



Horningsea Snowdrops

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www.horningsea.net

To contribute to the Herald, please contact the editor by the 25th of the month at:

horningseanews@googlemail.com

Events

Horticultural AGM

Tuesday 7th March, 19:30, Horningsea Village Hall

The AGM of the Horningsea Horticultural Show will take place on Tuesday 7th March at 19:30 in the Village Hall, all are welcome. If you would like to help with the Show or join the Committee, please come along.

Horningsea's Easter Egg Bingo

Friday 10th March, 18:30, Horningsea Village Hall

Horningsea Social is delighted to be hosting the ever popular Easter Egg Bingo on Friday, 10th March at Horningsea Village Hall. This much-loved family event will kick off at 18.30 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 19:00.

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! Please bring your own drinks and glasses!

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4600>

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 19th March, 10.30, St Peter's Church

This will be a special family service when posies will be distributed to mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, to those who want to remember their own mothers ...

Lilly Goodbrand will be playing the organ and we hope that other village children will take part by reading (or singing!) - volunteers needed so please let Lindsay or Jennie

know if you would like to help (07855 282020). Liz Harrison is in charge of posy making - she will do this on Saturday morning so let her know if you can join her. We also want to give the church a Spring Clean in the week before - there will be a list of tasks that need doing (hoovering, mopping, cobwebbing, decluttering...). If you can spare half an hour, any day, any time, let Liz Harrison know. Thanks in advance!

Lent in the Three Parishes.

This year the three ordinands (trainee vicars!) are organising sessions each Wednesday evening in Horningsea Church looking at 'Prayer' - why do people pray? How do they pray? What do they pray? These sessions are open to everyone, whether or not you regard yourself as a regular church goer. So if you used to go to a church but stopped going, or if you go to the Baptist church or Methodists or Catholic Church or any other denomination you are really welcome to join in the discussion. The evening will be informal, with refreshments and hopefully lots of chatter. The first session is on Wednesday 1 March at 19.30 and then same time, same place on Wednesday 8 March, 15 March, 22 March, 29 March. You don't need to go each week - drop in if you can.

Church Services for March

- 5 March 10.30 Holy Communion
- 12 March 16.00 Village Service
- 19 March 10.30 Mothering Sunday Service
- 26 March 10.30 Joint Three Parishes Holy Communion

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4587>

Coffee in the Church

Coffee Morning in the church on 1 March, 15 March and 29 March from 10.30 followed by time of prayer at 12 noon.

Upcoming Events

Horningsea Coronation photographs

The Horningsea Residents Association (HRA) are planning to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation of Charles III by way of photographing all residents in Horningsea (with their permission of course) outside their homes. Peter Halford from The Square and Alan Duffy from Priory Road have kindly offered to undertake this task and will be doing so very shortly. We hope all of you will be enthusiastic but appreciate if you do not wish your photograph to be taken. This is the start of a new era and will become part of the history for the village of Horningsea. The photographs will be scaled down and put in a photo montage and displayed in the Horningsea Pavilion.

Events for the Coronation

Weekend of 6/8 May

The HRA and the church will be organising events throughout the weekend. There's more details on the [village website](#), which will be updated as plans become firmer:



- Live streaming of the Coronation on a large screen in the church from first thing on Saturday 6th May until the appearances on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.
 - Drop in for part of the day (or stay all day if you like).
 - Refreshments will be available all day
 - Exhibition of books about the Royal family collected by Vee over the last 80 years.
 - Exhibition of photographs of Royal occasions in the village since 1953
- Special Coronation Service on Sunday 7 May at 10.30
- Picnic on the village green on Sunday from 15:00.
 - Bring your own food.
 - Prosecco from the HRA
 - You are invited to bring cakes to share with all.
 - barrels of beer donated by our two wonderful pubs!
 - Ceilidh band covering a few sets through the afternoon and evening.
 - Beacon lighting
 - Party until late!
- Bells will Ring for the King at some point over the weekend

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4602>

HRA Dates for Diary 2023

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| ● Friday 10th March | Bingo/Fish & Chips |
| ● Wednesday 19th April – 12 noon | Senior's Lunch |
| ● Saturday 6th May/8th May | Coronation Celebrations |
| ● Saturday 1st July | Village Day |
| ● Saturday 15th July | Horticultural Show |
| ● Saturday 16th September | Apple Pressing |
| ● Sunday 5th November | Bonfire Night |
| ● Sunday 2nd December | Christmas Tree Lighting |
| ● Monday 22nd January 2024 | HRA AGM |

Watch the village website for the latest updates throughout the year:

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4589>

The Plough and Fleece - Open Again!

Robert Balm - Director Horningsea CIC

You may have noticed that the Plough and Fleece is open again. Under new management by a great team with John, Jack and Jules heading up the effort in the first four weeks. During this time the pub has had some work done and we've seen the cellar refreshed, new stock, new beers and new menus. The team is getting stuck in and are seeing the first successes in the pub. We're all enjoying the renewed energy. It's hard work but everyone carries a smile on their face!



Home-cooked, locally sourced everything

The pub is embracing the local community and extends that to the range of beers and local food served. In the past four weeks, local breweries have been contacted and we have seen local beers on tap. Milton, Moonshine and Brewboard breweries have all graced the pumps alongside a staple lager and a very nice, smooth pint of Guinness.

Jack is keen that the menu is locally sourced whenever possible. He is making sure that the food is home-cooked. I must say that the hand-cut beer-battered calamari is absolutely stunning. Oh, and did I mention that the legendary Suffolk Ham Hot Pot is back (see photo!)?

John is looking into getting the local farms to supply some of the produce so watch the specials board. It will be good when it arrives. The Sunday Lunches are now also on the menu and they are delicious. If you're lucky, you may still be able to get a booking for Mother's Day.



<https://www.ploughandfleece.co.uk/menu>

<https://www.ploughandfleece.co.uk/book-a-table>

Local, community pub for locals by locals

It has been fabulous to see locals come back to the pub on a Friday night (and some of you every other night of the week, I may have been guilty there myself). Thank you for your support! It has definitely helped. During the time that we needed to get the pub ready, people have been helping out with fixing plumbing, electrics, cleaning, gardening and in the kitchen. Community support has been great and more pledges of support have been given by people. So thank you all very much! You know who you are.

I have also seen the community clubs gather in the pub again. There are singers on a Thursday evening and I believe that the Alfa Romeo club is back on a Wednesday. I have also heard noises that the Austin Seven and Citroen 2CV club might be back soon. The regional champions Horningsea Pétanque team will of course be playing on

Wednesday again this summer so there is plenty to be entertained by during the warm summer evenings.

Spring is in the air

With spring just starting it is great to look forward to some big date coming up. Mother's day, May bank holiday, Easter are all coming up and we're looking forward to spending some good times in the garden. I would say that this is a great time to make a new start. I am looking forward to a new chapter for the Plough and Fleece. Come and join us in the pub for a great time!

On behalf of the Horningsea Community Interest Company, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped out and I look forward to seeing you in the pub!

Horningsea Planning

UPDATE: Anglian Water has withdrawn their DCO application for the relocation of the Cambridge Sewage Works

You may have heard that Anglian Water has withdrawn its Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the relocation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant yesterday (22nd Feb 2023). They have informed the Planning Inspectors that they will resubmit.

There were a few minutes of elation in the villages of Horningsea and Fen Ditton before we realised that this is not at all unusual in DCO Projects.

The withdrawal is probably in response to some queries from National Infrastructure and we fully expect Anglian Water to resubmit within a few weeks. So this will result in a delay before the Examination begins.

Anglian Water submitted a [letter](#) about the withdrawal.

This makes no difference to Save Honey Hill plans to make Relevant Representations as an Interested Party and to object to the project.

If you have any queries please contact us.

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/dco-application-on-hold-as-anglian-water-withdraw-their-application/>

What you can do

- [Sign up for updates](#) (now).
- Register as an Interested Party (once application is accepted).
- Send in a Relevant Representation (once you are accepted as an Interested Party).

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

Notes

Horningsea Short Story Competition 2023

Get your writing brains fired up for this year's entries on the theme of 'close'.

You can interpret the theme in any way you like - the more original the better - and enter as many stories as you can write.

As before, there will be children's and young people's prizes too.

Details of deadlines, entry fees and prizes to be announced in March, but meanwhile all offers of help, donations of prizes and sponsorship are welcome!

Contact franjohnstone@me.com

Author of the Vita Carew Mysteries

<https://amzn.to/3IRhJqb>

New Life, the Parish Magazine

New Life is the Parish Magazine produced by the churches in Horningsea, Fen Ditton and Teversham. It costs £5 a year to subscribe and ensures you are kept up to date with whatever is going on in the Three Parishes. If you don't already get a copy let one of the Church Wardens know and you can be added to the list!

Care Together

Care together is a programme led by Cambridgeshire County Council in collaboration with our partners and local communities. The aim is to help more older people to remain living independently and happily in their own home for longer. It will change the way care and support for older people in the community is commissioned and delivered.

To ensure that it is helpful for you, we would like your participation in answering an online questionnaire.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/36MHL6/>

If you do not have access to the internet, please call 01954 286 002 or 07771 545 674 Monday – Friday between 9am – 2pm to request a paper copy or if you prefer to answer the questions over the telephone instead of on paper or online. Please leave a contact number if asked to do so. Outside of these hours paper copies can be requested via the email care.together@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

In some communities there will be central collection and return points for printed questionnaires, so please check with your local library or Parish Council office for this option.

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.