



Horningsea Herald

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www.horningsea.net

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Events

Bell ringing

Sunday 6th February, Horningsea, Landbeach, Fen Ditton and Chesterton.

On Sunday 6th February bells will be rung across the country to commemorate the accession of the Queen to the throne in 1952. This was a day of mixed emotions as the King died and so Princess Elizabeth became Queen. The phrase used is "The King is dead, Long Live the Queen" as constitutionally there can be no gap.

In Horningsea the church bells will ring at 14.15 as part of a festival of Ringing - after Horningsea the Ringers will go to Landbeach at 15:00, Fen Ditton at 15.45 and Chesterton at 16.30.

The Central Council of Bell Ringers has also asked us to ring during the Platinum Jubilee weekend at the beginning of June.

Fen Ditton and Horningsea both intend to ring during the weekend and would like to invite anyone who used to ring and would like to refresh their skills to come to bell ringing practice now so they are up to speed by the beginning of June. Both Towers also invite new ringers to treat this as a challenge to learn how to ring so that they can take part in the National Ringing for the Jubilee.

To brush up your ringing skills or learn to ring in Horningsea contact Barbara on blegallez@yahoo.co.uk or to learn to ring in Fen Ditton please contact Laurcie on fendittonbells@gmail.com.



Horningsea Litter Pick

13th Feb, 11:00 - meet at the bus shelter

Come help keep your village clean and tidy! There will be a litter pick on the 13th Feb 11:00 meet at the bus stop in the High Street. Equipment including gloves, pickers and fluorescent tabards will be provided.

Church services for February 2022

There will be a service at St Peter's Church, Horningsea on Sunday 13th February at 10.30am. On the other Sundays in February the Services will be at Teversham or Fen Ditton - everyone is welcome to go to all the Churches. Lent begins on Wednesday 2 March with an evening service at Fen Ditton at 7.30pm. Dont forget that Shrove Tuesday, 1st March is a busy day - Welsh cakes and pancakes!! Mothering Sunday this year is on Sunday 27 March and there will be a special family service (maybe outside??) at 10.30 in the morning. Help will be needed on the Saturday to prepare posies of flowers. Services rotate around the 3 parishes. All services begin at 10.30am

- Sunday 6th February: Teversham
- Sunday 13th February: Horningsea
- Sunday 20th February: Fen Ditton
- Sunday 27th February: Fen Ditton

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4093>

Work starts on the church porch

Starts Monday 14th February

On Monday the 14th of February work will start (at long last) on lowering the Church Porch. We have photographs of Victorian families standing in the porch when it was flat to the ground. The work now starting will lower the entrance again to make it easy for prams, wheelchairs and those with mobility issues. For a couple of weeks entrance to the church will be via the North door or the Priests door.



Future Events

HRA Easter Egg Bingo

Friday, 11th March at Horningsea Village Hall.

Horningsea Residents' Association is delighted to announce the return of Easter Egg Bingo on Friday, 11 March at Horningsea Village Hall. This much-loved family event will kick off at 6.30pm when you are invited to buy your books, place your orders for a Fish and Chip supper and nab your table, ready for 'eyes down' at 7pm. Prizes will include Easter Eggs and a selection of alcoholic tipples. Come along and enjoy the fun – you've got to be in it to win it!

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4097>

Preparing for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee - Name that Child!

Plans are afoot at the Church - for events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee during the long bank holiday weekend at the beginning of June - ideas have been circulated to the HRA who are planning events as well. Would you like to take part in a concert? design and make a flag? create a pudding? record sounds of Horningsea? exhibit photographs of you meeting a member of the Royal Family or attending Buckingham Palace (or another palace!) ... watch this space as the ideas emerge into coherent events! Send your ideas to horningseaevents@protonmail.com



Horningsea Horticultural Show AGM

Marilyn Dew

The 2022 Horningsea Horticultural Show AGM will take place at the Village Hall on Monday 21st March at 19.30.

Social distancing will be observed and please bring and wear a mask or face covering unless you are exempt for health reasons.

Choral Concert in Fen Ditton

On Sunday 20th March, 19:30, New Cambridge Singers, one of Cambridge's leading chamber choirs, will be presenting two contrasting masterpieces for their Lenten concert in St Mary's, Fen Ditton.

Swiss composer Frank Martin's epic Mass for Double Choir is one of the greatest choral works of the twentieth century, soulful, energetic, rhythmic and achingly powerful by turns, an expression of his religious feelings.

Pergolesi's famous Stabat Mater is a moving and profoundly human picture of a grieving mother. This piece will be performed for women's voices, accompanied by organ.

Barry & Sue Eddy are happy to take bookings for the concert on 01223 242226 or tickets will be on sale at The Kings Head, Fen Ditton.

Tickets £12 (under 18s free). Any enquiries: Frank Hopkirk 01223 861161

Horningsea Planning

Relocation of the Sewage Works - info in the Church and 3rd Consultation starting mid-February

Jennie Pratt

Anglian Water's preparations for their application for a Development Consent Order to permit them to move the sewage works proceeds remorselessly. Just in case you are new and weren't aware, they plan to move from the present site at Milton to their proposed new site in the field beside the A14 on the other side of the Horningsea Road, across from the top of the A14 slip road for Horningsea and Fen Ditton. You will have seen Save Honey Hill's banners marking the spot.

Horningsea Church was asked to host hard copy information which can be viewed by the public who may not have had access to it by other means. It is really important that everyone knows what is happening and so the Church has agreed.

At the moment, there are leaflets in the porch with Anglian Water's summaries of the responses to the last Consultation. In the middle of February, we expect to receive important information to display, about the 3rd Consultation. This will run for 8 weeks to mid-April and again it will be vital that everyone responds. Anglian Water and Save Honey Hill will both be providing information and this will all be available to read and take away from the Church. Some of it may be too large to display in the porch so as last time that may be inside the Church. In case the Church is still not open at all times, we will leave a few of each information sheet/booklet in the porch as we did last time and leave the porch unlocked so you can go and pick up the information.

Update from Lucy Frazer MP

Lucy Frazer, MP

Constituents rightly remain concerned about Anglian Water's proposals to relocate the Cambridge Water Waste Treatment Plant to a site on land north of the A14 between Fen Ditton and Horningsea.

Access to the site is part of the consultation process, and this has included the option of a new junction east of Junction 34 at Horningsea (known as 'Option 3.' 71% of

respondents to Anglian Water's consultation support this option, due to concerns with other proposals (Option 1) which would impact upon a rural road and is used by pedestrians, cyclists and is close to Fen Ditton Primary School. An increase in HGV movements and the disruption it would bring to these two communities is a serious concern.

Despite clear local support for Option 3, I am very disappointed that Anglian Water has discounted it, on the basis that they cannot evidence the need for a new junction off the A14.

I have written to National Highways for their comments, and they have confirmed that:

- No options have been discounted.
- Analysis of the information provided to date by Anglian Water regarding expected vehicle movements, indicate that there is more than sufficient capacity at junction 34 to accommodate the additional traffic generated by the new facility.
- They will continue to work with Anglian Water and the local highway authority to agree how best to move traffic into and away from the plant. If further action to promote active use of the strategic road is required, they will work with all parties to put such measures in place.

The option of creating a temporary access from the layby on the northern carriageway east of junction 35 has been considered. However, this is likely to result in heavy goods traffic accessing and exiting the A14 at slow speeds and encourage use by other road users, who would ordinarily utilise the adjacent junctions. They will therefore explore alternative options once more details are forthcoming from Anglian Water.

I will shortly be meeting with National Highways to discuss this issue further and continue to represent residents' concerns on this issue. If you have specific issues or concerns that you would like me to feed into the discussions at that meeting then please do let me know as soon as possible.

Save Honey Hill update: Anglian Water Phase 3 Consultation coming soon - get involved!

Margaret Starkie

A lot has been going on in the last couple of months but now we have reached a very important stage.

Phase 3 Consultation

Everything Save Honey Hill does is aimed at derailing the application to relocate the plant to Green Belt at Honey Hill. Anglian Water has scheduled the Phase 3 Consultation for mid- to late-February for eight weeks. It is a real chance to get all our objections to the Planning Inspectorate but also to lessen the effects on our communities if it is passed. So look out for a leaflet from Save Honey Hill telling you

what we consider are the important issues and please do complete the consultation when Anglian Water delivers their leaflets.

North East Cambridge Area Action Plan

We have tried to influence decisions on plans for North East Cambridge because that is the reason Anglian Water and Councils want the plant to move. We have attended meetings at SCDC and Cambridge City Council, written letters to councillors, Government ministers and MPs, been quoted in local newspapers and generally made a nuisance of ourselves. We think the decision by both councils to approve the proposals for NECAAP is premature.

Engagement with Anglian Water

We are also in discussion with Anglian Water at their Community Working Group meetings alongside representatives of the four Parish Councils. Although our aim is to stop the relocation completely, we want to influence the best design if it happens. One of the main concerns is the site access. Option 3 is our preferred access for both permanent and construction traffic as a dedicated service road from the layby on the northern carriageway of the A14 between Junctions 34 and 35 will have less impact on traffic flow and the pedestrian and cycle path on Horningsea Road and less risk to children going to school.

Next steps

Everyone can help by completing the Consultation when Anglian Water publishes it. State your objections and let AW and the Planning Inspector know what you think must happen to make the plant less of a huge industrial blot on our landscape.

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/anglian-water-phase-3-consultation-coming-soon-get-involved/>

Save Honey Hill - Stop the sewage works relocation.

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/>

Notes

Treasurers needed

New Life and Horningsea PCC are both looking for new treasurers. If you have any background in bookkeeping or finance, would you think about taking on one of these roles?

New Life is straightforward, paying two cheques monthly for the copier & printing costs. Subs generally go directly into the bank, with only a few cheques to be paid in. Then just record the income and outgoings.

The PCCs accounts are more extensive. Income and expenditure is mostly by direct debit and credit, with a few costs paid via online banking. The treasurer presents a financial summary to the PCC up to four times a year, as well as preparing year end accounts for the Annual Meeting (APCM).

If you would like to know more, please call Andy Clarke on 07980 968308 or email him on andyclarke2@pm.me

In Partnership

Anna Bradnam, Claire Daunton, John Williams District and County Councillors

There is something called the South Cambs Community Safety Partnership (CSP). It hides its light under a bushel. There is also the Police and Crime Commission Panel (PCCP). That light might be slightly less hidden but not too many people will know what it does.

For us, as District and County Councillors, working in partnership with these organisations and alongside your own Horningsea Parish Council, is an important part of our councillor lives.

The CSP includes, as the name suggests, partner members from the police, fire, health, voluntary sector, probation service as well as District and County representatives. The combined knowledge and commitment of these organisations is brought to bear on safety, disorder, crime and general aspects of community well-being and resilience. These might include dealing with scams or anti-social behaviour or noise nuisance, as well as working with the police on other problems. The wider remit is in bringing local communities to work as an integral part of this partnership, being the 'eyes and ears' of the locality.

The PCCP includes councillor and independent members from the County Council and all the district councils along with Peterborough city. Panel members hold to account the Police and Crime Commissioner for his role in scrutinising the Chief Constable in the operational policing of the County and Peterborough. Panel members scrutinise, ask questions, debate, probe, question. Most recently we have been scrutinising the Commissioner's budget proposals. Meetings are held in public so you can watch and listen.

What has all this to do with Horningsea? Well, we are very pleased to be in partnership not only with the CSP and PCCP, in which we play our part, but also with your own hard-working parish council.

We have worked alongside officers from County Highways and members of the parish council, as suggestions for works in the High Street to reduce speed have evolved. In addition, along with the parish council, we have encouraged the police to carry out spot checks on a number of occasions and take part in an open forum at the parish council. As you'll know, the parish council has been sending regular reports to the Police from a speed-recording camera at the north end of the village. The police have followed up these reports with individuals who have been caught by the camera

The Police Commissioner is much in favour of Speedwatch (local groups by the roadside recording speeding motorists and passing on details to the police for follow-up) and has said he will continue to support and fund Speedwatch. We have debated this at PCCP meetings. Whilst understanding that there is an important place for Speedwatch we would like to see in place other methods of speed control in operation, using new technology. But we know that, whether its speed or other sorts of illegal behaviour, partnership working at every level is the best way to combat the problems.

Another kind of likely partnership, to be very much concerned with community well being, is the proposed Integrated Care Service (ICS) which central government intends to introduce later this year as part of its health and social care reforms. You'll hear much more about this from all quarters as things develop, but here is a very short introduction. Reforms include raising money through the National Insurance contributions that working people pay; widening eligibility for County-funded social care from about 4% of the population now to an estimated 14%, in Cambridgeshire (which must be paid for of course); and requiring the local NHS (our local GPs, hospitals, etc) and the Local Public Health and Social Care Authority, Cambridgeshire County Council, to collaborate and integrate, and think at a 'neighbourhood' level. Prevention will be a constant theme – how can we live better and avoid getting sick in the first place? How can we give children - from birth - the best chance of a healthy life? What more can local communities be doing to play a part?

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Household Support Fund - Cambridgeshire County Council

Cambridgeshire's Household Support Fund, funded by the DWP, has been created to help people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for food, household energy or other essential items. The scheme will run until 31 March 2022.

Support is offered in two ways:

- Support with food, household energy bills and other essentials for individuals and families: residents are eligible to access this support if they earn less than £17,940 per year, or are in receipt of certain state benefits
- Direct food voucher scheme: as in previous school holidays, supermarket vouchers will be issued to families meeting the low income criteria for free school meals, funded childcare for two-year-olds, early years pupil premium, or sixth form students eligible for free school meals. See details here:

The Library Presents - arts in our libraries.

'The Library Presents' is coming back for an exciting new season bringing high quality, affordable arts activities into libraries and communities across Cambridgeshire.

The Spring Season will run from April – June 2022 with the programme and tickets launching late March. Please find attached further information which we hope you will be able to include in your upcoming publication to alert your readers to the new Season.

A flyer is attached.

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 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.