



Village Day on the 4th and the Village show on the 11th!

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Horningsea Residents Association

Horningsea Village Day

Saturday 4th July, 15:00 onwards, Village Green

Join the Horningsea Residents Association for this year's Village Day on Saturday 4th July from 15:00

Get ready for an action packed day of fun for all on the Village Green with line dancing, music and traditional village favourites with an American twist!



- Vee's tea and cake served from 15:00
- Delicious gluten free doughnuts from Fen Family Kitchen
- American style hot dogs
- Live music throughout the afternoon
- Vintage American Hot Rod car show
- Bouncy castle for the little ones
- Inflatable assault course for the bigger ones
- Art stall, coconut shy & Tombola



- Stocks & sponges
- Knobbly knees & welly wanging competitions
- Line dancing from 19:00

The BBQ will be lit for you to cook your own food or bring a picnic.

Live Country music during the afternoon from Tom Donaldson and also the 'Sure can play boys' band and if you still have the energy after the line dancing has finished they'll be a disco.

Whether you're trying your hand at line dancing, tackling the assault course, admiring the vintage cars, enjoying gluten free doughnuts or relaxing with tea and homemade cake there's something for everyone!

Full details in the attached flyer and on the village website.

<https://www.horningsea.net/archives/6094>

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>

Horningsea Village Show

Saturday 11th July, Horningsea Village Hall

Now is a great time to start planning your entries for this year's Horningsea Horticultural Show!



By now, schedules should have been delivered around the village. If you haven't seen yours yet, or would like another copy, you can also find the full schedule and entry forms online here:

<https://www.horningsea.net/horningsea-horticultural-show>

One of the joys of the show is that there really is something for everyone. Whether you enjoy baking, gardening, photography, flower arranging, crafts, preserves, art, or growing vegetables, there are lots of ways to take part.

We're especially excited about some updates to the Arts & Crafts section this year, including:

- A dedicated Art judge
- A new Calligraphy class
- Expanded possibilities for 3D art, models and sculpture
- Separate Sewing and Yarn Craft categories
- Now is the perfect moment to:
 - decide which classes you might enter
 - plan your planting and baking
 - encourage children and grandchildren to join in
 - dust off those craft projects and photographs

You absolutely do not need to be an expert to enter. The show is one of the friendliest and most enjoyable events in the village calendar, and we love welcoming both new and returning entrants every year.



St Peter's Church

1766 and all that! - Report

Thank you to all those who helped make the 1766 event such a success. Those who put the exhibition together - including trying to work out which label went with which house; those who moved the furniture so that on Sunday morning with the 260 year old altar cloth on the temporary altar it looked like a church; those who made and served refreshments and cakes; those who told the stories of their houses in most entertaining ways - with visual aids, old beer bottles, photographs, plans, and invitations to visit the house for a tour ... and to everyone who came, looked at the exhibition, asked questions, and contributed. Can we turn the exhibition into a book? Can we have a quiz "name that house"? Can we have an event focusing on the most modern architect designed houses in the village? So many ideas! Thank you all!



Community survey for the Heritage Lottery Fund Grant

Jennie & Lindsay, Church wardens

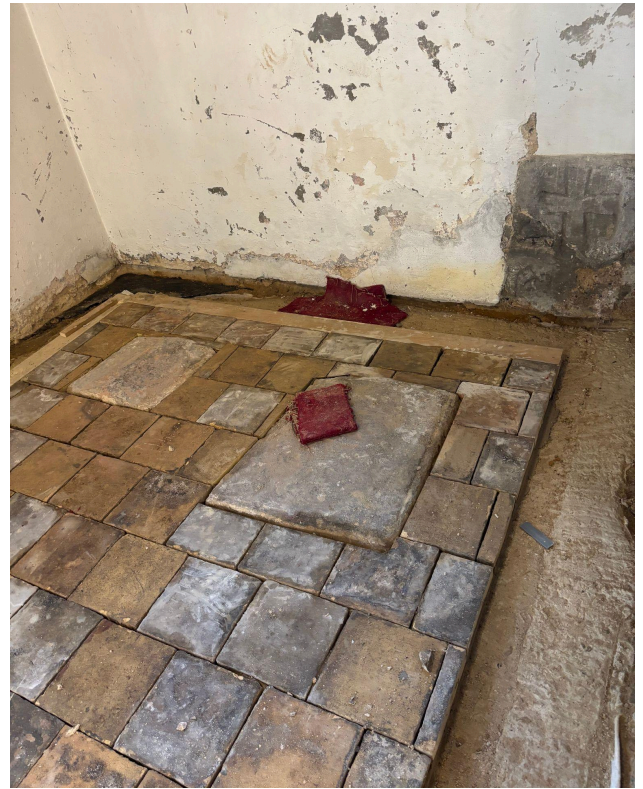
As the Heritage Lottery Fund have made a grant of £100,000 towards the repairs in the church, they have asked that a Community Survey should be carried out to gain an understand of the impact the project has on the community. You can access the survey here or by using this QR code or by filling in a paper copy which you will find in the church porch. Please have a go at filling it in - the more information they have the better, the closing date is 30 September.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8DGD3DL>

Progress report on the work to the church

In June the contractors were waiting for the limecrete to dry before moving on to lay the tiles and pammments. By the time the limecrete was ready the first batch of pammments had been made and were delivered. Pammments are a local traditional clay tile, 9 inch square, hand made in Burwell of local clay. The contractors have started to lay them - photo attached.



Meanwhile the works to make the tower safe have been finished and the broken louvres replaced - look up next time you walk through the churchyard.

In July the contractors will finish laying the pammments, the stone work on the 12 and 14 century pillars will be repaired and the work to the rotten wood on the 15 century pews can begin.

[The Plough and Fleece](#)

Garden Party & Beer Festival - 1st August

Who's ready for our FIRST EVER Garden Party & Beer Festival?!

It's going to be an unforgettable day, and we'd love for you to join us at the **Plough & Fleece Garden Party & Beer Festival** on Saturday, 1st August!

There's something for everyone to enjoy, including:

- 🏪 Local stalls
- 🏰 Bouncy castle
- 🎨 Face painting
- 🍺 Beer Festival
- 🎵 Live music

🌟 And plenty more!

📅 Save the date, gather your friends and family, and come along for a fantastic day of great food, drinks, entertainment, and community fun.

📦 Interested in having a stall? Get in touch with us—we'd love to have you involved!

We can't wait to celebrate with you! ❤️

For booking: 01223 860795 - ploughandfleece26@outlook.com

<https://ploughandfleece.co.uk/>

Events

Horningsea Parish Council News

Refurbishment Works Commence on Horningsea's Historic Phone Box

We are delighted to announce that refurbishment works have now commenced on the Grade II listed telephone box on Horningsea High Street, following the successful award of funding.



The project, which has been made possible through South Cambridgeshire District Council's Improving the High Street Grant, will preserve and enhance one of the village's most recognisable heritage assets.

As part of the refurbishment, the telephone box has been temporarily removed to allow its base to be carefully re-laid and levelled before the structure is reinstated. Once back in position, the phone box will be fully redecorated, restoring its appearance and ensuring it continues to be a focal point on the High Street for many years to come.

As a result of these works, the Community Library is temporarily closed. All books have been removed for safekeeping and will be returned to the phone box once the refurbishment has been completed. We kindly ask residents not to leave any additional books at the site during this period.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience while these improvement works are carried out and look forward to reopening the Community Library as soon as the restoration is complete.

Events

Ian Hull photography - Cambridge Open Studios

Horningsea High Street.

Join me for Open Studios on the first three weekends in July, 10:00 - 5:00.

Visit my gallery on Horningsea High Street to view a stunning selection of limited-edition black-and-white photographic prints.

Whether you're a wildlife enthusiast, art lover, collector, or just fancy a browse, everyone is warmly welcome.

www.ianhull.com



Park Yoga

Park yoga will be running 9.30 on the village green every Saturday during the summer, weather permitting, until September. Led by Johanna from Waterbeach. More info at: <https://bookwhen.com/sasyana>

Horningsea Past

Tom Barnyards Hill

John Wilson

Some of you who were at the "1766 and all that!" presentation at the village hall last Sunday may remember Richard Halton talking about farmers in the village in the 19th century.

One farmer mentioned was Tom Barnyard who lived in the village and later moved to Poplar Hall farm between Horningsea and Fen Ditton. It still exists and the sign to it is just on the right as you cross the A14 bridge

If you can cast your mind back before the A14 was built in the 1970s and travelled to Fen Ditton from Horningsea you would have climbed up a slight hill to the outskirts of Fen Ditton.

This was known to villagers as "Tom Barnyards Hill" and was obviously a hill of note for this area. Those of you who come from the more mountainous regions of the UK might not even register it as a hill, but village people did and named it after Tom Barnyard.

Traveling the same route today the hill has been increased by the approaches to the A14 bridge.

I wonder what Tom would have thought of that?

Perhaps some of you will remember this little bit of village history and pass it on.

Horningsea Development

Have your say on proposed changes to local bus services

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is inviting residents to share their views on proposed changes to local bus services across the region.

The proposals aim to make bus services more reliable, better connected and better value for money. Depending on where you live, this could include changes to routes, new connections and improvements to existing services.

The proposals cover the following services in your area:

- T2: Madingley Road Park & Ride to Newmarket Road Park & Ride

- T3: Grantchester to Fulbourn
- T4: Addenbrookes Hospital to Newmarket
- T5: Cambridge to Soham
- 17: Cambridge to Guilden Morden
- 26: Cambridge to Royston
- 75: Cambridge to Wrestlingworth
- 114: Chesterton to Addenbrookes Hospital

No decisions have been made, and your feedback will help inform any future changes.

Residents can review the proposals for their area and complete a short survey online.

The engagement is open until 5pm on Tuesday 28 July.

Find out more and take part:

<https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-network-review-engagement/>

July 2026 Calendar

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>HRA Village Day</i>	Saturday 4th July	<i>Village Green</i>
<i>Village Show</i>	Saturday 11th July	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Ian Hull Photography</i>	First three weekends 10:00 - 5:00.	<i>High Street</i>
<i>Park Yoga</i>	9:30 Saturday	<i>Village Green</i>
<u><i>Advance Events</i></u>		
<i>Garden Party</i>	Saturday 1st August	<i>The Plough and Fleece</i>
<i>The Vikings are coming</i>	12th/13th September	

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