



Last month's bonfire!

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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.

Christmas around the World

Saturday 10th December 2022 at 19.30, St Mary the Virgin Church, Fen Ditton

New Cambridge Singers will sing a glorious selection of Christmas music for choir and organ ... and audience

A variety of traditions has sprung up around the world in celebration of Christmas. Join us as we travel the globe from the comfort of a concert stage in exploring the wealth of festive music!

As well as Britain there will be music from France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, Sweden, with a contribution from America.

We will be inviting audience participation, so get ready to raise the roof in our musical journey. We promise it'll be over in under 80 days!

Tickets £12, students £8, U18s free

01223 242226 or from the Kings Head, or available on the door

There will be a retiring collection in aid of The Red Hen Project at both concerts.

Enquiries to Frank Hopkirk - 01223 861161

Horningsea's Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 11th December at 18:00

The Candlelit Carol Service returns this year after two years of Zoomed Carols. The oil lamps will be lit and the church filled with candles - thanks to Liz Harrison and her team of workers. The bells will ring out. The Christmas Tree has been kindly donated by Scotsdales.

The service begins with a young soloist singing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City and continues with the well known readings telling the prophecies and then the events of that first Christmas. Children will be asked to carry lanterns around the church to the crib for a blessing. This year in addition to our favourite Carols sung by the congregation we will have a contribution by HYPO (Horningsea Young Person's Orchestra) as well as a Carol sung by Frank's group. There will be a ukulele rendition of We Wish You a Merry Christmas while we have coffee and mince pies!

The message is that you need to come early to make sure of getting a seat and wrap up warm! Contributions of mince pies are welcome and if you want to help light the candles we will start lighting at about 17.15

Mary Muhr Award for contribution to the cultural life of the Village

Some years ago Mary Muhr left St Peter's church a legacy in her Will. Mary lived in Fen Ditton but always took part in all the events in Horningsea church - reading poems and writing about her wartime experiences. The church decided to use her legacy to provide an annual award to the person or persons who have made a significant contribution to the life of the village in the past year. The winner of the 2022 award will be announced at the Carol Service on 11th December.

A Very Short Nativity

Sunday 18th December, 12:00, St Peter's Church Horningsea

The Very Short Nativity lasts for no more than about 15 minutes and is ideal for toddlers, babies, children of all ages plus their carers, families and friends. It is helpful if we can have one Mary, one Joseph, one grumpy innkeeper and as many Shepherds, Angels, Wise People, stars or sheep as turn up! No one needs to learn any lines! There will be a photo opportunity at the end if parents agree. Do come along!

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!

The first window is to the right and a few of last year's windows are below:



Church Services for December

Christmas Day in Horningsea

The Christmas Day service will be a Communion Service with a chance to sing a couple of Carols - it is at 10.30 so we hope that families will be able to come - between the present unwrapping and Christmas dinner - bring your visitors!

- 4th Dec 10.30 communion
- 11th Carol service 18.00
- 18th Dec Very short Nativity 12:00
- 25th Dec 10.30 Christmas Day service.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4508>

Horningsea Planning

Horningsea Greenways consultation

The Horningsea Greenway is one of twelve Greater Cambridge Greenways that will make journeys more sustainable, provide healthier alternatives to the car and allow

people to enjoy the Cambridgeshire countryside for leisure purposes. They will also help to make local journeys, such as school and nursery runs safer and easier.

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 the parish council's traffic workshop in September.

Their final survey/consultation will run from 21st November to midday 16th December, for you to give your views on their design proposals.

1st December 2022 0 Horningsea Public Zoom Event

Time: 18:00 - 20:00

6th December 2022 - Horningsea Greenway Public Engagement Event

Venue: Horningsea Village Hall

Time: 14:00 – 19:00

Following the consultation, work is scheduled to start mid 2023 and will be completed by 2025.

https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/gcp-horningsea-greenway/widgets/50929/key_dates

The Save Honey Hill Cookbook

The Save Honey Hill Cookbook, full of some fantastic recipes from villagers and friends, is now on sale. £12.50 for one copy, or if you buy two or more, £10.00 each. Order now and we can deliver to you very soon. All profits to the SHH campaign, against the relocation of the Cambridge Sewage works to Honey Hill, between Horningsea, Fen Ditton and Quy.



<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/shh-cookbook/>

We still have calendars for sale too!

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

Anglian Water's submission will happen in January

You may have heard that Anglian Water had a meeting with the Planning Inspectorate in September and the meeting note has just been published on the Infrastructure website (see link below).

Anglian Water's submission to the Planning Inspectorate to relocate the sewage works is now expected 31st January 2023. The Save Honey Hill group has been preparing for this for more than two years and we will be objecting to building an industrial site in Green Belt. The timetable has not yet been published but the Planning Inspectorate has asked for a seven week period (extra week for Easter) for Representations.

The Save Honey Hill group will be having a general meeting in the New Year to explain what comes next. Contact [Save Honey Hill](#) if you would like to join the group or use the link below to subscribe to our newsletters:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/cambridge-waste-water-treatment-plant-relocation/>

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's Village Hero

Horningsea Parish Council voted unanimously to award this year's Village Hero title to Margaret Starkie

Margaret has done so much for the village over the years. To name but a few of her contributions to the wellbeing of Horningsea: as Company Secretary of the Community Pub Board, she worked very hard to put the Plough and Fleece on a sound footing, she served as a very effective chair of the HPC and is now the chair of the Save Honey Hill Group, campaigning to save our Green Belt.

Her experience, expertise, intelligence and sheer gutsy determination, not forgetting her superpower of being able to understand lengthy and mind numbing documents written in officialese, have all made her a real village hero and we can't thank her enough!



A 'Warm Hub' may come to Horningsea

Horningsea Pavilion may soon be the official home of Horningsea's Warm Hub sharing the event with Horningsea Adults and Toddlers group.



Warm Hubs

A Warm Hub is a friendly and inclusive place for all members of the community to attend. Although you may have to leave your home when the weather is cold or wet, the benefit of visiting a Warm Hub will probably outweigh braving the weather. The Hub will be warm, it will be welcoming, it will be run by local people who care about the local community. There will be (free) hot drinks and, possibly, other refreshments too. The Horningsea Warm Hub will be somewhere to socialise, take part in activities and enjoy the company of others,

The Warm Hub at Horningsea would be made possible thanks to grant funding from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System's South Place Partnership, via South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire ACRE.

The Horningsea Warm Hub is planning to open its doors for the first time on 13 December 2022 and will be open every Tuesday from 10.30am – 12 noon. You can find the Warm Hub at Horningsea Pavilion, High Street, Horningsea, Cambridge, CB25 9JG.

Look out for our sandwich board with the Warm Hubs logo on it. This will tell you that we're open, the kettle's on and that we're hoping to see you. Please just drop in.

If you have any questions, please speak to Sue Roberts -Tel 07783 047637

Email: Robertssa54@gmail.com

Last Stand on Honey Hill by Liz Cotton - Review

Catherine Morris

Following on from her very successful stint at the Edinburgh Fringe earlier this year, Save Honey Hill's very own comedy songstress, Liz Cotton, finally brought her show, Last Stand on Honey Hill, to The Junction on Saturday night. Liz has used a well-honed skill of writing comic songs to help her cope with all life can throw at her, including a billion pound private water company wanting to plonk its new sewage works on her doorstep. Fortunately for the Save Honey Hill campaign, Liz took umbrage with these plans and decided to hang her new show around her escapades with some of the Save Honey Hill campaigners who she came to know during the course of writing campaign songs and putting together a campaign choir (The Crap Community Choir).

Saturday night's show was a sell out and for good reason. Liz's reputation obviously preceded her and she did not disappoint – people had come from as far away as London. After briefly covering personal and family trials and tribulations, Liz proceeded to bring the audience up to speed with the ridiculous plans Anglian Water have for Honey Hill, ramming home with the use of video and photos, the beauty of the Fens landscape with resident wildlife, that's being targeted by Anglian Water as the new location for its industrial plant. Through the power of laughter, comedy and Liz's adorable cat, Purdy, we were all reminded of why we have spent the last couple of

years fighting this heinous plan and I for one am incredibly grateful to Liz for the injection of fun in what could otherwise have been a thoroughly miserable time fighting for our Green Belt.



At the end of the show, members of the It's Crap Community Choir were on hand to join Liz on stage to debut a new number, Honey Hill Honey. They were greeted with rapturous applause and I even spied some younger members of the audience clapping and nodding approvingly with more than a hint of respect for these oldies getting down and strutting their stuff in the name of protest.

The full review is on the [Save Honey Hill website](#)

[Horningsea Past and present](#)

Notes

Horningsea Parish Charities

The Trustees of Horningsea Parish Charities will be meeting at the beginning of December to work out how grants or gifts can be distributed around the Parish of Horningsea. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a special gift this year - slow cooker? Hot water bottle? Fleecy blanket? Thermos flask? Or anyone who is struggling to buy food for Christmas? Please contact the Trustees on horningseaparishcharities@googlegroups.com

Thanks to the HRA for collecting donations for the charity at the Christmas Tree Lighting.

The Trustees will continue to put food and household essentials in the church porch throughout December.

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

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>.

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!

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.