



Horningsea commemorates the death of the Queen.

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www.horningsea.net

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Events

Concert of baroque music

Saturday, 8th October, 19:30, St Peter's Church

It will include instrumental music and vocal music from the Renaissance by Monteverdi and some of his Venetian contemporaries, as well as music for two recorders and strings by Telemann, from the Baroque era.

The performers will include **Anglia Baroque**, **Thumbs up** and **Fen Edge Voices**.

Further details to follow in October's Horningsea Herald but see the attached flyer.

Further information: frank.hopkirk@btinternet.com

Harvest in Horningsea

Sunday 9th October, 16.00, St Peter's Church followed by Harvest Tea

Do come along to the family friendly celebration of Harvest, bring fruit and vegetables from your allotment or garden to help decorate the church and to sell in aid of Farm Africa, a charity we have supported for many years. We hope to have reports from our farmers and allotment holders on the triumphs and tragedies of the crops. Sing the traditional Harvest Hymns and help us all to remember that we still live in a farming community.

After the service we will have a Harvest Tea ... maybe apple cakes, special pear creations, carrot cakes ... and other goodies!

Pop into the Church for Coffee

Every other Wednesday mornings 10.30, St Peters Church

On Wednesday mornings, every other week ... 5 & 19 October at 10.30. At 12 noon on the same day there will be a Time for Prayer. If you have a particular prayer request you can write a note and leave it in the box in the church porch at any time. The porch (and church) are usually open during the daytime.

HRA International evening

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances International night that had been planned for 15 October has been cancelled. Watch this space for the rearranged date in 2023'

Church Services for October

- Sunday 2 October 10.30, Holy Communion
- Sunday 9 October 16.00 Harvest Festival
- Sunday 16 October 10.30 Holy Communion

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4458>

Future Events

FIRE, FOOD and FIREWORKS!

Sunday 6th November, 17:30 - Village Green

This year's famous Horningsea Firework Display will be on Sunday, 6th November.

Millennium Green Rec.

Gates open at 17.30 for hot dogs, soup, drinks, snacks and music.

Firework display at 18.30 sharp.

Followed by lighting of the bonfire.

Entry £5 adults

£2.50 children (5+)

Cash on gate - please bring correct change where possible.

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Horningsea Planning

Traffic Workshop Feedback - 21 Sept 2022

Robert Balm – Chair Horningsea Parish Council

After the traffic workshop on Sept 21st, I have been busy collecting all the ideas and cataloguing them. I will publish the list soon but there was an overwhelming interest in creating chicanes at either end of the village in combination with speed reduction before the village boundary.

This reminded me of a situation that I found in The Netherlands where a small village must have had to cope with similar issues to those we face in Horningsea. So, I have created a quick video to show the entrance to the village of Groede in Zeeland (NL).

<https://youtu.be/YiTtmV16G54>



In the video I show how the entrance to the village has:

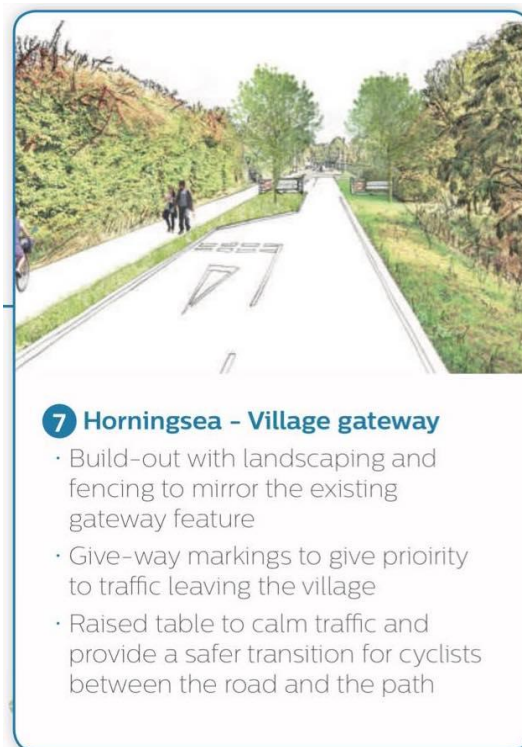
1. Separated cycle lanes and service roads
2. Continuous centre lines (no overtaking) outside the village
3. A raised platform the reduce speeds before the village boundary
4. A traffic island that acts as a chicane to slow down motorists

I would like to promote ideas like this with County Highways planning and large infrastructure projects (for S106 funding).

Please give me your thoughts and if you know of any similar examples of good traffic management measures, please email them to me.

Horningsea Greenway

The Parish Council are currently planning a meeting with the Greenways project. A date has yet to be confirmed. We will be discussing the Greenways project and the likelihood that it will happen. There are concerns that the Horningsea Greenway has been decreased in priority compared to some of the other Greenway projects. We would like to understand why this may be. The Horningsea Greenway could provide a change of the road layout at the south entrance to the village. This means that incoming traffic would be slowed to provided priority to outgoing traffic by means of a build-out that protects cyclists and provides a chicane for traffic calming.



What next?

Horningsea Parish Council will ask for meetings with Urban and Civic (Waterbeach New Town developer), Anglian Water (Water Treatment Plant), NECAAP, Greenways and County Highways. This is both for funding and for awareness. We need to engage with all the projects to get funding and investment into the village infrastructure.

Please send any feedback to clerk@horningsea.net

Save Honey Hill Auction of Promises

The Auction of Promises took place at Horningsea Village Hall on Saturday 17th September. It was a fun evening with Richard Pleasants acting as auctioneer and Catherine Morris as his magician's assistant. There were 68 Promises, including, a ride in a Lamborghini, river cruises with Camboats, meal for four at Quy Mill Hotel, tea at Scotsdales, portrait painting and much more.



Due to the amazing generosity of both those who donated Promises and those who purchased them, a staggering £5,561.00 was raised for the Save Honey Hill campaign, against the relocation of the Cambridge sewage works from Cowley Road to Honey Hill, prime Greenbelt land, between the conservation villages of Fen Ditton, Horningsea and Quy. Sincere thanks to all involved in organising and helping with the event. Particular thanks to both David and Annie Yandell who between them promised the three highest value Promises and to Margaret and John Starkie who provided the wine.

Of the estimated £50,000 needed for specialist reports, legal advice and representation, approximately £33,000. has now been raised. The Save Honey Hill group is against the huge carbon footprint of the move and the use of £227 million of taxpayers' money. Moving the sewage works less than a mile onto Greenbelt land, to

allow for housing and office development on the current sewage works site at Cowley Road is difficult to justify. Anglian Water has stated that there is no operational need to move or upgrade the sewage works for another 30 years, having upgraded it in 2015.

Moving the sewage works would cause 4 years of traffic disruption, to build a site larger than Wembley (and flood lit) from the ground up. Despite landscaping, the site would be highly visible with tall digester towers and would not be in keeping with our historic rural landscape. A hearing of the planning inspectorate is due to take place in quarter one of 2023. If you would like to support the group's effort, you can donate

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

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/auction-of-promises-evening-report/>

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

The death of QE II

Thank you to everyone who took part in the various events in the Church organised to commemorate the death of the Queen and Accession of King Charles. Horningsea responded fully. The bells were tolled 96 times on the day after her death and again on the eve of her funeral. They were also rung as part of The National Ringing for the Accession and Proclamation. Thank you to those who came and signed the Book of Condolence. Thank you to Vee for exhibiting her unique collection of books about the Royal Family, gathered by her over 80 years. Thank you to Lilly and Lucas for playing reflective music at the Vigil Service and to Rob Balm for reading on behalf of the Parish Council. We should also thank Michael Harrison and John Wilson for making sure the flags were flown appropriately - half mast, then raised for the Accession then lowered again - and for those responsible for lighting the beacon. And all of us would want to say, as Paddington did "Thank you, Ma'am".

Horningsea Church wildlife afternoon September 18th

Jennie Pratt and Helen Skaer

The Friends of Horningsea Church once again organised an afternoon for residents of any age to get together to survey wildlife in the churchyard and around the village. As well as hunting for insects, centipedes, spiders and other small creatures hiding in the foliage and under stones (and our most surprising find – an abandoned swan's egg), we were able to watch Richard Pleasants building the well-crafted bug hotel which is now in the south west corner of the churchyard enticing new inhabitants. It will be interesting to discover what species take up residence there over the coming months.

We then gathered in the church where Kip Loades (and his 5 year old son Bruno) showed us the moths he had collected overnight, which included the beautiful orange underwing as well as a number of small brown noctuids. All were released unharmed outside the church. Helen Santilly gave us a riveting talk by about the swift families raised in her and Bert’s swift boxes, with footage to show the pair arriving, laying and sitting on the eggs as well as feeding the young and, fascinatingly, the limbering up that the fledglings do in the nest box to strengthen their wings before finally taking off for their lengthy journey to winter pastures. Chris Percival then told us engrossing stories about her bird and animal rescue experiences. We were spellbound by her descriptions of picking up injured swans and birds of prey and how she has nursed so many birds, large and small, as well as other animals, back to health before she releases them back into the wild.

There was a great display of wildlife photographs. Keith Long provided information and photographs of his bee and bee boxes and owl and owl boxes. There were beautiful pictures of wildlife both around Horningsea and further afield taken by Pauline Hellowell, Frank Hopkirk, Peter Halford, Matthew Asplin and Lindsay Davies, which everyone enjoyed over a warming cup of tea and delicious cakes kindly organised by Nicky Asplin and Vee Saunders. As we all agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The Plough and Fleece petanque team - update.

Dave Willis

The Plough and Fleece had another great season, winning both league and Cup. The Cup match went on to past midnight in a great match finally winning 3-2. In the league the fleece were almost unbeaten all season and won the league by quite a few points.

Thanks to the Plough and Fleece for food and putting up with us.

Well done team - (Captain) James Crosby. Dave willis. Mel Rees, Matt Asplin, John Cross, Serge Raja, Pierre Cazautets. Mick Whymer, Rob Balm and Jordan

And not forgetting our two lady supporters Zoe and Ella

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points		Points Scored	Points Conceded	Points Difference
Plough & Fleece	16	69	11	69		983	524	459
Red Lion A	16	55	25	55		911	629	282
White Horse B	16	48	32	48		871	702	169
Red Lion B	16	42	38	42		778	718	60
The Boot	16	42	38	42		798	749	49
George	16	41	39	41		797	766	31
King Bill	16	22	58	22		599	925	-326
Blue Lion	16	22	58	22		505	916	-411
White Horse A	16	18	62	18		548	870	-322

The twelfth HRA Apple Pressing Day - photos



Horningsea Past and present

We didn't see that one coming

John Wilson

I wonder how many of us have been on a beach, towels laid out and enjoying a picnic, when all of a sudden a larger than expected wave rolls in drenching everyone? This is usually followed by a few choice words while everything is rearranged

Sometimes the word "rogue wave" is attributed to more serious incidents where boats and people have been put in danger and lives lost. Seafarers have always known of their existence out in the ocean, but if they survived, their stories would often be put down to exaggeration. In fact marine insurers would rarely pay out claims related to damage caused by these waves which have been reported up to a hundred feet in height, putting it down to the ship going too fast or any other reason they could think of not payout a claim. Nothing new there then! In the twentieth century with modern satellite imaging of the Ocean, meteorologists started to note that these waves could randomly appear from nowhere. Luckily there were often no ships about to witness them, however there is one place where they are more regular although still infrequent.

A classic case was the SS Waratah which vanished off the South African coast in 1909 having been sighted making good progress in rough seas by people on the shore on the day she was lost. One report says the watcher looked away and when he looked back she had disappeared. The coast has high rocky cliffs dropping down to the sea. An underwater plateau runs several miles offshore to the edge of the continental shelf where it crosses the hundred fathom line before dropping to the depths of the Indian Ocean many thousands of feet down. Along this coast also runs the Agulhas current at a rate of up to five knots. Ships travelling from the North are provided a very useful boost to their speed providing you run along the 100 fathom line. If you are Northbound there is a good counter current running north but it means keeping very close to the shore and makes navigation very interesting, real rock dodging.

In the late sixties I was cadet on a passenger cargo liner heading from Durban to East London. I was on watch with the third mate on the 8 to 12 watch during which the wind strengthened to a near gale from the South West. The captain was called and made the decision to leave the track which ran along the 100 fathom line as the seas were picking up and making it uncomfortable for the passengers. My watch then over I had a few hours' sleep before being called for the ships arrival at East London. The sea was very rough and as I went onto the bridge although we were only a few miles from the port but just as we crossed the 100 fathom line the ship suddenly plummeted down what seemed like a steep hill. It was only just light but the vision through the bridge windows was of this mountain of water ahead of us reaching up to the cross trees half way up the forward mast before breaking onto the ship. It was only a fleeting glimpse but it has always been indelibly imprinted in my mind.

For what seemed an eternity the ship was buried right up to the number three hatch beneath the bridge before shaking herself free. Sounds of devastation rose from inside the ship as tables, chairs and anything that could move did. However the engines kept going and we moved into the shelter of the port approaches, very much shaken. The pilot came on-board and after a few words of explanation as to our state the ship was taken into port and safely tied up, several ambulances arrive and took several injured off. to hospital while the crew set to make good the damage

Down below in the passenger accommodation everywhere was a shambles but luckily the majority of the 100 passengers were still in their beds so apart from minor injuries we got off lightly. Breakfast was served as best as could be under the circumstances and the pilot joined us at the officers table along with the Captain. Sitting next to the third mate, I overheard the Captain describing our eventful arrival off the port and the pilot telling the Captain who had many years' experience on the coast that the local name for this phenomena was a hole in the ocean caused by the strong southerly Agulas current upwelling against the sheer continental shelf on the 100 fathom line and then interacting with the gale force south westerly winds. This in turn cause waves which already short, steep and large to back up until one crest formed on its predecessor and a double depth trough becomes formed, a ship then has little chance of recovering from falling bow first into the trough which is followed by the double crest falling on top of the ship as happened to us. Hatches are then stove in and ship



becomes overwhelmed.

While there are no photos of our experience, there was a ship called the Ben Cruachen which was hit by a rogue wave in 1973, only a few miles from the spot where it had happened to us .I saw her when she arrived in Durban, The whole forward end was bent down, rather like the nose of the Concord, photos reached the international press under the title "ship struck by freak wave". She was repaired in Durban and made it back to Europe where a new bow was fitted. Another ship was the Munster which was lost in the North Atlantic, she was carrying steel and became overwhelmed sinking in minutes.

My thoughts go back to the breakfast table where we all sat reflecting of the event that morning. The third mate was sitting next to me, his name was Clive Rapley. We had become good friends sharing watches together. He also gave me a great foundation in the knowledge I needed to sit my second mate's exam at the end of the voyage.

Two weeks ago I was in a small nautical museum in Hastings there on the wall is a memorial to the MV Derbyshire a very large bulk carrier that was lost in 1980 in the South China sea with all hands, having been overwhelmed in tremendous seas. The inquest eventually came to the conclusion that after examining underwater photographs of her, showing her forward hatches stove in, she was the possible victim of a freak wave. Along with other factors including her structural integrity. Being full of ore she would have sunk in seconds. When I looked closely at the names on the memorial and reading down the list I came to the "extra chief officer" whose name Clive Rapley.



He had survived the rogue wave on the City of York only to lose his life in similar conditions in a typhoon in the South China Sea. I still think of his words that day. "We didn't see that coming.". I don't suppose they saw it coming on the Derbyshire either

Notes

Horningsea Parish Charities

The Parish Charities have a new email address:

horningseaparishcharities@googlegroups.com

If you, or if you know anyone else who is struggling or in need of support as a result of the cost of living crisis please contact the Trustees on this email and we will see what we can do to help.

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>.

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