



Horningsea Bonfire is on the 2nd Nov!

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www.horningsea.net

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Events

Horningsea Bonfire and Fireworks

Sunday 2nd Nov - Gates open 17.30/fireworks 18.30 - Village Green

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- Fireworks 18.30
- followed by lighting of the bonfire.

Whats on:

- Music, hot dogs, soup, snacks and hot drinks from 17.30
- Dazzling fireworks
- Traditional bonfire
- Family friendly atmosphere

Admission:

- Adults: £5
- Children over 5: £2.50



Come along, wrap up warm and enjoy a sparkling night with friends, family and neighbours.

Organised by the Horningsea Residents Association.

Contact us for more details if you'd like to help on the night.



<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5849>

St Peter's Church

Church Services at St Peters 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.

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

Concert by the Zephyrus Recorder Quartet

Saturday 4th October, 19.30, St Peter's Church

If you think that the recorder is an instrument that school children learn to play and is therefore simple and limited in its range, you are wrong! The Zephyrus Quartet play a huge range of Recorders, of all shapes, sizes and tones! The concert will include music from around the world - England, Italy, Germany, Africa and America. There will be poems in between the pieces. It will be a gentle yet stimulating evening of music. Tickets are not required but you are asked to make a donation to church funds.

Harvest in Horningsea

Sunday 5 October at 10.30, St Peter's Church

The fields around Horningsea are being ploughed and no doubt seed is being scattered for winter crops! The traditional Harvest Service at St Peter's Church Horningsea will be on Sunday 5 October at 10.30 when we will sing the well known harvest hymns and listen to the readings. The church will be filled with flowers, fruit and vegetables from gardens and allotments in the village - if you can help decorate the church on Saturday 4th Oct please contact Liz Harrison on lizhakeman@hotmail.com. During the service we hope to have reports from our farmers about the 2025 harvest - it is always interesting to hear how the crops we watch growing during the year have done. This year we had a very dry spring and summer so I expect we will hear that yields were down on previous years ...

We will invite all the children - (and in fact everyone!) to bring something they have grown or made to the altar for a blessing.

After the service the produce will be sold and the proceeds sent to Farm Africa. This reminds us that however hard our lives are, there are many, many people who are much worse off and who can benefit from some basic help - often a water pump can make all the difference to a village.

October is Black History Month

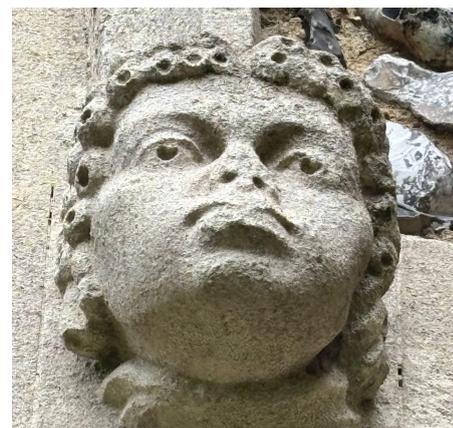
Wednesday 22 October, 19.30, St Peter's Church

Reverend Sharon Byrne, our curate who is also the Bishop's Adviser for Racial Justice, and Lindsay Davies will be talking about the links between Horningsea and the Abolition of the Slave Trade in the 19th Century. In particular what is known about George Gurney, "a negro, born in Kingston Jamaica, aged about 8" according to the Baptism register, who was baptised in Horningsea in 1807 and the story of Moses Roper, an escaped slave who came and lectured in the school room in Horningsea on 8 January 1861. The report on the lecture describes Moses Roper's attempts to escape "which he succeeded in doing by secreting himself in the woods; he was captured and bound in irons; several times he was sold, and made many attempts at escape and eventually succeeded in getting away. Having learned from his master the direction of the Polar star, he followed it and ultimately made another escape.". Moses Roper's book "Narrative of the Adventures and Escape of Moses Roper" which sold over 38,000 copies by 1848, was on display in the Fitzwilliam exhibition "Resistance, Revolution, Abolition".



You can also look at the two "African" heads that were carved on the windows of the church in Victorian times. Why are they there? What do they represent?

Join us at 19.30 on 22nd October for a fascinating evening.



The Plough and Fleece - Events for October

The Paint club - Thursday 9th

Rock & Roll Bingo - Friday 24th (last Friday of the month)

Halloween Party: Friday 31st

The October 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

- 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>

A Time to Remember

Saturday 1st November at 15.00 - A Time to Remember your loved ones who have died - whether in the last year or a long time ago. Join in the quiet reflective service and light a candle in their memory.

The Remembrance Day service will be on Sunday 9th November in the church, moving to the War Memorial in the jubilee gardens for the silence at 11:00.

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.

- 26th November.

Have Your Say: Road Safety & Pedestrian Improvements for Clayhithe Road (Horningsea)

Horningsea Parish Council has been working with Cambridgeshire County Council on options to improve safety at the northern entrance to the village (Clayhithe Road).

We all know this stretch suffers from persistent speeding and poor pedestrian access, with the footpath ending abruptly before the village boundary.

To address this, a draft plan has been prepared as part of a recent Local Highway Improvement (LHI) bid, which looks at a package of traffic calming measures and new pedestrian connections.

The key ideas being considered

- A new “gateway” give-way feature at the 30mph/40mph entry point to slow vehicles entering the village.
- A footpath extension so walkers can safely reach the rural footpath network without stepping into the road.
- Speed cushions (raised humps) at certain points to reinforce speed reduction.
- A raised table crossing in the village (near Gayton/Manor House) that would also serve as a safe crossing point for pedestrians.
- Additional street lighting and drainage upgrades where needed.

Current Parish Council Preferences

Following review of the draft designs, the Parish Council’s current preferences are:

- Location 1 (Entrance feature): Include.
- Location 2: Exclude.
- Location 3: If included, to be a raised table rather than speed cushions, as this is felt to reduce noise and vibration.
- Location 4: Include as a raised table with an uncontrolled crossing point.
- Location 5: Exclude.
- Location 6: Include as speed cushions, but moved further into the village.

We are keen for measures to be kept close together – if spread too far apart, vehicles will accelerate between features, brake sharply, and repeat, which risks increased noise levels for residents.

Visual Impact

We are also seeking for these measures to be softened visually through landscaping and tree planting, so that the features blend better into the village setting.

Costs & Funding

The scheme has been costed at around £194k in total and could be delivered in phases through LHI funding.

We are in the process of identifying funding avenues and are working with Cllr. Anna Bradnam to try and secure this funding.

Any changes would still require consultation, safety audits, and legal approvals.

We are also continuing to push for these or other speed reduction measures to be extended beyond the gates up Clayhithe Road, as we feel it is important to slow traffic on the entire length of Clayhithe Road, particularly before vehicles reach the proposed

new measures. However one issue we are facing is lack of lighting along this road which is limiting the options.

Next Steps – We Need Your Views

This is not a final design. We'd like to hear from residents about:

- Which options you support
- Any concerns (e.g. parking, access, noise)
- Other suggestions for improving safety on this stretch

The full documents and drawings are available on the Horningsea Parish Council website news pages.

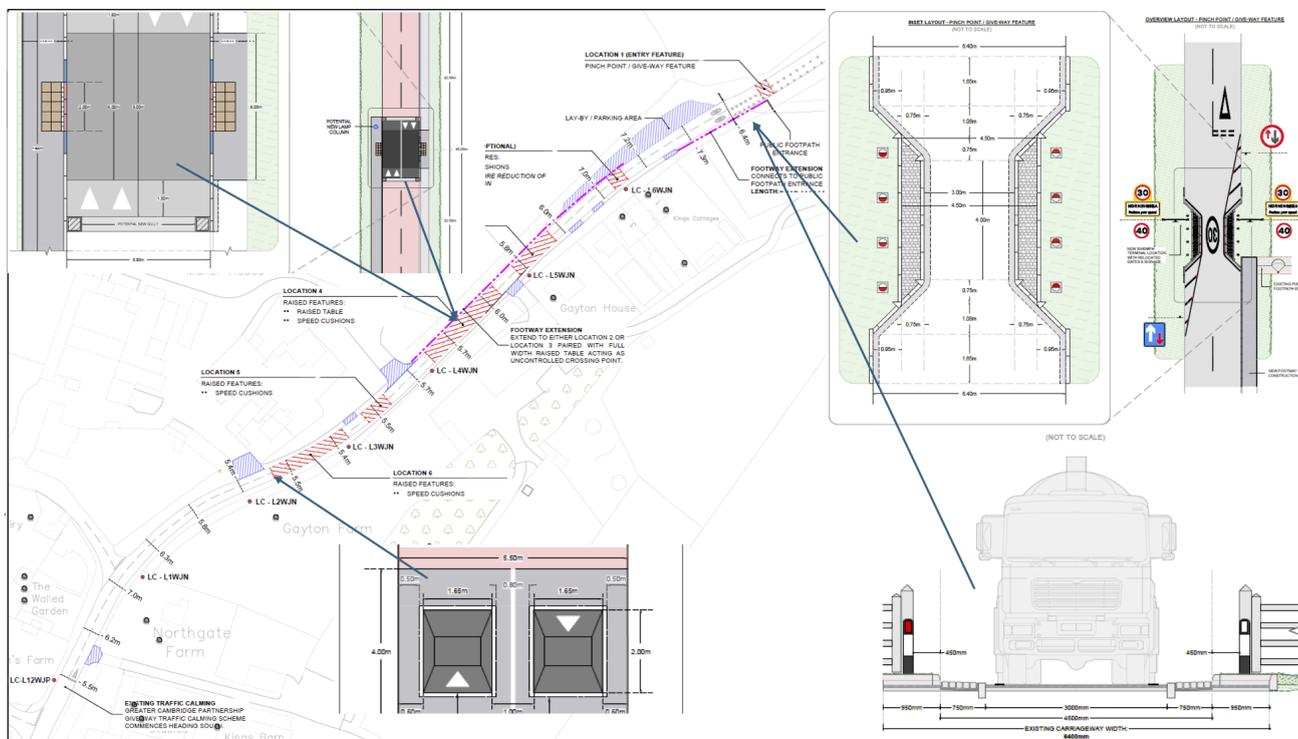
<https://www.horningsea-pc.gov.uk/2025/09/have-your-say-road-safety-pedestrian-improvements-for-clayhithe-road/>

This will also be on the agenda at the next Parish Council meeting – please do come along and share your thoughts.

If you are unable to attend, please email your views to: clerk@horningsea-pc.gov.uk.

Please note: We cannot guarantee that comments made via Facebook will be picked up, so please do not use this as a method of commenting.

Your input will help shape which measures are prioritised.



The plans (also attached) are on the [Horningsea PC website](https://www.horningsea-pc.gov.uk).

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

Notes

Bell Ringing in Horningsea

Wednesday 8th October at 19.00

If you came and "chimed" a bell to celebrate the cancellation of the sewage works, why not come back on Wednesday 8 October and have a lesson at ringing the bells? New ringers are always welcome at Ringing practice - if you can't make the 8th October you could go to Landbeach on the other Wednesdays or to Fen Ditton on Mondays. For more information Contact Barbara on blegallez@yahoo.co.uk

Alzheimer's Society Dementia Support in Cambridgeshire

We have a team of fully trained Dementia Advisers who are here to support everyone affected by dementia or worried about memory, their family members and carers.

As well as providing you with information, we can help you to understand dementia better, for example, helping with communication, eating and drinking, washing and dressing, etc. We will work with you to find strategies to cope with the difficulties that you face. Our staff will offer you a listening ear and a safe space to discuss the emotional impact of this. Our service is free and confidential, and can be accessed at any point and as often as needed.

We can help you to access benefits and any other services that may support you. We can also help you to plan for the future. We have a range of services including one-to-one support, groups, information sessions and are available in over 60 GP surgeries around the county.

If there is any way we can help you, please give us a call on 01223 620962 or email at cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.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