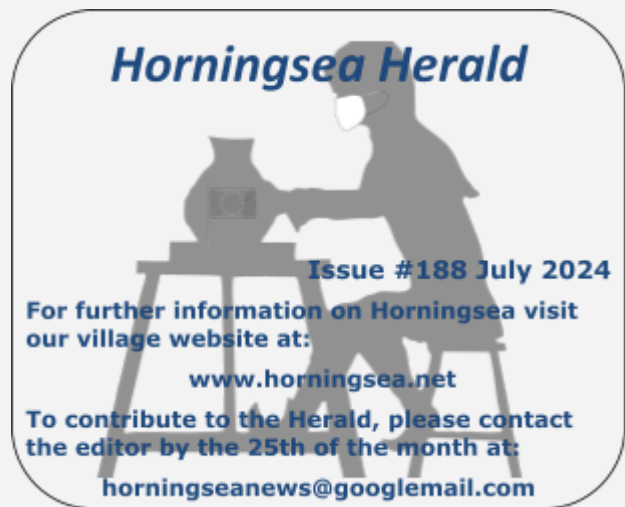




*Horningsea from a distance.*



## **Events**

### ***The 68th Horningsea Horticultural Show***

**Saturday, 13th July, Village Hall**

The Annual Horningsea Horticultural Show is back on Saturday 13th July for its 68th year.

Please join us by exhibiting your produce, artwork and kitchen creations in this popular village event. Classes for everyone, from first timers to old hands.

The Village Hall will be open for Exhibitors from 8:30--10:30. Doors open for viewing at 14:30 followed by the Raffle Prize Draw and Auction at 15:30.

<https://www.horningsea.net/horningsea-horticultural-show>

### ***St Peters Church services for July***

- 7th July, 10:30 - Holy Communion
- 14th July 16:00 - Village Service
- 21st July, 10:30 - Holy Communion

The above services are all in St Peter's, Horningsea.

### **All Saints, Teversham**

- 28th July, 10:30 - Three Parishes Service: Holy Communion

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5234>

## ***The Plough and Fleece - Summer events***

**Monthly Supper Club** - The first Wednesday of each month we will host an evening of food and drink from different cuisines. **Wednesday 7th August** will be French themed. Please email or call to book a table.

**Weekly Worker's Wind Down** - Every Friday from 12th July, join us in the bar for some complimentary food & snacks! Food is on us when you join us for a drink!

**Beer Festival** - 23rd - 25th August - Join us for a weekend full of food, drink & live music! Bands include - Run for Cover, Stone Cold Stumble & Jonno Stanford.

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



## Upcoming Events

### ***HRA Dates for Diary 2024***

- 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/5180>

### ***Horningsea Parish Council meetings for 2024***

- 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>

### ***What can we do today?***

#### **Sunday 11th August, St Peter's church 14:00-15.30**

By Sunday 11 August you might have been away on holiday and have come home wondering what to do for the rest of the summer ... or you might be waiting to go away later in the month ... or you might not be going away at all and feeling that the school summer holidays are beginning to drag a bit. This is the answer to the question "what can we do today?!"

Come to St Peter's Church for an afternoon of all ages, family friendly crafts with a story and snacks. You might find yourself making a clay pot or decorating a box with sea shells or painting a pebble. For more information ring Rev Sharon Byrne on 07703 022 927 or email [Sharon.byrne@3parishes.org](mailto:Sharon.byrne@3parishes.org) or just turn up on the day.

**NEW MENU** - we will have a new menu from Tuesday 16th July (attached).



## Reports

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

### *Horningsea Village Day - Report*

*The HRA team*

What a wonderful Village Day 2024 we had! Vee's Teas, beer from the local pubs and a fine band in the shape of Stone Cold Stumble who stepped in at the last minute, all helped to make for yet another memorable event with a Knobbly Knees contest being, for many, the highlight of the day. Many thanks to all who came to enjoy and participate. As always the Residents' Association will welcome any help you can offer for future events - if you are prepared to be on a database of helpers then please let us know.





## ***Six Inches of Soil showing - Report***

Thank you for coming to see the film in St Peter's, Horningsea. It was a really good turnout for an impressive and thought provoking film. We saw three young farmers taking their first steps towards regenerative farming - a dairy farmer in Cornwall, an arable farmer in Lincolnshire and a market gardener in Cambridgeshire. The film was not overly optimistic as we saw them cope with drought (this was the hot dry summer of 2022), some crops failing, the challenges of selling at markets... but all three remained very positive and determined to continue to farm in such a way that the soil remained healthy without pesticides or chemical fertilisers. As one of the Horningsea farmers said - mixed farming in the old fashioned way as their father or grandfather had farmed.

Thank you to Colin Ramsay, the Director for introducing the film and answering questions at the end. Thank you also to Waterbeach church for lending the screen, to Rob Balm for lending his projector and the Harrison family for lending the speakers, laptop and providing the tech backup. Finally thank you to Waterbeach Eco church for lending the embroidered panels illustrating the world water crisis and to Trevor for his display of Climericks.

A book of the film is about to be launched - check for publication on Google!

## ***Ordination of our curate, Sharon***



*Sharon (curate of St. Peter's Church) was ordained at Ely Cathedral on Saturday 29 June - photograph of all the curates, their Vicars standing behind them and the Bishop in the middle!*



## **Horningsea: Past and Present**

### ***Horningsea Village School***

A photo from 1884 of Horningsea Village School.



*(from Kit Buchdahl, the latter photo was colourised by Keith Mansfield who sadly died earlier this month).*

## ***James Farmer***

### **John Wilson**

Many of you will have walked the track leading from the lay by just north of the village towards Quy fen. Had you been there on the 14th July 1944, and standing just before the sugar beet pad at the end of the open fields looking to the North in the sky, you would have seen two silver mustang P 51 fighters engaged in a mock dog fight.

The two aircraft had taken off from Duxford air field on a training flight over Quy fen, diving and turning at about ten thousand feet. One of the fighters piloted by Captain James Farmer entered into an uncontrollable spin, with the aircraft going out of control.

The pilot was seen to bail out but sadly his parachute malfunctioned and he fell to his death alongside his aircraft in a 17 acre field about half a mile to the north of the sugar beet pad on the track leading to Quy fen.

At the time Basil Meakins and Russel Allgood from the village were working close by and were soon on the scene, but sadly the pilot did not survive the fall.

The pilot, James Farmer, was based at Duxford and attached to the 78 group escorting heavy bombers to Europe. He flew 30 combat missions which earned him the DFC and air force medal and also credited with two destroyed enemy aircraft.

He was originally from Jackson in the USA and at the time of his death was 24 years old .His final resting place is in the American cemetery at Madingley, along with many Americans who gave their lives during the Second World War.

Some time ago Peter Crosby told me a story about an experience he had whilst working these fields. It is worth taking the time to hear this story.

Michael Gingell also relates how archaeologists found small parts of the plane recently.

I think that James Farmer should be added to our war memorial. He died a long way from his home in our parish.

## **Notes**

### ***Horningsea & Beach Bell Ringers***

If you enjoyed "having a go" at ringing the big bell at the Village Show - or if you missed that but have wondered about how bells are rung, why not come along to learn to ring or practise in Horningsea on the second wednesday each month at 19:00.

Next practice sessions

- Wednesday 10 July 7 - 8.30pm
- Wednesday 14 August 7 - 8.30pm
- Wednesday 11 September 7 - 8.30pm

On all other Wednesdays at Landbeach church - same times!

Contact Barbara at [BeachBellringers@gmail.com](mailto:BeachBellringers@gmail.com)

### ***Friends of St Peter's church***

The Friends are people who care about the heritage of our Grade I listed building and the ecological space that is the churchyard. Every year the Friends try to record wildlife that can be seen in the churchyard - butterflies, bees, beetles ... as well as wild flowers. Recording equipment is available in the church porch, so any time you feel like wandering around the churchyard and seeing what you can find, just pick up the recording chart and make a note. One evening last week the following were spotted - a baby owl, 2 hedgehogs, a fox and a muntjac! If you would like to become a Friend, you can join by contacting [nicolaasplin@hotmail.com](mailto:nicolaasplin@hotmail.com).

### ***Horningsea Parish Charities***

Thank you to the HRA for the donation to the Parish Charities of £92.50 from the teas sold at Village Day. During the summer holidays many families will find finances particularly stretched. If a grant from the parish charities might help you please contact [horningseaparishcharities@gmail.com](mailto:horningseaparishcharities@gmail.com).

### ***Volunteers wanted: Beaches Community Car Service***

Do you drive? Could you spare a few hours per week?

The Beaches Community Car Service is a local voluntary car service based in Waterbeach providing transport for people from the Waterbeach, Milton, Landbeach, Chittering and Horningsea area who have limited transport options.

We need more volunteer drivers and co-ordinators

Could you help?

For more information please ring 07807 875878 and leave a message

### ***Temporary closure of Jesus Green and Baits Bite locks***

*Conservators of the River Cam, Navigation authority for the River Cam.*

21 May 2024

Due to safety concerns regarding the structural integrity of the lock islands at Baits Bite and Jesus Green, the decision has been taken to temporarily close the locks until further notice. More detailed structural investigations will be undertaken and a plan for remedial works developed urgently. The Conservators are engaging with the Environment Agency and Local Authorities to seek a coordinated approach.

<https://www.camconservancy.org/general-5>



## ***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!

## **Fen Ditton Community Primary School - news**

### ***Term dates***

- The School year (Summer term) ends on Friday 19th July.
- The next School year (Autumn term) starts on Wednesday 4th September.

### ***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.

### ***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.