



Spring in Horningsea

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www.horningsea.net

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Events

HRA Seniors Lunch

Wednesday, 19th April, 12:00 for 12.30, Village Hall

Horningsea Residents Association are pleased to be able to host Seniors lunch again this year after a 4 year absence.

If you are over 60 years old you are invited to lunch in the village hall on Wednesday 19 April 12:00 for 12.30. We kick things off with a glass of wine before a sit down lunch.

If you don't receive an invite through your door we may have missed your big birthday and not have you on our list of over 60's!

We would love you to join us and if you can let Pauline, Nicola, Carolyn, Debs or Julie know by 12 April, this is a sit down lunch so we do need numbers beforehand.

If you haven't been before it is a really lovely occasion and we look forward to seeing you there.

Concert in St Peter's Church

Saturday 22nd April, 19:30, St Peters Church

On Saturday 22nd April, 19:30 there will be a concert given by the Zephyrus Recorder Quartet along with readings by the Horningsea Mechanicals in St Peter's Church, Horningsea. David Williams, our Lay Minister, will also play pieces on the lute

The pieces range from the baroque period to modern day They will be varied in style and selection of instruments, with different sizes of recorder and occasionally voice.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the church.

Art Exhibition in St Peter's

Saturday 22nd, 11:00 to 16:00, Sunday 23rd 11:30 to 16:00, St Peters Church

On the Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April there will be an art exhibition given by StudioCB25 in St Peter's Church, Horningsea.

The small group meets regularly in Horningsea, each person pursuing their own interests and approaches. This is the first opportunity to hold such an exhibition since pre-covid days so we look forward to welcoming you to come in and have a look around. Paintings, prints and drawings will be on display, along with cards and will be available for purchase

Opening times are Saturday 11am to 4pm, Sunday 11:30am to 4pm. Rev'd Canon Ben Quash will take a service on the Sunday morning on Art and Christianity, 10.30 - 11.30am

Easter at St Peters Church

The preparations for Easter begin with a **Palm Sunday service at 10.30** in Fen Ditton on Sunday 2 April. On Monday 3 April there will be a **Service of Compline** at 19.30 at St Peters Church. Compline is a traditional late evening, contemplative service and is always very special. There will be services of Compline in Teversham on 4th and Fen Ditton on 5 April.

On **Tuesday 4 April the Pilgrim Cross** will be walking through the village on their way from London to Walsingham in Norfolk. They expect to arrive in Horningsea at just after 10am. You can't miss them - about 18 people carrying a large cross coming through the fields from Baits Bite and along the High Street to the church. Do join in and walk with them, even if it is just through the village. Refreshments will be on offer in the church as the pilgrims dry out, check for blisters, sing and then head off again across the fields to Lode. Do come and meet them.

On **Good Friday** 7 April there will be a quiet service at 12 noon.

On **Easter Day Sunday** 9 April the special Easter Service will be at 10.30. This will be a service suitable for all the family (there may even be an egg or two ...)

- 2nd April, 10:30 - Palm Sunday service (Fen Ditton)
- 3rd April, 19:30 - Service of Compline (St Peters Church) - Also Services of Compline at Teversham (4th) and Fen Ditton (5th).
- 4th April, after 10:00 - The pilgrims walking to Walsingham will arrive.
- 7th April, 12:00, Good Friday service (St Peters Church)
- 9th April, 10:30, Easter Sunday (St Peters Church)

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4623>

Upcoming Events

Photographing Horningsea - 'In celebration of the villagers of Horningsea'

The Horningsea Residents Association

As part of the village Coronation celebrations in May, you may recall the HRA proposed taking a photograph of every villager to be part of a larger montage.

We plan to unveil the montage at the village Coronation Day celebrations on Sunday the 7th May, and then permanently display in the village hall.



Over the Easter break and through April, Peter Halford and Alan Duffy have kindly offered to go door-to-door in the village with a view to getting as many photographs of us village folk as possible.

Alan and Peter can take your photo outside your house, in the street, walking your dog or in the pub – whatever you feel most comfortable with.

If you prefer you could email a picture of your own to: horningseaphotos@googlegroups.com Some of you may not want your picture taking at all, and of course that's fine as well.

You may want to have several people in the photo, the Square, Sargent's Yard or Dock Lane for example, may want to photograph themselves together - Whatever works for you.

While we have no intention of sharing the end montage on social media or elsewhere, the picture will be on permanent public display in the village hall.

Over Easter and during April, Peter and Alan will be going around the village making this happen and we hope you will get involved.

Thanks for your ongoing support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Coronation celebration on Sunday the 7th May at the Village Hall from 15:00

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. But here's an overview of the weekend:

Saturday 6th May

- Live streaming of the Coronation on a large screen in the church from first thing 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
- Horningsea Coronation mugs will be available to distribute to Horningsea children and to sell.

Sunday 7th May

Special Coronation Service

- Service at 10:30 in St Peter's church

Picnic and Ceilidh

- Picnic on the village green from 15:00 until late
- BYO food
- Prosecco and barrels of beer – free to villagers
- Invite villagers to bring a selection of cakes to share
- [Stomp Happy](#) Ceilidh, two to three sets throughout the evening from 19:00
- Beacon lighting at dusk
- Party until late.
- Display of the village photo – *Everyone In the village photographed ahead of the day and presented on one large picture to be hung in the village hall.*
- Photos will also be taken on the day of everyone there.

Monday 8th May

- At 11:00 the bell ringers will “Ring for the King” – come and watch or sit in your garden and listen!
- At 14:00 the Friends of Horningsea church invite you to volunteer to work on a wildlife project in the churchyard.
- Cleanup

Coronation weekend celebrations : more details!

Here are some more details about specific events over the weekend

Coronation Day Saturday 6th May - the church will be open all day with live streaming of the events in London on a large screen. The screening will start first thing

(come and have breakfast!) and continue all day until the Royal party gather on the balcony at Buckingham Palace. Refreshments will be on sale all day. You can come for the whole day or just pop in for a short while.

The church will also host an exhibition of books about the Royal family that Vee has collected over 80 years - from Queen Victoria to Prince Harry's new book "Spare"! Photographs and memorabilia from earlier Royal celebrations will be on display too.

Horningsea Coronation mugs will be available to distribute to Horningsea children and to sell.

Sunday 7th May at 10.30 - there will be a special Coronation Service, before the HRA take over organising the events on the Village Green in the afternoon and evening. The Horningsea Coronation mugs will be available on the Village Green too.

Bank holiday Monday 8th May - At 14:00 the Friends of Horningsea church invite you to volunteer to work on a wildlife project in the churchyard. It is hoped that we can do enough conservation work to apply for a Bronze medal. Tasks will include making signs showing where our bug hotel is based, making a hover fly lagoon, checking our churchyard is hedgehog friendly with drinking areas, noting the spring flowers and early summer flowers growing at the margins.... And looking for bugs, butterflies, bees, birds, bats and anything else beginning with "b"!

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

HRA Dates for Diary 2023

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| • 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>

[Horningsea Planning](#)

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/>

Do remember to [sign up for updates](#) with the Planning Inspectorate to be updated on Anglian Water's DCO application when it is re-submitted.

[Reports](#)

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

HVHT and HMGT annual chairman's report for 2023

Michael Hellowell, chairman Horningsea village hall trust (HVHT) & Horningsea Millenium Green Trust (HMGT)

Recent Past - As expected, both trusts have had a rather quieter year or so, because of our need to pick-up after Covid-19 Pandemic, although access to the hall has been unrestricted since earlier with 'changing' government rules. Even outside events on the green have not been happening as often as we'd have liked. Charity Commission Trustee Records & Annual Returns are up to date and we've again acquired NNDR Zero Business Rate exemption. Other grants from SCDC, have not been awarded to us during 2022/23, but Insurances and Licence renewals, ACRE membership have all been paid/renewed. Amending bookings/cancellations/ returning deposits, agreeing access/licences for geo surveys for the proposed Anglian Water relocation of new sewage works etc have also taken up a fair proportion of time during last 12 months.

Trustees - We lost 1 trustee before our last AGM with Jayne Neale finding her work pressures too hectic to give sufficient time to the Trusts. Thanks and appreciation was extended to her, we now have 8 trustees remaining having warmly welcomed Marilyn Dew as representative of our Horticultural Society, but we look to recruit a Toddler Group representative and A N Other?

Recent Achievements - Thanks to John/Sue for re-cording the flagpole and refurbishing the flags, Paul Kemp repaired post and rail fences, Alan Leader has just re-decorated the interior of the hall and we now have Cambridge Fibre's improved WiFi installed. For the green, we must again congratulate our groundsmen for superb grass cutting, Marilyn and Gary for the Daffodil bulb planting, Richard for tending the bank beside the pond, John H for the superb clean-up of the southern ditch, plus fitting the 'Sheffield' cycle stands and Richard for his very recent re-seeding of the bank of spoil. Our appreciation also goes to Scotsdales for the kind donation of the Java Teak garden bench to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Finance - Thanks again to the income from earlier Covid Grants and more recently ACRE/SCDC grant for our 15 recently run 'Warm Hub' meetings by Sue and Michael, our wealth remains good for the hall, whereas finances for the green remain less wealthy over the last twelve months with no income from marquees, plus a need for pond/ditch maintenance. More information/figures later from both our treasurers. Hall/Green letting fees were increased at the start of 2023 and will be reviewed more regularly so as to keep abreast of 'rocketing electricity rates' and new WiFi charges, until our bookings have again resumed and business and utility rates becomes more 'back to normal'. Alternative HVHT/HMGT bankers to Barclays are being considered.

Future Plans - Our applications to SCDC's Zero Carbon Community Grant (with replacement heaters in mind) were sadly unsuccessful. A further round of SCDC applications have been invited and we ought to submit another application during 2022/23. Our renewing Hallmark status has again been promoted by Cambs ACRE, for our decision. A quotation for paving the apron in front of hall main entrance was obtained, but this was considered fairly expensive, so other plans / quotes are still needed for more consideration. We fit out a new wall cupboard for sound equipment and generally tidied up our storage facilities. Replacement roller blinds were purchased and some have already been fitted in the hall. A new cupboard in cloakroom is to be fitted to house our re-sited electricity meter.

Summary - We remain delighted to continue our close working relationships with HPC, HRA, Parish Church, Horticultural group, Toddlers, Musicians, Artists and all regular hall hirers. We are also more recently giving all support possible our SHH Action group.

As chairman, I wish to thank my fellow officers and all fellow trustees for their invaluable input. Although being slightly biased, from the Chair I recognise and thank Pauline on behalf of us all for her tireless work with bookings, cancellations, collection, banking of fees and return of deposits. Furthermore, Garrick was welcomed and deserves thanking for grasping the task of keeping the hall clean and tidy over the past 12 months, to now handover to a new volunteer Alan for the future.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4627>

Crossing the Line

John Wilson

There is one day that will always be fixed in a deep sea sailor's memory and that is the first time you cross the equator. bProbably a tradition that has now been diluted with modern health and safety, but nevertheless an important occasion in the life of a sailor

The tradition is basically an initiation ceremony on young, old, men and women who dare to venture into Neptune's kingdom which is marked by the equator.

On cargo ships it could be quite ruthless. At the given hour of convenience as the ship passed over the equator Neptune would board the ship with his entourage and set up on the deck his courtroom. All crew would be mustered with no exception and asked to reveal to his henchmen those who had entered his kingdom illegally.



Of course it was all well organised theatre and those who were accused or denounced by the Captain and Crew would be set upon by his policemen, dragged in front of Neptune and sentenced. First they were shaved then dunked in grease and oil before being thrown into a makeshift swimming pool or tub. After the ceremony Neptune usually put on a party and the day is rounded off with homemade entertainment, including lashings of beer and food, and the presentation of

a much treasured certificate giving you free passage across the line on future voyages. There were two of us on my first trip to sea and I can remember it took a long time to clean up afterwards.

On passenger ships this was looked on as one of the activities for entertaining passengers and was a much gentler affair, more of a carnival day, you may have seen them on some of the cruise programs or programs on the Royal navy. At the end of the day no one is spared whatever rank. The two passenger ships I was on, the City of York and City of Durban were no exemption. Only this time, as apprentices we were the police charged in rounding up the wrong doers, before delivering them to the court of Neptune.



Perhaps on modern day cargo ships this tradition no longer carries on. The crews are small, and apart from taking over from your watch mate, you hardly ever see anyone else. The most exciting thing on the voyage is to look forward to a change of container outside your port hole blocking any view. Will it be a green one or a red one or perhaps a refrigerated container which bursts into life as you just close your eyes? I doubt if you would even see Neptune and his entourages arrive.

Notes

Horningsea Community Hub

Sue Roberts

As winter changes to spring, Horningsea Warm Hub is changing to Horningsea Community Hub. The venue will be the same, Horningsea Pavilion, but the name and day of the week are changing. So, from 10th April, the Community Hub will no longer be sharing its time with Horningsea Toddlers on Tuesdays but will be held from 10.30 – 12.00 on Mondays.

As before, everybody is welcome and those who visit will be provided with (free) tea or coffee and refreshments and the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of other local people. So, we hope to continue to be a warm (and friendly) hub where you can spend a relaxing hour on a Monday morning socialising with other members of our little community.

Look out for our sandwich board which will tell you that we're open, the kettle's on and that we are looking forward to seeing you.

Horningsea Short Story Competition 2023

You are invited to enter the third Horningsea Short Story Competition. There are separate classes for young people and adults. This competition is open to all writers, but please check the rules. Entrants are welcome to submit more than one story (tell your friends!), but a fee is payable for each entry.

- Theme for adult and teenager entries : Close
- Theme for children's entries: A Close Thing

Adults' competition: 1st prize £50, 2nd prize £25

Over 16s should submit a short story of a maximum length of 2000 words.

Competition for writers aged under 12 on May 31st 2023. 1st prize £15 book token

Young people aged 12 years and under should submit a story of a maximum length of 500 words.

Competition for writers aged 12-16 years on May 31st 2023. 1st prize £20 book token

Young people aged 12-16 years should submit a story of a maximum length of 1000 words.

Entry fee: £1 for young people; £5 for adults per entry.

Deadline: May 31st 2023 for all age groups.

Application form is attached to the covering email.

Rules and conditions.

All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Stories must not have won a competition before and must not have been published.

All stories must be within the word limit for the age group.

All stories must have been delivered by email or by hand before the deadline of midnight on May 31st 2023.

All stories must be written in English. The theme can be interpreted in any way. Each story must have a title that is different from the theme.

Stories will be judged anonymously by an independent panel. Entrants must not put their name or any other identifying details on their story. Instead, they should include a separate electronic file or sheet of paper to accompany their story on which they put their name, address and a contact telephone number/email address _as well as the title of their story_. Pages should be numbered and each page should include the title of the story as a header.

Emailed entries should be sent to: fran@fransmithwriting.co.uk. If you wish to pay the entry fee electronically, you should ask for details when you send your entry.

Entries being delivered by hand can be left at St John's Barn, St John's Lane, Horningsea and should include the entry fee in cash.

The judges' decisions will be final. Brief comments will be given on the winning children's entries only.

Winners in each category will be announced at a book event in St Peter's Church, Horningsea on Saturday, June 17th. The full details of the event will be announced later, but it will include book sales and talks by local authors. Winners will be invited to attend and read part of their story aloud.

If writers wish to be included, a paperback anthology of stories will be published. Previous anthologies of winning stories are available on Amazon.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=Horningsea+writers>

This event is usually supported by Horningsea Residents' Association. If any profit is made, it will be donated to St Peter's Church, Horningsea to cover the costs of hosting the prize giving celebration.

Horningsea Coronation Mugs

An anonymous donor will provide a Horningsea Coronation Mug for every child in the village who is under the age of 16 on 6 May 2023.

In order to make sure no child is missed out we need to collect the name, address and date of birth of every child. Because of data protection we need to ask you to write

your child/children's details on a slip of paper, put in an envelope and pop into a box that will be in the church porch from this weekend until 1 May 2023. The slips will be destroyed once the mugs have been distributed on the Coronation weekend 6/7/8 May.

There will be some extra mugs available to purchase over the weekend. They will cost about £5 each.

If you want more details you can email Ldathorningsea@gmail.com

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!

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.