



Friends of Horningsea Church visit to Jesus College Gardens!

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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

St Peter's Horningsea Annual church Parish meeting

Sunday 12th May, 16.45 - after the Village Service

The annual church meeting will take place in church after the Village Service on 12 May. This is your opportunity to hear a review of the year, the church finances, the plans for the future as well as voting for churchwardens and members of the Church Council. If you would like to join the church electoral register please contact Liz Harrison before the meeting. If you would like to join the PCC and/ or get more involved in the organisation of the church, then come along on 12 May.

Brand new for 2024 - HRA Popup Cinema

Saturday, 18th May, Village Green

Horningsea Residents Association are planning a cinema night for the village.

- When -- Saturday 18th May.
- Where -- on the village green.
- Time -- 18:00.
- Cost -- free of charge for all.
- What do you need to bring -- something to sit on, picnic, drinks, popcorn.
- Film -- to be confirmed but will be suitable for all.

More information on this family friendly evening is coming up on social media or look out for posters going up around the village.

St Peters Church services for May

- **Sunday 5th May, Rogation Day** - you need to put your walking boots on and join in a walk to Anglesey Abbey for lunch, and if you are feeling particularly energetic, on to Teversham for a service and tea! Traditionally Rogation Day was the day the Parish "Beat the Bounds" and the crops were blessed. There will be a service in Horningsea at 10.30 and the walk will set off from the church at about 11.30/11.45. Do come along.
- **Sunday 12th May** - Village Service at 16.00 in the church followed by the annual meeting.
- **Sunday 19th May** - A service of Holy Communion at 10.30.
- **Thursday 9 May, Ascension Day** - a Service in Teversham at 18.30 followed by a curry in the Teversham Indian restaurant
- **Thursday 16 May** - There will be three parishes Pilgrimage to Leicester Cathedral leaving Fen Ditton at 9am by minibus. If you would like to join the pilgrimage contact the Vicar, Nick Moir on [nick.moir@3parishes.org](mailto:nick.moir@3parishes.org)

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5160>

Upcoming Events

HRA Dates for Diary 2024

- Saturday 18th May 2025 **Film Night – Secret Cinema**
- Saturday 8th June 14:00-16:00 – **80 years since D-Day**
- Saturday 29th June – **Village Day – Vintage Theme**
- Sunday 30th June – **St Peter’s Church Day**
- Saturday 13th July **Horticultural Show**
- Saturday 28th September 14:00 **Apple Pressing**
- Sunday 3rd November **Bonfire Night**
- Sunday 1st December **Christmas Tree Lighting**
- Monday 27th January 2025 **HRA AGM**
- Saturday 8th February 2025 from 18.30 **International Evening**

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

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5059>

Horningsea Parish Council meetings for 2024

- 29th May, 19:30 Village hall
- 17th July, 19:30 Village hall
- 25th September, 19:30 Village hall
- 27th November, 19:30 Village hall

<https://www.horningsea.net/community-parish-council>

Horningsea School Reunion

Sunday 2nd June 14.00 - 16.00

If you - or members of your family - went to school in Horningsea then come along to the School Reunion on Sunday 2 June at 14:00. You can meet up with old friends, chat about Horningsea in times past, look at old school photos to see who you can identify and enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake. Please pass this message on to anyone you know who would like to come along.

Environment Sunday: Events in Horningsea Church and Churchyard: Friends of Horningsea Church

Sunday 2nd June

15.00 to 17.00 - come and explore the wildlife in Horningsea Churchyard- find out how many moths were trapped in the churchyard overnight, and help identify them. Check whether bugs and beetles have been using our Bug Hotel. Can you find any sign of the hedgehogs who live in the churchyard - or foxes or small mammals who regard the churchyard as a home. Look into the hedges to see how many varieties of fruiting plants we have - can you see any bird nests?

Horningsea churchyard is alive with wildlife, help us to make a record of what can be found in 2024. Help us apply for an Eco Church award.

Six inches of soil - the acclaimed film will be shown in Horningsea Church on Sunday 2 June at 18.00. The film explores the inspiring story of British farmers standing up to the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food - to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities. We owe our whole existence to six inches of topsoil -and rain! Regenerative farming - farming as our ancestors did - is becoming the new way to farm. Colin Ramsay, the Director of the film who lives in Horningsea, will give an introduction to the film and will be able to answer questions at the end.

The film was shown to great acclaim at the COP 28 conference in December 2023 and has sold out at showings all over the country. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance at \$10 a ticket

<http://kinema.com/events/six-inches-of-soil-1h4eql>

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5141>

(Apologies that you have to pay in \$!)

Contact churchwardenhorningsea@gmail.com

Reports

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

Save Honey Hill update: End of Examination letter

Catherine Morris - Save Honey Hill.

The Planning Inspectorate's Examination Period has now ended and all final submissions are in. Or are they? These last few weeks have not been without some twists and turns and last-minute submissions from the applicant, Anglian Water, and the Save Honey Hill team has worked flat out to read, check and counter, if necessary, documents put out at the eleventh hour whilst simultaneously preparing its own rounding up Closing submission

The Save Honey Hill team has truly performed an Herculean task since the Examination began back in October 2023. Supported by your donations, which enabled the input and advice of legal counsel, the team has represented our communities at numerous hearings and meetings and produced dozens of high quality, thoroughly researched documents setting out why we believe this sewage plant relocation project is unnecessary, unjustified, flawed and just plain wrong.

Our Closing Submission included the following paragraph:

"Save Honey Hill's primary objective is to protect the Green Belt and in so doing the historic setting of the City of Cambridge. SHH continues to strongly object to relocation of the WWTP to Honey Hill, which has been demonstrated to be unnecessary. At the heart of this project is not the need for the infrastructure, but instead reliance is placed on the benefit of housing delivery. That is not the primary function of the national infrastructure regime. The Applicant has always stated that the relocation is predicated on the need to release brownfield land in North East Cambridge to enable housing development, and the Housing Infrastructure Fund was applied for and granted on this assumption. SHH has challenged the premise. It has objected to the application and the Applicant's arguments and shown that there is no justification. Importantly, 'very special circumstances' have not been established for the relocation."

So now is an opportunity for a little bit of downtime for the team as we see the DCO application move into its next phase. The Planning Inspectors must prepare their recommendation for the Secretary of State and in line with normal protocol, this must be done within three months of the end of the examination period. Once the report goes to the Secretary of State, he or she then has a further three months to make the decision to grant or refuse development consent. For our campaign, the curve ball comes in the form of a general election which, of course, could mean a change of government not least a change of Secretary of State. This could very well delay the announcement of the decision further, pushing it even so far as into 2025 -- we will just have to wait and see!

Finally, thank you, all of you, for your donations, support and words of encouragement -- we couldn't have got this far without you!

We would also like to tell you that we feel now is an appropriate time to remove our posters and banners from round and about -- we wanted to warn you that they are coming down but that doesn't in any way mean the Save Honey Hill campaign is over.

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/dco/submissions/>

SHH on BBC Question Time

..and if you did not see it Catherine was on BBC Question Time bringing Honey Hill to national TV.

https://www.savehoneyhill.org/shh_question_time/

HRA Seniors Lunch - Report

Our lucky Seniors were treated to a lovely lunch in the village hall on Wednesday 24 April thanks to the Horningsea Residents Association. The hall looked lovely with the tables set and decorated with vases of Horningsea spring flowers.

About 25 over 65's enjoyed lunch cooked by the HRA complete with some fantastic home-made desserts to finish. The wine flowed for those that wanted it.

This is an annual event organised by the HRA every year.

Anyone interested in helping with any event run by the HRA please get in contact, any help is always much appreciated.

Horningsea Annual Parish Meeting - Minutes

The Annual Parish Meeting was on Wednesday 1st May 2024 in the village hall.

This is where villagers are invited to attend and ask questions, and at which all village groups are also invited to report on their activities in the past year.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5163>

The Friends of Horningsea Church visit to Jesus College Gardens - Report

It was a beautiful spring day in April when the Friends were taken on a tour of Jesus College gardens by the head gardener Lee - a most impressive, enthusiastic and knowledgeable young man. He explained that the College sits in 33 acres so his responsibility includes the sports fields, wildlife path, planting in the courtyards, the Fellows garden and Master's garden. He is also responsible for gardens at College houses in Lower Park Street, New Square and Jesus Lane.

Most of the courts have three sides with the open side allowing extensive or intriguing views of Jesus Green, the cricket pitch, the river or archways leading to more courts and more planting.

The wisteria was coming in to full bloom - did you know that Chinese wisteria and Japanese wisteria twirl in opposite directions - one clockwise and the other anti-clockwise!



The College has taken positive steps to lead to 0% carbon by 2030 by installing ground source heat pumps under the cricket pitch. They use no weed killers so weed by hand and mulch as much as they can following the "no dig" philosophy. They have planted a number of wildflower lawns using the seeds from established lawns - in the summer they scythe by hand to scatter and save the seed. For every tree they lose through disease or storm damage they plant three more. The edge of the cricket pitch has a bee bank and wildflower area.

It was a wonderful lesson to us all as to how an imaginative and creative approach to gardening can create such eco friendly and attractive spaces. We are all determined to visit again later in the year to see the wildflower meadows in their full glory!



Notes

The Plough and Fleece - New Set Lunch menu starts 7th May

From next week, we will be offering a Set Lunch Menu from Tuesday-Thursdays 12-2:30pm. 2 courses for £16 and 3 courses for £22. Mains include Lincolnshire sausages, Fantastic fish pie and Butternut squash and red onion tart.

The Cambridge Foodies website just gave the Plough and Fleece a great review!

<https://cambridgefoodies.me.uk/2024/05/04/the-plough-fleece-horningsea/>



New Hymn books for Horningsea Church

Thank you to everyone who has donated to enable new hymn books to be purchased. From mid May we will be using the new books - and learning new hymns!

Did you know that Cambridgeshire ACRE has Village Agents working in Horningsea?

Cambridgeshire ACRE supports local residents through a team of Village Agents who provide help, support and solutions for people's health and social care by connecting them with wider support available in their community and beyond.

Our Village Agents are based in Community Hubs that operate across Cambridgeshire and regularly attend Horningsea Community Hub on a Monday 10:30 -- 12:30. They're independent and provide a free service that is completely confidential.

Our Village Agents can support residents with a number of things such as bringing health services to your community, supporting you to book health related appointment,

help with cost-of-living information, supporting you to access services specific to your individual needs or linking you with your local foodbank and helping you apply for vouchers. The list is not exhaustive!

If you are a Horningsea resident and are interested in learning more about Village Agents and Cambridgeshire ACRE's community wellbeing work you can contact Rachel Mason on 01353 865025 or email rachel.mason@camsacre.org.uk

Cambridgeshire ACRE welcomes self-referrals from people who would like the support of a Village Agent. Professionals working with individuals who would benefit from locally based, lower-level support are also welcome to make referrals via our Village Agent Referral Form at

[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/village_agent_referral/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/village_agent_referral/)

Cambridgeshire ACRE is a charity dedicated to supporting and strengthening rural communities, working alongside residents and groups to help improve the places, services and assets that are important to them. It drives positive change to improve people's lives and tackle rural disadvantage for those living and working in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Further information on the work of Cambridgeshire ACRE can be found at [www.camsacre.org.uk](<http://www.camsacre.org.uk>)

Parking outside Fen Ditton Primary school

Fen Ditton Primary School Governors

It is now getting very dangerous to park outside Fen Ditton Primary school - traffic is increasing and the road works keep starting and stopping. There have been a number of near misses as cars try to do three-point turns before or after dropping children. Teachers now have to stand outside and manoeuvre bollards to make sure there is space for "blue badge holders" - putting themselves at risk of being injured. A request has been made to Highways Dept (Cambridgeshire County Council) for the lay-by to be designated "Blue Badge holders only" but so far the request has not received a positive response. The school therefore asks all parents/carers to park in one of the side roads and walk the last few hundred metres, leaving the lay-by for blue badge holders.

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.