



Events

Read below for the year's advance events in the village.

Forest Church in Horningsea Churchyard

Sunday 24th Feb, 15.00, St Peter's Church

Horningsea Short Story Competition

Fran Johnstone (co-ordinator of the judges)

You are invited to enter the inaugural Horningsea Short Story Competition, so grab those pens or laptops and get writing! The competition winners will be announced and the prizes awarded at a book fair in the church on Saturday, June 8th. There are separate classes for young people and adults. See the competition rules and poster sent with the Herald for full details. All entries will be judged anonymously and the judges will be a team including several published authors (several of them judges or ex-judges in real life, thanks to Lindsay Davies' connections!).

The competition is open to everyone, but we are hoping that at least some of the prizes are carried off by Horningsea talent.

The deadline is April 30th.

Looking forward to being impressed.

(Rules/entry form and poster are attached).

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/3174>

Local Development Issues.

Fen Ditton Greenway work

Ditton lane will be closed again from the 7th of January to 15th February.

Advance Events

HRA Seniors Lunch

Wednesday 13th March, 12:30, Village hall.

The HRA invite all Seniors of the village to lunch on Wednesday 13th March at 12:30 in the Pavilion.

Please call Jenni Hill if you would like to attend - 01223 862293 BEFORE 12th March

HRA Calendar of events for 2019

- Seniors Lunch - Wednesday 13th March 12:30
- Fish n Chip Bingo - 5th April 19:00 - 19:30
- Village Day - 29th June
- Apple Press Day - 28th September
- HRA Firework night - 3rd November
- HRA Christmas tree lighting - 5th December
- International Night - 18th January 2020

Looking forward to 2019: church events

- Saturday 2nd March, 16.00 to 18.00 - "Pancakes & Daffodils" come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday and St Davids Day at a Thank You party. If we can find enough Welsh people we might have a small Gymanfa Ganu ... with some singing, excerpt from Under Milk Wood or a poem or two! Bring a contribution if you can.
- *Every Thursday during Lent there will be a Lent Discussion going on in one of the pubs, details to follow*
- Sunday 24th March, 12.00 - Church Annual Meeting
- Sunday 31st March, 11.00 - Mothering Sunday ... help will be needed on Saturday to make posies to distribute during the Service
- Tuesday 16th April, ~10.30 - Student Cross pilgrims
- Sunday 21st April, 9.00 - Easter Day Service
- Sunday 28th April, 15.00 - Forest Church
- Saturday 18th May - Concert St Augustines choir
- *1st May entries close for the Short Story competition*
- Thursday 30th May, 19.00 - Open Air Service in Horningsea Churchyard for Ascension Day
- Saturday 8th June - The Horningsea Tales: literary afternoon with winners of short story competition being announced, talks and book signing by authors.
- Sunday 30th June, 10.00 - St Peters Day Service, 15.00 Forest Church

- Sunday 25th August, 15.00 - Forest Church
- Sunday 8th September - Heritage Open Day
- Sunday 13th October, 11.00 - Harvest
- Sunday 27th October - Forest Church
- Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Day
- Sunday 8th December, 18.00 - Carol Service
- Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day Service
- Sunday 29th December - Forest Church

Reports

Please send in reports and photos of Horningsea and relevant events to horningseanews@gmail.com

Horningsea Parish Council Meeting 30th January - Report

Margaret Starkie Chair, Horningsea Parish Council

It was good to see so many residents at the meeting to hear Tom Larnach, Cam Conservators' River Manager, talk about plans for the river and his wish to be more involved with Horningsea residents. He will attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April to give residents another opportunity to talk to him.

This is the meeting at which the budget is set for the year in order for the council to request the Precept from SCDC. Village groups were invited to make funding applications which were discussed with costs for village maintenance, grass cutting, cemetery care etc. The council decided to keep the Precept at the same level as the current financial year so there will be no increase in council tax for the PC's costs. There is likely to be an increase for the County and District portions. District and County Councillors reports are available electronically.

The next PC meeting is on Wednesday 27 March at 19.30. All residents are very welcome at meetings. The agenda is posted on the notice board three days before the meeting.

Notes

Bus services

Paul Nelson, Public Transport Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council

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I wanted to let you know that bus services across the county will be discussed at the Economy and Environment Committee meeting next week (7 February).

Whilst the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority's bus review continues and options are worked on, it's important existing bus services are protected.

From April, it is proposed all Cambridgeshire County Council funded bus services will continue after the county council and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority agree funding for the next year.

The Combined Authority has asked Cambridgeshire County Council to continue providing bus service policy and delivery on its behalf for one more year while opportunities for radical reform of the network are explored.

You can read more here –

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/bus-services-set-to-continue-across-the-county

Church Electoral Roll

Every so many years we have to completely update the church Electoral register, this is one of those years. If you are currently on the register you have to sign up again. If you are not yet on the register this is a good time to sign up. Being on the register allows you to vote at the annual meeting, would allow you to join the Parochial church council if you wanted to, might make you feel more committed to doing things or helping out but does not mean you are going to be burdened with new jobs or responsibilities! If you are a regular or even occasional church goer you are invited to come onto to the register. The forms to complete are in the church, ask the churchwardens or Liz Harrison for one, they must be filled in before the annual church meeting on 24th March.

Old Parish Magazines

Margaret Dorrington archived all the old Parish Magazines from October 1983 when Reverend Laurie Marsh started to take services. A quick glimpse at some of them reveals stories which will still be of interest today ...

In March 1984 George Wilson, John Wilsons father, wrote about the War Memorial he had organised naming three men who died in WWII.

In July 1985 there was a letter from Michael Gingell who said "I am at present in a rather shattered state lying on a bed in Paris. It took me three hours forty two minutes - but I did it!" He had run the Paris marathon having trained for twelve weeks and covered 376 miles mainly on Waterbeach airfield. There were 13,000 competitors taking part. The marathon started at the Arc de Triumph in a thunderstorm. He raised £1800 for cancer charities.

In August 1985 there was an account by George Wilson on "Edie's Memorial Day" when 50 people came and enjoyed raffles, cake, book stalls and bring and buy. Molly Marshall took a hen and day old chicks as well as three goslings (it is not clear if they were to sell or for show)!

In February 1987 Reverend Lawrie Marsh described the plan to raise £14,000 to install electric light, heating and running water in the church.

In February 1988 thanks were given to Freda Daws for restoring the St Peters Banner.

Every year thanks were given to Margaret Dorrington and Molly Marshall for picking and selling hundreds of bunches of snowdrops for the church.

Throughout 1988 there were excerpts from the Parish Magazines from 1889. Maybe we can include some extracts in a future Horningsea Herald.

Traffic speeds in Horningsea

The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has been up in the village since March 2018. The Parish Council has conducted some analysis on data collected between 20/5/18 and 10/11/18 and can report the following findings:

- Data and anecdotal evidence shows that the VAS slows vehicles down and improves adherence to the 30 mph speed limit, particularly during the daytime (07:00 – 19:00)
- Vehicles travelling late at night or in the early hours are less likely to drive within the speed limit
- Around 80% of vehicles travel at 30mph or less when the VAS is present
- This reduces to 60% when it is outside Kings Cottages (north entrance to the village)
- However, this means that 20-40% of vehicles are still speeding even with the VAS and even more when the VAS is not present.
- Maximum speeds recorded between 20/5/18 and 10/11/18 were 75 mph, at both the north and south ends of the village (01:15 and 05:30)
- Weekday average traffic volumes are 2,500 at the north end and 3,500 at the south end (presumably greater due to visitors to Scotsdales and the pubs being more likely to enter and leave via the south end).
- Peak traffic volumes are 08:00-09:00 at the north end of the village and 17:00-18:00 at the south end
- Approximately 300 vehicles on an average week day during these times

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the VAS data and consider ways that could further reduce speeding through Horningsea.

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/3170>

Horningsea Adults & Toddlers - HATs

Horningsea adult and toddler group meets on 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 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.

Event	Location	Date & Time
Forest Church in Horningsea Churchyard	St Peter's Church	Sunday 24th Feb, 15.00

Date & Time	Location	Event/Notes
Monday 17:30	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)
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!
Fridays 19:30	Bus Shelter	Fish and Chip Van
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