his grandmother Lady Sybil Grey. In 1916 she was invited to travel to Petrograd to run the Anglo Russian Hospital that had been set up to deal with soldiers injured in the fighting. She met the Empress of Russia (Lady Sybil thought she was a very sad woman), other members of the Russian Court, became involved in the murder of Rasputin and was shot in the face with shrapnel. She returned to England and later went out to France to run an ambulance driving service. A fascinating and extraordinary woman!

Mim told us stories about the Pettitts of Horningsea (see the article she has written). Other Pettitt family members came and added to the story.

Ray Smith gave a most interesting talk about the coprolite works in our area and gave us a hint that the Fen Ditton Treacle Mines of legend might in fact have been the area on his part of the river bank between Horningsea and Fen Ditton where the deposits were left after the coprolites were cleaned – the cleaning being done by more extraordinary women.

Rae Langton told us with passion about Millicent Fawcett and her 61 year fight to get the vote for women. She was a suffragist who did not approve of the violent actions of some of the suffragettes – although in a most topical manner she did become involved in covering a man in flour after he made inappropriate advances to one of the suffragists. Millicent was a member of Newnham College in Cambridge, her sister was Elizabeth Garrett Anderson (the first woman doctor) and her daughter was Philippa Fawcett the scientist. All extraordinary women!

Finally we had readings by Mia Harrison and Vee from letters and diaries written by women who were nursing, working in factories in WWI and a poem about the suffragettes. Andy Clarke read diary extracts from the Reverend Andrew Clark (no relation) who was rector of Great Leighs in Essex. The Rector wrote on 1 September 1914 that the family in the big house in the village were making savings for the War effort by having butter or jam but not both, no cake at tea (apart from seed cake which no-one likes), meat only for one meal a day and no cream as all cream was to be made into butter!

Alun led us in a short evening prayer service in which we gave thanks for the campaign for Women's suffrage. To round off the day we had the Ely and District and Cambridge District Bell ringers!

All day people were also able to look at the exhibitions – including yet another amazing woman – Sally Harrison's mother's photograph albums and albums of press reports when she held the woman's world speed record as a racing driver and was the double winner of the Dewar Cup!

Many thanks to all those who prepared the ploughman's lunch, cakes and teas, to those who took part and those who came to listen.

Plough and Fleece Petanque team - Yearly report.

Dave Willis

Plough and Fleece Petanque team had a great season this year. The team won the league by 4 points, and today 30th Sept, played in the cup final and also won that. In the triples tournament we were knocked out in semi final.

Well done to all the team, Dave Willis, Mel Rees, Mathew Asplin, James Crosby, Mary Kent, Serge Raja, Pierre Cazautets, Robert Balm, Mick Whymer and Andrew Redfarn.

A big thanks to Jamie and Mary at the Fleece for the food and putting up with us.

And a big thanks to Mary Kent for being captain and doing the paper work, team sheets.

Finally most of team won cup and league in newmarket league with Les Flamingos. Serge Raja also won triples and him and Mick Whymer reached final of the over 50s tournament.



Friends of Horningsea Church Annual General Meeting on 9 September 2018

John Rooke was re-elected as Chairman and Michael Harrison as treasurer. The accounts showed that the year to 31 December 2017 had been quiet with few fundraising events in contrast to the magnificent fund raising that has taken place in the current financial year. The committee would like to recruit some additional members, it meets infrequently once or possibly twice a year so this is not an onerous task. If you would be prepared to join the committee can you let John Rooke or Michael Harrison know. If you are not yet a member but are keen to support St Peter's Church – as a village asset, an historical Grade 1 listed building, as a venue for concerts and exhibitions – why not become a Friend – contact Michael at Church End House, Horningsea for the application form. The annual subscription is £15 or you could become a life member for £150.

Horningsea Churchyard meetings in September

On the 8th and the 23rd of September a number of people walked around the churchyard looking at the proposed site for creating new grave spaces. Many people have responded to the consultation flier which was distributed to every house in Horningsea. A number of thoughtful and helpful comments have been received from these meetings and in the written responses. Most comments support the idea of trying to create new burial spaces on land that has previously been used for burials. Margaret Starkie helpfully pointed out the implications for the Parish Council if we do not pursue this plan and the churchyard is declared "closed" in which case the Parish Council takes on responsibility for the churchyard.

The PCC will look again at the most appropriate location, the type of headstone or memorial to make management of the churchyard as easy as possible, the options of how disturbed bones should be reinterred. If you want to know more about the proposals and if you have not seen the consultation flier please contact one of the Horningsea Church wardens or Reverend Alun Ford so your views can be taken into account. Once the PCC has a clear plan it will be for the Diocese of Ely to give permission. No church in the Diocese has yet applied for such permission, so Horningsea is pioneering this proposal.

THE PETTITTS OF HORNINGSEA

Mim Garner

As part of the Horningsea Heritage Weekend commemorations of the end of the First World War and the beginning of Women's Suffrage, I was asked to talk about the very large family of Pettitts resident in Horningsea at that time. The particular line of enquiry concerned Nettie C. Pettitt and Eva Bull, two women listed on the War Memorial inside St. Peter's Church as having served in the 1914-1918 War. They both survived the war but the quest was to find out what they did to help in the War Effort. As I have Pettitt second cousins and generations of Turner close relatives linked to the Pettitts, I was asked to look into the question.

Research showed that at the outbreak of the First World War there were more than thirty Pettitts living in Horningsea. As can be seen from the War Memorial at the back of the Church, the young Pettitts were not slow to volunteer to fight for their country and five are listed including Nettie. Most Horningsea volunteers returned but the names of those who were killed have a tiny flag of St. George by their names. Of seven soldiers from the village who died, two were from the Pettitt family. Wilfred Charles (WC Pettitt on the War Memorial) was the son of Uriah and Florence and died in France. Their elder son Herbert Uriah (HU Pettitt) returned from the Front. Their sister, Nettie Clara, is listed beneath Herbert but so far we have been unable to establish how she served.

Thomas Samuel (TS Pettitt on the War Memorial) was the son of Thomas and Hannah. He was killed in Belgium on August 10th 1917 six months after their son, Spencer Thomas, had died at home in Horningsea on February 6th. Their youngest son, Herbert Charles, (H.Pettitt on the Memorial) went to fight but came home. Another Pettitt

relative who went to war was Thomas Cutting, husband of Brenda ,sister to Thomas, Spencer, Herbert and younger sister Hannah who was a teacher at the village school.

As Liz and John Harrison's house is built on the footprint of a cottage known to have been lived in by Pettitts, Liz has done extensive research into the family. Liz researched Red Cross, Nursing, munitions factories and Voluntary organisations which were staffed by women but few kept records of volunteers. No trace of Nettie was found. However, the Women's Land Army was founded in 1917 so it is possible that Nettie and Eva worked on the land, especially as their brothers had left the farms to go to war. Unless girls went into domestic service they didn't move far from where they lived. My father told of it being a real event to go to Fen Ditton from his home on Clayhithe Road!

Pettitt men folk had a variety of occupations leading up to 1914. Many were agricultural labourers but two at least had worked in the coprolite diggings and one had driven an engine in the coprolite works. The railway provided work for several and the census of 1901 shows William Pettitt aged 75 working as a labourer on the highway. No such thing as retirement with a pension! Samuel Bell, the widowed father of Hannah Pettitt, aged 81, is recorded as being a labourer, groom and gardener! Spencer Pettitt was a bricklayer's labourer when he died aged 39. Women were listed as laundresses if wage earners. It wasn't surprising that when Spencer died leaving Lizzie with four children under six years, that she took advantage of the proximity of Cambridge, the Colleges and the nearby village pump to take in washing to earn a wage to support her children. They lived in the middle cottage of the terrace opposite the council houses in the High Street. Other Pettitts lived in the High Street , in St. John's Lane and in Parsonage Farm cottages. Uriah and Florence had eight children and Thomas and Hannah had seven. Charles and Rosa, whose grave is in the churchyard, had three children and Harry and Louisa had two. What a lot of Pettitts and there may be more as yet undiscovered. The search has been exciting as everyone who contributed agreed.

The real research has been done by John Wilson, Liz Harrison and Peter Crosby of Horningsea, Tom Pettitt and Lesley Bradnam of Birmingham, Yvonne of Devon and Jane Parker of Burwell for which I am very grateful. My role has been following up lines of enquiry, sending and receiving e-mails , gathering information and crawling round graveyards and cemeteries pulling ivy off gravestones with blackened and now much shortened fingernails!

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.

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.

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>

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. 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 retying out a poster!

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
German & English Hymnody – a shared heritage	Fen Ditton Church	Tuesday 2nd October, 19.00
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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