

Hemingford Grey Parish Council Newsletter

August 2023



Notes from the Chair

Welcome to the August edition of the Parish Council's newsletter.

So, this summer may not be going down in history as being one of the warmest ... or driest for that matter ... but, I hope you are all enjoying it nonetheless and have managed to get away if you wanted to or have enjoyed events such as the Regatta or Village Sports Days.

With lots of organisations/groups not running over the summer months and many contributors out of the Parish, this is a slightly smaller edition than normal and will be published online only. We will return to printed copies for our October edition.

Since the last newsletter, we are delighted to have recruited a further councillor, Maria Di Gaetano, to our ranks. While we've had some further interest, we still have three vacancies so would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

Our long-standing footpath wardens, Jane Glover and Don Walton decided earlier in the year to hand over the baton after 20 plus years of service. The Council would like to formally thank for all their efforts during the years, which is greatly appreciated. The good news is that Gary Baker has agreed to take over from them. Footpath Wardens report to the Parish and / or County Councils on the condition of paths, signage etc, on official Rights of Way, rather than roadside pavements, with the Parish. If you like to get involved too, please let us know.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!



Cllr Richard Allen
Chair, Hemingford Grey Parish Council

Parish Council Updates

Love Where You Live

Calling all residents. If you care about where you live and wish to become more involved in improving your parish, why not come along and join in the discussions with the Environment Working Group (EWG). Meetings are held each month at the Reading Room High Street, with the next due Wednesday 30th August from 7.30pm.

Unable to make this meeting? Future EWG meetings scheduled for Wednesday 27th September and Wednesday 1st November.

Note: The November meeting will be joined by the HDC Executive Councillor responsible for Climate and Environment, Lara Davenport-Ray. Further details to follow.

Daintree Green bench destroyed



The Parish Council were dismayed by the recent destruction of one of the benches that had placed on Daintree Green. More disappointingly, this bench had been kindly donated to the village.

This matter has been reported to the police, but if anyone has information about the perpetrators of this wanton act of vandalism then we or the police would like to hear from you.

The Council will discuss replacing the bench at our September meeting.

Date for your diary

This year's Food Bank Collection will be held on Sunday 8th October. Anyone wishing to help or get involved should contact Councillors Stephen Wright, Janice Flint or Anne Meredith.

ADOPT A PLANT!



The Environment Working Group in Hemingford Grey invites all residents to adopt some plants!

We would like you to offer a little space in your garden to some of our lovely plants and give them care and love!

There is a variety of plants from which to choose including:
Ox-eye daisy,
Borage, Red Clover,
Salad burnet,
Cat's-ear, Yellow
Toadflax!

All plants were raised by volunteers!



If you are interested and would like to help please contact:

sarah.jakes@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Community Matters



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts look forward to a new term of activities *by Tony Rogers, Group Scout Leader*

The new term will begin week commencing 11th September and the leaders are currently planning an exciting programme of events starting with a sleep-over for our younger members over the weekend of 2nd/3rd September.

If you have a young person who is thinking of starting or continuing with their Duke of Edinburgh Award (minimum age 13½) then please consider Scouts as somewhere local to carry out your voluntary service. You do not have to be a member of The Scouts to volunteer. Training will be given and there will be full supervision. If anyone is interested, please get a parent to contact me for further information at gsl@1st-Hemingfords-scouts.org.uk

Hemingfords Regatta – a date for your diary

The Hemingfords Regatta AGM will be held at 8pm on Weds 4th October, upstairs at The Pavilion. Anyone interested in supporting the Regatta, either as a Regatta helper or a new committee member would be most welcome.

Hemingford Grey Garden Society (HGGS) by Mike Henderson

It's a strange time of year for the Society, in that it's busy in the garden, but the society has virtually shut down for the summer. We completed the last of the monthly talks way back in April, when we also had our (very brief) AGM. The speakers were excellent, and we hope to maintain that quality when we restart in September. We are to have our annual Boston Tea Party in The Manor with Diana Boston's kind permission in late August where we can socialise and hopefully have a speaker too. New members are always welcome; please ring me on 01480 466101.



All regular classes and clubs are resuming after the summer break so perhaps it is time for you to consider something new. All contact details are on the Pavilion website: www.hemingfordpavilion.com

ART CLASSES WITH TERESA BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES WITH LESLEY
 FITNESS/PILATES/YOGA CLASSES WITH NICOLA H/GREY FLOWER CLUB
 THE HUB CLUB (Social with Tea and Cakes) HUB EXERSIZE CLASS
 ST IVES FLOWER CLUB HEMLOCS (local history soc) SCOUTS/CUBS/BEAVERS
 STRENGTH & BALANCE SENIORS EXERSIZE WALKING FOOTBALL
New classes: BABY SENSORY SKILLS FOR LIFE FIRST AID TRAINING

EVERYONE WILL BE MADE VERY WELCOME AT OUR MONTHLY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
 PAVILION PICTURES (Community Cinema) £5 + bar open for pre screening drinks
 VILLAGE LUNCH—2 delicious courses + coffee £7 TEA DANCES

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 12 TO 5PM
END OF SUMMER CHILDREN'S DAY
 LOTS OF FUN AND ACTIVITIES
 ON THE SPORTS FIELD FOR ALL THE FAMILY

ON THE SCREENS IN THE LOUNGE BAR
 PREMIER AND CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FOOTBALL
 RUGBY UNION WORLD CUP FROM 8 SEPT
 RYDER CUP GOLF FROM 29 SEPT

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The Sports Academy, based at Hunts County Squash Club, took a group of junior squash players on an international tour to Ireland in August.

The eight-player squad took on local juniors and adults from squash clubs across Ireland; including matches in Dublin, Galway, Thurles and Waterford.

It was a great opportunity for the youngsters to play and develop their squash, as well as an opportunity to explore Ireland and try out local activities.

This was the first international tour the Sports Academy has ran since covid and there are already plans for making the next one bigger and better!

Hemingfords' Yard Sale Trail



Declutter, help the environment, raise money
for our villages and enjoy a fun day out
HUNTING FOR BARGAINS!



**SUN 24
SEPTEMBER**
10AM - 4PM

For more information for visitors
and to book your stall on the yard trail map:
[FACEBOOK.COM/THEHEMINGFORDSYARDTRAIL](https://www.facebook.com/thehemingfordsyardtrail)

One Leisure Active Lifestyles Team run a range of activities in the village:

Walking Football - A standard game of football specifically designed for players to walk instead of run. A great way to get back into football if you've given it up due to age or injury. £2 per session.

- Tuesdays 10am–11am Hemingford Grey Pavilion

RightStart 3 - Combining strength, balance, and coordination exercises to target and improve mobility, agility, and flexibility. £4.20 per class or 10 for £37.

- Tuesdays 10:45 – 11:45am Hemingford Abbots Village Hall
- Fridays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Hemingford Grey Pavilion

Wellbeing Walks - friendly group walks that can help you become and stay active. Walks often take place around the Hemingford area and are free of charge.

- Walk locations, days and times can vary. Please see www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/wellbeingwalks for full details or pick up a leaflet from your local library or One Leisure Centre.

For more information about any of the above, please contact:
activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk / 01480 388111

The Hemingford Action Group – August update *by Iain Muspratt, Chair*

The transaction whereby Mick George Group is to be acquired by UK subsidiaries of Heidelberg Cement is on hold pending a decision on 7th August 2023 by Competition and Markets Authority to investigate. Shareholders as at 1st August are confirmed as remaining Mick George, Family Trusts and various senior staff and Directors.



New Trustees

We're delighted to announce that two new trustees are joining the Hub. We welcome Gareth Evans who is working with a team of determined people to bring the Hobby Shed to fruition. If you'd like to offer your services and join the team, please contact us as below.

Also, Denise Felstead, our Hunts Forum Gold Volunteer Award winner last year, is joining us as the Volunteer Manager to ensure all our volunteers are kept informed and up-to-date with the various volunteer tasks we undertake.

If you would like to be considered as a Trustee, please contact us.

We are still looking for...

... a home for the Hobby Shed. If you have a large shed, building or barn that may need some TLC, or a suitable small piece of land where we could build a shed, Gareth Evens would love to hear from you

... more practical help for the Hoppa Bus project. A couple of people have offered to help move this project forward. We just need a one or two more to get this off the ground. We have done lots of research on suitable vehicles, costings, written a business proposal and worked out the logistics. New ideas are coming forward on how to make this essential transport a reality. Please get in touch if you like a challenge that will write your name into village history.

HubClub events - 3pm at the Pavilion (subject to change)

- Aug 30 Seated exercises
- Sept 6 Health Watch - your chance to let the NHS know what's good or bad about your experiences with them
- Sept 13 Seated exercises
- Sept 20 A talk by the Norris Museum
- Sept 27 The Ladybird boat trip with tea and cake
- Oct 4 Seated exercises

Contact details: T: 07308 035416 E: hemingfordhub@icloud.com,
www.hemingfordhub.co.uk

Hemingford Grey Parish Council

Proud to serve the people of Hemingford Grey



The Parish Council now meets in the **Reading Rooms** on the **second Monday of each month** (except August and December) at 7.00pm for the planning meeting and 7.30pm for the main parish council meeting.

All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on matters or on items on the agenda (please note that after this time, further comments or questions are not permitted when the meeting is in progress).

Agendas are posted on our website and on the village notice boards. Information is also available on our social media pages:

- Website:** www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/hemingfordgreypc
Twitter: www.twitter.com/hemgreypc

Parish councillors:

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