



Village Day was a hit this year!



Events

Teddy Bears' picnic

Sunday 3rd August, 12:00, St Peter's church

On Sunday 3 August at 12 noon come along to St Peter's churchyard with your Teddy to join in a Teddy Bears' picnic! No age limit so bring your parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters! If it is rainy we will have the picnic inside the church. The picnic will include jam and marmalade sandwiches, carrot sticks, baby tomatoes, breadsticks, bananas, raisins and little cakes!

Fund Britain's Waterways Event at Baitsbite Lock

Sunday 3rd August, from 11:00, Baits Bite lock

Fund Britain's Waterways – a national campaign aimed at securing the future of the UK's rivers and canals – will be holding an awareness-raising flotilla at Baitsbite Lock on Sunday 3rd August. All are welcome to join in by boat or to show support from the bank. Boats will depart from the GOBA mooring above Bottisham Lock at 10:00, heading as a group towards Baitsbite Lock. Banners and campaign materials will be provided. The Anglia pass will not be enforced for boats taking part in this cruise.

If you are planning to attend by boat, please email **info@fundbritainwaterways.org.uk** with your boat name so organisers can plan accordingly.

The campaign is drawing attention to the impact of reduced Government funding for waterways – which affects not only the Great Ouse system, but inland rivers and canals across the country.

For more information or to get involved:

- Sign the petition: <https://www.change.org/p/fundbritainswaterways>
- Contact your MP: <https://waterways.org.uk/.../waterways-for.../lobby-your-mp>

Plough and Fleece Beer festival

(Bank Holiday) Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th at the Plough and Fleece

Free entry with live music, food (veggie and vegan options) a selection of ales, lager, gins and cocktails.



St Peter's Church

Church Services at St Peters for August

- Wednesday 21st August at 20.30 Late evening service of Compline. Come and spend a short time in a quiet, contemplative service at the end of a busy day.
- Sunday 31st August: Joint Service of Holy Communion at 10.30.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5723>

The Plough and Fleece - Events for August

The Paint club - Thursday 14th August

Greek Night - Supper club - Saturday 16th August

Quiz Night - Thursday 21st August

Beer Festival - (Bank Holiday) Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th. Beer, live music and GOOD vibes! Free entry.

Rock & Roll Bingo - Friday 29th (last Friday of the month)

The August Events flyer is attached.

To make a booking for these please call or email:

bookings@ploughandfleece.co.uk - 01223 860795

Upcoming Events

HRA Dates for Diary 2025

- 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 Update: Community Recognition, Speeding Concerns, and Solar Developments](#)

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 [Parish Council website](#) before.

- 25th September
- 26th November.



Horningsea Parish Council Exciting News for Horningsea!

Horningsea Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has been awarded grant funding from The National Lottery Community Fund to create a new Community Awards Board. This initiative will recognise and celebrate individuals in the village who have gone above and beyond in service to the community.

The board will serve as a lasting tribute to those who have made a real difference in village life. It is our intention to make this award annually—or more frequently if appropriate—to ensure that local efforts are properly acknowledged and appreciated.

We have set up an additional page on our website so that we can detail why an award has been given rather than just a name on a board!

Planning Application Submitted for Solar Panels in Jubilee Gardens

The Parish Council has submitted a planning application for the installation of solar panels at Jubilee Gardens. This environmentally responsible initiative forms part of our broader ambition to reduce the Parish's carbon footprint and support renewable energy use at the local level. Full details can be viewed on the Parish website here:

horningsea-pc.gov.uk/2025/06/planning-application-submitted-for-solar-panels-in-jubilee-gardens

This forms part of a successful grant application made via South Cambridgeshire Net Zero Grants

Solar Farm Consultation Draws Low Attendance

On 1st July, energy developer Innova held a public consultation meeting in the village regarding their proposed solar farm project at Low Fen Drove Way, which is currently under planning consideration. Despite a request for this meeting from residents, attendance was disappointingly low, with only three residents present.

Details of the project can be found at:

innova.co.uk/projects/low-fen-drove-way-solar

Speeding and Safety – A Growing Concern

Following a prolonged period of technical issues, our AutoSpeedWatch system in Horningsea was fully restored and upgraded at the end of June. The new camera has been operational since 30th June, and the data recorded since then is deeply concerning.

Between 30th June and the 31st July a period of just 1 month!

- 2,006 vehicles have been recorded travelling over 37mph in the clearly marked 30mph zone (including some Horningsea residents!)
- The highest speed recorded was an alarming **57mph**
- An average of 60 speeding offences per day are being recorded
- Approximately 85 vehicles were identified with no valid MOT or road tax including several taxi's

All data collected including photographs, registration numbers etc are being passed to the Police, however the police are offering limited support as we have had only a limited number of injuries in the village the Police are unable to help - a frankly disturbing reality!

Cllr Graham Cone has, however, been using the data relating to taxis to get the licensing team to threaten action for which we are very grateful.

Baits Bite Lock – Parish Seeks Greater Transparency

The Parish Council has contacted the Conservators of the River Cam to request a more detailed and transparent update regarding the ongoing situation at Baits Bite Lock. While occasional updates are shared via the Conservancy's website, they currently lack the clarity and depth needed to fully inform river users and the local community. Given the prolonged disruption and its ongoing impact on both navigation and the local economy, the Parish continues to call for improved communication and greater openness.

In response to the Parish's email dated 14 July 2025, the Conservancy has provided the following update:

"We continue to update our website promptly as new information becomes available, to ensure the public remains well-informed. Although progress has been affected by factors beyond our control, we're pleased to confirm that the design and scope of the works have now been finalised, and a contractor is actively progressing the project."

"Due to the scale and complexity of the work, it would be inappropriate to commit to fixed deadlines, which cannot always be guaranteed. However, it is currently anticipated that work to stabilise Lock Island will commence around 11 August 2025."

The Conservators encourage residents and interested parties to consult the following page for the latest updates:

<https://www.camconservators.org/lock-island-updates>

Lastly, please note that the public right of way falls under the jurisdiction of the County Council. For specific concerns on this matter, the Parish is advised to contact either the County Council directly or Cllr Anna Bradnam, who serves both as a County Councillor and a Conservator.

New Bus Service Update

We're pleased to see so many residents already making use of the new bus service.

For current timetable information, please see:

[100 - Cambridge > Fen Ditton > Waterbeach > Cambridge Research Park | Central Connect](#)

Alternatively, you can download the **MyTrip** app for live tracking and service updates:

Download for iOS:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/mytrip-by-passenger/id1525865509>

Download for Android:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=today.mytrip&hl=en_GB&gl=US

Village Road Safety – Parking Around Build-Outs

We are receiving an increasing number of concerns regarding vehicles parking too close to the new build-outs installed throughout the village. These build-outs are designed as part of the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) cycling improvements, with the specific aim of protecting cyclists by allowing them to pass safely on the inside.

Unfortunately, the current parking behaviour is forcing cyclists into the main carriageway, directly into the flow of traffic, which undermines the intended safety benefits and is now creating hazardous conditions.

The GCP are due to undertake a safety inspection in the coming weeks to assess the effectiveness of the measures and consider what changes, if any, are required. We are keen to avoid a situation where extensive double yellow lines are introduced, as this would pose difficulties for residents without access to off-street parking.

We kindly ask all residents and visitors to avoid parking within approximately 2 to 4 metres either side of the build-outs. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us maintain the safety of all road users.

Thank you for your understanding.

Stay Involved

Horningsea Parish Council encourages all residents to engage with ongoing consultations, attend meetings where possible, and support local initiatives—whether environmental, safety-related, or community-focused. Your voice matters.

For further updates, visit:

www.horningsea-pc.gov.uk

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 25th September

Fen Ditton Community Primary School - news

Term dates

New school year starts:

- 1st September to 3rd September - Inset Days (School Closed)
- 4th September - Autumn Term Begins
- 30th September - PTFA AGM Meeting

Reports

HRA Village Day 2025 - report

The rain kept away and the sun even put in a brief appearance for this year's Village day on Saturday 5th July.

The day kicked off with delicious tea and cakes and ended many hours later with dancing on the village green. Tripwire were fantastic and played 2 sets playing late into the evening. Fired up pizzas kept everyone well fed with delicious homemade pizzas and there were many stalls and games including tug of war and welly wanging.

Thanks to all those that bought their pets along to the pet show. Ponies, Jack and Bodie were entered by Sophie and Emily and many dogs



competed with many rosettes being awarded.

Paddy won cutest puppy, Snoopy was our golden oldie, Fizz lived up to his award of waggiest tail and Lola was definitely worthy of 1st in the small & cute category. Pip and Jasper were beautifully dressed up and won fancy dress rosettes. There were prizes for many with Wilf winning best dog with a bit of goat in him! Woolly Bully won big and beautiful and was a well-deserved winner of best in show. Best prize of the day was awarded to Fizz for having the scruffiest owner - Chris! Thanks to everyone who brought their pets along and helped make this a special day in the Horningsea calendar.



Thank you to all of those that helped tidy up and put chairs and tables away at the end of the day.

Date for your diary -- next year's village day is Saturday 4th July 2026.

More photos on the village website.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5729>

Notes

Bell ringing in August.

There will be no bell ringing on Wednesday 13 August but regular ringing practice will begin again on Wednesday 10 of September at 19.00 and the second Wednesday of each month.

Summer Holiday wildlife project

Why not spend some time this summer holiday exploring the wildlife in Horningsea churchyard? There are recording sheets, magnifying glasses, bug boxes and reference material in the church porch. Come whenever you want and spend as long as you want seeing how many butterflies you can find - and identify them. Can you find traces of any mammals - hedgehogs, foxes, deer, badgers, bats? Are there any wild flowers? What fruit is in the hedgerows? Have any bugs taken up residence in the Bug Hotel? How many ladybirds can you find - are there different types? Sit with your eyes closed and count how many birds you can hear. Your recordings will add to the Big Butterfly hunt, the Count for Nature and Caring For God's Acre projects.

Ride & Stride

Saturday 13 September

Every year the Historic Churches Trust organises a Ride & Stride day when everyone is encouraged to take part in sponsored ride or walk. You can cycle, ride a horse, walk, run, paddle ... or go by car (or even bus!) to visit as many churches as possible. The money raised is shared between the village church and the Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to old churches such as Horningsea. As we will be trying to raise about £100,000 to pay for repairs to the Tower and the floor we will need to apply for grants from the Trust. So, if you would like to help by raising some funds why not take part in the Ride & Stride day. More info is available from Jennie or Lindsay or this website:

<https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Commonwealth War Grave in Horningsea Churchyard

An officer from the Commonwealth War Grave commission visited Horningsea in July to check that the War Grave was being looked after. He also checked for another grave on which a WWI soldier is remembered, and John Wilson showed him the war Memorials in the church and our unique War Memorial in the Jubilee Gardens.

Names to Thank for the Commemoration of James M Farmer

John Wilson

- Peter Crosby - who brought the story to light
- Jeff Crosby - who found parts while working on the field
- Barbara Spain Shenefelt
- Peter Halford - who designed the plaque
- Hattie Hearne (director USAAF museum, Duxford) - who unveiled the plaque
- StA Cheryl Capaldo and A1C Erin Dryer (USAAF) - who formed the colour party representing USAAF Lakenheath
- Vikki Quamina (community relations, Lakenheath) - organised colour party
- Cannon Nick Moir - presided over the service of dedication
- Lindsay Davies, Liz Harrison and ladies of the church - laying on the reception for the instillation of the plaque
- Tom Turner - Duxford organiser
- Suzie Harrison (American Battle monument Cambridge American cemetery).
- Debora Balm - for the art work
- John Harrison - fixing the plaque
- Parish council, Horningsea Residents Association and Millennium Village Hall and Green trust - funding the plaque
- Taylors Foundry - casting the plaque
- Not forgetting the late Basil Meakins and Russel Allgood who tried to help James when he came down in the field they were working in.
- Michael Gingell whose land it was where the plane crashed.

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.

<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 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.

Articles in the Herald will also generally be posted on the village website horningsea.net