



Events

HRA INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

18:30, Saturday 8th February, Village Hall

If you've never been to an HRA run event in the village before then this one is a must!

Every year the Horningsea Residents Association host International Night and this year it's being held on Saturday 8th February from 18.30 in the village hall.

It's a great fun and sociable way to spend an evening with your friends and neighbours or to meet others if you are new to the village.

Bring a dish of food to share, savoury or sweet from anywhere in the world or a favourite that you like to make at home. The quality and variety of dishes we have every year is amazing but if you don't feel like cooking you can still join us and eat as much as you like for only £7 adults and £2 for children. Free entry if you bring a dish to share.

Please bring your own alcoholic or non alcoholic drinks and glasses. Plates and cutlery will be provided.

We look forward to welcoming you and it's a win win because the members of the HRA committee wash up too but feel free to grab a T-towel and help if you fancy!





A HRA Favourite!!

HRA INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

18:30 | FEBRUARY 8TH | VILLAGE HALL

A super sociable evening. International Night this year includes ALL cuisines.

BRING AND SHARE a dish of food, sweet or savoury. Maybe a family recipe or a newly discovered favourite.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.
Plates and cutlery will be provided.
Entrance is free when you bring a dish
(Without a dish: £7 adults, £2 children)

If you bring food in a slow cooker that's fine as we'll have sockets available.

Vegetarian food will be served on a separate table. If you can label your dish and make a note of any possible food allergens that your dish may have please.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5464>

St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church - service times for February

- Sunday 9 February at 16:00 - **Village Service**
- Sunday 16 February at 10.30 - **Holy Communion**
- Wednesday 19 February at 20.30 - **Late evening service of Compline**

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5446>

The Plough and Fleece - Events for February

(see attached flyer for more details and more events)

Fish and Chip Friday - Starting from next Friday 7th February, join us every Friday to start the weekend right with some Fish & Chips!

Eat in or takeaway - £16 per person

Rock & Rock Bingo - 28th February

Rock and Roll Bingo isn't just about crossing off numbers – it's about recognising your favourite songs, singing along with friends, and feeling the beat of the music. Our first event is going to be KARAOKE CLASSICS! There will be plenty of prizes to win

Arrive at 7pm for a 7:30pm start - TICKETS - £5 to play (tickets are limited)

Valentines day - Our Valentine's Menu will be available on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th Feb.

To make a booking for these please call or email us:

bookings@ploughandfleece.co.uk

01223 860795

Upcoming Events

HRA Dates for Diary 2024

- Saturday 8th February from 18.30 [International Evening](#)
- Friday 28th March 18:00 for 18.30 **"Eyes Down" Bingo/Fish & Chips**
- Wednesday 23rd April – 12 noon **Senior's Lunch**
- Saturday 5th July **Village Day**
- Saturday 13th July **Horticultural Show**
- Saturday 13th September **Apple Pressing**
- Sunday 2nd November **Bonfire Night**
- Sunday 30th November **Christmas Tree Lighting**
- Monday 26th January 2026 **HRA AGM** – 19:00
- Saturday 7th February 2026 **International Evening**
- Saturday 4th July 2026 **Village Day**

Dates are subject to change. Check the village website for updates.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5469>

There's also the Herald calendar:

<https://goo.gl/4592dL>

Horningsea Parish Council

Horningsea Parish Council meetings for 2025

PC meetings are in the village hall and generally from 19:30 but check the agenda published on the village website before.

- 22nd January
- 26th March
- 21st May
- 30th July
- 24th September
- 26th November.

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

County and District Councillor reports for February

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5485>

Village Litter Pick sponsorship

Following our last litter pick, we were concerned by the amount of McDonald's packaging we collected. As a result, we wrote to them to highlight the issue and discuss ways to tackle litter in and around Horningsea.

We're pleased to share that McDonald's has responded positively, generously donating some new litter-picking equipment to support our efforts. They have also committed to ongoing support, helping us keep our village clean.



Reports

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

Fen Ditton Community Primary School - news

Term dates

AUTUMN TERM 2024	SPRING TERM 2025	SUMMER TERM 2025
Term Starts – Weds 4 Sept School Ends – Fri 25 Oct Half Term – 28 Oct – 1 Nov School Starts – Tues 5 Nov Term Ends – Fri 20 Dec	Term Starts – Tues 7 Jan School Ends – Fri 14 Feb Half Term – 17 Feb – 21 Feb School Starts – Mon 24 Feb Term Ends – Fri 4 April	Term Starts – Wed 23 April May BH – Mon 5 May School Ends – Friday 23 May Half Term – 26 May – 30 May School Starts – Tues 3 June Term Ends – Wed 23 July

Parking outside Fen Ditton Primary school

School has respectfully requested that only parents who have and can display a blue badge park in the lay-by mornings and afternoons, unless you have prior permission from the school. They also want to make all parents aware that **MUST NOT** block the school gates, this includes the gate to the school car park and the gate to the playground, as these must be accessible at all times.

Horningsea Planning

Save Honey Hill update

Following the end of the DCO Examination Period on the 17th April, 2024, the Planning Inspectors submitted their report to Steve Reed OBE, the new Secretary of State for Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). DEFRA then had three months in which to make a decision (12th October 2024). However, just before the deadline expired, a postponement until 12th January 2025 was announced.

On 13th January (the 12th was a Sunday), the decision was postponed again! In a statement to the House of Commons Steve Reed stated that the decision must take into account the recently published National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which had been revised by the new government and formalised on the 12th December 2024.

The new deadline is now set for 14th April 2025.

The delay was disappointing given the hard work of the Save Honey Hill team over the past four and a half years. However, Save Honey Hill Group are pleased the Secretary of State is considering his decision so carefully and will be happy to answer any questions from him and, indeed, invite him to visit the proposed site and see the contribution it makes to the purposes of the Green Belt, i.e. the openness of the countryside, the contribution to agriculture and the impact the proposed sewage works relocation would have on the setting of the historic city of Cambridge.

SHH hopes this will give him sufficient time to recognise that the relocation is unnecessary as Cambridge is able to meet its housing target without building on the vacated site. The group has shown that even the new method of calculating housing need as set out in the new National Planning Policy Framework, can be met by both the adopted 2018 and the emerging Local Plans for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire.

On 20th January, the Secretary of State invited comments from Interested Parties and Save Honey Hill submitted their response before the deadline of the 3rd February 2025.

You can read our letter on the SHH website:

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/dco-update-another-postponement/>

Notes

The Trustees of Horningsea Parish Charities invite you to contact them via horningseaparishcharities@googlegroup.com if you are in need of financial support at this time of year, or if you are worried about your friends or neighbours who might be struggling to pay for heating or food. All requests for assistance are dealt with in confidence.

Friends of Horningsea Church

This is the time of year to make plans! One suggestion the Friends of Horningsea Church are exploring is the possibility of organising an Open Gardens weekend in the summer to help raise funds for the work that will commence soon to repair the floor and access to the Church Tower. Older residents will remember the success of the last such event. If you would like to get involved in helping with an "Open Gardens" event please contact Helen Skaer on hs17@cam.ac.uk.

Bell Ringing in Horningsea Church

Bell Ringing practice will be on the second Wednesday of each month from 19.00 -- 20.30. Why not come along on Wednesday 8th January and have a try? If you cannot make it that day then email blegallez@yahoo.co.uk and ask Barbara about other practice sessions. New Year -- New Hobby!!

Building work at the Church

Plans are afoot to repair the floor in the north side of the church and to make the access to the church tower safe. It is a slow process getting the architects specifications, a Faculty (permission from the Diocese) and then find the money to pay for the work. The church council will be applying for grants but may also be asking for help in fundraising. Offers of help will be happily received!

NHS Winter Vaccinations

NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough is urging anyone eligible for their COVID-19, flu, RSV or pneumococcal vaccines to make sure they've had them this winter. Please check

if you, or someone you care for, is eligible - each vaccine has a slightly different eligibility criteria as follows:

- Flu vaccine -- for anyone aged 65 or over (including those who will be 65 by 31 March 2025); have certain long-term health conditions; are pregnant; live in a care home; are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance; or live with someone who has a weakened immune system.
- COVID-19 vaccine -- for anyone aged 65+; those aged between six months and 64 years who are at increased risk of getting seriously ill due to a health condition or treatment; people who live in a care home for older adults, and those who are pregnant; and frontline health and care workers.
- RSV vaccine -- for anyone who is pregnant, or aged 75-79.
- Pneumococcal vaccine -- for anyone 65 or over (only one dose is needed).

To find out more about these vaccines and how to book them, or find a walk-in clinic, please visit The Vaccinators website

<https://www.cpics.org.uk/the-vaccinators>

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!

Cam Conservancy statement on Baits Bite and Jesus Lock

The Cam Conservancy issued a further update on the closure of the locks on the 19th December.

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

19 December 2024

A number of issues, not the least of which is the complexity of the project, mean that we have not yet been able to finalise the contract with the principal contractor. This is delaying the start of works despite the contractor being otherwise ready to begin, but at this stage the expected date of completion remains May/June 2025.

The Conservators are pleased to report that we have been working closely with the local authorities to bring additional expertise and practical help into the Conservancy from 1st January 2025.

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 email "horningseanews@gmail.com". There is no fee.

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.