



*Six years ago this coming weekend.*



## Events

### ***Meeting with Anglian Water re Sewage Works - Phase 2 Consultation.***

#### **Zoom meeting 30th June 19.30.**

Horningsea Parish Council have organised a Zoom meeting with Anglian Water to discuss the Sewage Works that is being built just along Horningsea Road.

The Phase 2 consultation (to gather input on the design, traffic routes etc) will take place between 23rd June and 18th August. Anglian Water will be meeting (virtually) with Horningsea Residents to answer any questions. All Horningsea Residents are welcome.

Please [email questions to the Parish Council clerk](mailto:clerk@horningsea.net) before the event  
clerk@horningsea.net

[Zoom link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86901571792...) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86901571792...

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## Future events

### ***HRA events 2021***

- Village Day 14th August 15:00 onwards, bar music, bands, Wandering Yak, bouncy castle,
- Apple Pressing day September 25th followed by BBQ
- Bonfire night 7th November

- Christmas tree lighting - 5th December
- HRA AGM 24th January 2022
- International evening 29th January 2022 - Theme Scottish/Burns night

## ***Wind in the Willows on the Riverbank in Horningsea – preliminary information***

To celebrate summer the recorder quartet Zephyrus and the Horningsea Mechanicals (an ad hoc group of performers) are planning to put on dramatised readings with music from Wind in the Willows on the river bank, in the field below Horningsea Church. This will probably be on either a Saturday or Sunday on 14/15 August or 21/22 August. If you would like to get involved please email [horningseaevents@protonmail.com](mailto:horningseaevents@protonmail.com)

Once they have been finalised details will be on Horningsea Facebook pages, on posters and in the Horningsea Herald for August.

## **Reports**

### ***Honeybees and owls***

*Keith Emerson*

Here are some recent photos from a barn owl box in Horningsea and a swarm of honeybees arriving at a log hive in Horningsea. The picture shows them on the log shortly after arriving. Within 15 mins they were all inside the log.



## ***Churches Count on Nature Survey in Horningsea Churchyard***

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Count on Nature Survey in June. We will send the results to the national organisers but some of the highlights are set out here (as if this is the Oscars!):-

The most surprising – a Muntjac deer

The most irritating – collared doves

The most unusual mammal – a black squirrel

The bird that most loves the church – a jackdaw who took up residence in the church and had to be chased out after it caused mayhem

The plant with a history – according to Kit Buchdahl, Rough Hawksbit identified by Professor Babbington in 1842 as being prolific in the hedgerows between Fen Ditton and Horningsea

The plants found by the youngest visitors – daisies and buttercups

The most delicate butterfly – Brimstone

The most detailed bee – bombus hypnorum

The as yet unidentified plant – a yellow honeysuckle possibly *Lonicera periclymenum* or *serotina*, growing amongst brambles behind railings around a grave.

The plant with the most descriptive name – the fiddle dock

We hope to have another session in the churchyard in September when we can look at the wildlife in autumn.

## **Horningsea Planning**

### ***CWWTPR Phase 2 Consultation***

Anglian Water has chosen Honey Hill to build its new sewage works, [including at least two digester towers of 26m and taking 22 hectares of prime green belt land](#), the size of 30 football pitches! The stage 2 consultation started on the 23rd of June and runs until the 18th August. This will be our best chance to give official feedback to Anglian Water.

We need to be clear that the Phase 2 Consultation is primarily about mitigation. The Save Honey Hill Campaign will continue to fight the relocation but for now this consultation is about having your say regarding issues such as positioning, traffic, lighting (at night), noise pollution, odour, design, screening, impact on wildlife and environment and so much more.

Watch for a leaflet from Anglian Water through your door. They will likely be addressed to 'The Occupier' so don't mistake them as unsolicited marketing and be tempted to put them straight in the recycling bin. We will do our best to publicise any forthcoming public meetings in a timely manner on social media and via email.

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/have-your-say/>

..and if you want to be kept updated on the campaign, then subscribe to our Friends of Save Honey Hill newsletter.

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/friendsofsavehoneyhill/>

*Save Honey Hill is a community group formed to reject the proposal to relocate the Cambridge sewage treatment works from Milton to Honey Hill, a beautiful unspoilt, quality green field and arable site just outside Horningsea and along Horningsea road.*

## ***Sewage Works Relocation Project, Statutory Consultation*** **23rd June to 18th August 2021.**

Horningsea Church will be a Community Access Point for the important statutory consultation phase of the planning process for the proposed relocation of the sewage works.

Everyone is no doubt aware that Anglian Water propose to move the sewage works from the present site at Cowley Road, just the other side of the A14 as you approach Milton. The purpose is to free up the current site for the housing and commercial development proposed by South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Council in its Area Action Plan for North East Cambridge (NECAAP). Last summer Anglian Water carried out a non-statutory consultation about which of 3 Green Belt sites would be selected for the relocated sewage works and the tunnel routes. After their investigations they announced in January this year that the preferred location was Site 3 which is the land between Horningsea, Fen Ditton, Quy and Lode, including Honey Hill. In a webinar, Anglian Water said that within this area they were looking particularly at the land south and west of the pylon line, north of the A14, between Fen Ditton and Horningsea.

The planning process which is being used by Anglian Water to gain permission leads to a Development Consent Order. The next step is the statutory consultation which is being held from 23rd June to 18th August. This covers the preliminary design proposals for the sewage works and topics including traffic and access, odour, landscape, heritage, visual impact.

Anglian Water have asked Horningsea Church to host and display their consultation documents in hard copy for the community to view. The Churchwardens have agreed, on the basis that it is very important for everyone to have an opportunity to see what is proposed and to contribute to the consultation.

As at 14th June, the Church is still only open on Wednesdays and Sundays but this will be kept under review and increased as soon as possible. In the meantime, some of the hard copy booklets produced by Anglian Water will be available in the porch, which will be open. Everyone is encouraged to come and see the display and to respond to the consultation.

### ***Update from our MP:Lucy Frazer***

I know this year has been very tough for so many people. But it has been great to see how our local communities have pulled together to help those in need.

After an immensely successful vaccine roll out we are slowly able to see life return to normal. We have seen that effective vaccines are a vital part of ending the COVID-19 pandemic. Through vaccination, we can stop those most at risk from getting the virus, reduce hospitalisations and see fewer deaths. The vaccine rollout, which is the largest inoculation programme this country has ever launched, has been a truly remarkable achievement.

In the spring I had the opportunity to visit Staploe Medical Centre to find out more about how staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to deliver the rollout in our region. The organisational demands of this challenge have been vast but staff and volunteers have gone above and beyond to ensure everyone who is eligible and wants a vaccine can receive one.

By the end of May, a total of 129,251 doses had been administered in South East Cambridgeshire and national estimates indicated that the vaccination programme had already averted over 39,000 hospitalisations and over 13,000 deaths in older adults. There is also now evidence that vaccines are effective at protecting against infection and transmission, which is especially promising as we look to the future. I know how extremely grateful the local community is to all those involved in this inspiring collective effort.

Like many people, much of my time has been spent dealing with the virus and its impacts but I have also managed to ensure that work continues with local organisations on local issues.

And I wanted to let you know specifically about issues I have been dealing with that affect Horningsea.

I know that some residents are concerned about Anglian Water's relocation plan. The move is dictated by South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council's decisions on housing in their joint Local Plan. I appreciate that there is significant concern about this in the villages of Horningsea and Fen Ditton, and the surrounding areas. I spoke most recently with Anglian Water on 22 June to understand the plans on which they are now consulting (the consultation runs until 18 August). I am considering their detailed plans carefully and will respond to the consultation in due course. I am committed to making sure that all concerns are taken into account as the process continues, and that Anglian Water takes significant steps to mitigate the negative effects of its proposals. If you have concerns about this project that you would like me to raise then please do get in contact.

East West Rail's non-statutory consultation which covered the overall customer experience and railway operations for East West Rail, as well as a range of infrastructure proposals - such as route alignments, stations and level crossings closed in June. As part of the consultation they set out further information about their favoured southern route for the line into Cambridge, however, they also outlined a potential northern route, which would bring the line in close proximity to Horningsea.

I responded to East West Rail's consultation setting out my opposition to the proposed northern route into Cambridge, highlighting the potential destruction of homes in our

community should a northern approach move forward, particularly as East West Rail estimate that this will impact between 39 and 84 properties. I am also concerned about the potential impact the northern route into Cambridge would have on the future viability of the project to improve passenger services eastwards beyond Cambridge and into my constituency in the future. As part of my response, I also highlighted my support for East West Rail's aim to become a Net Zero carbon railway by 2050, however, it is right that the potential for electrification on the line at the outset remains under active consideration and East West Rail should continue to investigate the latest emerging technologies. I will continue to push them on this as part of my engagement with the organisation over the coming years.

East West Rail have confirmed to me that a further statutory consultation where they will set out more details about their preferred route, freight and technology will take place in due course. I will of course continue to follow this matter closely, and work with the company to ensure issues that constituents raise continue to be identified and where required mitigated as far as possible.

On a more regional level I am pleased that the Government's £3.7 billion funding allocation over the next four years to support the delivery of 48 new hospitals across the country by 2030, includes funding for Addenbrooke's to help develop a business case for a fully redeveloped hospital. The new hospital will be a modernised, world class hospital at the heart of our community, and is in addition to the £100m announced to build a new children's hospital on the site, as well as the allocation of the funding necessary for a new cancer centre.

I hope that you have a wonderful summer and enjoy this lovely weather! Don't forget if you need help with accessing local services or have a question or a query that I may be able to help with, then please email me on [lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk).

Best Wishes

Lucy

## **[Horningsea past and present](#)**

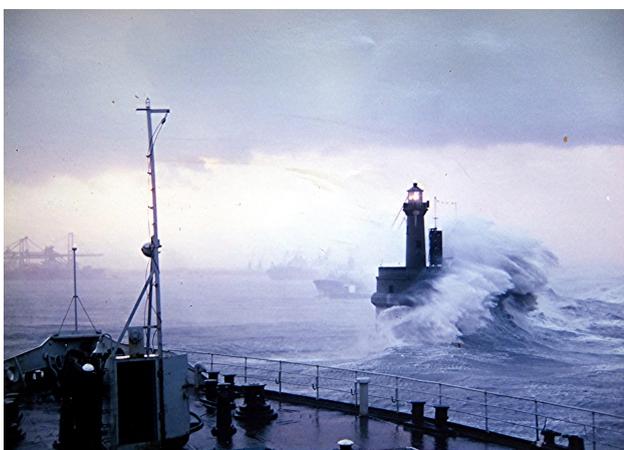
### ***Passenger ferries***

*John Wilson*

The port of Harwich in the mid-1980s was spiralling into decline. The Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge and Essex train ferries were laid up and the two small container ships went to the scrap yard. The MOD requisitioned the St Edmunds and she joined the other ferries that went south to the Falklands with her volunteer crew. The sight of the British Rail logo of two arrows going the wrong way, known as the "Beaching's Footprints" must have looked daunting to the Argentinian troops taken from the Falklands back to the main land. I do know that most of these young soldiers had never been fed so well. "Blue Duff Peterson" mentioned in last month's story was one of the cooks, so perhaps one of his Duffs featured on the menu. On return to Harwich the crew were paid off and most became redundant as the ship did not return to the port. At this time I was on the last of the train ferries, the notorious Speed link

Vanguard, one of the most unsuitable ships I have known. Her trail of devastation was unimaginable. On traveling to Hartlepool to collect her we should have realised from the start what we were landed with. Because she was like a Weeble she rolled so violently she had the habit of throwing railway wagons on their side. The chains that held them down would snap and the crew spent many of a night chasing runaway wagons up and down the deck.

There is one particular place as you approach the Sunk lightship off Harwich where in bad weather the ship seemed to fall into a hole causing the wagons to squat down then rise breaking the chains. On another night she rolled so violently that the engines stopped, only to be started just in time before she was swept onto the Galloper bank. Tragically she was in a collision at the entrance to Harwich harbour which involved the loss of life.





Finally she left and the few remaining "railway Children" went to the newly arrived passenger ferry St Nicolas, the first of the new generation of ferries to arrive under James Sherwood, who had brought Sealink after it was denationalised. I can remember the day she arrived in Harwich to a fan fair of tugs and ships blowing their whistles. What should have been a spectacular event, turned into a PR disaster. The ship had been refitted in Dunkirk including the new British Ferries logo on the funnel. This was to be covered up and a spectacular unveiling was to take place on her arrival at Harwich. Despite the advice given by the seafarers that the covering would not survive the crossing it went ahead. Well it didn't survive and as she was entering the harbour the tattered remains of the covering over the vast funnel were in shreds revealing the new logo, soon to be for ever called the "Gallopimg Maggot". I wonder how much that all cost?

Life on the St Nicolas was totally different, loading up to one thousand passengers along with cars and Lorries twice a day on the Harwich to Hoek of Holland service which was quite a culture shock to train ferry crews. The normal route of progress in British Rail had been that you started off in train ferries, progressed onto the Hoek boats before returning back to the train ferries as Captain and finally going back to the Hoek Boats as senior Captains. This system probably took about twenty years, so a vast amount of experience was gained. Joining the Hoek boat ferry was once again starting at the bottom of the ladder but a great opportunity.

## Notes

### ***Horningsea Parish Council meetings for 2021***

*"The Parish Council meets every second month on the last Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (May, July, September, November, January and March)."*

- 28th June
- 28th July
- 29th Sept
- 24th November

Meetings may be rearranged due to external events, but you can view "Horningsea events/meetings" on the Horningsea Herald calendar:

<https://goo.gl/4592dL>

You can also add it to your own calendar directly using the following link:

<https://goo.gl/MrNWfg>

### ***Bell Ringing is back***

From June, bell ringers have been allowed back to practice and to ring for services, so in Horningsea you will hear the bells on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month for 45 minutes at 19:00. At this goes to press numbers are still limited but we hope that by the autumn ringing will fully open up and we can recruit and train new ringers – so if you have always wondered about ringing – or if you rang once upon a time and would like to pick it up again – keep your eyes and ears open – the Church wardens will know when extended ringing will start again.

### ***Bottisham Village College Adult Learning***

Thank you for your patience and support over the last few months where Covid-19 restrictions have made it difficult for us to provide some courses.

We are now looking forward to welcoming you back in September when we will be offering:

*Astronomy, Calligraphy, Cinematography Dressmaking, French Beginners, Spanish Beginners, Indian Cookery, Italian Cookery, Introduction to Counselling, Painting – Mixed Media / Watercolour, Patchwork and Quilting, Pottery and Ceramics, Stained Glass, Tai Chi for Relaxation, RHS Horticulture, Maths GCSE in One Year, Yoga*

For full details please visit our website: [www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning](http://www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning)

Tel: 01223 811372 email: [adultlearning@bottishamvc.org](mailto:adultlearning@bottishamvc.org) Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or Twitter: @CommunityEdBott

### ***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:

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You can also add it to your own calendar directly using the following link:

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### ***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 local businesses. To submit news items either email "horningseanews@gmail.com" or submit them via Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/horningseanews>.

In these pandemic days all villagers are invited to send in recipes, thoughts on lockdown, photos of the village past and present, your hobbies! If it interests the editorial team then it gets published!

You must submit by the 2nd or 4th weekend of the month, the Herald being published before the first and third weekends of the month. Submission of any news items implies consent to any editing and the editorial team's decision is always final. **Always send as plain text via email.** Do NOT send formatted documents. Do NOT send articles as PDF or Word files. Stay under 700 words, preferably less. Attach any photos to the email. 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.