



Horningsea Bonfire is on the 2nd Nov!

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www.horningsea.net

To contribute to the Herald, please contact the editor by the 25th of the month at:
horningseanews@googlemail.com

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.

No parking along the High Street - Parking only at Scotsdales Garden Centre.

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>



"CHRISTMAS IS A-COMING"!

Sunday 30th November 2025 at 17:30 Jubilee Gardens

Kick off the Horningsea Christmas in the traditional way. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and Mincepies at the Christmas Tree Lighting.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5883>

St Peter's Church

"A Time to Remember"

Saturday 1st November at 15.00 at St Peter's Church Horningsea

If you have a family member or friend who you would like to remember, then come along to this quiet reflective service. There will be a chance to light a candle and put a flower in a vase in their memory. They may be someone who died in the last year or so, or who died many years ago who you remember with affection. It is always a very moving service.

Remembrance Day service

Sunday 9th November - 10.15 in St Peter's Church - 10.45 at the War Memorial in the Jubilee Gardens

The annual service of Remembrance for those who fought and lost their lives in War will take place as usual in Horningsea. Representatives of all the Village societies will lay wreaths of poppies, the Last Post will be sounded on the trumpet, the names of the fallen from the village will be read and this year we will include James Baker, the USAF pilot who died on Quy Fen 80 years ago. John Wilson has researched the stories of each of these men and this year he has asked that names should be read by younger people in the village. If you live in the house where they lived, if you are of the age of those who went to war, if your parents, grandparents or great grandparents took part in one of the World Wars, if your family came as refugees to escape the conflicts ...would you be willing to read a name? If so please contact Lindsay churchwardenhorningsea@gmail.com. Representatives of the various Societies in the village are asked to volunteer to lay the wreaths - Parish Council, HRA, Hall and Green trust, Friends of Horningsea Church, the Monday Hub, the PCC

The 80th Anniversary of VE and VJ Day reminds us of the hardships suffered by our parents, grandparents or great grandparents. It is also an opportunity to remember those who are still suffering from wars and conflicts all over the world in 2025 - and to give thanks for those who work for peaceful solutions to these conflicts.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5880>

[The Plough and Fleece - Events for November](#)

Halloween Party: Friday 31st 19:00. Live music from The Resonators, Fancy Dress competition. Restaurant open as usual.

To make a booking for these please call or email:

bookings@ploughandfleece.co.uk - 01223 860795

Crown and Punchbowl - Events for November

Game night: November 7th.

Game night is back! Join us November 7th for another, cosy autumn evening. Get booked in to fulfil your spot now at <https://thecrownandpunchbowl.co.uk/>"

[Upcoming Events](#)

HRA Dates for Diary 2025

- 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>

[Christmas in Horningsea](#)

After kicking off the traditional Horningsea Christmas on the 30th November when we light the Christmas Tree then the next event is the Candlelit Carol Service.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/5889>

Horningsea's Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 14th December at 18.00

Christmas is coming ... so plans for Horningsea's Candlelit Carol Service are in hand Sunday 14 December at 18.00

St Peter's will soon start preparing for the candlelit carol service. We will be placing over 600 candles around the church, hanging fairy lights and putting up cribs. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Meet at the church on Saturday 29th November at 10:00 to help.

Do we have volunteers to play in a young person's orchestra this year and/or sing a verse of Once in Royal David's City solo or with some other young people ? If you

would like to play, sing or help organise this please let Lindsay know on churchwardenhorningsea@gmail.com.

Horningsea Advent Windows

Liz will be organising the Horningsea Advent Windows - so keep an eye out for an announcement on the Horningsea Residents Facebook group.

A very short nativity

There will be a Very Short Nativity on Sunday 21st December - time will be confirmed after consultation with families of our youngest children. This is an opportunity for children to dress up as people who were part of the Nativity - Mary & Joseph, Grumpy innkeeper, shepherds, angels, wise people... no one has to learn any lines as the Christmas Story is read out. Parents, carers, grandparents, families and friends are all encouraged to come along.

Christmas concert by Cambridge Vocal Consort

Final date for your diary ... On Friday 19th December at 19.00 there will be a Christmas Concert in the church by Cambridge Vocal Consort.

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 continues to work with Cambridgeshire County Council to improve road safety and pedestrian access along Clayhithe Road, particularly at the northern entrance to the village.

Persistent speeding and the abrupt end of the existing footpath have raised safety concerns for both drivers and pedestrians. As part of a Local Highway Improvement (LHI) bid, a draft plan has been developed to introduce a combination of traffic-calming measures and footpath extensions. These may include a new "gateway" give-way feature, raised tables, speed cushions, and improved lighting and drainage.

The estimated total cost of the scheme is around £194,000, and the Parish Council is actively exploring funding options in partnership with Cllr Anna Bradnam to help secure delivery. We are also looking to introduce landscaping and tree planting to help soften the visual impact of the proposals and ensure the measures complement the rural character of the village.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Parish Council is also continuing to press for speed reduction measures to be extended beyond the village gates up Clayhithe Road, as we believe it is vital to slow traffic along the full length of the road — although the Highways Team are currently resisting this extension.

The full proposal and drawings are available on the Horningsea Parish Council website news page [Have your say](#), and the scheme will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend or to share feedback via clerk@horningsea-pc.gov.uk.

Please note: Comments made on Facebook or social media cannot be guaranteed to be picked up — email is the best way to ensure your views are heard.

The plans are on the [Horningsea PC website](#).

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

Reports

Save Honey Hill - update

You may be aware that on 9th October Cambridge City Council held a Full Meeting at which it agreed a motion to contest the recent government decision to withdraw funding for the relocation of the Cambridge Sewage Works. In response to this, Save Honey Hill submitted a Freedom of Information request to Cambridge City Council. It was revealed during the meeting that the projected costs for the relocation had risen to £700 million. We are seeking clarification on this significant increase which is a dramatic rise from the £227 million originally proposed in the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Business Case submitted by the City Council to Homes England in 2018.

Save Honey Hill will continue to hold all parties involved to account and advocate for the protection of the Green Belt and the future of Honey Hill.

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/shh-response-to-cambridge-city-council/>

Plough and Fleece Pétanque Team 2025 season

The rivalry between the Plough and Fleece and the Red Lion's A team in Histon continued this season. Some years back, the well-established Histon team used to win the league every year and whomever took second place would almost consider this a win in itself. No mean feat then that the P&F developed into a full league winning team themselves and over the last 5 or 6 years have won most of the titles. 2024 saw the P&F relinquish the title however and in 2025 after a shaky first couple of months with the P&F languishing mid-table, it looked as if the P&F would have to battle for a second-place finish. But with the P&F's unique spirit of not taking itself too seriously balanced with skill, experience, and desire to win. the team rallied brilliantly scoring significant wins against their rivals and the other teams to race to the end of the 2025 season finishing on top once more.

The Red Lion A team were determined to take the league's cup trophy at least but in the final the P&F saw off a determined press from their rivals to make 2025 a double winning season!

Members of the P&F team also went on to represent two regions (Anglia and Eastern) of the Inter-Regional tournament. The country's biggest tournament seeing thousands of players from all over England and included National squads from Scotland and Wales. The P&F players performed well over a gruelling weekend of morning till evening matches and saw their regions retain their positions and improve their status'

More trophies to adorn the P&F bar!



Notes

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