

Hemingford Grey Parish Council Newsletter

June 2022



Platinum Jubilee Special

Notes from the Chair

Welcome to the Parish Council's June newsletter.

This month we celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a four-day bank holiday weekend. Thanks to the fantastic efforts of those organising the events detailed within the newsletter we can all come together and celebrate this historic milestone as a community. Hopefully the sun will shine, and you'll be able to enjoy the events at the Pavilion, one of the village picnics, or the river pageant that have been organised or even your very own street party or family get-together.

I hope that many of you will decide to give the whole parish a celebratory feel by hanging out bunting, and flags, etc. We are very grateful to the Hemingford Grey WI, who were the first recipients of a council "jubilee" grant, who have made over 300 metres of bunting, which will be hung strategically throughout the village. I thank all of those involved for their fantastic creativity.

Despite our best efforts, unfortunately only nine people put themselves forward to be parish councillors and therefore those who were nominated were elected unopposed and without election. Two of our previous councillors, Doug Dew and Tim Puttick, decided not to seek re-election to the Parish Council and I'd like to thank them both for their work over the last four years. We look forward to continuing working with Councillor Dew as our district and county councillor. This does however leave the council with four vacancies; therefore, I would be keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in being co-opted. Please get in touch if you're: worried about development and planning; the quality of life and the environment; concerned about flooding or road safety. Or would you like to: improve our open spaces and play areas; influence local decisions or give something back to your community.



Cllr Richard Allen
Chair, Hemingford Grey Parish Council



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Delivering a lasting legacy

In addition to offering small “Jubilee” grants to local organisations to help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the council are working towards several projects that will provide a legacy for future generations.

To this this end, the council have committed to:

- Plant a Jubilee Orchard at Daintree Green (near the allotments) – as featured in our April newsletter
- Install two picnic benches – one at Vicarage Fields and the other at the Yes Development – (featured in this newsletter)
- Plant an oak tree at the Yes Development

In addition, we're still looking for opportunities to further support the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

Let's make it a weekend to remember!

Join the Hemingford Grey community in sharing food, fun and memories to commemorate 70 years of Her Majesty the Queen's reign. Whether you're hanging up bunting, holding a street party, or planning to attend some of the village events including:

- **Thursday 2nd June**
Platinum Jubilee Picnic at Daintree Green. Meet up with friends and neighbours for an informal picnic.
- **Friday 3rd June**
Music Night and BBQ at the Pavilion – 6-10pm
- **Saturday 4th June**
Jubilee River Pageant. Regatta field from 5.30pm. An evening of patriotic fun on and by the river
- **Sunday 5th June**
Civic service of thanks giving at St James Church – 10am
Picnic at the Pavilion – 12 noon onwards

Look out for your full programme of events running throughout the weekend in Hemingford Grey and Hemingford Abbots.

Parish Council Updates

London Road speed limit to be reduced



We are delighted to confirm that our joint Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid to have the speed limit on London reduced to 30mph has been successful and will include supporting physical measures to ensure compliance. In addition, but subject to speed survey data the County have agreed to install a 40 or 50mph speed limit commencing between Galley Hill and Marsh Lane.

We'd like to thank Fenstanton Parish Council for their partnership and assistance on this bid, our County Councillor, Cllr Doug Dew, for his efforts, and all those residents for signing the petition.

Community Wildlife Events



Following last year's green spaces consultation, the council has appointed Fieldfare to develop and deliver a programme of nine free conservation and natural history engagement events across Vicarage Fields, Daintree Green and the Yes Development.



We're looking for residents, like you, to join the Wild Lives Collective, a community of Hemingford Grey residents, of all ages, histories and heritage, who will work together to install and enhance wildlife features in our parks and green spaces and then learn and participate in the monitoring of wildlife.

Contributions and involvement can be as little or as large as you like, and all are welcome. For more information visit <https://fieldfarewildlife.co.uk/wild-lives-collective>.

School zebra crossing

The council to continue to press the County Council to repaint the zebra crossing outside the school and are hopeful this will happen soon. In the meantime, it is worth noting that changes to the highway code earlier this year mean that drivers **MUST** give way when a pedestrian has moved onto a crossing and **SHOULD** give way when a pedestrian is waiting to cross.

New picnic benches installed

Our December 2021 newsletter featured an article on a new picnic table added to Daintree Green (made from recycled plastic and with easy access for wheelchairs) which had been generously donated by a resident. As part of our commitment to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee legacy and Green Spaces agenda, the Parish Council agreed to finance



and install similar picnic benches at Vicarage Fields and the Yes Development.

We are pleased to announce this commitment has now been fulfilled with the Yes Development picnic bench



added in March and the Vicarage Field bench in May. Both picnic benches will have a Queen's Platinum Jubilee plaque mounted on them ahead of the extended bank holiday weekend.

We hope these will be well used and enjoyed by all residents, providing a sociable place to meet and chat throughout the summer and beyond.

New maintenance contract awarded

The council recently undertook a competitive tender for our grass cutting and village maintenance contract – covering the land owned or managed by the Council (please note, the County and District councils also manage areas throughout the village). Having considered all the tenders received, the council have awarded the two-year contract to Buchans Landscapes.



We've already received significant plaudits from several residents, but if you have any comments, please let us know while our specifications are still 'bedding down'.



As a reminder, the council have been supporting Plantlife's "No Mow May" campaign to help flowers and bees and have therefore left Vicarage Fields and an area of the High Street unmown during May.

Thanks for your support



A big thank you to all those who took part in the Community Litter Pick and Wildflower planting over a busy weekend during April. An amazing turnout of volunteers plus lovely weather enabled us to plant almost one hundred wildflower seedlings (grown by residents) at dedicated areas in Vicarage

Fields and Daintree Green, while our intrepid band of litter pick volunteers collected more than fifteen bags of rubbish plus assorted tyres, traffic cones and a Christmas tree from all corners of the Parish. We very much appreciate your help and support for these events.

Planning committee matters

The Parish Council has no direct planning powers but is consulted by and can make representations to Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC). It is HDC's responsibility to inform neighbours of planning applications. Residents are urged to make their own comments on the HDC website. Councillors will usually call on the applicant and relevant neighbours to explain how the council considers applications and how residents can make their views known to the council and to HDC.

At its October 2020 meeting the Parish Council considered an application from Liquid Skillz at Lake Ashmore. The council recommended refusal to HDC and voted to speak at the relevant Development Management Committee (DMC) meeting (as the application had already been called in). Parish Council then considered another application for Liquid Skillz and this has also been referred to the DMC at HDC. The two applications will be considered at the same meeting. There is **still** no information yet as to when these two applications will be considered by the DMC.

HDC have given approval to the development of the former Vindis and Murketts car showrooms. The applications will result in the development of 94 and 49 dwellings respectively. While both sites are situated outside of the Parish, the council recommended refusal due to impact they would have on village infrastructure. In both cases, the roads will not be adopted. The council will continue to press for surface water drainage to be appropriately managed and for extra highways safety measures to be implemented.

Outcomes of recent planning applications

HDC/CCC ref.	Description	PC Rec	HDC Dec
20/00285/FUL	Vindis site, Low Rd - demolition of structures, erection of 106 dwellings	Refusal	Approved
20/01621/FUL	Liquid Skillz, Lake Ashmore, Gore Tree Rd - construction of various buildings, change of use for an area to cafe, and diversification of existing activities to water-based activity centre	Refusal	In progress
21/00044/FUL	Liquid Skillz, Lake Ashmore - construction of 2 nd wakeboard line and associated buildings	Refusal	In progress
20/00164/OUT	Land west of Wychwood Hilton- Outline application for rural exception housing	Not suitable	In progress
18/02726/FUL	Former car showroom, London Rd - 49 dwellings	Refusal	Approved
CCC/21/088/FUL	ENVAR, St Ives Rd, Somersham - demolition of buildings and erection of waste transfer station, healthcare waste energy recovery and other facilities	Refusal	In progress
21/01768/FUL	Hemingford Park, Hemingford Abbots - change of use	Refusal	In progress
21/02647/PCAPA	The Grey House Marsh Lane - change of use for one room to D2 Assembly and leisure	Approval	In progress
21/02833/HHFUL	1 St James Court, High Street - various extensions	Refusal	In progress
21/02866/HHFUL	9 Weir Road - demolition of extension and replacement, various alterations	Approval	Approved
22/00003/FUL	38 Marsh Lane - demolition of house and replacement with new dwelling	Refusal	Approved
22/00006/HHFUL	24 Church Street - two storey rear extension	Refusal	In progress
22/00083/FUL	16 The Thorpe - demolition of existing building and new single storey dwelling	Approval	Approved
21/02814/HHFUL	14 Burlington Way - single storey extension, garage conversion etc	Approval	Approved
21/02740/HHFUL	7 St Ives Road - single storey rear extension	Approval	Approved
21/02682/HHFUL	26 Manor Road - various extensions	Approval	Approved
22/00355/HHFUL	3 St Ives Road - entrance lobby and rear single storey extension	Approval	Approved
22/00192/HHFUL	Horseshoes, 8A Hemingford Rd - extension and various alterations	Approval	Approved
22/00290/HHFUL	4 Old Pound Close – single and two storey extensions	Approval	Approved
22/00163/HHFUL	10 High Street - single storey extension	Approval	Approved
22/00543/HHFUL	10 Marsh Lane - single storey rear extension, change flat to pitched roof etc.	Approval	In progress
22/00850.HHFUL	8 Church Street – single storey front extension. Changes to dormer	Approval	In progress
22/00856/HHFUL	5 Lea Road – single story extension, alterations to garage and other parts	Approval	In progress

Community Matters



We are looking forward to a week of Platinum Jubilee activities in school. There will be dance workshops from different decades within the Queen's reign, a Royal Reading Challenge, a special school lunch with a Platinum Pudding and the unveiling of a plaque next to our recently planted trees to recognise the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. We will finish the week with an afternoon of fun and games with a 'street' playground party and Union Jack colour races. One day we hope future generations will uncover our Queen's Platinum Jubilee time capsule and learn about this important time.

Could you be a school governor?

Interested in supporting and improving education for local children? Then join us as a governor at Hemingford Grey Primary School! We have a vacancy on our Governing Board and are looking for keen and enthusiastic people to join us. As governors we work closely with the headteacher and other senior leaders. The role of governors is a thinking and questioning role and not about running the school or completing operational tasks.

You don't need to have specific experience to be a governor and training and support will be provided. To find out more please contact chair@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk

Hemlocs *by Simon Clemmow, Chair*

Our 2021-22 season of talks is now over, and we are looking forward to summer outings to Burwell Museum in July and Bourn Mill in August. Both these places of local interest were introduced to us by speakers earlier this year, and those who heard them will be keenly anticipating a visit.

Meanwhile, please catch our displays during the Jubilee weekend showing how the Hemingfords have celebrated national events over the last 125 years. Identical display boards can be seen over the four days at St Margaret's Church in Abbots and the Pavilion in Hemingford Grey.

HemingfordHub Club celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Everything is planned down to the paper napkins for the celebratory tea party on Wednesday 1 June. Please hurry to put your name down if you wish to book your place. It is being held in Tish Peek's garden, with music from Hemingford Ladies Choir. You are welcome to come along in 1950's hats or outfits and join in the singing. We would love to share



memories and show the young how life was before mobile phones, multiple TV channels and fast food. Memorabilia from the era welcome.

All aboard! We enjoyed a great time on the Ladybird cruise on the 4th May.

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Hemingfords' Regatta

Our unique village event will take place on Saturday 9 July, with a full day of racing on the river for all villagers. Everyone is welcome, so come with a picnic and loud encouragement for the participants. The day's activity will be followed by an evening disco with BBQ and a bar, as the sun sets over the river.



Practice evenings start on Monday 6 June and go ahead most weekday evening for 5 weeks. The first week will be for novice rowers and coxes only. Eligibility starts for children if they are in school year 4 or above, who will be taught both to row and to cox, with canoes being available some evenings. All adults are welcome even if they've never rowed before.

A Regatta newsletter has been delivered with this publication, see also our Facebook page and new website www.hemingfordsregatta.com (currently under construction).

Hemingford Pavilion (www.hemingfordpavilion.co.uk)

The Pavilion is operating as normal though we ask all our visitors to continue to take sensible precautions to help prevent the spread of Covid. All summer sports clubs (cricket, bowls, tennis) as well as gym and squash are open and very active with thriving junior sections.

The **Queens Jubilee** is being celebrated at the Pavilion over the Holiday weekend of the 2nd -5th June. Both villages are working together so please refer to the website for further details, including the 'Picnic at the Pavilion' to be held on the playing field on Sunday the 5th June, start time 12.00 midday.

'**Pavilion Pictures**' is showing Belfast on Friday 27th May. Tickets can be bought from the village shop. All are welcome.

The Hayward Hall and Chris Page Room are used by many groups and are available for hire (bookings@hemingfordpavilion.co.uk). Exercise classes include Yoga (lucyhocknell@icloud.com), Pilates (nicolaguitart@gmail.com), Outdoor exercise (sabrinasily@gmail.com), Ballroom dancing (lesleycollier@hotmail.com), and Tai Chi (malcolmsavannah233@gmail.com). The Village Lunch is held on the 3rd Friday each month (contact Mike Gledhill on 07881 922287 for details).

The Pavilion Bar opening hours are Monday to Friday 5.30 - 9.30pm; Saturday 2.00 -7.30 and Sunday 2.00 - 7.00pm.

For all enquiries go to enquiries@hemingfordpavilion.co.uk email address /phone no. 01480 464490.

Hemingford Grey WI

New to the village or a longstanding resident? Have you thought of joining our WI? Not just 'Jam and Jerusalem' but fun, friendship, and the chance to learn new skills. We try to arrange a varied programme with something for everyone. At our meeting on 24th May Mike Farley - one of the UK's leading Henry VIII impersonators and re-enactors - will be our guest speaker. In June Keyth Rooney will be speaking about Protecting Family Wealth.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Reading Room and visitors and new members will receive a warm welcome. For information telephone 462705.



St James Church invites you to a
Civic Service of Thanks Giving
to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Sunday 5th June at 10am
Everyone welcome.



The Hemingford Action Group May update *by Iain Muspratt,*

'Astro Turf Site': Mick George Limited have carried out work at the site to widen access – a potential first step to increasing activity. We continue to press the County Council for action as this, in our view, required permission. HAPC also continue to press the Environment Agency regarding the absence of a licence and have submitted a formal complaint.

We understand that the old petrol station site alongside A1307 has nothing to do with Mick George Limited.

Zero Waste Celebrations

Ahead of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and as we enter the warmer months, we will begin to think about picnics and BBQs. Rather than heading for the usual, could you make it a more sustainable experience? Could you make it zero waste?

- Use reusable containers
- Keep a note of what everyone is bringing to avoid duplication and minimise waste.
- Use it as an opportunity to use up ingredients e.g. add leftover meats and veg to pasta, couscous or salad, make croutons with stale bread
- Remember to separate your waste and take it home with you if facilities are not provided

Check out <https://www.hubbub.org.uk/litter-free-picnic-inspiration-guide> for further inspiration

Hemingford Grey Parish Council

Proud to serve the people of Hemingford Grey



The Parish Council meets at the Parish Centre 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:

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