



Autumn colours.

Horningsea Herald

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www.horningsea.net

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horningseanews@googlemail.com

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.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4456>

A Time to Remember

Sunday 6th November 14.30 - 16:00, St Peter's Church Horningsea

November contains so many days that ask us to "remember" and so on Sunday 6th November Horningsea Church will be open all afternoon from 2.30 - 4pm so you can call in, light a candle, sit quietly, say a prayer for someone who you have loved - whether they have died recently or a long time ago - grieving does not disappear even though your grief may change as the years go by. You may wish to fill in a prayer card

and leave it in the box in the porch, asking us all to pray with you or for you or for others that are close to you.

Coffee in Horningsea Church

Wednesday 2nd November, 16th November, 30th November

Pop in for coffee and cake and a chat (under the heaters!) on every other Wednesday morning from 10.30. At 12 noon there will be a time to pray together. If you can't come but would like us to pray for someone close to you, fill in one of the cards in the porch.

Remembrance Sunday

13th November in Horningsea

As usual we will gather in St Peter's Church Horningsea at 10.15 for a short service before walking with the Poppy Wreaths to the War Memorial in the Jubilee Gardens. At about 10.50 we will have the short Service of Remembrance when the names of the men of Horningsea who lost their lives in the first and second World Wars will be read, John Wilson has researched all those who lost their lives and will be able to talk about each on and where they are buried (see our website). The Last Post will be played and the Poppy Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the various organisations in the Village. British Legion crosses with poppies will be available on the day so you can "plant" a cross for someone in your family or a friend who served in the forces.

<https://www.horningsea.net/history-2/the-fallen-of-horningsea>

Liz Cotton: Last Stand on Honey Hill

The Junction 3, Cambridge – 20:00 – Saturday 19th November, 2022

With her marriage on the rocks and children leaving home, Liz writes saucy songs to help her cope with life, but when a billion-pound private water company reveals its plans to build a sewage plant next door can Liz and two small villages in the Fens harness the power of song to save their community – and her future? Comic songwriter Liz Cotton and her cat Purdy star in this comedy about the environmentally disastrous national infrastructure project planned for Cambridge.

After a wonderful run at the Edinburgh Fringe Liz brings her very rude and equally funny show about Anglian Water's plans for relocating the Cambridge sewage works to Cambridge Greenbelt slap bang in between Fen Ditton and Horningsea.

See for yourself why The Scotsman's Liz Capstick and The Play's The Thing's Diana Miranda gave Liz's show such outstanding reviews.

All proceeds go to the Save Honey Hill Campaign.

Buy Tickets at the Junction's website:

<https://www.junction.co.uk/liz-cotton>

Church Services for October

- Sunday 6 Nov 10.30 Holy Communion
- Sunday 6 Nov 14.30 - 16.00 A Time to Remember
- Sunday 13 Nov 10.15 Remembrance Sunday Service in church and at 10.50 at the Village War Memorial
- Sunday 20 Nov 10.30 Services at Fen Ditton and Teversham
- Sunday 27 Nov 10.30 joint service at Teversham

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

Future Events

"LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN" Christmas tree lighting

Sunday 4th December, 18:00, Jubilee Gardens

Come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie or two with your neighbours.

Horningsea's Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 11th December at 18:00- put it in your diary now!

Assuming Covid does not get in the way again we hope that the Traditional Carols by Candlelight will be back as it used to be on Sunday 11th December. We are planning to start putting out the candleholders and candles at the end of November. Liz Harrison will be looking for help - speak to her if you would like to get involved - and keep an eye on the village Facebook pages.

What is your favourite Carol?

Vee will be compiling the Christmas Carols to sing at the Candlelit Carol service on 11th December. If you have a particular favourite let her know and we will try to include it!

Horningsea's Advent Windows

The Advent windows have become a new tradition in Horningsea. Advent starts on Sunday 27th November but the Advent windows will begin on Thursday 1st December and run through to Christmas Eve - 24th December. Nearer the time Liz Harrison will put out a notice asking for 24 volunteers to each decorate a window. If you have only recently moved to the village do join in - you can decorate a window in whatever way you choose - it is fun to go around spotting the window for the day - and photos are often posted on Facebook!



Horningsea Planning

Horningsea Greenways update

A few of our parish councillors and some residents met with the Horningsea Greenways team during October. Such meetings are generally disappointing as schemes tend to be watered down between the initial good ideas to the implementation stage. However, we were all pleasantly surprised. As well as the suggested cycle path improvements between Horningsea and Ditton Meadows the scheme will include welcome traffic calming measures for inside the village. These include some of the measures discussed during our traffic workshop in September. All good news.

There will be a third and final consultation during November and the design work will start very soon. Work is scheduled to start mid 2023 and will be completed by 2025.

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/bottisham-swaffham-horningsea-greenways>

Save Honey Hill Calendar 2023

A special Save Honey Hill Calendar 2023 has been created in order to raise funds towards the legal costs of the Save Honey Hill campaign. It is illustrated by photographs of the open spaces around the Honey Hill area, the photographs having been taken by local residents.

The deer on the front cover looks directly and challenging at us and reminds us of the wildlife that will be displaced if the sewage works goes ahead.



The back cover shows the selection of photographs which reflect the seasonal changes in the landscape in the general Honey Hill area.

The calendars will be A4 size and cost £12.50 each, which includes an envelope, proceeds going towards the Save Honey Hill fund.

They would make an ideal Christmas present for friends and relatives.

They can be purchased from Laurie Woolfenden, Jenny Dawson, Jenny Parr, Eva Dangerfield or Jenny Krombacher in Fen Ditton or from Frank Hopkirk or Catherine Morris in Horningsea.

Payment can be made to any of these by cash, cheque (to "Save Honey Hill Group") or bank transfer "Save Honey Hill Group", sort code 52-10-46, account number 25766430 (it is a business account).

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/shhcalendar2023/>

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

Please send in photos or reports of any village events to horningseanews@gmail.com

Horningsea Past and present

Before & After Great Bardfield: The Artistic Memoirs of Lucie Aldridge with a Postscript by Robjn Cantus

Lindsay Davis

Cecilia Lucie Leeds Saunders was born in Clayhithe in 1889, the youngest of 4 girls. Her father had been born at Eye Hall and her uncle lived in The Lodge. Lucie (as she was called by everyone) wrote a Memoir of her life as a child at Clayhithe, her childhood in Cambridge, her first marriage in 1915 and her adventures in Art School in London in the 1920s where she became caught up in the world of the Bright Young Things. Her first marriage ended and she lived the life of a Bohemian artist socialising and partying with Basil Taylor, Robert Bevan, Cedric Morris and Stanley Spencer. She eventually set up home with John Aldridge and spent time with Robert Graves in Majorca. She and John Aldridge gravitated towards the artists' colony that was establishing itself in Great Bardfield in Essex with Eric Ravilious, Tirzah Garwood and Edward and Charlotte Bawden. John Aldridge was a painter, Lucie developed her interest in rug making. The Memoir finishes as Lucie and John settled into their alternative lifestyle at The Place in Great Bardfield in 1933. From the postscript it is clear that the Bohemian existence and partner swapping continued and it is hard to keep up with who was sleeping with who! This life continued until about 1960 when Lucie finally left Great Bardfield and moved to Gresham Road in Cambridge where she lived until she died in 1974. The Great Bardfield artists were prolific with Ravilious's

landscapes, etchings, woodcuts - he was the first war artist to be killed in WWII and is the subject of the recent film *Drawn to War*. Edward Bawden specialised in woodcuts. John Aldridge was known for his portraits, book illustrations, dust jackets, landscapes. The Fry Gallery in Saffron Walden has a good collection of the work of the Great Bardfield Artists including one of Lucie's rugs.

The early chapters of the Memoir give a delightful account of life in Clayhithe at the end of the 19th C and early years of the 20th C. She recounts a story her older sister used to tell to frighten her ... "A bear would arrive at Waterbeach station, it had just got out of the train on its way to Clayhithe ... now it has reached The Willows... now it is reaching the Marsh ... now it is crossing the bridge over the river and soon it will be passing the cottages... now it is coming up the back-kitchen stairs and has crept in and is under the bed"!

"Our house at Clayhithe stood uphill from the River Cam, which ran all along one side of the garden." She spoke of games they played with the croquet ball - "...occasionally one of the balls would roll over the verge of grass by the river and sink beyond recovery into the Cam mud...", "Clayhithe had a most beautiful garden, a long expanse of lawns leading finally to an orchard and kitchen gardens. There were tall box hedges making a double serpentine called "Lovers Walk". People from a distance came specially to see as much of the garden as they could from the road or the river. ...there was a



weeping ash in front of the house where meals were brought out to us and we half lived under it. During summer it makes a large umbrella and my father had two hoop-like shapes cut so that he could see the road to Horningsea and also the eights practising on the river on their way to the Bridge Inn where they stopped for tea. All this beauty was a wonderful setting for us girls to be brought up in, and I look back on my childhood with infinite gratitude, the wonderful peace and security of those days with devoted parents, devoted servants and plenty of them, and governesses we generally adored.”.

[Robjn Cantus](#) has donated a copy of the book to Horningsea Church so if you want to read more about Clayhithe, Lucie’s wild partygoing and the Great Bardfield artists you can borrow it at any time!

Village War Memorial

John Wilson

Driving through the villages and towns throughout the United Kingdom you cannot help to notice the many war memorials standing in prominent places. Many are of Portland stone and include the bronze cross of sacrifice and inscribed with the names of the fallen over the last century.

Horningsea seemed to have a different approach to a memorial. The first was erected in the church and consisted of a wooden board with all the names of those who served In the First World war, along with the small Red Cross marking those who had lost their lives.

In the 1950s a brass memorial plaque was put up in the church commemorating those who died in battle including those killed in the Second World War including Captain Baker who was missed off the original First World War memorial. It would have been interesting to see the names of all those who served as with the previous memorial.

In the 90s a photographic record was made of the resting places or in some cases because they had no known grave, the memorial they are remembered on and a rose planted on each grave or near each memorial panel .This is decorated with poppies gathered in the Albert Hall remembrance service in the 1970s.

Another small memorial was nailed to the fence of the playground to commemorate Goose Green, a prominent turning point in the Falklands war. The playground is now registered as Goose Green on official documents. About this time a tree was planted in



the Horningsea Road graveyard by the late Mrs Lewin to mark the anniversary of the end of World War Two.

Horningsea still did not have a proper war memorial until the Jubilee garden was created, so at this point a memorial was commissioned and bronze castings were made from a rifle and helmet found in a wood on the Somme battlefield, so we had our own unique memorial made by the village sculpture Mathew Sanderson.

In 2015 a tree was planted to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War by Margaret Dorrington and Oswald Brown, the last two survivors who had served in the conflict. Finally in 2014 the first tree was planted at the back of the village green, followed by four more over the next years until 2018, marking the centenary of those turbulent years of the First World War.

So Horningsea may have not followed the convention of other towns and villages but if you know where to look you will find that this village has remembered them

See the village website for a list of The Fallen of Horningsea

<https://www.horningsea.net/history-2/the-fallen-of-horningsea>

Notes

Horningsea Parish Charities

The Parish Charities have a new email address:

horningseaparishcharities@googlegroups.com

Fruit, vegetables and household essentials in the church porch

Horningsea Parish Charities will provide a selection of fruit, vegetables and essential household goods in the church porch for anyone who is worried about the cost of living crisis. If you think the Charities can help you in some other way please let the Trustees know Would it help if we provided a hot water bottle? Or Slow Cooker? Or fleecy blanket? Or microwave? All requests are treated in confidence

The Trustees are:

- Lindsay Davies
- John Wilson
- Will Neale
- Canon Nick Moir

[Horningseaparishcharities@googlegroups.com](mailto: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.

End of year update from our MP

Rt Hon Lucy Frazer KC MP

As we near the end of the year and Christmas approaches, I wanted to reflect on 2022 and let you know a few of the matters I have been working on, on your behalf.

This year has not, so far, been without its challenges - whether that is the spiralling energy costs or the war in Ukraine. We have also recently sadly mourned the death of our late Queen Elizabeth, who served us with grace and dignity throughout her reign. I was pleased to attend the proclamation both in Westminster and in Cambridgeshire to welcome King Charles III as our new monarch.

I know constituents across Cambridgeshire are concerned about the war in Ukraine. And I have been humbled by the response of so many families who have supported Ukrainian refugees. Many families across our area have opened their homes to those fleeing conflict, and I was pleased to hold an event in the summer to bring together some of the volunteers, organisations and families who have been involved in supporting those who have come to the UK.

The cost of living is a real concern, and I am committed to helping constituents across South East Cambridgeshire find the support and advice they need. In my previous role as Financial Secretary to the Treasury, I was proud to work with ministerial colleagues to introduce a package of measures to help tackle the cost of living crisis. These included a £400 discount off energy bills. You may also have heard the recent announcement of a new Energy Price Guarantee which means that from 1st October, a typical household will pay no more than £2,500 for their energy bill for the next 2 years.

I recognise that the planned relocation of the Cambridge Waster Water Treatment Plant (CWWTP) continues to concern people, especially those who live close to the planned site of relocation, north of the A14 close to Horningsea. Anglian Water have now held all their planned consultation ahead of submitting an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate, which we expect either at the end of 2022 or in early 2023. As I have done throughout this process, once this DCO is submitted I will seek input from affected communities before making my response to that application which will reflect the points and concerns of residents.

I wish you all the best for the rest of the year. And, as always, if I can be of help or assistance please email me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

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>.

All villagers are invited to send in recipes, stories past and present about Horningsea, photos of the village past and present, your hobbies! If it interests the editorial team then it gets published!

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