



Horningsea's finest bingo caller!

Horningsea Herald

Issue #208 March 2026

For further information on Horningsea visit our village website at:
www.horningsea.net

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

Horningsea Residents Association

Fish n Chip Bingo

Friday March 27th at 18:00 in the Village Hall.

The eyes are down and the chips are up! Horningsea Residents Association are delighted to be running what is always a really fun evening of Fish n Chip Bingo.

Doors open at 18.00 for you to buy your books, dabber and place your order for fish & chips, Veggie option available. Find your table ready for eyes down at 18:30. Easter Eggs and alcoholic prizes to be won in every game.

Fish and Chip supper freshly fetched from The Beach Fryer in Waterbeach.

Bring your own ketchup, drinks and glasses and have an eggcellent evening of fun!

Easter eggs and wine to be won in every game. Good fun for all the family!

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/6039>

FRIDAY MARCH 27TH | 18:00 | VILLAGE HALL

Fish 'n' Chip Bingo

The eyes are down and the chips are up!!!

**Arrive in good time for eyes down at 18:30.
Fish and Chip supper fresh from The Beach Fryer in Waterbeach.**

**Bring your own glasses and drinks.
Easter eggs and wine to be won in every game.
Good fun for all the family!**

HRA Seniors Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 8th April

The HRA decided to have a change this year and instead of our senior's lunch, we have decided to offer Afternoon Tea instead.

The Horningsea Residents Association would like to invite all over 65's in Horningsea to join them for sandwiches, homemade cakes, scones, a cup of tea and a glass of Prosecco on Wednesday 8th April at 14.30 in the village hall.

This will be an invitation only event to all over 65's in the village, invites will be sent nearer the time.

HRA Dates for Diary 2026

Here's the event calendar for 2026. As ever please do check the website and social media for details closer to the event. Provisional dates for 2027 are also on the website.

- **Fish and Chip Bingo** - 27th March 18:00 for 18:30 Eyes Down.
- **Senior's Lunch** - Wednesday 8th April
- **Village Day** - 4th July 2026
- **Horticultural Show** - 11th July 2026
- **Apple Pressing Day** - 19th September 14:00
- **Bonfire Night** - 1st November
- **Christmas Tree Lighting** - Sunday 29th November

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/6025>

St Peter's Church

Church services for March

- Mothering Sunday, Sunday 15th March

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/6043>

Posies for Mothering Sunday

Come along to St Peter's Church Horningsea on the morning of Saturday 14 March at about 10:00 to make posies and cards for Mothering Sunday, the next day Sunday 15th March. Card, glitter and glue will be available to enable everyone old and young to be creative! Ask Liz Harrison for more details.

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15th March at 10.30

There will be A Very Short Mothering Sunday service at St Peter's Church which will be suitable for children of all ages, families, parents, carers, grandparents, godparents During the service the posies of flowers will be given out to everyone who is there and

others can be taken to give to your neighbours, family and friends who have not been able to come.

Pilgrims visit to St Peter's Horningsea

Tuesday 31st March

The pilgrims who set off to walk from London on Palm Sunday will reach Horningsea at about 10.45 on Tuesday 31 March. There will be about 18 pilgrims walking all the way to arrive at Walsingham in Norfolk on Good Friday. They carry a large cross and often sing as they walk. As long as the paths are not waterlogged they will come along the tow path, cross the river at Baits Bite and walk up past Biggin. Do join them as they walk through the village. We will need help with providing refreshments - and it is always lovely to chat to them. Once they have tended to their blisters or dried out, they say a prayer, sing and have a blessing before they set off again across the fields to Lode.

Church Services in Horningsea over Easter

Friday 3rd April, Good Friday at 12.30 there will be a short reflection outside the church followed by a walk to Fen Ditton to join their service.

Easter Day Sunday 5 April at 10.30 there will be a special family service followed by a short communion service for those who would like to stay on.

Other services will be taking place in our sister parishes every day in Holy Week and over the Easter weekend. Details will be on the noticeboard

Possibility of putting swift boxes on St Peter's church tower

A parishioner has suggested putting swift nesting boxes on St Peter's Church tower while the building work is underway. The PCC is exploring the practicalities of this - getting permission, where to locate the boxes, how many, would we want/ need, what about CCTV so the swifts can be observed... If we can put the nest boxes up, it would be the third nesting site in the village and hopefully increase the number of swifts whose population slumped by about 66% between 1995 and 2022. The gloomy prediction is that the most recent census of 59000 is likely to have reduced to 40,000 this summer and to 25,000 within 5 years.

The Vikings are coming!

Dates for your diary later this year... all being well there will be a Viking invasion of Horningsea during the weekend of 12 and 13 September. More details will be published nearer the time.

Names on the Memorial Stone in Horningsea Churchyard

The stonemason has been booked to come in the summer (when the weather is warmer!) to add names to the Memorial Stone. We have four names to add but if you would like to add the name of a family member who had close Horningsea connections

please contact the churchwardens, Jennie or Lindsay on
churchwardenhorningsea@gmail.com

The Plough and Fleece

We would like to thank the village for letting us look after your wonderful pub for the last 2 years, we wish the new tenants all the best.

Join us on the 28th of March for our final evening.

Love Chris, Luke and our wonderful team

To make a booking please call or email:

bookings@ploughandfleece.co.uk - 01223 860795

Horningsea Parish Council News

Councillors' Reports

The latest District and County Councillors' reports are now available on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.horningsea-pc.gov.uk/councillors-reports/>

Residents are encouraged to read these updates to stay informed about current issues and activity affecting the parish.

Horningsea Parish Council meetings

PC meetings are in the village hall and generally from 19:30 but check the agenda published on the [Parish Council website](#) before.

Horningsea Planning

Save Honey Hill Annual General Meeting

19:00 12th March 2026 by Zoom

Although funding for the sewage works relocation was withdrawn by Central Government in August 2025, the possibility of it happening is still there and we need to be vigilant! The DCO is effective until 2030 -- if Anglian Water and/or Local Councils can find funding the sewage works will be built on Honey Hill

SHH Committee and Strategy Group members have been monitoring Local and Central Government activities, most recently the proposal for a Greater Cambridge Development Corporation and the draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan. It is clear that Peter Freeman, currently leading Cambridge Growth Company, is determined to develop Hartree on the site of the current Wastewater Treatment plant.

We are looking for new members for the Committee and Strategy Team to help monitor the situation; after six years of campaigning some of the Committee and Strategy

Group members have resigned since the AGM in March last year. If you have any questions or suggestions please e-mail info@savehoneyhill.org and one of us will come back to you.

We will be electing a new Chair and vice-chair at the meeting and amending the Constitution.

<https://www.savehoneyhill.org/agm2026/>

Miscellaneous events/reports

Horningsea library spring clean

Hélène Grislin

In true Horningsea fashion, a simple dog walk turned into a lovely little moment of village life. On the way back home, I happened to bump into three friendly ladies hard at work by our much-loved library phone box. Armed with cleaning products, brushes and plenty of enthusiasm, they've taken it upon themselves to give the old telephone box/new library a well-deserved deep clean.



Seven Last Words from the Cross

Saturday 21st March, 19.30 Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Hills Road, Cambridge.

As many will remember, New Cambridge Singers gave us a wonderful concert of German Romantic choral music in St Peter's church in the summer last year, with Rheinberger's dramatic Mass as the main work. This Lent the choir, together with the London Mozart Players, offers us an opportunity to reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus. In *Seven Last Words from the Cross* James MacMillan, one of our most celebrated contemporary composers, brings us close to Jesus in His final hours. MacMillan's music, which springs from his own deep religious faith, places the listener vividly and painfully at the very foot of the cross. It is music to accompany us through the season of Passiontide.

Alongside the MacMillan, Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Caroline Shaw's *To the Hands* echoes the Passiontide theme and reflects on tolerance and migration in the modern world.

Pablo Casal's *O vos omnes* and Anton Bruckner's *Christus factus est* complete the programme.

Full details and tickets at <https://www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk/concerts.html>

And to add a practical note -- there is free parking on the side streets around the church in the evenings.

Note: Horningsea residents Helen Skaer and Frank Hopkirk will be singing in the choir.

March 2026 Calendar

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>SHH AGM</i>	<i>Thursday 12th March, 19:00</i>	Zoom
<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday 15th March</i>	St Peter's Church
<i>Fish n Chip Bingo</i>	<i>Friday 27th March, 18:00</i>	Village Hall.
<i>Leaving party</i>	<i>Saturday 28th March</i>	The Plough and Fleece
<i>HRA Seniors Afternoon Tea</i>	<i>Wednesday 8th April</i>	Village Hall

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