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# HORNING REACH The PARISH PAPER



ASHMANHAUGH

For Horning and Ashmanhaugh



## The Three Rivers Race

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so we have time to work on your entry

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**We continue to look for new blood to join the Horning Reach team**, as we move this publication forward and secure its future.

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Parents and guardians remain responsible for satisfying themselves as to the suitability of any advertised activity.

## *Rotas for July*

Date	Time	Service	Church
5 <sup>th</sup> July 5th Sun. after Trinity	9:30am	Benefice HC	Neatishead
11 <sup>th</sup> July St Benedicts Day	12 Noon	Benefice HC	Horning
12 <sup>th</sup> July 6 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Trinity	9:30am	Benefice HC	Ashmanhaugh
19 <sup>th</sup> July 7 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Trinity	8:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	HC (BCP) HC EP	Irstead Horning Barton Turf
26 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00am 3:30pm	HC Annual open air service	Barton Turf St Benet's Abbey

HC = Holy Communion EP = Evening Prayer BPC = Book of Common Prayer  
MP = Morning Prayer BHC = Benefice Holy Communion

Weekday Morning Prayer Service ⇨ Barton Turf - Thursdays at 9:15am

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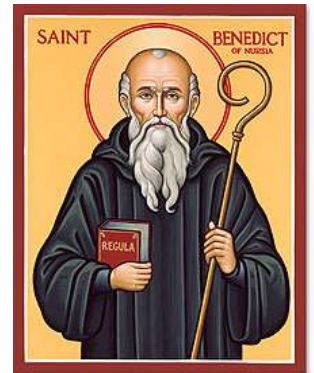
## *The Feast of St Benedict*

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When you hear the word ‘hospitality’, what comes to mind? Like most people, I bet you think of hotels, or a restaurant or having coffee and a cake after a meeting or after a church service on a Sunday morning. In my case, I think of my late mum who although she barely had, as the saying goes ‘two pennies to rub together’ – it didn’t matter who you were or what time of day it was that you visited her, there would always be something to eat offered. Thankfully my dad kept chickens and grew potatoes so there was always egg and chips on offer!

As we approach the height of the summer my thoughts turn to the Church’s Feast of St Benedict (July 11th) and in a Benedictine sense hospitality is very different.

In the early sixth century, St. Benedict wrote a Rule that he wanted his monks to follow, whereby he tried to lay out an entire monastic way of life and devoted an entire chapter to how guests were to be welcomed and fed. This rule dictates that all guests who arrive should be “treated as Christ”. It is a call to view every encounter—whether with a stranger, co-worker, or neighbour as an opportunity to serve Christ



So, how do we treat the stranger on the street, the person offering us the ‘Big Issue’, the immigrant, or the receptionist in the GP surgery? Consider also, this does not apply to just the stranger. How do we treat the people we see every day: the co-worker, neighbour, friend, or a member of our church congregation? Are these people just a means to an end, are they here for our convenience or happiness. Are they just another person we have to deal with? Hopefully and indeed most likely we do not fall into either extreme, but should we fall short then we have failed in an opportunity to indeed serve Christ.

To be hospitable, we do not need to follow the exact instructions of St. Benedict. Our hospitality, like his, should be rooted in charity, in love. It can be quite simple: a smile, a sincere greeting, the holding of a door for a stranger. Hospitality is the easiest way to build up the Kingdom of God here and now. When we welcome the guest, greet the stranger, or feed the hungry, we are doing these things for both God and neighbour. By being hospitable, we are fulfilling the greatest commandment.

Every blessing

Pauline Simpson – Licensed Lay Minister

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*St Benet's Abbey Annual Service*

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**Sunday 26th July 2026 at 3:30pm**



Do join us for this unique service in the presence of the Abbot of St Benet's  
The Right Revd Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich.

Be part of history as we come together to worship at this historic site where  
many centuries ago, Christians gathered together to sing praises to God.

**Directions**

By road: Off the A1062 at Johnson Street, Ludham, signposted for St Benet's

By water: Downstream from Antmouth on the River Bure

By foot: Along the Three Rivers Way from Horning and Ludham Bridge.

Parking is available, including Blue Badge holders  
please follow the directions of the stewards.

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*St Benedict's Day*

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To celebrate St Benedict's Day (Saturday 11th July) there will be a Communion service in St Benedict's church, Horning at 12 noon, followed by a light lunch in the church. This is a great opportunity to celebrate together, and it would be really helpful if you are intending to stay for the lunch to let us know so that we can cater accordingly. Everyone welcome.

We hope to see you there. For further details, please contact Caroline Johnson  
07737 015464 / [Carolinejohnson26@yahoo.com](mailto:Carolinejohnson26@yahoo.com)

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## *Allo Allo*

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Congratulations and Thank you.



### **Sell-out three-day show!**

It was a real privilege to Direct a group of such talented people from our local area. A lot of effort went into the production to make it a treat for our audiences. Thank you to our nineteen cast members, the stage crew led by Scott Meacock, Barbara who did make-up, Lucy our wardrobe mistress, Anne on Props, Michelle our prompt and to the whole front of house team. Not forgetting Robin Paskins, our special effects, lighting and sound expert and a great team of set builders. It really was a fabulous community effort.

Jane Bowden – Director

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## *Horning Regatta Week.*

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This begins on Saturday 1st August at Horning Sailing Club and on Sunday 2nd there will be the Horning Regatta Week service at the club at 9:30am.

This is a short, informal service, before the racing begins that day, led by Ian and Caroline Johnson. The club welcomes everyone who would like to attend, not just club members.

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## *Horning Boat Show Community Fund*

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The Horning Boat Show Community Fund Committee are inviting bids from those who represent either themselves or an organisation who have a project which they could think would benefit the Village, as a whole, but not just a few individuals.

If you or your organisation would like to contact us, and we will send you the documents relating to the bid process and we will send you the paperwork in order for you to fill in the necessary sections.

We will keep the invitation period open until 31st August 2026, after which each bid will be considered by the Community Fund Committee.

Please send for your application forms to Roger Tomkins, Chairman, on Behalf of the CF Committee to:

- South Quays Marina, Horning, Norfolk NR12 8JR
- or e-mail to [rogertomkins@btinternet.com](mailto:rogertomkins@btinternet.com)
- or Tel: 01692-630892

We look forward to hearing from you.

Roger Tomkins – Chairman

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## *Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Gardening Club and Community Heritage Group*

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An Audio Visual presentation shown on a large screen  
Produced & Presented by Brian Hedge

### **Farming in a bygone age**

Observe how our ancestors lived & worked  
With local heritage display  
Followed by refreshments

**Celebrating the 45th anniversary  
of the Garden Club**

Monday 20th July, 7:30pm

New Victory Hall, Neatishead, NR12 8AD

Free entry for Garden Club Members and NIBCHG Friends  
Guests £4. All Welcome





## WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB

We've been busy at Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club — here's a round-up of recent highlights and what's coming up!

### Recent Highlights

Our recent events have been a great success, thanks to brilliant support:

- Our May Craft Fair was a real treat, a showcase of incredible local talent.
- Our May Jumble Sale at Place's Farm drew a fantastic crowd.

### Visit Our Charity Shop!

Grab a bargain and do some good! Our shop in the Riverside Precinct, Hoveton, is packed with quality pre-loved items. Mon–Sat 9am–4pm, Sun 10am–4pm

Every donation and purchase goes directly to supporting good causes in our local community!

### Annual Charity Fete — Saturday 2nd August!

Join us at Hoveton Village Hall & Playing Field, Stalham Road, Hoveton, NR12 8DU from 10am to 4pm for a fantastic day out.

- Live music from father-and-son group Air Mail
- Classic car display, craft fair, children's rides and a variety of stalls
- Food and drinks available throughout the day



Stallholders and classic car owners still welcome

Download a booking form from [www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org](http://www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org)

### Lions Roar 2026 — Inspiring Young Minds!

We're thrilled to have invited Rackheath School and Coltishall Primary School to take part in Lions Roar 2026 — an exciting national competition run in partnership with education company 8billionideas.

### Where Your Support Goes

In 2025–26 we donated to 18 local causes, including Wroxham Guides, Stay & Play healthy snacks at Wroxham Church Hall, and a new dishwasher for Happisburgh Village Hall.

If your group or village has something to repair or replace, please get in touch — we may be able to help.

Together we can do even more.  
Derick & Tony

New members are always warmly welcomed

[liontonyrisebrow@gmail.com](mailto:liontonyrisebrow@gmail.com)

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## *Neatishead, Barton Turf and District WI*

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Although our meetings remain the most important part of our membership we are constantly organising other activities for our members. We always have a monthly walk, and a group of us walked around Horning and How Hill recently, finishing with a warm drink and often cake.

Members also go to the theatre together, Our future trips include the Theatre Royal and the Cromer End of the Pier Show. We recently visited Carrow House and had a very interesting talk about the Colman family and their links to How Hill and the Hathor wherry. We are planning a visit to Heydon tea rooms in July. We try to make our trips inclusive and reasonably priced so that it gives many of our members the chance to meet socially and get to know each other better.

If you would like to join us please contact us on [neatisheadwi@gmail.com](mailto:neatisheadwi@gmail.com) and come and try us out. Our regular meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday every month, at 2:00pm.

Sally Church – President

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## *Wroxham Library*

### *Summer Reading Challenge*

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This Year's Challenge, launches on 18th July, and is called 'Read to the Beat!', delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries. The Summer Reading Challenge is a free activity for children aged 4-11. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence over the summer holiday. Children can read anything they like and collect free rewards for their reading. For under 5s there is a mini challenge, so they don't miss out.

The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.

To sign up to the challenge, just pop into your local library or visit the website. Children will need to be library members - you can do this in a library or online. It's free of charge and children will receive their own library card for which there are no overdue fees.

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## Wroxham and Hoveton United Reformed Church

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Please see our website for the most up to date information. ([wroxhamurc.org.uk](http://wroxhamurc.org.uk))

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

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July: 10:30am. Service conducted by Rev Paul Whittle, including Holy Communion.
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July: 10:30am. All-age Service conducted by Rev Tina Wilson, followed by a Church Meeting
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July: 10:30am: Service conducted by Rev Carole Pearl.
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July: 10:30am. Service conducted by Mr Mike Gibbs.

**JAM** JAM (our Sunday School) welcomes all children aged 4 to 16. In our sessions we watch, read, listen, discuss, play, act, sing, chat, pray, cook, create and have a great time.

We meet regularly in the church hall from 10:15 – 11:45am. In July we are meeting on the 5th and 12th. We do not meet in August. For information on future sessions and other events please go to: <https://wroxhamurc.org.uk/jam> or more details contact [jam@wroxhamurc.org.uk](mailto:jam@wroxhamurc.org.uk) or call Chris on 01603 783992

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.

Wroxham and Hoveton United Reformed Church  
114 Norwich Road, Wroxham, NR12 8SA

- Minister: Rev Tina Wilson 07763 354 740 [revtinawilson@outlook.com](mailto:revtinawilson@outlook.com)
- Secretary: Lynne Howard, 01603 738835 [secretary@wroxhamurc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wroxhamurc.org.uk)

Please see our website for the most up to date information  
[www.wroxhamurc.org.uk](http://www.wroxhamurc.org.uk)

(We are unable to answer queries about Barclays Bank)

## **New Councillors needed**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY  
BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR!**

Are you passionate about the village? Do you want to help shape the future of our local community, influence planning decisions, and improve local facilities?

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. We are looking for enthusiastic and engaged residents to join our team

### **What does a Parish Councillor do?**

Councillors represent the views of local residents, attend monthly council meetings, and help manage local assets such as play areas, allotments, bus shelters, and open spaces. The role is voluntary, but training and reasonable expenses are provided

### **Am I eligible?**

To apply, you must be a British, Commonwealth, or EU citizen and aged 18 or over. Additionally, you must meet at least one of the following criteria: Have lived in the parish or within 3 miles of it for the past 12 months or have worked or owned a business in the parish for the past 12 months

If you are interested please contact the Clerk.

### **New map**

Thanks to some wonderful parishioners, there is a new map on the Village Green. Please take a look!

### **New Chairman**

Ian Davis is the new Chairman of the Parish Council. The Parish Council thanks Adam Varley for his eight years of service as outgoing Chairman, and wishes him well in his new role as County Councillor

### **No meeting in July 2026**

Please note that there is no Parish Council meeting in July 2026. The next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd August 2026

## Norfolk Archaeological Trust



Do you have an interest in local history? St Benet's Abbey is nestled in the Norfolk Broads close where the rivers Bure and Ant meet.

Did you know it's the only Norfolk monastery that was founded in Anglo-Saxon times that continued in use through the Middle Ages, and also happens to be the only one in the UK that wasn't dissolved by King Henry VIII? The only abbeys that compared in East Anglia were those at Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk and Ely in Cambridgeshire.

Have you ever wondered why the windmill is built around the gatehouse? Have you seen the graffiti inside the mill? Did you know the Bishop of Norwich is also the Abbot of St Benet's Abbey? Book one of our Guided Tours to learn more!

Tours start at 2pm and last approx 60 mins

**Every Wednesday and Saturday  
3rd June to 29th September 2026**

Accompanied under 18s FREE | FREE parking

£5



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[www.norfarchtrust.org.uk](http://www.norfarchtrust.org.uk)

[info@norfarchtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@norfarchtrust.org.uk)

St Benet's Abbey was unfortunately abandoned by 1545, mainly due to its isolated location and the closure of the other monasteries.

The abbey has many stories to tell, from showcasing some of the best examples of preserved medieval fishponds in the country, to housing Norfolk's second oldest windmill. So, this summer, why not pay a visit to St Benet's Abbey near Ludham, or even take a guided tour!

To book a ticket, you can scan the QR code on the poster, or follow this link to the Eventbrite page - <https://bit.ly/4wprKS2>

Alternatively, you can simply show up and pay cash on arrival.

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*A massive month  
for The Museum of the Broads  
and Norfolk!*

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**Don't forget Norfolk Day - July 27<sup>th</sup>**

And of course it's July when, every year, we celebrate everything about Norfolk and why it's such a glorious place to be!

**The Museum of the Broads in July is definitely the place to be!**

Check out our packed agenda of things to see and do.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July – 12:30-2:30pm - The Seaside do the Broads!**

You'll love this. Songs and music, live, and with a Norfolk Broads twist, from Winterton-on-Sea's hugely popular ukulele band. What's not to love?

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – 10:00am - 4:00pm- Steam & Sail!**

Take a trip on our electric boat, Marsh Harrier. Falcon, our steam boat, will be part of the day too. Then 'jump ship' and board a Wherry to Barton Broad! It's the very best of all the Broads' worlds.

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July – 10:00am - 4:00pm - All Aboard a Wherry!**

It's Wherry Week and time for you to take a step back in time. Step aboard a Wherry and discover what life was like for a wherryman and his family in days gone by.

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July – 10:00am - 4:00pm - Crafts by the River. 'Crafty' Mouse'!**

Come and see textile artist, Jo Couldrey at work. She'll show you how to fashion a mouse out of scraps of fabric!

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July – Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – 10:00am - 4:00pm - Summer Trail - Fun**

It's a museum trail. It's tricky. It's got trials! Complete them all to win a prize!

See what we mean? It's massive! There's a lot going on in July and we're so looking forward to seeing you.

We're at - The Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA

We're open six days a week - Tuesday to Sunday. You're welcome. The kids are welcome (and if they're under 12 they get free entry to the Museum). The dog is welcome. What are you waiting for?

[www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)

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## Wherry Celebrations Come to the Broads

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### Unique Broads Experiences (14–16 July):

Enjoy a memorable two-hour adventure from the Museum of the Broads in Stalham, including a sail aboard a historic wherry yacht, a trip on the museum's steam or electric launch, and admission to the museum.



**A Wherry Merry Night at the Museum** (16 July from 5:00pm): Spend a summer evening by the water with wherry tours, boat trips, live music from Andy G, freshly baked pizza, and a licensed bar. A perfect opportunity to experience the Broads in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Advance booking essential [www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk) @ £12 per person.



### Wonder of Wherries Weekend (18–19 July):

How Hill will host all five remaining wherry yachts and pleasure wherries for a spectacular weekend celebration. Visitors can enjoy short sailing trips, special Cake & Sail experiences, and free access to view the beautiful Egyptian-themed wherry Hathor.

### Family Fun and Local Entertainment:

Explore the gardens and grounds of How Hill House, browse Norfolk arts, crafts and produce stalls, and enjoy live music throughout the weekend, including performances from the Sirens of the Helm and vocalist Sandra B.



Supporting a Living Heritage: These events celebrate Norfolk's unique wherry heritage while helping to support the preservation of these remarkable historic vessels for future generations.

[www.wherryyachtcharter.org](http://www.wherryyachtcharter.org).

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## Wroxham & District u3a

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At our general meeting in May we had an interesting talk from Matt Williams on the geology of Norfolk, we are all now more aware of what's under our feet. We are looking forward to our summer party on the Southern Comfort river boat at Horning, in July.

The interest groups have been continuing their regular meetings; the book group read 'Death and the Penguin' set in Ukraine in 1996 and the poetry group read poems on weather. The bird group went to RSPB Strumpshaw and were able to identify 8 species of warbler and hear the bittern booming.

Spanish reds (but not Rioja) were sampled by the wine appreciation group and will be tasting white wines next time.

The history group went on a walk around historic Colegate, with Paul Dickson, the district has a rich history, from medieval monasteries and merchants to 20th century printing and shoe manufacturing. The tour ended in the Maids Head for coffee.



THE OCTAGON CHAPEL, 1776  
DESIGNED BY THOMAS IVORY

Apart from our interest groups we have our general meeting monthly at Hoveton Village Hall, where we have a speaker and tea and biscuits; if you want to know what we are about and meet some of the members, do come along, it's on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, doors open at 2:00pm, £2 for members and £3 for visitors.

The next 3 meetings are as follows:

- August 18th Beer Sommelier Cheryl Cade  
(special meeting – limited numbers)
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Sutton Hoo Treasure – Sally Sibley (National Trust)
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Dark Skies: what is out there? - Andrew Sutkowski

[Wroxhamu3a@mail.com](mailto:Wroxhamu3a@mail.com)

July arrives in a haze of golden mornings and long, lingering evenings. Roses spill their colour across borders, lavender hums with visiting bees, and sweet peas perfume the air. The garden feels alive with movement and scent, rewarding every careful effort with a rich tapestry of summer beauty beneath warm, sunlit skies.

### Summer in Full Swing

July is one of the busiest and most rewarding months in the gardening calendar. Growth is rapid, flowers are abundant, and many fruits and vegetables are ready for harvest. Regular watering, especially during dry spells, helps plants thrive, while deadheading keeps displays colourful for longer. This is also an ideal time to enjoy the garden, observe visiting wildlife, and make small adjustments that will keep borders, containers, and vegetable plots looking their best through the height of summer.



### Things to do

- Water containers and hanging baskets daily if needed.
- Deadhead roses, dahlias, and other flowering plants.
- Harvest courgettes, beans, and early potatoes regularly.
- Pick sweet peas often to encourage more blooms.
- Trim lavender after flowering begins to fade.
- Feed tomatoes weekly and remove side shoots where appropriate.
- Keep weeds under control before they set seed.
- Net soft fruit to protect crops from birds.
- Mow lawns regularly, raising the cutting height in dry weather.
- Take cuttings from favourite shrubs and perennial plants.

Every task completed today helps shape tomorrow's garden. Enjoy the colours, scents, and rewards of summer. Happy gardening!

#### Note from Editor

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It is hoped this will be a regular article going forward, help with ideas, content and checking from our gardeners out there would be very much appreciated. [hr-editor@outlook.com](mailto:hr-editor@outlook.com)



We are heading towards the midway point of the season and the weather, so far, has been kind to us!

## **Training for all ages and abilities is underway**

Ladies/older girls Thursdays 6:00pm Barton Turf

Juniors mixed abilities & genders Friday 6:00pm Barton Turf

Senior teams 1st XI Wednesdays 5:45pm Barton Turf

2nd, 3rd, 4th XI's Tuesdays 6pm Barton Turf

- Our coaches are ECB trained, DBS checked and bring a lot of experience to share.
- 1st team coach Merwe Genis CSA Level 3



## Social events

On Friday evenings and on match days our fully licensed bar is open to all, please come along and enjoy our hospitality, and maybe watch a little cricket?

We always fire the BBQ up on Friday evenings, with burgers & sausages supplied by Tavern Tasty butchers, a long-standing club sponsor.

A social membership is £5 per year and this entitles you to use the clubhouse facilities and enjoy “club prices”!

## Community Engagement

- Did you know that over the past few years
- We have hosted cricket competitions for a group of local primary schools
- We have provided cricket taster sessions for local Brownies, Guides & Rangers
- We have donated surplus kit to local organisations
- We have provided free 1st Aid courses, training courses and support to club members
- We have provided free coaching sessions in local schools
- We have hosted fun matches for local organisations and businesses

If you are a local group and are interested in what we do, please get in touch!

## Contact Information

Feel free to reach out with any queries

- For playing enquiries: [joeverett333@gmail.com](mailto:joeverett333@gmail.com)
- For activities and events: [ABWCC.events@gmail.com](mailto:ABWCC.events@gmail.com)

## Stay Updated

• Follow the club on Facebook, Instagram, and X for all the latest news. Get in touch now or join us on the boundary!

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*Interested in Horning's Past?  
Let's Start With the Swan !*

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*A familiar riverside landmark, The Swan has stories to tell—and if Horning's past interests you, this could be the perfect place to begin and a good reason to join us in uncovering more.*



Can you spot the Swan in this photograph (Life in a Horning Village by C.F. Carrodus)

Anyone who knows Horning knows The Swan. It stands where river and village meet, part of that familiar stretch of Lower Street where life can feel busy one moment and still the next.

Most of us know it as it is now—lively and full of life—but behind that familiar face lies a much older story. The building we see today mostly dates from the 19th century, though part of the site may go back as far as 1696. In one form or another, The Swan has been part of Horning for more than three hundred years.

Old licence records show that The Swan was already an established inn by the 18th century. Over time, it grew with the village, and in the 19th century it was enlarged into the riverside inn we would still recognise today. The date 1897 on the river-facing wall marks one point in that long story, and there are also links with the Coltishall Brewery estate in 1841. Local memory adds still more: The Swan once housed a museum, and when an earlier building on the site was demolished, carved stone and other fragments said to have come from St Benet's Abbey were reportedly found in the fabric. It is the kind of detail that gives the place added depth, as though part of the wider Broads history had been built into its walls.

That is what makes The Swan more than just an old building on the river. It is part of the village's shared backdrop, a place woven into everyday life and memory. For generations, it would have welcomed those arriving by water, just as it still catches the eye today. Its links with Arthur Ransome add another thread to its story, but there is something especially evocative in the thought that the past lingers here in quieter ways too—in old dates on walls, in fragments uncovered during building work, and in stories that remain attached to a place long after the voices that first told them have gone. The Swan is still part of present-day Horning, but it also seems to keep a door slightly open to the village's deeper past.

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Following on from the overwhelming attendance at the Memories of Old Horning Day in the village hall in March some of us are exploring the idea of starting a History/Archive group.

At the moment we are calling ourselves **Horning Memory Keepers**

To be successful we do need encouragement and invite you to join us by sharing your enthusiasm and skills for this project.

For more details, please contact:

[horninghub@yahoo.com](mailto:horninghub@yahoo.com) or telephone 01692630695



# What's on at the Horning Hub?

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Why not pop along to the **Cosy Café** in the Mill Suite on the first Tuesday of the month from **10:00am to 12 noon**, for a relaxed and friendly morning together?

Join us for **IT and Biscuits** at the Cosy Café too. There will also be crochet and knitting—a perfect morning for picking up tips, sharing ideas, and having a chat.

**Wednesday 8th July**

You are also welcome to join the **Singing for Pleasure group** at the Leeds Way Community Centre from **4:00 to 5:00pm** and enjoy an uplifting hour of music and fun.

**Saturday 15th August**



In August bring a picnic and join us in a **community picnic** on **St Benet's Green** from **4:30 to 8:30pm**—a great chance to relax, connect with friends, neighbours, and enjoy summer by the river.

There will be **live music** from the Ukelele Band, Jonnie Walker and the Hub Singers, plus **face painting** for extra fun.

Come and enjoy good company, in beautiful riverside surroundings – a time to chat with friends and neighbours.

*You can also buy picnics and sandwiches at the Galley, The Staithe & Willow and Tidings convenience store and post office.*



**If wet join us in Horning Village Hall**

**Contact**

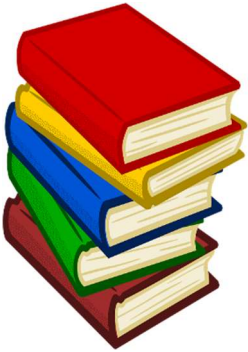
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## *Book Stall on the Wall*

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As some of you know this year the Book Stall on the Wall on Lower Street is raising money for the Nancy Oldfield Charity a local charity which provides accessible boating and holidays on the Broads. Do come and browse and help raise money for this wonderful charity. To date we have collected £775 and it would be marvellous if we could reach our target of £1000!



### **Activities include**

- Accessible Motor Cruising
- Accessible Sailing
- Accessible Paddlesports

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## *First Saturday Coffee Morning*

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Thank you to everyone who generously supported the coffee morning on 6th June, and to those who contributed items for the raffle, refreshments and produce stall. We raised £202.07.

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 4th July at Horning Village Hall from 10:00 – 11:45am. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and village news, and for those who are new to the village to get to know a good group of friendly Horning residents.

The coffee morning is organised by members of Horning church, and the proceeds help to maintain the churchyard which is greatly appreciated by many in the village. But the coffee morning is for everyone, not just church members, so do come – you'll be most welcome.

August's Coffee morning will be on 1st August.

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Friday 3rd July 2026

## MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT

### MENU

Normal Pizza

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Supper Ticket £10 per person

(MUST be bought in advance before June 29th)

Film Ticket £5, accompanied child (16 and under) £1



**Doors open at 6 pm, Supper served at 6.30 pm**

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## *HORNING VILLAGE HALL*

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### **Bravo HATS!**

Congratulations to everyone involved in putting on the performance of Allo Allo in the village hall. The work that goes on behind the scenes to produce such a fantastic professional performance cannot be underestimated. We are very fortunate in Horning to have so many talented people working so hard to make the performances such as this look so effortless.

### **Marky Marks Quiz**

Once again we enjoyed a fantastic evening. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and helped raise money for the Village Hall.

The next one will be on 16 September; a huge thank you to Mark who gives his time free of charge in support of the Village Hall.

### **300 Club**

The June draw for the 300 club took place at the Cinema on 19 June as there was an additional prize this month of £100. You too could be a lucky winner; there are still numbers available—contact Julie Thomson on 01692 630118 to purchase your lucky number.

**Bingo** in the Mill Suite is on the last Wednesday of the month (this month on 29th July)

- Doors open 7:00pm
- £5 for 10 games

Just a reminder, Horning Cinema is Friday 3rd July this month.

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## Village Hall News

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At a recent meeting of the trustees, we took the opportunity to have a critical look at the condition of the Main Hall and the Mill Suite. We have spent considerable sums of money on the Mill Suite in recent years but the ravages of time still seem to be running ahead of us. In particular, the platform at the rear door of the Mill Suite and the existing disabled access ramp need attention. There are two options: one is to renovate the existing ramp and the other is to construct a new ramp along the Bowls Club side of the Mill Suite with a path extending along the Bowls Club side of the Mill Suite to the access road. We currently have some funding from the Lottery Fund for the second option and the intention is to proceed with this and provide a series of steps in place of the original ramp. The advantage of this is that when exiting the Mill Suite, a motorised wheelchair has only to negotiate a 90° turn as opposed to a 180° turn with the original ramp.

The front of the Village Hall is now looking very tired. We are proposing to carry out remedial works to the wooden pillars supporting the glass front of the foyer and probably paint them in a more appealing colour than at present! The windows towards the apex of the roof are permanently blanketed out from the inside and it is proposed to close these completely with insulation and plastic facing; we shall then undertake the same exercise on the inside of the hall above the balcony.

Also, the floor of the Village Hall needs resurfacing while the floor of the kitchen needs replacing completely.

The village sign on the village hall is also looking very sorry for itself. One suggestion has been that we remove the sign altogether, the alternative is to have it stripped back to bare metal and then powder coated. We could also have a white fibreglass style mount preferably illuminated to mount on the village hall behind the village sign, so that at night when illuminated the village sign will be backlit and clearly visible in outline. It would be very nice to find a sponsor for this and if any individual, group, or organisation reading this would be prepared to cover the cost or even part of the cost, then our treasurer, [hvh@btinternet.com](mailto:hvh@btinternet.com) will be pleased to hear from you.

Why are we telling you all this? Well, all this is going to cost money; to tidy up the front of the village hall--something around £7000. The work around the Mill Suite not covered by the lottery fund will be of the order of £3000 making a total

of around £10,000. And this does not include the cost of renovating the village sign, the floors or for that matter the installation of solar panels! What we are proposing here is not a Rolls-Royce version of a village hall, but rather works necessary to repair the ravages of time and to make the appearance of the hall more in keeping with the mid 21st century. So the trustees need to raise a significant sum of money over the rest of the year and to do this we need your support.

We have a number of fundraising events in mind. The first of these is a **Fun(d) & Gift Day on Saturday 29th August 2026**. This will be an opportunity for you to come along to the village hall and have an enjoyable day out and at the same time contribute to the work on the Village Hall. We have devised a number of quite “wacky” entertainments and there will be one or two displays featuring the village and the village hall. In particular, we hope to have a display and presentation by the company selected to install our solar panel system.

The second of these is “**Supper with Gilbert & Sullivan” on the 12 September 2026**. This will be a sit-down supper evening with the entertainment being provided by ENOS who will entertain us during the evening. More information on this next month.

The third of these events will be a **Murder Mystery Evening staged by our very own HATS on the 3rd October 2026**.

Our target is to raise £10,000 across these three events. So we need your support – please put these dates in your diary – come along and have a good day/evening out and at the same time help us maintain and improve our village Hall

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*This is your village hall*

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We, the trustees, only run it for you, the village. We give our time freely and in generous quantities. But we need your help. We are a registered charity and we will be asking you for gifts. If every home in the village gave £10 then, with gift aid, we would have pretty much all the money we need to carry out the current renovations. Grants are getting hard to get; if they are available you can be sure that our treasurer will be first in line with his hand out! But the fact remains that these remedial works need doing NOW. So when the call comes, please give generously.

JT & DCE

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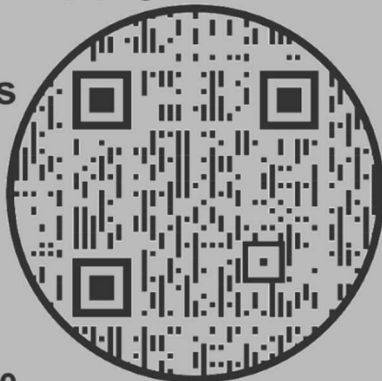
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