



[Horningsea Residents Association](#)

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.

- **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/6054>

[St Peter's Church](#)

Services while building work is underway

- Sunday 10 May at 15.00 - **Rogation Sunday walk** - meet at church
- Sunday 17 May at 10.30 - in the church - Holy Communion followed by Annual Meeting
- Sunday 28 June at 10.30 - Patronal Festival service in Horningsea Village Hall with exhibition celebrating "**1766 and all that!**".

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/6064>

From beneath the floor to the top of the tower



Work has started on the church - the pews have been taken out of the north aisle and north side of the church. The rotten floor boards and joists have been removed and the builders are digging down into the soil - there are no foundations! (We hope they may find treasure!). The north aisle was refurbished in the 1860's and the main part much earlier than that. Some of the pews date back to 15th century. The pews will be restored ready for putting back. The wooden structures have done well to last as long as they have! The Victorian tiles and pampments have been lifted up and preserved so they can be replaced. The two 10th century tombstones are still in place, excavations are going on around them. Research suggests they were moved into the church in 1830 as they were found when Church End Lane was dug and the cottages were built.

Work has not yet started on the tower, except that the unsafe "safety" ladder has been removed. The whole project will take about five months to complete.



It is, of course, costing a lot of money. We have been given a number of grants which will be set out in a formal press release in a few weeks time. The balance has been raised from donations and fund raising events over the years. As the work progresses more costs will inevitably arise so more donations will be gratefully received!

We have decided it is not practical to hold services in what is, essentially, a building site. There will be a service at 10.30 on Sunday 17th May followed by the Annual Church meeting and then the church will close for services until some time in late August.

1766 and all that

On 28th June there will be a church service at 10.30 in Horningsea Village Hall - this will be a celebration of St Peter's Day and of the altar cloth embroidered in 1766, so 260 years ago. On that day we will have an exhibition in the hall called "1766 and all that" looking at what life was like in Horningsea - which houses were here then, who was christened, married or buried that year, who lived at Eye Hall and what connection did he have with the king, what was happening in Cambridge - Addenbrookes hospital, Botanic Gardens Help will be needed to put the exhibition together - if you are interested in getting involved contact Lindsay on 07855 382020.

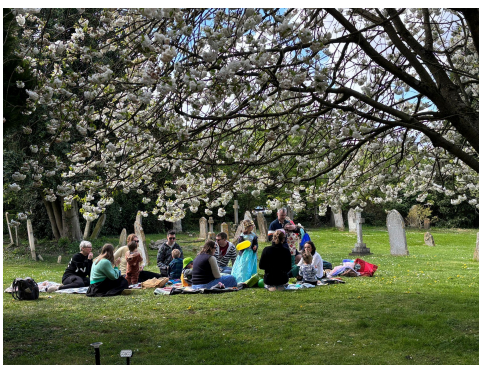
Rogation Sunday walk

On Sunday 10 May at 15.00 there will be a walk around some of the fields in the village starting at the church. Traditionally on Rogation Sunday villages "beat the bounds" of the parish. For some reason they used to hold a choir boy upside down at various points and hit him with a stick ... certainly not compliant with our safeguarding rules today! If you'd like to join in the walk meet at St Peter's church wearing your walking boots or shoes at 15.00.



Young Bellringers from Cambridge

On Saturday 18th April a boat load of young bellringers came down the river and rang our bells. They were from school years 7 -12 and were extremely enthusiastic and energetic! It was great to host them.



Singing and dancing in the church

The Friends of Horningsea Church organised a lovely morning of singing and dancing on Saturday 18 April. Everyone dressed up - some in their best princess outfits, tiaras and crowns were worn, glitter was added to their faces or hands. It was a beautiful day for a picnic in the churchyard under the cherry blossom. Thank you to Suzanna for organising the morning and to everyone who helped with the tech,

screen, acoustics, face painting ...and to everyone who joined in.

Events

Tea party in aid of Coeliac Awareness month

Sunday 17th May, Village Hall.

It's May, which means it's Coeliac Awareness Month! Come along to Horningsea Village Hall on Sunday 17 May from 3pm to 5pm to enjoy some delicious gluten-free cakes and bakes (dairy-free options also available).

All profits will be donated to Coeliac UK, a charity which has provided me with invaluable information and support since my diagnosis.

Please bring along cash for refreshments as follows:

£5 for a cake and a drink; £7 for a savoury, a cake and a drink.

We will be taking photos at the event to share with Coeliac UK. Please let me know on the day if you do not wish to appear in any published photos.

You can learn more about coeliac disease here:

<https://www.coeliac.org.uk/about-coeliac-disease/symptoms>

Hope to see you at the tea party! Katherine

Horningsea Parish Council News

Community Rallies for Village Litter Pick

Residents turned out in impressive numbers for the recent village litter pick, demonstrating strong community spirit and a shared commitment to maintaining a clean and welcoming environment.

Volunteers of all ages took part, spending several hours clearing roadsides. By the end of the event, a substantial volume of rubbish had been collected -- highlighting both the scale of the issue and the importance of regular community action.

Organisers expressed their sincere thanks to everyone who attended, noting that the success of the event was entirely down to the time and effort given by local residents. The turnout and positive atmosphere reflected a community that takes pride in its surroundings and is willing to act to protect them.

While the amount of waste collected is a concern, the event was a clear reminder of what can be achieved when people come together with a shared purpose. Further clean-up events are expected to be planned in the future to continue building on this momentum.

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 19th May, 19:00

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 19th May, and all residents are warmly encouraged to attend.

The normal Parish Council meeting will begin at 19.00, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 19:45.

If you are considering joining the Parish Council, you are very welcome to come along at any point during the evening -- it is a great opportunity to see the Council in action and meet current members.

Historic Phone Box to be Restored

We are pleased to announce that funding has been successfully secured for the refurbishment of the Grade II listed telephone box on our high street. This important project will ensure the preservation and enhancement of a valued local heritage asset.

As part of the works, the phone box will be temporarily removed to allow for essential groundwork. The base will be carefully re-laid and levelled to provide a stable and appropriate setting for its return. Once reinstated, the telephone box will be fully redecorated, restoring its appearance and reinforcing its presence as a distinctive and much-loved feature of the high street.

The grant has been awarded by South Cambridgeshire District Council through its **Improving the High Street** programme, which supports initiatives aimed at enhancing the character and vitality of local centres.

We look forward to seeing the restored phone box back in place and continuing to play its part in the character of our village.

Could You Be a Councillor?

Horningsea Parish Council is running low on members, and we need residents to step forward. Without new councillors joining us, our village risks losing its independent voice to South Cambridgeshire District Council -- something none of us want to see.

Being a councillor is more straightforward than you might think. There are just six formal meetings a year, and no prior experience is required. What matters most is a genuine interest in our village and a willingness to get involved.

The Council has recently been active on a number of fronts: securing funding for new playground equipment, pushing for safer roads through a 20mph application, speed signs and buffer zones, restoring the village phone box, and commenting on local planning applications. This is your chance to have a direct say in the future of Horningsea.

To find out more, speak to a current councillor or come along to the next meeting -- you will be very welcome. Any extra involvement beyond the formal meetings is entirely up to you.

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Councillors' Reports

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

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

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.

Advance Events

Horningsea Village Show

Saturday 11th July

Join us for a fantastic day in the Village Hall celebrating our wonderful community with the 70th Village Show.

Whether you grow it, bake it, make it, sculpt it with over 130 categories including plenty for the children there's something for everyone.

Programmes and entry forms due out mid may.

Horningsea Reports

HRA Seniors Afternoon Tea - report

The weather could not have been better when the HRA committee staged the seniors afternoon tea.

It was enjoyed by over 35 villagers all of whom tucked into sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones with cream and jam and lots of cake finishing with skewers of fresh fruit. They drank Prosecco be it the full Monty or alcohol free and cups of tea a-flowing. All ladies took home a tied bunch of flowers. A lovely event to be repeated no less.



May 2026 Calendar

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<i>Rogation Sunday walk</i>	Sunday 10 May at 15.00	<i>meet at church</i>
<i>Holy Communion/ Annual Meeting</i>	Sunday 17 May at 10.30	<i>St Peter's Church</i>
<i>Tea party in aid of Coeliac Awareness month</i>	Sunday 17th May,	<i>Village Hall.</i>
<i>Annual Parish Meeting</i>	Tuesday 19th May, 19:00	<i>Village Hall</i>
<u>Advance events</u>		
<i>Patronal Festival</i>	Sunday 28 June at 10.30	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>HRA Village Day</i>	Saturday 4th July 2026	<i>Village Green</i>
<i>Village Show</i>	Saturday 11th July	<i>Village Hall</i>

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