



HORNING REACH The PARISH PAPER



For Horning and Ashmanhaugh

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A Merry Christmas to You All



Choir in full swing at the Christmas Event

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HORNING REACH

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It is good to wait!

It has become increasingly challenging to keep the season of Advent. In our modern world the season of Christmas has now extended back to November and has somewhat swallowed up Advent.

However, Advent is a wonderful and joyful season of preparation and one that we always keep in the Church. Advent is very similar to Lent and that is evidenced by the colour of purple which is used for both seasons.

In church we have our Advent wreaths and we light a candle each Sunday to help us to remember amongst other things, that before the birth of Jesus, the world was in darkness; however, that all changes when Christ, the light of the world, is born.

Advent is a time for us to reflect and to prepare for the birth of Jesus; it is an important period of waiting and anticipation.

Waiting is something that our society is increasingly struggling to do. We have all become accustomed to getting things instantly and not having to wait for them.

Our society has changed dramatically since the invention of email. In past times we would write letters to each other and not expect a reply for days. Today and with email, we expect a reply to our correspondence within hours. However, it is beneficial for all of us on occasions to simply wait. When we wait we are increasing the anticipation, we are reflecting on the upcoming event, we are valuing and preparing ourselves for the occasion; therefore when the big day comes we discover that we enjoy it even more than what we would have done if we had not spent some time simply waiting.

For Christians, Advent is that opportunity to prepare and to wait; and then to celebrate on 25th December when we will give thanks for the birth of the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. The waiting and preparation beforehand enhances this joyful experience. To help us to prepare for Christmas, I shall be leading a bible study at the **New Victory Hall on Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, December, starting at 1.30pm.** Please do come along for a relaxed and informal opportunity that will help all of us prepare for the upcoming joys of Christmas.

Finally, I pray that you will all have a good and fruitful Advent; and that when the time comes and the waiting is over, a very joyful Christmas.

Praised be Christ,
Revd Ben.

P.S- Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Remembrance Service at Horning, your amazing generosity raised £229.50 which will be sent to the British Legion.

Rotas For December

Date		Time	Service	Church
7 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	9.30 am	Benefice HC <i>With Sunday Club</i>	Neatishead
14 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	9.30 am	Benefice HC	Ashmanhaugh
21 st December	4 th Sunday of Advent	9.90 am 9.30 am 6 pm	HC MP Carol Service	Irstead Barton Turf Horning
24 th December	Christmas Eve	4.00 pm 11.30 pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass	Irstead Neatishead
25 th December	Christmas day	9.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	HC HC HC Carol Service	Ashmanhaugh Horning Irstead Barton Turf
28 th December		11.00 am	Benefice HC	Barton Turf

HC Holy Communion EP Evening Prayer BPC Book of Common Prayer

MP Morning Prayer BHC Benefice Holy Communion

N.B. Please note due to bell works this service is likely to take place in another church in the Benefice.

Monday	Irstead 3rd Monday HC
Tuesday	Neatishead
Wednesday	Horning
Thursday	Barton Turf
Friday * 9.45am	Ashmanhaugh

Weekday Morning Prayer Service in our Benefice churches at 9.15am *

Rotas for January

Date		Time	Service	Church
4th January	Epiphany	9.30 am	Benefice HC	Neatishead
11th January	Baptism of Christ	9.30 am	Benefice HC	Ashmanhaugh
18th January	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.90 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	HC (BCP) Sunday Club HC EP	Irstead Neatishead Horning Barton Turf
25th January	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	HC MP HC	Irstead Horning Barton Turf

Weekday Morning Prayer Service in our Benefice churches (as December)

Latest news from our Sunday Club

We spent our Sunday Club meetings in November learning about Joseph and his very snazzy coat!

In addition, the schools and children also commemorated Remembrance Day with special services and times of silence to allow for prayers and reflection.

Please see below all of our events coming up in December and January.

The highlight of course being our Christmas Crib service at Irstead on 24th December!

This is always a great service and really starts the Christmas season off in style! Please do come along for a fun and joyful service.

Upcoming Dates and Events

Sunday 7th December- 9.30am Sunday Club at Neatishead Church where we will be making Christmas crafts!

Christmas Eve- 4pm our annual Christmas Crib service at Irstead.

Sunday 18th January- 11am Sunday Club takeover at Neatishead Church

ALL CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME TO SUNDAY CLUB, PLEASE DO COME ALONG, IT IS GREAT FUN!

For more information please contact Revd Ben- brother_ben@btinternet.com
01692 630216

St Swithins Church Ashmanhaugh

Christmas Carol Service.

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Friday 19th December at 5pm at St Swithins Church. There will be refreshments afterwards and the Grand Christmas Draw at the Preston Room. Everyone is very welcome . If you would like any draw tickets please contact me

Anne Mulhall
Church Warden
Anne.mulhall1@btinternet.com

First Saturday Monthly Coffee Mornings



Our December Coffee Morning is our annual Christmas special – Horning Church's **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** on **Saturday 6th December**. As usual, it will take place in Horning Village Hall from 10.00 until 11.45. The refreshments will include tea or coffee with mince pies or cheese scones. There will also be a Grand Raffle, Christmas Tree Tombola, Cakes and Produce Stall, Poinsettias, Christmas Wrapping Paper, Jewellery and Accessories Stall and the Pre-loved Bookstall. The draw for the raffle will take place at about 11.30. We only deal in cash, so do come prepared!

Donations for all stalls are most welcome. Please contact Ian and Caroline Johnson (01692 631287) or drop them off at 59 Lower Street.

Preston Rooms

The last event of 2025 will be on Friday 19th December, the Christmas Get Together following the Carol Service at 5pm. We hope you can join us for a glass of mulled wine, or fruit punch and a mince pie. Don't forget to bring your raffle tickets with you as the Grand Draw will also take place.

I have a message from Molly to share with you all:

As the year draws to a close, we've got some exciting things lined up and a few special thank yous to share

Christmas Building Event – for children aged from 2 to 10, Monday 22nd December, 2 – 4pm. Join us for a fun and festive afternoon as we get creative with our Christmas Building Event! Expect plenty of holiday spirit, laughter and of course, delicious treats. A perfect way to celebrate the season together before the big day.

Deaf and Signing Cafe – Thursday 12th February, 10am – 12pm.

We're delighted to announce the launch of our monthly Deaf and Signing Cafe, starting on Thursday 12th February 2026. This inclusive and welcoming event will run from 10am – 12pm offering a space for the deaf community, sign language users, learners, and supporters to connect over coffee and cake.

Thank you from the Pop Up Cafe, Ashmanhaugh

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Pop Up Cafe in Ashmanhaugh this year, your kindness, company and encouragement have meant the world. We will be taking a short festive break (closed Tuesday 30th December) and will be back on Tuesday 6th January 2026 for another great year of community, coffee and cakes! Finally, on behalf of the Preston Rooms Committee, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Sue Watts Secretary

Book Stall on the wall

We are pleased to share with you the final total raised, with your help, for 2025 is.... (drum roll please) £2454.02.



This as you know will be shared between the
Norwich Food Bank
and
St Benedict's church.

If you do find yourself short of books then pop along to the Hub Cosy Café on Tuesday morning where you will receive a warm cup of coffee or coffee and an even warmer welcome!

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Please see our website for the most up to date information. (wroxhamurc.org.uk)

Do join us for any or all of the following services:

Sunday 7th December: 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Tina Wilson, including Holy Communion.

Sunday 14th December: 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Carole Pearl.

Sunday 21st December. 10.30am. Carol Service conducted by Rev Zephney Kennedy.

Sunday 21st December: 4pm in the Church Hall – Our Nativity Play.

Thursday 25th December: 10.30am. Christmas Day Service conducted by Rev Carole Pearl.

Sunday 28th December 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Tina Wilson.

Sunday 4th January 10.30pm Service conducted by Rev Tina Wilson, followed by a Church Meeting.

Sunday 11th January 10.30pm. Service led by Rev Carole Pearl, including Holy Communion.

Sunday 18th January 10.30pm. Service led by Rev Zephney Kennedy

Sunday 25th January 10.30pm. Service led by Mr Mike Gibbs.

4th Sunday of the Month at 4pm: **BEYOND SUNDAYS** - For those exploring faith beyond traditional services.

Just looking for a space to pause, reflect, and just be?

Join us for our monthly gathering, an open and informal space for conversation, reflection, and connection.

No pressure, no expectations – just a chance to explore life, faith, and the questions that matter in a welcoming community.

Whether you're questioning, exploring, or simply curious, you're warmly invited. Come as you are – all are welcome

The Community Café meets for coffee and cakes from 10.30am to 12 noon on Thursdays. All are welcome, there is no charge.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new.

Please note we are unable to answer queries about Barclays Bank

Ian's December notes

For those who receive their Horning Reach early, don't forget the Churchyard Working Party – Saturday 29th November from 10 - 12.

Join us on Saturday 29th for our next Churchyard Working Party. Whether you're a seasoned helper or coming along for the first time, your support makes a real difference. All are welcome—please bring gloves and enthusiasm! If you've received your Horning Reach after this date, thank you to all who came!



First Saturday Coffee Mornings - Christmas Special
#On 6th December, we'll be holding our usual monthly Coffee morning, but at this time of year it is a Christmas Special with extra festive treats. Drop in for coffee and mince pies or cheese scones, and stalls selling, produce, poinsettias, jewellery and accessories', and Christmas wrapping paper. The Grand Raffle will have many prizes and there will also be a Christmas Tree Tombola plus the pre-loved bookstall. Come along and enjoy good company in a warm and relaxing atmosphere from 10 - 11.45 in Horning Village Hall.



Pop-Up Choir – It's Not Too Late to Join!

Our Pop-Up Choir is preparing for the Christmas Carol Service, and we'd love to have more voices join us. You don't have to be able to read music; all that is required is an enthusiasm to sing well-known Christmas carols.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 4–5pm in Horning Church (November 26, December 3,10,17)

Carol Service: 21st December at 6pm in Horning Church, followed by festive refreshments. There will be a retiring collection (cash or card) for the Hemsby Inshore Rescue Service,(the Hemsby Lifeboat).



Carols on the Green

Come and be part of something joyful and musical this Christmas!

Gather together for Carols on the Green round the Christmas Tree at 6pm on Tuesday 16th December. Enjoy a half an hour singing traditional carols in the open air, followed by seasonal refreshments to warm the spirit. All ages welcome. There will be a cash collection for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Looking Ahead – New Year Diary Dates

Our Charity Lunches return in the New Year!

Held on Fridays in St Benet's Hall, from 12–1pm, these lunches are a wonderful way to support good causes while sharing a simple soup and sandwich lunch with friends. Book the dates now: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27.

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the November First Saturday Coffee Morning which raised £278.90

Hello instrumentalists and singers!



Do you, or did you, play an orchestral instrument?

Do you still have the instrument?

If so, are you interested in playing classical music occasionally just for pleasure?

Do you like madrigals? Would you be interested in singing madrigals occasionally?

How often we would meet will be up to those interested.

Let's explore what is possible!



Learn to read music

Would you like to learn to read music?

If you are interested in any of these suggestions I would love to hear from you.

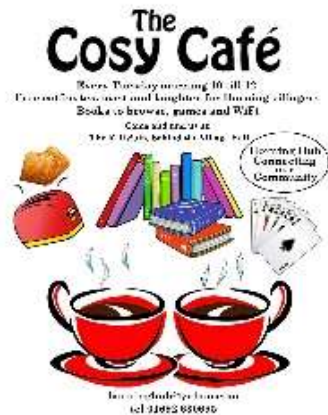
Peter Boshier peterboshier@hotmail.com 01692 630695

300 club winners:

£25 - No 172, Mrs Hannah Seary,
£15 - No 151, Mrs Elizabeth Lazell
£10 - No 152, Mrs Gillian Jeckalls



Horning Hub - connecting the community



- Our **AGM** was held at the **Horning Hub Cosy café** on Tuesday 21st October. Amongst other items the following activities were agreed for 2026

**Cosy Café,
IT and biscuits
The Welcome Pack.
Memories of Horning event
Boat Show
A Community Picnic
Hub Singing group
Supper and lunch group
Horning Hub Christmas Event**



Here's Shirley celebrating her 90th birthday at the Hub Cosy Café with cake and good wishes from 'Friends' of the Hub

- **Supper and Lunch Club:** We have enjoyed many meals organised by Kim and Jason over the year. By the time you read this we will also have had Christmas lunch at the Staithe and Willow. *It is never too late to become a Friend of the Hub and join us on one of our foodie outings.*



- **IT and Biscuits dates:** come along on **16th December, 20th January, 24th February and 24th March** starting from 10.30. *You don't have to be a Friend of the Hub to join us.*



- **The Halloween Trail** was won by a very excited Joey who received a hamper and a £10 voucher to spend in Tidings.

- **Singing for Pleasure:** Kathy has offered to lead the Horning Singers for some monthly fun and laughter – dates to follow



Contact: 01692 630695 or horninghub@yahoo.com

IT and Biscuits



The next sessions given by Holli, Community Tech Coach are on 20th January, 24th February and 24th March starting from 10.30. You don't have to be a Friend of the Hub to join us.

Holli will cover such topics as

NHS App

Digital switchover – landline

WhatsApp

Texting

Setting up email addresses

Understanding google back ups

(i.e. google photos and other cloud-based services)

Sending an email

Checking storage on phones and tablets to give an idea of how long they will last

Advice on how to save money on mobile phones

Safely downloading apps

QR codes

Plant identifying apps

Googling searching

There will be one to one help. Bring along your phone or iPad or laptop

For more information contact horninghub@yahoo.com

Horning parish Council News – November 2025

Road Closures

The road closures in the village are highly disruptive. If there are any concerns or issues with the road closure signs or notices, or the lighting isn't working, please contact Norfolk County Council on their out of hours number: 0344 800 8020. The Council does work hard to ensure that there are no unnecessary road closures and that, where possible, works from different companies can be coincided to prevent unnecessary closures. The majority of the upcoming closures over the coming months are City Fibre works and BT /OpenReach.

If you would like to see current and planned road closures, the Causeway one website shows them up to date: <https://one.network/>

Penny Wort in the broads

The Broads Authority is asking river users and the local community to be on the look-out for an outbreak of the floating pennywort on the River Ant but asks that if found, not to disturb it. [Here](#) is a link to an image of pennywort.



The aggressively invasive floating pennywort (*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*) has been seen locally. The plant spreads rapidly in water and can grow up to 20cm a day, creating a dense raft of vegetation, which clogs up streams and rivers.

The floating pennywort is such a successful invader that just a single fragment of it drifting downstream can soon dominate an expanse of water. It outcompetes native aquatic plants, blocking out the light they need, leading to the loss of native plants and a sterile river ecosystem.

All sightings should be emailed to the Norfolk Non-Native Species Initiative (NNNSI@norfolk.gov.uk)

Avian Flu

Following national developments regarding bird flu, the Broads Authority is issuing a reminder of the current guidance which members of the public and landowners should follow.

DEFRA is the governing body that issues the national biosecurity guidelines the BA is following, and their strong advice is that the public should not touch or pick

up any dead or visibly sick birds that they find, whether this is in the Broads area or beyond.

Current guidance states you should either report dead wild birds on the DEFRA website - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-dead-wild-birds> - or call the helpline on 03459 33 55 77.

Alternatively, call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999 if you find birds which are alive but are in distress or are visibly sick/unwell.

Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Jo Beardshaw

E-mail: clerk@horningparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council Website: Horning.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 1st December 2025 at 7pm in the Mill Suite. See the website for further details.**

Neatishead, Barton Turf and District WI

November is the month of our AM and a time to reflect on another year of WI fellowship. What a wonderful year we have had. Our meetings remain the most important part of what we do, but we do so much more. We have had some excellent visits and we ensure that every member has the opportunity to take part.

Our Harvest Supper was a great success with lovely food by Louise and her family (formally Food Fare), a great speaker in Wally Webb and a lot of hard work from the committee in making the NVH look autumnal. Grateful thanks to all who helped or came.

In December we are off to How Hill for Christmas lunch with Dale Bullimore to entertain us. This is for members only. Our meetings will continue in the new year however, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the NVH. Anyone who is interested should contact us on our email neatisheadwi@gmail.com

With best wishes to you all

Sally Church

President

A big thankyou

Shirley Bainbridge would like to thank all those who sent good wishes for her 90th birthday. A special thanks go to Thea, Peter and the Cosy café for the lovely party to celebrate the occasion. Thanks also to Dawn for a delicious cake and Ray for providing the fizz!

Wroxham and Hoveton Lions

The change from Summer to Autumn has, I think, been very noticeable this year, but it has not stopped our Lions Club and its activities.

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the Club's founding and some of the founders are occupying important positions in the Club. Lion Dennis Moxon is our President, with Lions Mike Barker and Jim Lenaham as Honorary Vice Presidents. There have been many changes to our Club during this time. Our numbers have declined for various reasons, from about forty members in 1975 to fifteen today. So, let me ask you, dear reader, if you have some spare time during the month, enjoy meeting people, care about your community and would like to do something positive to help? Please consider becoming a member of one of the largest service organisations in the world. We will not make our Centenary without volunteers, and although none of the present members will be around to see the one hundredth year anniversary (sorry folks!), we do enjoy our fellowship and seeing the results of our fundraising go to good causes, both locally and internationally. Look us up at www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org. Lions Clubs International has already made a donation towards the relief of the survivors of the Jamaican Hurricane. The good thing is that the money goes directly to help those in need.

But back to local matters. We held another of our Craft Fairs at Hoveton Village Hall on Sunday 14th September, which was well supported by stall holders as well as the public. There was a wide range of crafts on display, from knitted clothes to handmade greetings cards. The next one will be held on 23rd of this month, don't miss this one! The Club held a traditional Jumble Sale at Broadland Community Centre in Hoveton on Sunday 26th October, which I am pleased to report was a great success. We hope to hold another one soon.

One activity that our Club takes part in is Lions Roar. This is a national competition for schools which asks pupils to design and build a prototype of a device to improve the lives of all. In our area, Rackheath School and Coltishall Primary Schools are enthusiastic participants and the creativity of some of the children's ideas are really very good. We have seen machines to sort litter for recycling to a coat for all seasons, made of recycled materials. It also brings the Lions Clubs to the attention of potential members.

As we approach Christmas, our Santas Sleigh will be making appearances during December at various locations, including Lidl in North Walsham, Morrisons in Cromer (three times), twice at Tesco in Stalham, and three appointments at Roys of Wroxham. The month of December is one of our busiest and we are very grateful for the support the public gives us. Keep your eyes peeled for the Sleigh, it is all lit up and there is seasonal music playing, so you cannot miss us. Children can have a picture with Santa, if desired.

Thank you for reading this article, I hope you enjoyed it.

Lion Derick Bowler PR Officer

Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Club CIO

Horning Village Hall

By the time you read this, the new doors should be installed in the Mill Suite and the insulation of the north side of the Mill Suite should be complete. Hopefully, this will mean a slightly warmer Mill Suite than hitherto during the coming winter and much easier access for all. There is some additional work necessary but this will be outside rather than in.

The trustees have been considering an improvement program for the main hall itself. The main hall, like all of us, is getting older and while it is generally in good condition, much of its infrastructure is somewhat dated and needs to be brought firmly into the 21st-century. There would appear to be 3 projects initially for the main hall, these are repair of the roof, installation of a ventilation system appropriate for the hall and renovation/insulation of the front entrance of the hall. The trustees will be researching each of these in the New Year with a view to developing a programme of ongoing works subject, of course, to the availability of finance.

Marky Mark's Music Quiz on 15 November was in aid of the restoration work at the Village Hall. It was a superb evening and well attended; it produced a significant sum of money towards ongoing work at the village hall. Thank you Mark for all your efforts in support of the Village Hall.

Mark is running another such event on 10 December 2025, again in support of the Village Hall. The doors open at 7 PM and the cost will be £5 per person payable at the door. Please come along and support this event – not only will you have a superb evening out, but you will be supporting the restoration and improvement work at the Village Hall, since Mark is again giving his time for free and all proceeds will go towards the work at the village hall.

As many of you will know, changes to the 300 Club Rules are being introduced to produce a more attractive prize structure and, crucially, to introduce a payment scheme by bank transfer. This is **IN ADDITION** to existing payment methods, which has been by cash or cheque. For those members who wish to continue to pay by cash or cheque, this option is still available. We still have a numbers available: this is a fun way to support the Village Hall so please contact Julie Thomson on quaggyduck@gmail.com or 07747093951 for further information.

On the **4 February 2026**, the Trustees are hosting a dinner to raise funds for **the Excelsior Trust**. A two-course meal will be followed by a lively talk from our guest speaker, Jamie Campbell, on the *City of Edinboro*, the last remaining Hull sailing smack, and her many adventures from when her keel was laid in 1884 to the present day.

6.30pm for dinner at 7pm– glass of wine on arrival, dinner followed by our Guest Speaker.

Tickets £25 – to include a £5 donation to *The Excelsior Trust*. Tickets/application

form **from Tidings Newsagents, Lower Street Horning.**

Just to remind, the **last Wednesday Night in each month** (except December) is **BINGO NIGHT**. This takes place in the Mill Suite: doors open at 7pm and all are welcome! This is a truly great night out.

HORNING CINEMA

Friday 19th December will be our **Horning Cinema Christmas Special**. The film will be **“THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS”** (2017) Certificate PG. Running time 102 minutes. Starring Dan Stevens, Patrick Joseph Byrnes and Mark Schrier,

The journey that led to Charles Dickens' creation of "A Christmas Carol," is a timeless tale that would redefine Christmas.

An Evening of Fun and Entertainment, commencing at 7.15pm (Doors open at 6.45pm – please note the earlier opening times). You will be welcomed with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Ice creams will be on sale, and there will be a Christmas Raffle.

Tickets: Adult £5, accompanied child (16 and under) £1. On sale (and reservations) at Tidings Newsagents (Tel: 01692 630956) Admission by ticket only. Seating is governed by our compliance with current Health & Safety and Fire Regulations. **BOOK EARLY!**

There will be no cinema showing in January 2026, instead HATS will be presenting the family pantomime **“SNOW WHITE AND THE TIMBER TROOPERS”** on the 15th to the 18th January.

The 2026 cinema season will commence on February 13th with the film **“UNSTOPPABLE”** (2010) certificate 12A. Running time 98 minutes.

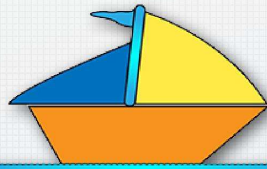
Horning Cinema is held in Horning Village Hall (NR12 8LF)

www.horningvillagehall.org

Village Hall Dates for your 2026 Diary

15 November 2025	HUB Xmas Fayre
10 December 2025	Marky Mark Quiz
12 December 2025	Christmas Cinema Party
4 February 2026	Charity Event for the Excelsior Trust
2 May 2026	Horning Boat Show
12-14 June 2026	HATS Summer Show
27 June 2026	HVH Summer Fair and Gift Day
26 September 2026	Autumn Dinner Event---ENOS/HATS
18 October 2026	Harvest Festival Service and Lunch
11 December 2026	Christmas Cinema Party

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HORNING BOAT SHOW

Saturday 2nd May 2026 10.00am to 4.00pm



Welcome Aboard The Horning Boat Show 2026

WE NEED YOU !

**We always need new volunteers so if you wish to help this village event and join the team then please contact us or come along to our Open Meeting in the Horning Village Hall on Saturday 31st January 2026 starting at 10.30am.
(10.00 am for Coffee)**

**For further details telephone Roger Tomkins
On 01692-630892 or e-mail info@horningboatshow.com**

Horning Amateur Theatrical Society (HATS)

Rehearsals are underway for the annual pantomime 'Snow White and the Timber Troopers' by Paul Corfield.

A modern twist on the tale of Snow White. Her Magic Locket keeps her safe from danger; she is lucky to have a Fairy Godmother, a handsome Prince and the Timber Troopers to protect her from the 'evil' Queen.

Performance dates are Thursday 15th January 2026 (evening show at 7.30 pm), Friday 16th January 2026 (evening show at 7.30 pm), Saturday 17th January 2026 (evening show at 5.30 pm) and Sunday 18th January 2026 (matinee show at 2.30 pm) and will take place at the Village Hall in Horning, Norfolk NR12 8LF

Tickets are priced £8 for adults or £4 for children.

Seats may be booked by calling Christine on 07579 786223 or email christinecharles170@gmail.com

Alternatively, in person at Tidings Newsagents in Horning or at Abbotts Countrywide Estate Agents in Hoveton

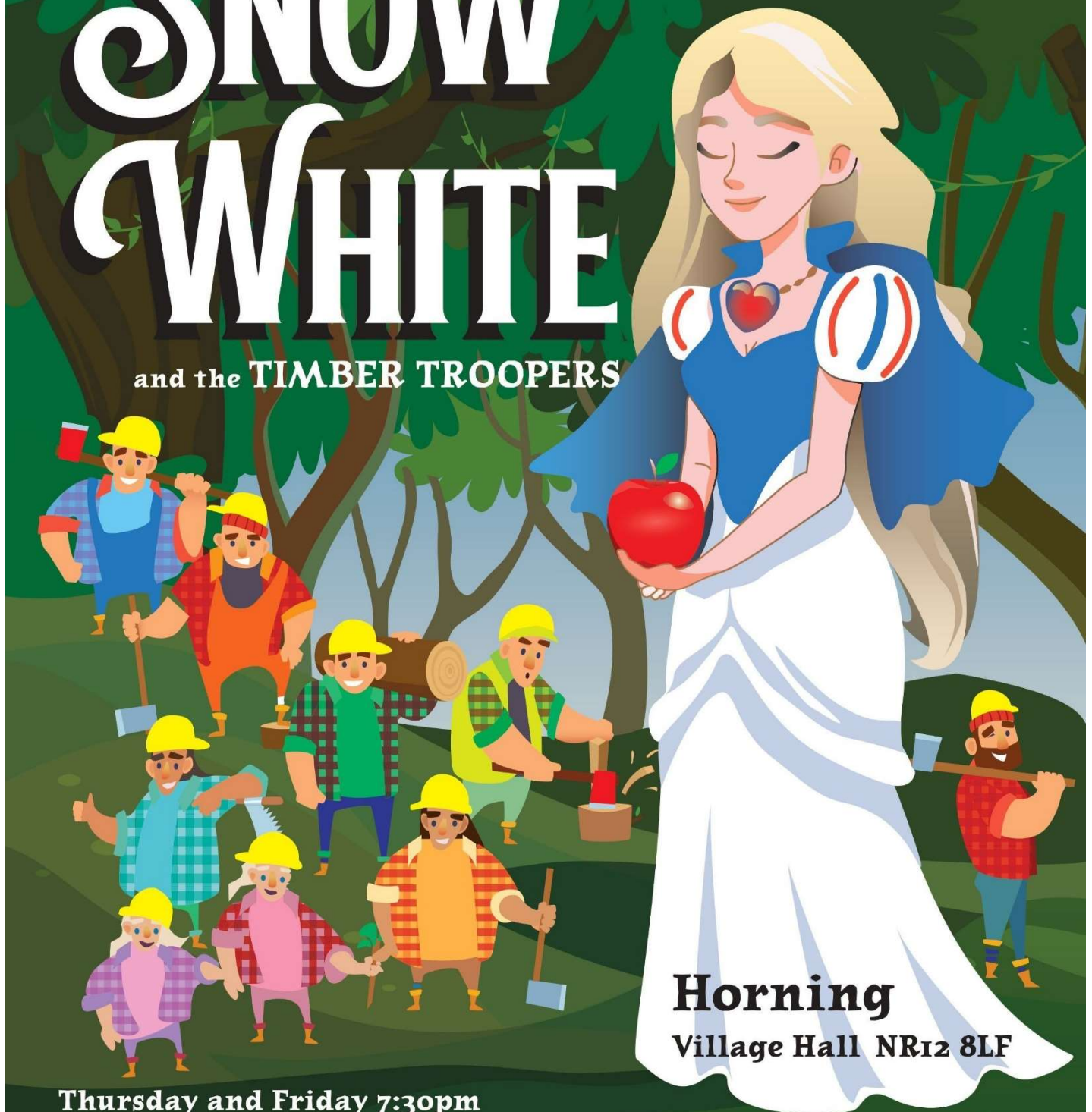
Dear Horning Reach,

Debra and myself moved into Horning in August, whilst we have lived in Norfolk, close to 37 years, this was a big move for us and hopefully our last. We, were pleasantly surprised, to be given a welcome pack and Horning biscuits, such a pleasing gesture of welcome and hospitality. In the process of settling in and walking Gabriel around the village, we have been blessed by the friendliness and welcome that has been given to us and off course our dog. This has also been well augmented by the number of events that you can attend in the village to give you a sense of belonging. Whilst we have not been able to get to all events, we have enjoyed the cosy café; welcome in the shops; Cinema evening and Gabriel, especially enjoyed the blessing he was given at the pet service, he is now such an angel, befitting his name. We are simply sending this message to say thank you to all who have welcomed us and for those who organise events for community gatherings. Thank you, Mark and Debra.

H.A.T.S. presents... a family pantomime by Paul Corfield
15-18 January 2026

SNOW WHITE

and the **TIMBER TROOPERS**



Horning
Village Hall NR12 8LF

Thursday and Friday 7:30pm
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday matinee 2:30pm

children £4, adults £8

doors open 30 minutes before curtain up

tickets 07579 786223
christinecharles170@gmail.com

and
Tidings Newsagents - Lower Street, Horning
Abbotts Estate Agents - Hoveton Precinct

Horning Primary School Book Fayre a huge success

Horning Primary School recently hosted the East Waveney Bookworm Book Fayre alongside its second Story Café event, when parents and carers are welcomed to come along and share a love of books and reading with their child. Not only did the children enjoy exploring the story of Pattern Fish during the Story Café, which they used as inspiration to create their own repeating patterns and tackling exciting maths problems, they were also able to explore the wide selection of books on offer at the Book Fayre.

children had the opportunity to browse through, and purchase books, and every sale helped to earn free books for the school library.



"I would like to say a big thank you to all the families that joined us for our Story Café and Book Fayre, and for everyone's generous support and contributions which made the afternoon such a success," said Head of School, Jan Bellison. "We sold an incredible 80 books, which meant that we were able to choose 18 free books for our school library. The entire afternoon gave a tremendous support to our young readers, and has helped towards building a library that will inspire a love of reading for years to come.

So, I give heartfelt thanks to everyone that participated. Your continued support for both events truly makes a big contribution to the school's caring ethos."

Horning Primary School says 'Hello Yellow'!

The staff and pupils at Horning Primary School took part in Hello Yellow Day on Hello Yellow is an annual campaign by the charity, YoungMinds, which aims to raise awareness of young people's mental health, and where better to celebrate these aims than in a caring school environment.

While many other participants showed their support by wearing yellow, donating to charity and fundraising, Horning Primary School decided to mark the day in a different way. Not only did they enjoy a range of fun and thoughtful activities, focussing on mental and physical well-being, they prepared and enjoyed a healthy, yellow-themed snack. So, to this end, they chopped, threaded and created their own fruit kebabs packed with a variety of yellow fruits.

"The kebabs were a delicious treat after a busy PE session," said Head of School, Jan Bellison. "It was lovely to see the children working together to

prepare and eat their tasty treats – a fantastic way to celebrate looking after both our bodies and our minds, as indeed we try our best to do each and every day. “The goal of Hello Yello Day is to support young people’s mental health, and to show them that they are not alone, a goal which exactly mirrors that of Horning Primary School.”

Horning Hub Christmas event 2025



The day started wet and miserable and many Friends of the Hub had been there since early morning setting up the hall. The Hub Team waited with bated breath in the hope we would have plenty of visitors.....and we did!

It turned out to be a great community event which of course is the aim of the Hub.

All the crafters lived in Horning and there was plenty of items to choose from, all making great gifts. In the afternoon we applauded the 15 local tap dancers, and we thank Pam for leading her troupe and for turning out in such awful weather. At the end of the day Kathy worked miracles with 20 Hub singers engaging in songs which include Rock around the Christmas Tree and You should Never Tangle with an Eskimo.... (but we did)along with Silver Bells and Drummer Boy.

Then, of course, there was the fantastic Christmas grotto designed and executed by Morag, Susie and Karen and, just like magic, Karen and Susie transformed themselves into an elf and fairy to help our very own Father Christmas in welcoming children.

And

We mustn't forget to thank all our helpers who set up the hall, worked in the rain and stayed to the end of the day clearing away. You are wonderful
What a great day.



RAF Air Defence Radar Museum King's Award for Voluntary Service



I'm proud to announce today the RAF Air Defence Radar Museum has been awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

The award is the highest that can be given to a voluntary organisation, championing the outstanding work of volunteers in their community. It is always hard to pick out individuals for special recognition when working with so many wonderful people, which is why this award is brilliant for recognising the whole contingent. It is the equivalent to an MBE - a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

It is no surprise that of the excellent reviews the museum receives, it is the volunteers who are mentioned the most - from the care of the grounds to the warm welcome, through the service in the cafe to the archives, presenters and maintenance.

We benefit from the experience of former RAF personnel but it is a huge asset to have many who can bring industry and life skills to the museum.

Being a volunteer with us brings responsibility and challenges (I'm probably one of them sometimes!), you have to be patient, to problem solve and demonstrate a real skill in talking to strangers. I hope you all know that you are appreciated and feel pride in such high recognition of this award, and the hope is that it attracts more people such as yourselves to consider joining the team next year.

Congratulations! Matthew Parrott
Museum Manager
RAF Air Defence Radar Museum

Editors note: Several Horning residents are among those volunteers who have won this prestigious award.

Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat

As you read this, our volunteer crew will be meeting for the final time in 2025 for a scheduled training session.

It's been a busy year for our volunteers — with numerous taskings from His Majesty's Coastguard, calls for assistance from our first responder partners, and, of course, the unforgettable memory of saving a swimmer's life. It's what we do, and we're proud to do it.

The Elves have been in touch to let us know that Santa will be visiting Sea Palling on Sunday 7th December — and he's asked if the crew might collect him from the North Pole. We're more than happy to oblige! He should arrive in Sea Palling between 10am and 11am. Do come along to say hello and grab a festive photo with Santa. He always looks forward to seeing everyone and sharing a bit of Christmas cheer.

Events like this help raise the vital funds that keep our lifeboat service running. Your support means the world to us — every donation, no matter the size, helps ensure we're ready to respond when needed most.

As we sign off for the year, we'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Kind regards

Rita Galbraith

Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat Fundraising Team
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December at The Museum of the Broads –

it's very much about those three Christmas spirits

First off, there's Christmas past. In Broadland there are many stories of Decembers and Christmas past. There's the grisly New Year's Eve tale of 1770 and Colonel Sydney of Ranworth for a start. He'd shot the horse of a rival and on that New Year's Eve a hooded figure appeared whilst he was dining. The figure carried the colonel away and he was only ever seen again as a ghost, on the devil's saddle as he - the devil that is - galloped across the marshes.

On a happier note, when the war ended in 1945 there were celebrations at Gressenhall and the 'make do and mend' spirit of them has gone into legend.

You'll find countless December and Christmas tales around the Broads and we love them. Because, after all, our passion is Bringing the Stories of The Broads Alive!

Now it's Christmas present. Yes, we know, it always arrives sooner than you think! For us, just like November, the month of December is actually a busy time. We're heavily engaged in our campaign to find more volunteers. By the time you read this we'll have had our November Volunteers' Coffee Morning but we're still recruiting and we'll be delivering training through into the New Year. Check out our website <https://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk> Being part of our team could be just what you're looking for as a New Year's Resolution.

If you're interested please contact Susie Lay, Volunteers Manager (01692 581681) or volunteersmanager@museumofthebroads.org.uk

We're particularly interested in finding volunteers for Front of House, Events and as boatmen for our steam launch Falcon and Helms for our splendid Marsh Harrier.

Inside the Museum there's much going on. Excitingly we're planning a new 'Cinema Space' for 2026. Actually, that's another way in which you might be able to help our Christmas futures by looking at your Christmases past! Do you have any old cine films or videotapes of Christmas on The Broads? Or indeed any other time of year. Let us know.

And soon it will be Christmas future. When it comes to Christmas to come we'll have had another year of sharing the stories of the Broads with you. We never stop learning and we never stop developing ways to inform and entertain you. From Easter to October you're welcome to come and visit us, see our exhibitions, take boat trips and get to know the magical landscape we know as the Norfolk Broads.

In the meantime, all of us here wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Our 2025 season is over and a great one it was once again!

A tough start for our 1st XI but a great finish winning 6 out of the final 7 games helped them to finish the season in a very secure 9th spot of the East Anglian Premier League. Our 2nd XI finished in 2nd place of the Norfolk Cricket Alliance division 3, a place which would normally see them promoted but due to the relegation of a Norfolk team from the EAPL they compete another year at this level.

The 3rd XI had a great year, featuring many young players and securing 5th position in the Norfolk Cricket League division 2 East.

And our 4th XI, again featuring many young players making their debuts in senior cricket, finished in 4th place of the NCL division 4 North East.

And finally our Sunday XI had an overall successful season with great availability and a side full of youth interspersed with older more experienced players filling the gaps. This team is primarily a development side and if this theme continues the future of our club is very bright!

Lots to celebrate, and celebrations we will have at The Lodge Salhouse where a delicious menu has been provided to us by our club sponsors, Colchester Inns.

The junior section continues to thrive under the guidance of Harry Buxton and the team of ECB qualified coaches. 2025 saw us introduce dedicated girls' cricket which we hope to grow with taster sessions offered free as well as winter indoor nets.

We finished the year with our annual Lewis Pegg match and then President's Day, lots of fun was had on both days with old & new friends, drinks and of course lots of food!

We have offered free taster sessions to local schools, Brownie & Guide groups so if this is something we could offer to a group you know of please let us know.

Women & girls' cricket is very important to us so if you are a local group who would like to take advantage of our facilities or coaching please get in touch.

Winter nets will be advertised shortly, please get in touch to join our club mailing list – lots of exciting things ahead!

If you are interested in playing, volunteering or sponsoring the club please get in touch, we'd love to have you on board! Thank you to everyone who supports the club already, from cheering the team on, helping in the clubhouse to sponsoring a team, a match or a player, it has all helped to get us where we are today, one of the top clubs in Norfolk!

Follow us on social media or email abwcc.events@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list.

Finally, from all at Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers CC, may we wish you a happy Christmas and a safe & peaceful 2026 – see you on the boundary!

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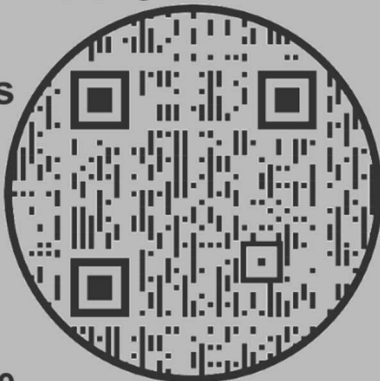


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