



*Blue moon over Horningsea (Peter Halford)*

**Horningsea Herald**

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[www.horningsea.net](http://www.horningsea.net)

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[horningseanews@googlemail.com](mailto:horningseanews@googlemail.com)

## Events

### ***Horningsea Harvest Festival***

**Sunday 8th October, 16.00, St Peter's Church**

The Annual Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 8th October at 16.00. Liz Harrison is in charge of decorating the church so if you can help with doing flower arrangements, if you have fruit or vegetables that could form part of the display please get in touch with her. Please bring fruit and vegetables to the service so that they can be brought up to the altar during the service.

The service will be family friendly and will include a quiz, a short report on how the harvest has been for our farmers and allotment holders and a short report on a film being made about Regenerative Farming.

After the service the produce will be sold to raise money for Farm Africa, a charity the church has supported for many years. There will also be a delicious Harvest Tea! So come along with your family and friends to celebrate our village Harvest!

### ***A Musical Miscellany: from Baroque to The Beatles***

**Sunday 15th October, 12 noon to 13.00, St Peter's Church**

A Lunchtime Concert at St Peter's Church Horningsea on Sunday 15 October from 12 noon to 13.00 by the Cambridge Vocal Consort. Free entry but there will be a retiring collection - Flyer is attached.

## ***St Peter's Church services during October***

- Sunday 1st October - 10.30 - Holy Communion
- Sunday 8th October - 16.00 - Harvest Festival Service and Harvest Tea
- Sunday 15th October - 10.30 - Holy Communion

On the other Sundays there will be a service in Fen Ditton on 22 Oct at 10.30 and in Teversham on 29 Oct at 10.30

Coffee and time to pray at Horningsea between 10.30 - 12.30 on 11 Oct and 25 Oct and at Fen Ditton on the other Wednesdays.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4876>

## **Upcoming Events**

### ***HRA Dates for Diary 2023***

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| • 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>

## ***A Time To Remember***

### **Saturday 4th November, 15.00, St Peter's Church**

As the beginning of November includes All Saints Day and All Souls Day, this year there will be a short service at St Peter's Church on Saturday 4th November at 15.00 when we will remember all those from the village who have died in the last year. Families are also invited to come along and ask us to remember their loved ones whenever and wherever they died. It would be good for families to make sure the family grave is tidy for that day. If you don't have a family grave, why not "adopt" a grave that looks as if it would benefit from some love and attention. At the end of the service candles will be distributed. These can be placed on the family's grave or in front of the Memorial Stone. We hope that the names of those who have died recently will have been inscribed on the stone in time for the service.

## **Reports**

Please send in photos or reports of any village events to [horningseanews@gmail.com](mailto:horningseanews@gmail.com)

### ***Petanque: Final update of league 2023.***

*Dave Willis*

The Plough and Fleece retained the league title this season, by 1 point. So a very close season this year with the top three. Unfortunately we were knocked out of the cup in the semi final. A big thanks to the Plough and Fleece for great food and putting up with us, John Cross and team. Well done team James(captain), Dave, Rob, Matt, Mel, John, Mick, Serge. A great season again (photo above is from last year!!)



Finally two of the Plough and Fleece players won the silver in the Champion of Champions tournament. So congratulations to Serge and Mick!



## ***MacMillan coffee morning: Report***

**Wednesday 27th September**

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in making the MacMillan Coffee morning a success - by baking cakes, providing raffle prizes, making coffee and washing up! Thank you for coming along and contributing too. The total raised and sent to Macmillans was a grand £410 - which includes £50 raised by Lesley Helier in Fen Ditton from the sale of cards. Well done everyone!

## ***Hertfordshire Puddingstone***

*Keith Long*

I found this piece of Hertfordshire puddingstone on the edge of a field in Clayhithe on my morning walk. These are extremely hard natural rocks used by Saxons and Romans to grind corn.

Linked to fertility and able to ward off demons.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puddingstone\\_\(rock\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puddingstone_(rock))

## **Notes**

### ***Bell Ringing at St Peter's Church Horningsea this autumn***

The Bell Ringers usually practise twice a month in Horningsea and twice a month in Landbeach, however the Landbeach Tower will be out of action from mid September to mid December. They have commissioned two additional bells so their Tower has to be reorganised for the new bells to be hung. During the autumn all practices will therefore take place in Horningsea on Friday evenings from 19.00 to 20.30. If you would like to try your hand at ringing, would like to revive old Bell Ringing skills or would like to take on a new hobby please come along to Horningsea Church any Friday evening. It is a good idea to let Barbara (Tower captain) know you plan to come. Her email address is [blegallez@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blegallez@yahoo.co.uk)

## ***The Plough and Fleece***

After the kitchen refurbishment our village community pub goes from strength to strength. Head Chef Gavin did wonderfully with the Summer menu and now the new Autumn menu has just been released with veg grown locally by Kate in the village. Booking is essential for our 'Famous' Sunday Lunches and bookings for Christmas functions being taken.



This Halloween join us for a Spooktastic Halloween party. 28th October at 19:00. A Spooky menu with a prize for the spookiest costume! See attached flyer for more details.

Please do visit our Facebook page and please do share and like. It really does help us spread the word.

<https://www.facebook.com/ploughandfleece>

Here's the Autumn menu:

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



## ***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.