

Save the date for the Horam Parish Council Community Christmas Event

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 5.30PM – 8PM



Please come along and join us on the night. There will be all the usual suspects: Santas Grotto, children's treasure hunt, Wealden Brass Band, Christ Church Choir, Diamond Dance and the Scouts Tombola so lots of fun for all.

If any local businesses would like to offer any sponsorship, please contact the Clerk directly.

Good news HPC have been invited to become a trustee of the Horam Club Rooms Charity who own the building in which the parish council have their office. HPC voted to accept the invitation, and the relevant documents are being drawn up. It means the parish council will be one of between 3 and 5 trustees who will manage the charity and ensure that the Horam Club Rooms building remains protected as a community space for local residents.

The Planning Appeal at Great Easterfields, Chiddingly Road, Horam, East Sussex TN21 0JJ (APP/C1435/W/25/3360712) to demolish the historic farmhouse and build seven new dwellings was dismissed due to flood risk concerns. The Inspector found the proposal did not meet paragraph 175 of the Framework, which requires developments to avoid flood-prone areas.

A printed copy of the Horam Neighbourhood Plan is available to view at the parish council office as well as online on the parish council website. It is an invaluable tool for anyone considering building works. All the adopted policies are clearly laid out and provide guidance on how new structures should be designed, the suggested materials to be used and how best to fit them into the existing landscape. Wealden District Council, who are the planning authority, should abide by the policies in the Horam Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council wrote a strongly worded letter to the **Rt Hon Steve Reed MP** Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government regarding the scale and impact of recent and proposed housing developments in the village. The letter states that in 2015 the village of Horam had some 870 dwellings. Since then, 329 have been built with a further 188 granted planning permission but not yet

