



## **HORNINGSEA Herald**

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## **Events**

### ***This Beautiful Life: How to design and make one***

**Saturday, 8th February, from 09:30 to 16:30.**

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

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.](#)

### ***A busy day in the church***

**Sunday, 23rd February, St Peters Church**

10.00 Joint Three Parishes Eucharist

14.00 Come and help design the village Bug Hotel and join a working party in the Churchyard

15.00 Forest Church

16.00 Pancake Party for everyone in the village...

Come and join in during the afternoon and have a "flipping" good time!

## ***Ash Wednesday***

### **Wednesday, 26th February, St Peters Church**

You may think of this as the day you give up something for Lent (chocolates?, Alcohol?) but in the Church it is the day when we have a special service. Palm Crosses from last year are burnt and the congregation have a cross marked on their foreheads with the ash. The phrase that is used "from dust we come and to dust we will return" is very compelling and moving. This year the Ash Wednesday service will be in Horningsea Church at 19.30. Do come along for a contemplative and moving service.

## **Local Development Issues.**

### **Advance Events**

#### ***HRA Calendar of events for 2020***

##### **Forthcoming Dates for Diary 2020-21**

- 27<sup>th</sup> March Senior's Lunch(from 12.30pm)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Bingo/Fish & Chip Supper
- 8<sup>th</sup> May VE Day (celebration in church –afternoon tea/picnic/prosecco!).
- 4<sup>th</sup> July Village Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> September Apple Pressing
- 1<sup>st</sup> November Bonfire Night
- 29<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Tree Lighting
- 20th January AGM
- 23rd January International Night

#### ***St Peters Church preliminary plans for 2020***

Dates may change and specific dates will be added as the months pass ...

- Weekend activities in the churchyard, clearing some Ivy from the ground to encourage other diverse plants to grow
- Helping Richard Pleasants to design and make a "bug hotel"
- Asking some of our village botanists to identify native plants for us to put in some of the corners of the churchyard to encourage wildlife
- Organise a "Make Do and Mend" event in conjunction with the national VE Day celebrations and the HRA on 8th May, using our grandmothers Singer Sewing machines and scraps of material to make something useful...bags? Flags? Pot holders? Knitting or crocheting squares to make a blanket? Setting up a Repair Cafe to mend household items for each other ... what other ideas do you have... what skills do you have? What can you contribute? The day will include a Street Party in the Churchyard at 15:00 organised by the HRA and ringing of the bells at 19:00 in conjunction with the bells all over the country.
- Concerts of a variety of musical styles including St Johns Voices,
- Art Exhibitions!
- Pancakes and tea parties

- Bell Ringing
- Regular Sunday worship each week, special Services for Special days ...  
Mothering Sunday is 22nd March, Good Friday is 10th April, Easter Day is 12th April, St Peters Day Sunday 28th June, Harvest on 11th October, Remembrance Day is 8th November, Carol Service will be on 6th December and Christmas Day will be on a Friday.
- Forest Church on the last Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/3397>

## **Reports**

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

### ***Christmas Thanks.***

Christmas seems a long time ago! but St Peter's Church would like to thank everyone who helped and took part in the various Christmas celebrations in the Church. Thank you to those who decorated the church with candles and who equally cheerfully tidied them all away; thank you to the readers and singers at the Carol Service; to the children and families who took part in the Very Short Nativity (Joyce Grenfell was missing but she would have loved to hear the conversation: "I thought you were going to be an angel, what are you doing on the floor?" "I'm a sheepdog!"); thank you to those who came on Christmas Day and to the families who braved the outside and enjoyed melted marshmallows on the "barbecue" at Forest Church.

### ***Mary Muhr Award for Outstanding Contribution to the cultural Life of Horningsea in 2019***

As they say at the Oscars ..."and the award goes to ...." John Wilson for his research into the soldiers from Horningsea who were killed in the first and second World Wars; and in complete contrast to Julian Harding-Male for his talk about ants and their importance to the ecology of the planet. Well done and thank you to both award winners.

### ***An Apology from Stagecoach Bus 19.***

*Vee Saunders*

Councillors Bradnam, Daunton & Williams had an urgent meeting with Ross Barton & Graham Jones of Stagecoach to find out why Service 19 did not run through Horningsea/Fen Ditton between the 22nd December to the 2nd January leaving residents stranded.

They apologised sincerely and Ross Barton assured the Councillors it would not happen again.

Additionally they will also be checking that the designated route for the medical staff shuttle bus from Waterbeach Barracks to the Biomedical Campus is being correctly used. A query had been raised by a resident from Horningsea stating buses were seen passing through Horningsea when the designated route should be via the A10.

Ross Barton will be reporting back to the above councilors.

See the Horningsea Parish Council January 2020 minutes for more details:

<http://www.horningsea.net/archives/3400>

## ***Dealing with Floating Pennywort – Horningsea’s alien, invasive water plant***

*Mike Foley, Cam Valley Forum*

This water plant which grows across rivers, ditches and canals as thick, floating mats of spaghetti-like stems and leaves is not only a problem of the Horningsea stretch of the Cam. Brought into Europe from the Americas and sold as a plant for aquaria, it escaped into the wild around 1990 and now affects thousands of sites throughout the country. From 2006 it gained foot-holds along several miles of the Cam from Grantchester to well beyond its confluence with the Ouse, and in some stretches it is now rampant each summer growing rapidly in summer (up to 20cm/day) from tiny fragments of stem which drift down the river during winter breakup of mats. From small beginnings rafts can become huge and dominate the water flora and reduce biodiversity.



In just two years, volunteers from Cam Valley Forum <https://camvalleyforum.uk/> with support from other groups and organisations has confronted and effectively dealt with a serious problem upriver from Cambridge. Cam Valley Forum is now looking further afield to help in other parts of the Cam. Downriver to Bottisham Lock the Cam Conservators are required to maintain navigability and have to pull out mats repeatedly each year before they become a hazard. This level management can never hope to eradicate it. So in 2019 Cam Valley Forum and CamCon joined forces, with the intention to blitz the Pennywort between Cambridge and Clayhithe. The uppermost major reservoir of Pennywort (which has existed since 2011) was identified as the Fen Ditton drainage ditch and this was cleared out mainly by raking (with six return visits so far to deal with missed plants).



Before and after photos of level of Floating Pennywort at Fen Ditton



Two further working parties in June and October involved conservation-minded volunteers from the Cambridge Canoe Club and teams of bank rakers. A new weed boat, the 'Conver' joined CamCon's flotilla this year and is proving very helpful in raking out vegetation from the river edges (photo, and it can be viewed [here](#) in action). Working alone, it cannot remove all the strands and small mats and this is where volunteers excel, especially working from Canadian canoes (with thanks to Chris Lindley for loaning us two and to John Harrison for launching the canoes).



We need more volunteers for working parties in 2020, especially proficient canoeists, and anyone who wants to help is warmly invited to contact us through Mike Foley [mfpfoley@gmail.com](mailto:mfpfoley@gmail.com). No more teamwork is envisaged until April / May. Already we are finding that Horningsea's stretch of the river is problematic because

Pennywort can hide well in the dense vegetation and is very difficult to extricate from reed beds. We will need to revisit stretches several times to ensure we don't leave any behind that will bite back later on, but we are doing our best and the effort put in should be very worthwhile.



Before



After

## **Notes**

### ***Wanted! A new treasurer for New Life and a new treasurer for The Friends of Horningsea Church***

Michael Harrison has decided that the time has come to hang up his calculator. He has resigned from the post of Treasurer for New Life and the Friends of Horningsea Church so we need two replacements. Many thanks to Michael for the splendid job he has done in setting up the systems for each of the organisations.

The New Life role involves banking the money from the advertisers and the subscriptions, paying for the printing, and preparing the annual accounts. It is not a time consuming task.

The Friends Treasurer collects annual subscriptions (mostly by Standing Order) and banks donations raised from events in the Church. The Friends contribute towards specific items requested for the church ... the ramps and entrance porch access are the next major task but there is also a request for a hearing loop system to be installed. Again the task is not onerous, the Friends committee meets once or twice a year. If you are an organised sort of person who would be able to give an hour or so a year to taking this on we would be very grateful. Please let one of the churchwardens know if you can help.

### ***Greater Cambridge Local Plan – The First Conversation - Consultation***

#### **Greater Cambridge Shared Planning**

It's a very exciting time for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils, as we are preparing a new joint Local Plan together that will affect the future of Greater Cambridge over the next 20 years. This consultation will be called Greater Cambridge Local Plan – The First Conversation and will start the discussion about the kind of place we want Greater Cambridge to be in the future. It will explore the 'big themes' – climate change, biodiversity, social inclusion and great places – that will influence how homes, jobs and infrastructure are planned, and where growth might go. Our consultation will run until 17:00 on Monday 24th February 2020.

The Councils would like to encourage a wide range of people and groups to have their say in what Greater Cambridge should be like and would like as many people as possible to give their views and get involved with the Local Plan process.

We will also be holding a 'Big Debate' on the evening of 18th February, where we are inviting local groups to share their ideas about what should be in the Local Plan, in a fun, provocative and lively public event.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/greater-cambridge-local-plan-the-big-debate-tickets-88648697641>

If you would like further information or have any questions please contact us by emailing [localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org](mailto:localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org) or calling 01954 713183.

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## ***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 ringing at St Peters Church***

Regular bell ringing practice is on the 2nd and the last Friday of each month from 19.00 to 20.30. We are always looking for new Ringers, or those who used to ring but gave up. We have two new learners at the moment who are making fantastic progress ... one doing her Duke of Edinburghs Award. You don't need to be of any particular age, nor do you need any musical talent! Just the ability to pull a rope straight and a sense of humour! If you are interesting in learning why not come to Horningsea Church on a practice night.

## ***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.*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
This Beautiful Life: How to design and make one	Kettles yard, Cambridge	Saturday, 8th February, from 09:30 to 16:30.
A busy day in the church	St Peters Church	Sunday, 23rd February,
Ash Wednesday	St Peters Church	Wednesday, 26th February,

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event/Notes</b>
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