



Apple Press Day approaches...!

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www.horningsea.net

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Events

The Fourteenth Horningsea Apple Press Day

Saturday 13th September 2025, Village Green

Join us for a fun filled afternoon of traditional apple pressing on Saturday 13th September from 14:00 on the Village Green. Help turn this year's apple harvest into fresh delicious juice, don't forget to bring empty bottles if you want to take juice home. Everyone is welcome to join us for what is always a great village event.

Organised by the Horningsea Residents Association.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5829>

Ride & Stride sponsored event

Saturday 13th September – any time!

The annual Ride & Stride event will take place on Saturday 13th September. It is organised by Cambridgeshire Historic Churches and the money raised is divided between the Charity and the local Church. In Horningsea we are trying to raise £100,000 to pay for the new floor in the northern side of the church and to carry out improvements to the Tower access. We will be applying to the Historic Churches for a grant so we would like to show them we can contribute too! To take part you can get a sponsorship form from one of the churchwardens and work out a route to visit as many churches as you can. You can cycle, walk, ride a horse, drive or go by bus (now we have such a good bus service in Horningsea)! We hope people from all over the area will call into Horningsea Church (as well as Fen Ditton and Teversham) during the day.

camhct.uk/ride-and-stride

St Peter's Church

Church Services at St Peters for September

- **Sunday 14th September at 16.00:** Village Service, Creation tide and Climate change games in the churchyard
- **Wednesday 17th September at 20.30:** Night Prayer or Compline
- **Sunday 21st September at 10.30:** Holy Communion

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5841>

Creationtide – Climate Change Games in the graveyard

Sunday 14th September at 16.00

September is "Creationtide" when the Churches are asked to look at the wonderful world we live in and to think what we can do to preserve and improve our wildlife. On Sunday 14 September we will be holding a special, family friendly Village Service based around Climate Change games and exploration of the churchyard. Anyone of any age will find an activity they can join in – throwing bean bags through a frame called "Do you give a toss?", pick stones from an oily beach, investigate our bug hotel, see what fruits there are growing in the hedgerow to feed the birds, look for signs of bats, hedgehogs and foxes, celebrate the trees and the ants, use AI to identify the birds flying around the churchyard Or just lie on your back and look up at the sky! If it is wet, wear a raincoat and wellies!!!

The Plough and Fleece - Events for September

The Paint club - Thursday 4th September

Portuguese Supper club - Saturday 13th September

Book Club - Tuesday 16th September

Live Music: Friday 19th September

Rock & Roll Bingo - Friday 26th (last Friday of the month)

The September Events flyer is attached.

To make a booking for these please call or email:

bookings@ploughandfleece.co.uk - 01223 860795

[The Crown and Punchbowl - Events for September](#)

Tapas Night

Thursday, 18th of September

Brighten up September with our Tapas Night at The Crown and Punchbowl.

Live music, delicious food and some nice wine to go with it.

Cakes against Cancer

Friday 26th September, 9:00-11:00 - Free

Last year, more than 154,000 people signed up to take part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning, to help raise money for the incredible charity who provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support to those suffering with cancer: Macmillan Cancer Support. Through coffee mornings alone, Macmillan have raised over £20million -- and this year they're hoping to smash it...and here at The Crown and Punchbowl we want to help make that happen! With bells on!

Our countdown to Coffee Morning is officially on! There'll be delicious cakes, cookies and treats. Fresh coffee and perfectly brewed tea will be poured. Conversations had and connections will be made.

Cancer can disrupt every part of peoples' lives, so please help us to raise vital funds to help Macmillan to support everyone with a cancer diagnosis to get the care that they need, whoever and wherever they are.

Book for either of these events:

<https://thecrownandpunchbowl.co.uk>

[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>

St Peter’s dates for October.

- Saturday 4 October 19.30: St Peter’s Church: Concert by the Horningsea Recorder consort
- Sunday 5 October 10.30: Horningsea Harvest Festival. If you can help decorate the church for Harvest – and if you have flowers, fruit and vegetables to add to the display please contact Liz Harrison on lizhakeman@hotmail.com

Save Honey Hill update - Cambridge Sewage Works Relocation Project CANCELLED

Anglian Water's project to relocate Cambridge Sewage Works from Cowley Road to Honey Hill has had funding withdrawn by the government and will not now go ahead. The Save Honey Hill team is delighted by this announcement which has come after five long years of campaigning.

We thank our supporters from the bottom of our hearts and send you all a very big THANK YOU for sticking with us throughout this campaign!

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/shh-response-to-the-cancellation-of-the-cwwtpr-project>

Horningsea Parish Council News

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.



Cemetery Improvements

The HPC is pleased to share an update on the ongoing improvements to the village cemetery. As part of our commitment to maintaining a welcoming and peaceful space, one of the older benches has recently been replaced with a brand-new bench, providing a safe and comfortable place for quiet reflection. A second bench is currently being cleaned and repaired, and will soon be reinstated. These enhancements form part of the Parish Council’s continuing efforts to care for and improve our community spaces for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

Celebrating Our Community – The New Awards Board

We are proud to announce the unveiling of Horningsea’s brand-new Community Awards Board, made possible with the generous support of the National Lottery Community Fund. The board was officially revealed at the recent Save Honey Hill Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), marking a significant milestone in our efforts to recognise outstanding



contributions within the parish. The inaugural award has been presented to the Save Honey Hill Group, in recognition of their tireless and unwavering efforts in opposing the proposed relocation of the sewage works. Their dedication, resilience, and commitment have been an inspiration to the entire community.

Beyond just a name

As highlighted during the EGM, the Parish Council was keen that these awards represent more than a list of names. Alongside the physical awards board, we have created a dedicated section on the Parish Council website. This new page shares background information about each award, highlighting the reasons behind the recognition. We hope this will inspire others and preserve the stories of those who go above and beyond for our village.

<https://www.horningsea-pc.gov.uk/our-community/hpc-awards/>

Looking ahead - This is only the beginning. The Community Awards will continue annually, ensuring that the contributions of exceptional individuals and groups are recognised for years to come.

Plans for the North Entrance

The Parish Council has now received the first draft design proposals for the planned redesign of Horningsea's north entrance. The project aims to introduce new traffic-calming measures to improve road safety and reduce vehicle speeds through the village. At this early stage, the proposals are still under review. One area under consideration is the possibility of extending the calming measures beyond the village boundary—encouraging drivers to slow down before reaching the village gates, and discouraging acceleration when leaving. While the draft plans are not yet ready to share publicly, the Parish Council will be discussing the proposals at its September meeting. Residents are warmly encouraged to attend and contribute their views. Community input will be vital in shaping a final design that works for everyone. This initiative forms part of the successful Local Highway Initiative (LHI) bid secured by the Parish Council at the end of 2024. Details of the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website and village noticeboards in due course.

Councillors' Reports

For the latest County and District Councillors' reports, please visit the news section of the Parish Council website: www.horningsea-pc.gov.uk/news

Fen Ditton Community Primary School - news

Term dates

- 4th September - Autumn Term Begins
- 30th September - PTFA AGM Meeting

Jennifer Hill - 22nd September 1946 – 10th July 2025

Jenni was born in Chester on 22nd September 1946, and raised in the small village of Mancot in Wales. In his spare time, Jenni's father bred and showed Cairn Terriers. Jenni would often go with him to dog shows, and this experience began her lifelong love of dogs. Jenni judged the Horningsea Pet Show for many years. A Horningsea tradition which has recently started again.

Jenni attended Hawarden Junior School then Hawarden Grammar School. After school she went to Manchester for a three-year teacher training course. She had a chance meeting with Mike, who was studying at university. The pair were introduced by a mutual friend, and Jenni made an immediate impression on Mike. However, he bided his time, and a while later, phoned Jenni, saying "you might not remember me, but would you like to come out?". Thankfully, she did and said yes!



After graduating, Jenni took her first teaching job to the south of Manchester at Knutsford High School. She loved the work, but after five years, made a giant leap to take a different job as a School Meals Advisor in Liverpool. Here, she put her Home Economics training to good use: she was responsible for recruiting and training cooks, planning menus and providing meals for thousands of children!

Four years after Jenni and Mike were married, they were devastated when Jenni was diagnosed with cancer. She spent three months at The Christie Hospital in Manchester receiving radiotherapy, but in October of that year they were given the grave news that she had just three or four weeks to live. They quickly planned what they expected to be their final holiday together and travelled to Tenerife, seeking to make the most of their remaining time as they waited for the inevitable. Jenni faced her illness with extreme bravery – and she defied all odds. Christmas came and went, and she was still okay. During a routine checkup the following February (on Friday the 13th), her doctor delivered the astounding news: it was a miracle, but her tumour was shrinking!

The experience perhaps spurred Jenni to ensure she and Mike made the most of life. That summer, she persuaded him to take a job interview in Bedford with Texas Instruments. So in 1976, he took up his new position, moving to Bedford ahead of Jenni, who joined him at weekends while they looked for somewhere to live. Mike's job was soon to provide them with more new experiences, when he was offered a two-year contract at the company's headquarters in Dallas, Texas. When Mike's contract ended, they were drawn back to the UK and Jenni returned to teaching. She took up a role at a school in Harlington, before moving to Stratton Upper School in Biggleswade, where she remained for the next 13 years, as Head of Home Economics and Deputy Head of the Sixth Form.

When the couple moved to Horningsea after Mike secured a new job in Cambridge, Jenni continued commuting to Biggleswade until her retirement. Jenni had a natural

eye for design, colour and aesthetics, and an assiduous attention to detail. She loved her home. Her other passion was her garden. Both at Horningsea and later at Waterbeach, she turned a wilderness into a show garden. Again, she had a natural talent for design, shape and colour. The Waterbeach garden is beautiful. She loved her garden.

Although Jenni had once said she didn't want to retire, when she did take retirement in 1999 she found a new lease of life. She threw herself into Horningsea's social life, attending many village events and always busy with dinner parties or social gatherings. She was responsible for creating the Horningsea Newsletter, which saw its first publication in February 1999 (the tradition continues with the Horningsea Herald!). She put her catering skills to good use when she established the village's Senior Citizen's Annual Lunch, bringing people together once a year for an afternoon of fun – a tradition that is still going on today. Both Jenni and Mike were core members of the Horningsea Residents Association and helped organise many village events.



She had many friends in the village, and she would go out of her way to help people: for example, she would regularly stop by to see her elderly neighbour Peg, checking she was well and running errands for her. In 2019, she and Mike made their final move to Waterbeach, where Jenni used her magic touch to turn an unloved bungalow into an elegant home, and its jungle of a garden into a beautiful, relaxing space.

She and Mike had always loved travelling, and during their years together they visited many far-flung places to soak up different cultures. But their favourite place to visit was South Africa, where they went many times.

But to everyone who knew her, it was her beautiful smile that stood out the most. Jenni loved to be with people, always smiling and laughing when she was with others, and she made countless friends wherever she went. Mike has received many messages from those who knew her, including one which he feels sums her up perfectly: "She was such a lovely lady, and it was a privilege to be her friend." When cancer returned, Jenni faced her diagnosis with dignity and bravery. Mike is grateful for the kind and gentle care and attention she received from the nurses at Arthur Rank Hospice in her final weeks, and that he was able to stay by her side to the end.

She will be remembered as someone who was full of life, and who was intelligent, caring and kind. She was a lovely lady with a beautiful smile!

Bell Ringing

Bell Ringing resumes in Horningsea Church on Wednesday 10 September at 19.00 and then at the same time on the second Wednesday of each month.

When the news emerged that the sewage works move has been cancelled, many people suggested that the church bells should be rung out! It is good to know that the ringing of the bells remains such an important part of village life. This autumn you could come along to the practices and learn to ring so that the next time there is a reason to celebrate we can try to have more ringers from the village involved. You don't need to be musical, you don't need to be fit! You just need to be able to pull steadily and listen – and concentrate. For more information you can contact Barbara at blegallez@yahoo.co.uk

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