



A damp start to the Horningsea New Year



Events

Horningsea Residents Association (HRA) AGM

Monday 22nd January, Village Hall

Come along and learn about the HRA. We aim to provide social events for residents throughout the year. Our regular events include International Evening (where residents bring dishes to share), Village Day (with live entertainment, a bouncy castle and more), Fish and Chip bingo, Apple Press day, a Seniors dinner and our big event being the Bonfire and Firework display in November. We also decorate the village for Christmas.

Would you like to get involved? We would love to have some new members and the AGM is a great time to come forward.

See you there!

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4982>

St Peter's Church services during January

- **Sunday 7th January** – the church will celebrate The Epiphany – the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem, following the star. This is a chance to sing the Epiphany carols, so if you are missing carol singing, this could be another chance to sing!
- **Sunday 14th January** – instead of the usual 16.00 service we are lucky to be able to go to The Fitzwilliam with Ben Quash at 15.00 – places are limited so email Nick.moir@3parishes.org if you would like to join the expedition. Ben is Professor of Christianity and the Arts at Kings College London. He will be showing us a number of Epiphany paintings. It should be a fascinating afternoon.

- **Sunday 21st January 10.30** Holy Communion at Horningsea

The joint service on 28th January will be in Teversham.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5021>

Upcoming Events

HRA Dates for Diary 2024

- Monday 22nd January 2024 HRA AGM
- Saturday 3rd February 2024 International Evening

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

<https://www.horningsea.net>

HRA International Evening

Saturday 3rd February, 19:00, Village hall.

The next Horningsea International Night is in the Village Hall hosted by the Horningsea Residents Association.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5028>

Reports

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

Thank you from St Peter's church

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the church for the Carol Service and other Christmas services - and for taking part, singing, playing, reading, dressing up at the Nativity, and coming as part of the congregation to all the services. If you enjoyed the services and would like to help put the candles etc. away, why not come along on Saturday 6th January at 10.30 for an hour or so. We will probably have another tidying and clearing session on Saturday 13th January too!

Mary Muhr Award for contribution to the life of Horningsea

The Horningsea Church Council decided to award the 2023 award for a contribution to the life of the village to Vee Saunders. Vee has participated and contributed to every aspect of village life - the Church, as church warden and member of the Church Council for years, treasurer of the Horticultural Show, at one time she was the chairman of the HRA, committee member of Friends of Horningsea Church Vee cares about so many people in the Village whether they are long term residents or if they have only recently moved here. She is a worthy winner of the Mary Muhr award.

Horningsea Advent Windows 2023

Once again a splendid effort by Horningsea residents to decorate their windows in the fourth Horningsea Advent Windows. Well done to Liz Harrison for organising.





More photos on the village website:

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/4990>

Notes

2024 Local Highways Improvement Bids and Horningsea Greenways update

Will Neale - chair Horningsea Parish Council

As some of you may know the Parish Council applies annually for Local Highways Improvements (LHI) funding. LHI's are delivered by the County Council on a joint-funded basis and applicants can apply for funding of up to either £25,000 for complex projects or £10,000 for non-complex projects, as a contribution to their scheme. The PC is expected to provide a minimum contribution of 10% towards the total scheme cost.

The applications need to be submitted by the 12th of January so time is limited for the applications to be written.

In previous years we have been successful in obtaining funding for the 40mph buffer zone at each end of the village as well as the NVAS unit (the mobile flashing speed sign).

It is key to add that the applications are scored and priorities on a matrix-style system therefore it's important to obtain village support! As part of this process, I have included a poll which I would be grateful if you could use.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HorningseaResidentsAssociation/permalink/6919787451441280/>

We are looking to put forward two applications one via the PC and the other via the RHA. The proposed applications will be:

1. Application one

Given the greenway works that are ongoing and very much focusing on the south end of the village, the PC is keen to address the north end of the village. Given the LHI funding availability, we cannot simply apply for the works as for example to continue the footpath to the end of the village would cost £30,000.

As such as a first step, the proposed application will be to employ the Highways design team to fully design a scheme to include the below. The PC will continue to work with the Local Authorities to obtain funding for its implication (maybe in phases) via government funds or 106 monies, but either way, we need the scheme designed first.

- Continuation of the footpath to link into the field gate just beyond the village gates
- Road improvements to slow vehicles as they enter the village, with the construction of an Island or similar
- Road calming measures between Gayton Farm and Manor Farm

- Road calming measures between Clayhithe and Horningsea

The cost for this design work is £6,000

2. Application two

To apply for a second NVAS unit. We have seen at least a 10% reduction in speeding with the current NVAS unit, so we are looking at having one at each end of the village.

The existing unit, although working, has stopped collecting data which would be very helpful to the PC in any other similar applications.

The cost for the NVAS unit is £5,750

3. Horningsea Greenways Update

The Parish Council have raised all the feedback from residents with the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) and have a meeting in the diary with the GCP and their design team on the 12th January. Updates will be put out in the village Horningsea Residents Facebook group and in February's Herald.

Please do direct any comments to wneale@horningsea-pc.co.uk

Save Honey Hill update - Are you an "Affected Person"?

The [agenda](#) for the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on Tuesday, 9th January has been published on the [National Infrastructure Planning Website \(CAH 9 Jan Agenda\)](#).

It is worth checking because some residents in Horningsea, Fen Ditton and Waterbeach are included as "Affected Persons".

- [Book of reference](#) – this is land which is proposed to be subject to Powers of compulsory acquisition, Rights to use the land or Rights to carry out protective work. As an example, this could be temporary possession of a footpath.
- [Compulsory acquisition schedule \(Permanent or temporary\)](#) – this refers to the plot numbers in the Book of References and the current state of any negotiation [CA schedule](#)
- [Land Plans](#) show the plots of land by number.

All three documents are searchable.

The [agenda](#) was only just published so you can still ask to attend the hearing, either in person or virtually, by phoning 0303 444 3201 or emailing CambridgeWWTPr@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/attention-are-you-an-affected-person/>

New hymn books in the church

The church plans to update the hymn book that is used every week. In the next few weeks we will be asking if anyone is interested in contributing by sponsoring a hymn book! Watch this space to see how you can join in!

Bellringing update

The pattern of ringing will be changing. Until the new bells are in place in Landbeach church (hopefully by February - but don't hold your breath...) ringing practice will continue once a week. After the Landbeach bells are in place ringing practice will reduce to once a month in Horningsea. The other change is that from January practice will move from Friday to Wednesday. The first Wednesday practice will be on 3 January. The times will be the same i.e 19:00 to 20.30. We will keep all of this under review.

The Plough and Fleece

If anyone has any resolutions for healthy eating or to stop drinking, you can stop reading now - for everyone else here's an update on the coming months from us at The Plough and Fleece, Horningsea..

New Menu - From Wednesday 10th January we will roll out our new year menu, available for lunch and dinner, Wednesday to Saturday. With a 'Light options' menu alongside this at lunch time.

Tuesday 16th January - Quiz Night is back! Running fortnightly. Prove you're more 'Paxman' than 'Pac-Man'. There are no weakest links here.

Burns Night Supper - Thursday 25th January, we will be hosting a 4 course dinner to celebrate the Scottish Poet Robert Burns. A Scottish influenced menu, ode to the haggis and plenty of Whisky! Kilts welcome, Underwear preferred!

Our ever popular **Fish and Chip Fridays** continue, 2 for £22.

And our renowned Sunday Roasts are already filling up, so booking early is always advised.

Throughout the year we will be raising money for the Arthur Rank Hospice charity. This will be advertised regularly, all help and support will be greatly appreciated and make such a difference. As always we are grateful for your support as we continue to build the pub to see it back performing the role of hub for the community.

So as you support us we'll endeavour to help and support you. Coffee mornings, meetings, fundraisers and other community initiatives, we'll be glad to support.

All that leaves is for us to wish our friends and followers a happy and prosperous 2024 and we look forward to seeing you soon. 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>

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.