



Preparing the church for candles!

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Events

Christmas Fair at Fen Ditton Primary School

Saturday, 30th November, 13:00 - 16:00, Fen Ditton Primary School

Christmas Fair for all the family, with Santa's Grotto, raffle, refreshments and loads of lovely stalls so come and join us for some festive goodies.

Everybody is welcome and kids get in FREE.

Horningsea Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, 1st December, 18:30, Jubilee gardens.

The annual Horningsea traditional Christmas Tree lighting event is on Sunday 1st December this year. All gather for 18:30 in the Jubilee Gardens to enjoy some mulled wine, homemade mince pies and festive

St John's College Choir Christmas Concert

Thursday 5th December, 19.00, Fen Ditton Church

This is a real treat! One of the leading choirs of the country will be singing in Fen Ditton on 5th December at 19.00. Tickets cost £12 and can be bought through the ADC boxoffice@adctheatre.com Tickets are going quickly so don't rely on buying them at the door!

Horningsea Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday, 8th December at 18.00 St Peter's Church

The Church is filled with candles (too many to count, but in the hundreds!), the oil lamps are lit, electric lights are off and the congregation is transported back to the (not

very distant) past when there was no electricity in Horningsea Church. Traditional carols and are sung and the well known readings read by those who have had a special connection with the Church in the last year. Children process to the crib with their lanterns, everyone comments on how cold it is and how this Service which contains all the elements of the Spirit of Christmas sets off the Christmas season in a very special way. If you have never been before, do come and join in. You will need to arrive early to get a seat and wrap up warm.

Thank you to Liz Harrison for organising the team who worked so hard to make this a really special service.

Gifts of mince pies to serve after the Carol Service and make coffee and tea will be greatly welcomed!

A Very Short Nativity

Sunday, 15th December at 15.00, St Peter's Church

Children of all ages are invited to Horningsea Church to take part in a very short nativity – the story will be read and children can take part dressed as characters from the Christmas story. No rehearsal is necessary. It is helpful to have just one Mary, one Joseph and one innkeeper but there can be as many angels, shepherds and wise people as turn up! Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come and join in. The whole Service will last under half an hour.

Christmas Day in Horningsea

There will be a service for all the family at 9.30 on Christmas Morning. This year we will have an organist and be able to sing a couple of carols.

Charity Curry Evening in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

The Plough and Fleece, New Years Eve 18:00 -21:00

The Plough and Fleece are hosting a charity curry evening on New Year's Eve.

Food will be served from 18:00 until 21:00. Then we will dance the night away into the New Year.

Tickets are £25 per head and are available from The Plough and Fleece. £10 per head will be going to the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

The evening is in memory of Jamie's sister (Anne Esgate).

The Plough and Fleece, High Street, Horningsea, Cambridge, CB25 9JG

<https://www.arhc.org.uk>

Local Development Issues.

Advance Events

HRA Calendar of events for 2020

- International Night - 18th January 2020

Talks on beauty by Alan Moore

Early in 2020 Horningsea resident Alan Moore is running two workshops in the beautiful and relaxed surroundings of Kettle's Yard, Cambridge.

Do Build: Why Beautiful Businesses are the Future

Monday, 20 January 2020, from 09:30 to 17:00.

A business focused workshop, for founders and leaders. Exploring how beauty can be a key driver to long-term growth, profitability, and business development.

[Tickets and more information.](#)

This Beautiful Life: How to design and make one

Saturday, 8 February 2020, from 09:30 to 16:30.

This experience will help you understand why and how beauty is vital to leading a prosperous and purposeful life. If you'd like your life and work to be more joyful; if you are looking for an optimistic, engaging envisioned path towards transformation; would like to be a better human, innovator, maker, designer, or artist - this is perfect for you.

[Tickets and more information.](#)

Reports

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

Horningsea Parish Charities

Lindsay Davies

At the end of the year the trustees of Horningsea Parish Charities meet to consider what grants can be made to people in the Parish who fit the category set out in the Parish Charity Trust deeds. The charities were founded in the 18th Century under the heading "The Pools Land". The idea was that grants would be given to those who "are in need". In times past the grants included bags of coal or vouchers for the village shop. As the years have passed the definition of those "in need" has been extended and we have been able to give small grants to children so they can go on the school residential course, to those who have been bereaved, to those who need a new cooker but can't afford it or been made redundant. The income of the Charity is very small consequently the grants are also very modest. If you know of someone who you think

falls into the category of being a person in need can you let the Trustees know? You can contact the trustees onldathorningsea@gmail.com at any time of year.

Mary Muhr award for contribution to the Cultural Life of Horningsea

When Mary Muhr left Horningsea Church a small legacy, the PCC decided to set up an annual award to give to the person in the village who had made a real contribution to the Cultural Life of the village. The award has been given to those who put on art exhibitions, concerts, some photographers, writers and flower arrangers. The PCC will announce the winner of the 2019 award at the Candlelit Carol service on 8 December. This is the village equivalent of the Oscars/Brits or Turner Prize!

Reverend Laurie Marsh and Horningsea Church

Lindsay Davies

Many of the longstanding residents of Horningsea will be sad to hear that Laurie has died and remember him with affection. He was asked by the Bishop to take on Horningsea Church in about 1983 when it became clear that the Reverend Paul Smythe (who had become Vicar in 1944) was now struggling to take services. At the time Laurie took over, the village had cleared the churchyard and got rid of the brambles growing into the church but it was still in a poor state. He modernised the fabric – initially bringing in calor gas heaters. Once electricity was installed there were lights and heaters. He converted the outhouse into a toilet. He repaired the floor in the south aisle. The bells were restored. He began the slow process of restoration of the Tower. He dealt with death watch beetle infestation

The comments from those who remember Laurie include recollections of his Harvest family services when he would dress up as a ladybird or caterpillar or bug and preach from the pulpit in full fancy dress. He is remembered for the pilgrimages he led to the Holy Land and to the Eastern Mediterranean in the footsteps of St Paul. He presided over weddings, baptisms and funerals in a very caring and thoughtful way. He upset neighbouring clergy by his attitude to weddings, as a divorced man himself he was clear that everyone should have the opportunity of a church wedding, regardless of what the hierarchy said. He encouraged us in Horningsea to be imaginative in the use of the Church, supporting flower festivals, concerts and exhibitions – including puppet shows and Roly the Clown.

A flight on Concorde

Michael Harrison

2019 is the fiftieth year since Concorde had its maiden flight and on the 16th December it will be 40 years since I had the thrill of flying from New York to London at what was then a record time.

I was spending a couple of days with a friend just outside Philadelphia. I told him that I had a First Class return ticket to London and he said that for \$208 I could fly on Concorde. I made my way to the Concorde Terminal at JFK and it was the first time

that I saw a lounge where all the drinks were free! I paid my \$208 and in due course I was invited to get on the plane. To my surprise I noticed that they were loading the plane from the front instead of the rear and when I asked about this I was told that if they loaded from the rear there was the possibility that the plane would drop onto its tail hence when Concorde was stationary it was usual to have a pole supporting its tail.

We then taxied on to the runway and started to gain speed. At this stage it was the same as an ordinary jet plane, except we were going quite fast indeed. I later found out that the take off speed was 140mph and when it did take off it seemed that it was going straight up as the rate of climb was very high. After a minute or two the engines were cut back so that we could cross over the land and then the Captain said that he was putting on the afterburners. There was a very sharp jolt in your back and the plane climbed again at a very high angle as before.

Eventually the plane levelled off and in the cabin there was an indicator showing the speed in "Mach" and when it got to "1.0" the Captain said that we had now exceeded the speed of sound and, if this was the first time, then welcome to the club. In the fifties and sixties there were a number of films where planes tried to go through the "Sound Barrier " and encountered violent buffeting but in fact nothing occurred at all.

We had climbed to 56,000 feet and were cruising at 2.02 Mach when the captain again suggested that we look at the horizon and when we did so we saw the sunlight touch the horizon. Clearly seen was the curvature of the earth so I can confirm to you that the earth is not flat.

I asked for a postcard to be signed by the Captain for my son John and at the time I did not understand that they were seeking a record.



The Captain then announced that we had broken the record and that the journey from New York had taken 2 hours 59 minutes our average speed was 1,198 mph with a maximum speed of 1425mph and at a height of 56,000 feet. The reason for the record was due to the weather conditions as to get a good time the wind in New York and London has to be from the east which is not common and there has to be a strong jet stream from west to east

Notes

Horningsea Bug Hotel

Richard Pleasants

During the event at the church on 15th September it was decided that as part of the encouragement of biodiversity in the village it might be desirable to construct a 'bug

hotel'. This has been done in many villages both in the UK and in Europe. It takes the form of a timber frame about the size of a public notice board, within which various materials are mounted to encourage various insects to nest. This will involve finding a suitable site, and then developing a design and undertaking construction. An illustration of a typical item in France is shown. Various sectors of the board can be designed by different village groups. If you would like to be involved in this exercise please contact me on r.pleasants@yahoo.com.

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 a 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 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
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Monday 18:15	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 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