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## ***HORNINGSEA Herald***

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## **Events**

### ***Waterbeach Running Festival***

**Saturday 11th May**

Come and join us at the fourth Waterbeach Running Festival on Saturday 11th May 2019. Choose from 10k and 5k races, 2k Fun Run and a 100m toddle for under 5s. The 10k, 5k and 2k will all be gun start and chip timed finish and the course is on flat, traffic free, mainly well surfaced tracks around the disused Waterbeach Barracks, Cambridgeshire, CB25 9PA. Enter online before midnight on 6th May or pay a bit more to enter on the day. You must enter at least 30 minutes before registration closes for your chosen distance if entering on the day.

<https://www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk>

### ***St Augustines Singers in Concert: Le Chant des Oiseaux conducted by Philip Mead***

**Saturday 18th May, 18:00, St Peters Church**

An early evening concert of choral music on the theme of the birds of spring including well known madrigals (Le Chants des Oiseaux by Janequin), popular hymns (Morning has broken, Abide with me) and a new work composed for the choir this spring Aubade by Edward Cowie and concluding with The Nightingale by Philip Mead for flute and choir. For more information about the choir and Philip Mead see their website [www.staccc.org.uk](http://www.staccc.org.uk). Entrance to the concert is free but there will be a request for donations for church funds. If the weather is fine there is no better way to spend an early summer evening than enjoying music with a glass of something in your hand, the church doors open and the owl swooping across the churchyard chasing the bats!

## ***Ascension Day***

### **Thursday 30th May, 19.00, Horningsea Churchyard**

There is something special about attending an open-air service and so on Ascension Day this year we will be celebrating in Horningsea Churchyard. We will not be expecting anyone to climb the Tower to sing from the top as they do at St Johns College but nevertheless we expect this to be an opportunity to worship in a different way. (Of course we need to add...if wet in church!).

## **Local Development Issues.**

### ***Road closures: Ditton Lane***

#### **Starting 13th May**

Overnight road closures: the carriageway surfacing on Horningsea Road and Ditton Lane will take place overnight between 20.00 and 6.00 for between five and six nights.

Only the section where works are being carried out will be closed to road traffic.

The surfacing will be carried out in following order:

Horningsea Road between Fen Ditton Primary School and the High Street junction will take two to three nights' work;

The raised table junction at the High Street and High Ditch Road will take one night's work; and

Fison Road to 129 Ditton Lane will take one nights' work. The majority of the works on Fison Road junction will take place after 10.30pm in order to ensure the Citi 3 service is unaffected."

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cross-city-cycling/ditton-lane-&-links-to-east-cambridge/>

## **Advance Events**

### ***HRA Calendar of events for 2019***

- 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***

- *Every Thursday during Lent there will be a Lent Discussion going on in one of the pubs, details to follow*

- 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

## ***Horningsea Horticultural Show***

### **Saturday 13th July, Village Hall**

If you have never entered the Show before, now is the time to give it a go. The atmosphere is very friendly and there are many different classes to choose from. You don't have to be a gardener to enter!

The Show will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall. Schedules and entry forms will be delivered to every house in the village in early June, so there will be plenty of time to plan exhibits. The flower arrangement theme this year is "Moon Landing" and the theme for the photos is "What makes you smile?".

Entry forms need to be delivered to Vee Saunders by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, late entries may be accepted, at the discretion of the committee, up until 9pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Exhibits can be staged in the Village Hall on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July between 7 and 9pm or between 8 and 10.30 am on Saturday morning. Viewing in the afternoon starts at 2.30pm. As usual donated produce will be auctioned and there will be a raffle after the prize giving.

If you won a trophy last year please don't forget to return it prior to the show to a member of the committee (names and addresses are on the schedule), or to the village hall on Saturday morning.

Additional entry forms will be available from the committee (see front of schedule) or online at: <http://www.horningsea.net/horningsea-horticultural-show>

## ***The Horningsea Tales***

### **Saturday 8th June, 13.00 to 17.00, St Peter's Church**

The culmination of the Horningsea Short Story Competition will take place on Saturday 8 June starting at 13.00. The rough timetable will be :--

**13.00** - Ploughmans lunch, meet the authors, browse the books and listen to a couple of short talks by Horningsea authors including Alan Moore (author of Do/Design Why beauty is key to everything) and Fran Smith who will talk about her third novel.

**14.00** - The Judges of the Children and young people's competition Janet Bingham & Alex Mellanby will talk about their recent books and at 14.45 announce the winners of the children and young people's prizes. The winners will be invited to read their stories

**15.15** - the judges of the adult competition, Sarah Harrison & Peter Murphy, will talk about their most recent publications and at 16.00 announce the winners of the adult competition. The winners will be asked to read their stories.

Tea and cakes will be served all afternoon, there will be displays of books to buy and some book signing sessions. Come for as much of the afternoon as you can.

Entry is free, but donations to church funds will be gratefully received.

## ***Horningsea School Reunion***

**Sunday 9th June, 14.00 -16.00**

Pass the word around that if you went to Horningsea School or grew up in Horningsea or if you are researching your family history you should come along to St Peters Church Horningsea on Sunday 9 June. The church archives will be available for anyone who wants to look up their ancestors' baptisms, marriages or burials. Tea and cakes will be served all afternoon.

## ***Fen Ditton Gardening Club.***

*Trevor Warnock*

The Club is organising a coach trip on Saturday 22nd June to Peter Beales Festival of Roses and to Bressingham Gardens. Some space is still available and non members would be welcome. The cost of £25 includes coach and entry to the gardens. Departure time from Fen Ditton church 0845 and aim to return by 1700. Please book with Pamela Hutt at 12 High Ditch Road. tel. 01223 292493

## ***Quiz Night***

The Plough and Fleece are holding a regular quiz night on the first Tuesday of the month starting on 2nd April at 20:00. Turn up on the night with teams of up to five people. £1 per person entry. All welcome.

## **Reports**

Please send in reports and photos of Horningsea and relevant events to [horningseanews@gmail.com](mailto:horningseanews@gmail.com)

## **Notes**

## ***Short Story Competition update***

*Fran Johnston, organiser.*

We have had entries for all three age groups - more than 20 in all - and most were from Horningsea. The judges will now begin their reading and discussions.

Thanks to everyone who entered, or encouraged someone else to enter. Several people submitted more than one story. Bravo to all who got as far as completing an entry.

Now all we need to do is pick some winners!

We're looking forward to the reading - my early glimpses of the stories as they come in already show them to be a remarkably diverse and fascinating group.

Get ready to hear the winners announced on June 8th at the book event at the church.

## ***Barn owl boxes and honeybee log hives.***

*Keith Long*

With Michael Gingells kind permission I've been placing bespoke barn owl boxes around Northfield's Farm over a twenty year period.

We don't monitor or interfere with them and as a consequence have between one and three breeding pairs at present. Depending on the time of day and season the barn owls can be seen flying normally along the River Cam between Bottisham and Horningsea.



We need locations for boxes further afield to enable their numbers to increase further. I can make these at minimal cost to those wishing to actively help.

Honeybees are in decline and natural tree cavity's are at a premium. I hollow trunks to replicate the honeybee's preferred choice of home.

Once these are placed all that needs to be done is to allow the bees to follow their innate tendencies.

They will find the log and swarm into it if it pleases them.

A small amount of honey could be taken when the hive is strong enough but this is not the hives intended purpose.

I'm happy for people to see my garden hive and boxes if they are of a mind to.

## ***Street Lighting and Highways - your chance to comment***

Cambridgeshire County Council is conducting two surveys:



You can find the Highways Service survey at  
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/N3UFW/>

You can find the Street Lighting Service survey at  
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BO6ZG/>

The deadline for completing both surveys is 31 May 2019.

## ***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
Waterbeach Running Festival		Saturday 11th May
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Ascension Day	Thursday 30th May, 19.00	Horningsea Churchyard

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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. first session FOC)
Thursdays 19:30-21:30	Village Hall	Painting group - £2 per session
Thursdays 21:00	Plough & Fleece	Band/Open Mike Night.
First Tuesday of the month at 20:00.	Plough and Fleece	Pub Quiz
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