



Village Day is back!

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Events

Horningsea Village Day - It's back!

15:00 Saturday 14th August, Village Green

After a very long two years away, Village Day returns on Saturday 14th August.

Horningsea Residents Association welcome you, your family and friends to our very special summer village celebration.

Starting at **15:00** with

- The legendary Vee's Teas.

- Copper Tree Bar will be selling drinks from their converted horse box. This Cambridge based company specialise in gin and Prosecco

From **16:00** - Enjoy some fantastic music from The Fridgidares and The Swamp Truck

Bring a picnic and your own drinks. The HRA will be providing ice creams for the children and will light the BBQ in the evening for you to bring your own food to cook.

There will be a large bouncy slide for all who feel brave enough and a smaller bouncy castle for the younger ones.

We do hope you can join us for a relaxing village day spent with friends, enjoying some great music and drink and fingers crossed the sun will shine !

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/3893>

Wind in the Willows by Horningsea Mechanicals

Sunday afternoon, August 15th at 16:00.

There will be a dramatised reading of the Wind in the Willows given by the Horningsea Mechanicals, an ad hoc group of village performers, on the river bank in the field below the church on Sunday afternoon, August 15th at 16:00.

Music played by the Zephyrus recorder quartet will introduce the different characters and highlight action at appropriate points in the text.

Come along and meet Mole, Rat, Badger and the irrepressible Toad, as well as the Wildwooders group of stoats and weasels, who are involved in the battle for Toad Hall.

Bring a chair, and a picnic and come along and see and hear this enchanting and humorous tale.

There will be signs to point the way from the church.

In the event of bad weather the play will take place in the church where seating is set up for social distancing. Mask wearing would be encouraged.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/3890>

Future events

St Peter's Church Date for your diary for exploring the wildlife again!

On Saturday 11 September or Sunday 12 September we would like to hold another day exploring the wildlife in the churchyard, building the bug hotel etc as part of the national Heritage Open Day events. Is there anyone in the village who would like to help organise this, or part of it? Do you have a particular interest in birds, bees, bugs, wildflowers..... if you are interested in helping or have ideas for activities can you let us know on horningseaevents@protonmail.com - Thanks!

HRA events 2021

- 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

[Horningsea Planning](#)

CWWTPR - Just two weeks left to have your say.

Now that Anglian Water have selected Honey Hill to be the site for their new sewage works and the multiple 26 metre high digester towers that go with it! They are consulting on mitigation measures to make this industrial site fit nicely in between the villages of Horningsea and Fen Ditton. They have even asked if we want a visitors centre for people to be welcomed to the sewage works... NO!!! There is less than two weeks to go until the Phase 2 Consultation will end on the 18th of August.

It is extremely important that as many residents as possible have their say. Without feedback they will count their pennies and mitigation measures will be minimal! The Save Honey Hill group have written some suggestions for filling in the questionnaire if you need some help on our website.

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/have-your-say/anglian-waters-phase-two-consultation-on-cambridge-waste-water-treatment-plant-relocation-cwwtpr/>

Save Honey Hill Group encourages as many people as possible to respond to the CWWTPR Phase Two Consultation, for example, by:

- Emailing questions to Anglian Water at info@cwwtpr.com
- Making lots of comments on its interactive map by visiting the digital engagement platform at cwwtpr.com/have-your-say/
- Completing a feedback form per person not per household
- Asking at least two friends to do all of the above.

..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.

[Horningsea past and present](#)

MC Squared.

Richard Pleasants

You may have noticed, at about 10:30 of a Sunday morning, the sound of distant thunder. No cause for concern - it'll just be Horningsea MC getting ready to ride.

In the village where I used to live the social strata were fairly clearly defined. On the one hand there were people with Pringle sweaters who knew about wine, and on the other people with white track suits and bodily ornamentation whose wives had buggies and vicious 'Croydon Facelifts'. You knew roughly where you stood.

In Horningsea, things are nowhere near as simple. The eclectic bohemian mix breaks down more barriers than a Porsche 911 on an icy morning at Nurburgring. But now this already-fractured melee of non-pigeonholeable social non-stereotypes has had a fresh fault line driven diagonally across it: Horningsea MC.



Last time I rode out with them there were 14 of us. That's about 5% of the village. It's probably more than go to church. Three of the riders were women. That may not seem many, but in a field traditionally associated with black leather, grey hair and beer bellies, it's remarkable. Riders from early twenties to late sixties. Artisans to academics. Bikes from 125cc to 1600cc.

On our first ride, two of the village elders - both known to me as long-term bikers - rode up independently to our rendezvous.

'You two know each other, of course' I said casually. They both looked blank.

'No' came the simultaneous response. I was staggered. They had lived almost opposite each other for over twenty years, are both of an age and both ride bikes. How could they not know each other?

Now they ride out together every Sunday.

Passenger ferries - Part II

John Wilson

There were many interesting and amusing episodes that come to mind. It was about this time of year and the St Nicolas was traveling at slow speed on her night crossing from Holland. The sea was a flat calm and dawn had just broken when the lookout

heard what he thought was shouting coming from the sea. He was right a man was spotted swimming close to the ship shouting and waving. The ship was stopped and the rescue boat sent away and dragged the man aboard who was very much at the end of his life, suffering from hypothermia. Apparently his fishing boat had sunk about six hours before and he had been in the water since then, an incredible feat of survival. On return to the ship he was brought aboard and given first aid, while as normal I these incidents a call went out on the passenger tannoy requesting anyone with medical training to come forward. Four Australian nurses came forward and took command of the situation. If I described the characters portrayed in the advert for Sheila's Wheels insurance it would be a good description. Warming up the survivor was the priority. Without hesitation they stripped off and made a sandwich with blankets covering both them and the patient and he slowly came back to life. On arrival at Harwich as he was loaded into the waiting ambulance it was noted that he had a whimsical smile on his face, an experience he would never forget I am sure.

George the Captain was summoned by the awaiting TV crew to give an interview to camera. Looking very dapper as ever in his uniform I cannot but help to smile for he had his early morning arrival uniform consisting of a cut down turtle net jersey, jacket and pyjama bottoms on under the trousers, all for quick dressing, something we are all familiar with reporters in lock down.

I have mentioned before that on a ship you have to make your own security. Football crowds traveling in mass could be a problem and on several occasions things really started to get out of hand. The usual way to deal with it is to desynchronise the stabilisers which normally keep the ship steady, this caused the ship to roll excessively, and usually incapacitated them.

On other occasions when trouble was expected we had a couple of rather large able seamen who were posted on the Bridge. One whose name was Les was to be described as a cross between a Weeble man and a honey monster would wait patiently until called by the bar staff to sort out a problem before launching into the fray

The result was usually the trouble makers were handcuffed to the ship's rail to sober up and for their own safety, something that is probably not regarded as PC today, but nevertheless very effective.

Later on the ships, both Dutch and English were fitted with jails. The first ones were not very effective as they made them in spaces with suspended ceilings, so the prisoners climbed over the top and escaped. Later on security guards were employed which helped. Although there was an incident on the Dutch ship where a prisoner was jailed, and being changeover day for the security team, someone forgot to hand over the fact that someone was locked up. They found him twenty four hours later, having made another round trip!



Another memorable occasion was a couple of days after the Berlin Wall came down the ferry terminal were flooded with Trabant cars. So excited by their new freedom, several hundred were booked on the overnight ferry. These cars were I believe had two stroke engines and the amount of smoke they produced overcame the powerful fans used to keep the air clear on the car deck. The result was the ship was smoked out leaving everyone coughing and spluttering, but well worth it to see so many happy people. Before the wall came down we used to have a lot of West African passengers who used to go for education in Russia. They would arrive on the quay in the sealed train from Moscow once a week. The amount of luggage they carried was monumental and meant their progress to the ship along the very long boarding corridor was very slow and nothing could be done to encourage them to move faster. Until one night when the car loading ramp was closed and the fans were left running.

Now we are talking about serious amounts of air being moved. The only way it could enter the ship when the ramp was closed was through the gangway door which was sealed to the ramp. The effect was startling. All the slow moving column of passengers who had moved at their leisurely pace despite being urged to move faster were suddenly caught up in this vast vacuum tube, not unlike a Hoover. I don't know who was the most surprised, the passengers or the reception team. I wouldn't swear to it but think this may have been used in similar situations again speeding up loading.

As the "Railway Children" were only employed on the Passenger ship on a short term basis I spent two summers working on ferries out of Portsmouth and Weymouth to Cherbourg. It really was a breath of fresh air. Lots of happy holiday passengers, calm seas and blue skies, none of the greyness of the North Sea. Each day at the same time we were treated to the double sonic boom caused by the Concord as it went supersonic over the channel. On Wednesdays we became part of the Navy's sports days when the Portland fleet toned up their skills making a spectacular day for the holidaymakers on their way to France.

One thing was apparent that the stars returned into the night sky. It was then you realised how much light pollution there was on clear nights in the Southern North Sea. In the North sea, if it was clear it was possible to see the sky lit up all along the Belgium coast to Holland, where the reflected light shone up from all the green houses around the Hoek of Holland making them clearly visible one hundred and twelve miles away.

Weymouth was a marvellous port to work from. The ship tied up alongside the beach and the whole scene was as depicted on a child's beach bucket with holiday makers strolling along the beach and open air concerts. Once we were asked to participate in was the 1812 overture played by an orchestra. Our part was to blow the whistle at the correct time during the performance. Sadly at the end of the summer season we said goodbye to our new friends and headed back to Harwich and the "St Nicolas" and to some unwanted adventures.

Little did I know that the darkest skies to be seen over East Anglia for centuries even if it was for one night were shortly to be seen, but sadly not one star shone?

Notes

Horningsea Ultrafast broadband update

Robert Balm and Chris Lindley

We have been informed by Cambridge Fibre that it is now time to sign up for Ultrafast Fibre Broadband through their website. This will make sure that they can count how many households would like to sign up before they install the fibre in the village. We already know that there is enough interest in the village with approximately 80 households in our register. However, it is important that you now order this through the Cambridge Fibre website. This order that you place is NOT a commitment to buy - you do not need to enter any payment details. It is merely used to make sure that Cambridge Fibre can process the vouchers needed to start the project.

So, sign up here now and choose your package:

<https://www.cambridgefibre.uk/residential-full-fibre-broadband/>

<https://www.cambridgefibre.uk/business-full-fibre-broadband/>

Our Cambridge Fibre community liaison is Jonathan Cross. Jonathan has joined the Horningsea Residents Facebook group and can answer any of your questions. Comment below or ask him privately.

You can also contact ultrafast@horningsea.net for any further questions.

Horningsea Short Story Anthology published

The Horningsea Short Story Anthology will be available on Amazon in paperback and ebook versions in the next day or two. You can find it here:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B099C5FY2R>.

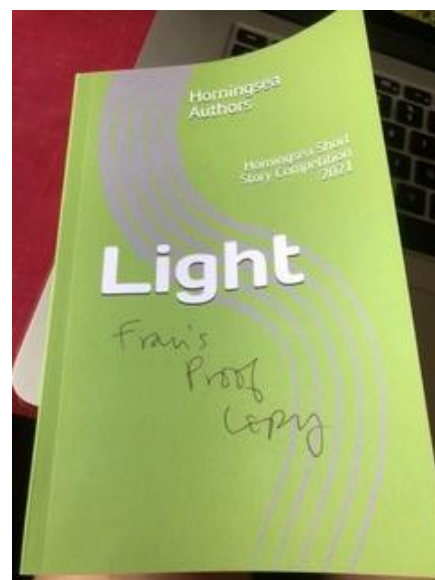
The price is £7.99. The ebook is less.

I hope you enjoy seeing the work of our local authors in print.

COVID Champion Awards

Lucy Frazer MP

People across our local area have gone above and beyond to help others during the pandemic, and to recognise their fantastic efforts I have launched a COVID Community Champions award. From collecting medication and groceries, to looking out for elderly neighbours, or volunteering or supporting the NHS - there are many stories of support that have taken place across our local communities during the pandemic.



I am keen to highlight the significant efforts of those who have made a contribution during this tough time for our area and country.

If you would like to nominate a local individual to thank them for the work they have done across Cambridgeshire then please email me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk with:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your email
- Name and contact email of the individual you are nominating for the COVID Community Champion Award
- One/two sentences on why you are nominating them

I will be announcing the winners in the autumn, and holding a special event in Parliament to recognise their hard work. I look forward to sharing their stories with you.

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)."

- 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 2nd and 4th 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.

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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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.