



*A Horningsea Jubilee weekend!*

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## Events

### ***Horningsea School Reunion***

**14:00-16:00, Saturday 2nd July, St. Peter's Church**

Come and meet up with old friends over a cup of tea for the Horningsea School Reunion and friends!

This is always a very lively event as the "old boys and girls" meet, reminisce while their spouses, children and grandchildren look at the old photographs and church archives.

Tea and cakes will be served throughout the afternoon so do pop in.

It will be a busy day in the church as we will also be the dedication of the Bailey Window and the renovation of the new gates along with the new candleholders in memory of Margaret Dorrington (see next item).

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4364>

### ***Dedication of the new church window, the new gates and more..!***

**14.00-16.00, Saturday 2nd July 2022, St Peter's Church**

On Saturday 2 July the Friends of Horningsea Church will gather for the belated re-dedication of the Bailey Window which was restored from the funds raised from the Horningsea Open Gardens event some years ago. A number of the Bailey families whose fathers or grandfathers farmed at Eye Hall and Clayhithe Farm will be joining us. Photographs and memorabilia of the farms in the early and mid 20th Centuries will be on display.

We will also rededicate the restored Jeckyll gates which have had a "hem" added as part of the lowering of the porch. If you haven't tried it you should ... it is now flat and easy to use for pushchairs, wheelchairs, for those with aching hips etc! The Jeckyll gates were designed in the 1860's by Thomas Jeckyll the Victorian architect who carried out work on our church. His other claims to fame are that he designed the gates at Sandringham and a house in St Andrew's Street in central Cambridge which became known as Rance's Folly. Rance was the mayor who had rather grandiose ideas and wanted a house to match! It stood next door to where the University Arms now stands.

Margaret Dorrington left the church a legacy when she died and in her memory Peter Halford has designed candlesticks for the choir stalls. He has based the design on some of the "dragon like" creatures on the oil lamp brackets. They are suitably medieval and we are certain Margaret would have approved. It has been quite a feat to find the right forge for them to be manufactured, Peter has ended up travelling up and down the country discussing the design with the craftsmen. All being well at least one will be in situ on 2nd July so they can be dedicated as well.

Finally on the same day and same time we will be welcoming the Horningsea School Reunion and friends. This is always a very lively event as the "old boys and girls" meet, reminisce while their spouses, children and grandchildren look at the old photographs and church archives.

Tea and cakes will be served throughout the afternoon so do pop in.

Finally ... the Friends are grateful to the family of the late Tricia Smith who have given a box of Tricia's beautiful cards to sell. Tricia was a very talented photographer so the cards include lovely views of Horningsea but also views of Cambridge and The Backs. Cards cost £1 each.

## ***The Horningsea Horticultural Show 2022***

**Saturday 16th July, Horningsea Village hall,**

The Horningsea Horticultural Society is now in its 66th year and is aimed at celebrating our wealth of growing and producing talent in the village.

The annual Horticultural Show attracts a large number of entries in the categories of vegetables, home produce, baking, flower arranging and arts and crafts. Entries from village children are particularly encouraged. Prizes are awarded by a panel of independent professional judges.

The Horningsea Horticultural Show will take place on Saturday 16th July.

Download your show schedule and entry forms from the Village Show page.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4198>

## ***Church Services in July***

With our new Priest in post and as COVID restrictions have gone we are settling into a new pattern of services. There will be a service in Horningsea on Sunday 3rd July at 10.30; a Village Service (outside if fine) on Sunday 10 at 16.00 and a service on Sunday 17 July at 10.30.

The Village service on June 19th was good fun as we blew, banged, shook and generally made a loud noise as we thought about the wind, earthquakes and fire before finally listening to the silence. The theme included the Queen and Paddington bear so we finished with marmalade sandwiches. Who knows what will happen on 10th July!

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4369>

## **Future Events**

### **Horningsea: Past and Present**

#### ***Goose Green***

*John Wilson*

If you go into the village playground, you will see a sign saying "Goose Green" nailed to the back fence. It looks old, and yes, it is, for it was put up in the first playground forty years ago by George Wilson, who lived in the village, at the time retaking of the Falklands Islands and marking the landing at "Goose Green" by British forces. He made the sign from an "offcut" of wood from a boat I was building at the time.

The writing has never been touched up nor the wood rotted.

Since then it has been at the back of two other playgrounds and "Goose Green" is now the registered name for the playground, on maps and in the parish records, as a tribute to those events.

If you had been in the village at that time you would have seen a large banner across the road saying "Nott Out".

This was referring to the Defence Secretary John Nott who had been responsible for the scraping large amounts of the armed forces including many ships which nearly made it impossible for the Falklands to be retaken. So strong was the feeling at the time over cuts to the armed forces.



Now forty years on we would not be able to find sufficient numbers of British registered merchant ships needed to be taken up from trade to support such a venture.

We cannot even find British registered ferries to cross the channel to go on holiday as we have seen recently!

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4367>

## ***A short history of Horningsea***

*Ian Whybrow*

In Waterbeach and Landbeach, beach means brook.  
Names around here are seldom what they look.  
Before the coming of the drying drains,  
land north of Cambridge was all swampy fens.

So Horningsea is really Horning's Eye.  
Horning the Viking, oared or sailing by,  
espied a likely-looking island spot  
where silver, gold and jewels might be got.

Its well-built minster looked quite promising.  
He ransacked it but not a precious thing  
was left, for each pragmatic, canny monk  
had buried all the jewels and done a bunk.

Since Saxon times, the College of St John,  
shares with the church a close connection.  
The Romans dug out clay for pottery,  
some of which turned up later in Pompei.

And dinosaurs, millennia before,  
left a rich vein of coprolitic ore.  
The village might, had Horning's name not stuck,  
be Johnstown, Potterslea or Dinomuck.

(Written for <https://elizabethslegacyofhope.org>)

## **Horningsea Planning**

### ***Save Honey Hill group needs funds for legal advice to stop the Sewage Works relocation***

Right under our noses, a Crime against our environment is taking place. Anglian Water is preparing an application to move a fully-functioning sewage works less than a mile to a new location on arable farmland in the Green Belt at Honey Hill between the villages of Fen Ditton, Horningsea and Quy. They are doing this with £227 million of public money too. Save Honey Hill will challenge this application and need legal advice in its

preparation and legal representation. Save Honey Hill need £50,000 to cover the cost of the required legal expertise.

This is our last chance to stop the relocation. Please donate whatever you can (no amount is too small):

<http://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/save-cambridge-greenbelt>

Please do share on Facebook, to friends and family via WhatsApp and other social media and let's fill the Stink-O-Meter:

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/fundraising/#stink-o-meter>

<https://www.facebook.com/SaveHoneyHill>

## ***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/>

## **Reports**

### ***Platinum Jubilee weekend Report***

*Lindsay Davies*

After the Silver Jubilee in 1977 the HRA newsletter contained reports about their impressions from the people in the village of all ages. So this is a report on what Horningsea got up to between Thursday 2nd June and Sunday 4th June 2022. The [photographs on the Village Website](#) tell part of the story.

Thursday 2nd June was spent by some of the hearty men chopping wood and hauling it up the ladder to fill the beacon on the Village Green. At 9:00 the village gathered, bottles of Prosecco were opened and the celebrations began. Red, white and blue outfits were worn with some even managing tiaras! At 9.45 by some ingenious device the light at the base of the beacon raced up the pole and set fire to the wood. The whole village green was bathed in a red glow. Eventually people wandered home to build up their energies for the next busy days.

By Friday 3rd bunting had appeared along the High Street, down St Johns Lane, around the playground. Flags were flying randomly from a number of houses. The marquee was standing at the top of Laney Meadow.

At 9:00 the village children gathered in the church to rehearse for the concert. At 10am the bellringers began, joining in the National Bell Ringing cycle. At 11am the exhibition in the church was open. People had provided wonderful items of memorabilia and photographs of themselves meeting Royalty ... Michael Harrison's invitation and Order of Service to the Coronation in Westminster Abbey, Clare Harding's photograph of herself aged four presenting something to Queen Mary (our Queen's grandmother)



Prince Philip with Andy Clarke and also with Michael Hellowell. Rita Fishpool's 1960s photos of the Queen at Addenbrookes, Toby Gibbs receiving his Gold DoE at Buckingham Palace. Vee's brother shaking hands with the Queen ...There were medals and invitations to Buckingham Palace Garden Parties.

Rather unexpectedly a Royal Signals Corps motorbike appeared, with pictures of the Display Team. The highlight of the memorabilia was John Wilson's original poster of events in Horningsea for the coronation. I think our predecessors would have been proud that the traditions they began still carried on in 2022.

The concert was great fun, starting off with the Horningsea Young Persons Orchestra playing Juba Dance on a wide variety of instruments, with the assistance of a few musical adults. There were poems and readings from AAMilne, Queen Victoria, Sue Townsend, Alan Bennett, John Betjeman, Rae Langton's mother in Australia, Kashuo Ishiguro and Richmal Compton. Our new Vicar tried to steal the show by dressing up as Just William! The musical contributions included madrigals from Queen Elizabeth I's day, a minuet written by a musician's great grandfather, a trio, Recorder solo, song written for the occasion, a G & S song ...finishing with a Ukrainian folk song and the Ukrainian National Anthem on recorders. There was a huge amount of enthusiasm for the talent our village can produce.

Saturday's events at Laney Meadow began late afternoon with the lighting of the barbecue, the delivery of beer from our two pubs and the arrival of the horsebox selling gin and wine. During the afternoon Carolyn Truss walked her magnificent shire horse, Max, down to the meadow, his mane plaited with red white and blue ribbons and decorated with Union jacks. The large screen in the marquee started showing the events outside Buckingham Palace as people settled down to enjoy the Jubilee Party. There was some "singing along", some cheering and some critics! Once the Buckingham Palace Party finished the Horningsea Party began, with music and dancing late into the night.

Unfortunately on Sunday the weather turned and we had a damp day but the spirits were still high! A large number of children and adults had accepted the challenge to make a pudding or cake fit for a Queen picnics were shared, bottles opened, a Royal quiz distributed, children braved the weather to take part in games outside. The planned Dancing couldn't get going because of the weather but nevertheless a good time was had by all. The Vicar judges the cakes and puddings, the winner of the flower arrangements was announced, prizes were distributed and eventually we packed up and went home.

The final event was the Jubilee Church Service on the Sunday evening. A fitting way to round off a splendid weekend of sociability. We had reminded ourselves why Horningsea is such a good place to live! New families, old families, babies, elderly people in wheelchairs, children, adults ... everyone took part with enthusiasm.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4258>





## **Notes**

### ***An invitation from the Friends of Horningsea Church***

*Friends of Horningsea Church committee, Nicola Asplin, Lindsay Davies, Vee Saunders, Helen Skaer*

The Friends of Horningsea Church was set up to help restore and maintain St Peter's Church, which is a Grade 1 listed building. Apart from being a place of worship our church is also a treasured building and forms an integral part of the fabric of Horningsea, hosting many village events. The role of The Friends is to raise funds to assist in the upkeep of our historic church.

With funding from The Friends, it has been possible to renovate the wrought iron gates designed by the Victorian Architect Thomas Jeckyll. They have been reinstated in the refurbished entrance. Funds have also contributed towards restoration of the beautiful stained glass window which was donated to St Peter's by the Bailey family of Eye Hall. The refurbished 'Bailey Window' will be dedicated on Saturday 2nd July at 2pm in a service when, if they are ready, the candle holders designed for the choir pews by Peter Harford and given in memory of Margaret Dorrington will also be dedicated. You are warmly invited to this celebratory service in the church.

The Friends have not been able to hold events to raise funds over the last 2 years due to Covid restrictions but hope once again to organise Open Gardens (with teas) in the village in summer 2023. In the meantime we are very dependent on funds raised through the annual subscriptions so if you are already a member, and have not already done so, do please renew your subscription (£15 p.a.). If you would like to become a member you will find forms in the church or alternatively please contact our treasurer Nicky Asplin who will provide you with a standing order form, [theasplins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:theasplins@hotmail.co.uk).

On September 18th The Friends plan to make a survey of plant and animal wildlife in the churchyard. With the help of experts we hope to make an overnight moth collection (all to be released without harm) and in the afternoon survey invertebrates, birds and plants. Families and anyone interested will be very welcome with more details provided nearer the time.

### ***Horningsea Village Hall and Green Trust***

Would you be interested in joining our small committee who looks after the village hall and green?

We meet 3-4 times a year usually over a glass of wine and discuss the upkeep of the hall and green and future projects that we want to undertake.

The hall development is completely financed by our bookings so no fundraising!

The hall is very well looked after and is regularly rented out for weddings some with marquees on the green. We also let the hall out to several groups including music, art groups and the toddler group on a regular basis.

We have a regular cleaner who looks after the hall.

We are also responsible for the pond and the orchard. The orchard is looking lovelier than ever after extensive coppicing and bluebell planting last year. The pond is also under going regeneration and we are hoping to get the ditches cleared and the water free flowing again this year too.

Another important project is to set up a hall website.

Maybe you have your own ideas of how we could do better or just fancy finding out more about what we do!

If you are interested in becoming a committee member or would like to help set up our website please contact [nicolagibbs@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolagibbs@yahoo.com) for more information.

### ***Memorial Stone in the Churchyard***

We are planning to arrange for a stone carver to come during the summer to add names to the Memorial in the churchyard. If your loved one's ashes have been buried in the churchyard or they were resident or had a close connection with the village and you would like to have their name added please let Nick Moir or one of the Church Wardens know. When we have up to date costings we can then let you know.

### ***Drawn to War***

A new film about the life of Eric Ravilous, one of the first War Artists is to be released on 1st July. What is the connection with Horningsea?

Cecilia Lucie Leeds Saunders was the daughter of Isaac Ebenezer who lived at Riverside House until 1904. Cecilia married John Aldridge one of the Great Bardfield artists. She was also an artist and member of the community ... alongside Eric Ravilous. We will have to see the film (probably in Arts Picturehouse) to find out if Cecilia and Horningsea get a mention!

### ***Horningsea Parish Charities***

If you know of anyone in the Village who is struggling with the cost of living rises and is in need of assistance, please contact the Trustees of Horningsea Parish Charities. We are able to offer small grants which might just help in a crisis.

[Ldathorningsea@gmail.com](mailto:Ldathorningsea@gmail.com)

## ***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.