

Hemingford Grey Parish Council Newsletter

October 2023



Notes from the Chair

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

With the children back at school, evening's drawing in, bright blue skies or misty mornings, and the ever-changing colours of the leaves, autumn has definitely arrived. As I've said previously, I love this time of year as the natural world prepares itself for the colder months and we move from late summer into autumn and then winter.

At the same time, while the village events of the summer such as the Regatta or Village Sports Days have now passed, we have the Hemingford Fireworks, the village carols, and the start-up of many village clubs and groups after their summer breaks to look forward to. Key to all the events held in the village are those volunteers who make them happen. In this edition of the newsletter, like most others, you will find requests for help and volunteers from various groups and the Parish Council itself. I would urge you to consider what you can offer or how you might help.

Speaking of volunteers, Ray Woodward recently stood down from his position as one of the Council's two Tree Wardens and we would like to thank him for his many years of service to the village.

Finally, while the Council continues to seek ways to improve the parish and our village environment, we know we don't have all the answers or even all the questions. We would therefore love to hear from you if you have any thoughts or ideas that we can consider.



Cllr Richard Allen
Chair, Hemingford Grey Parish Council

Parish Council Updates

Environment Working Group (EWG) - Wednesday 1st November 7.30 - 9.00 The Reading Room, High Street

Councillor Lara Davenport-Ray, Executive member for Climate and Environment will be joining November's Environment Working Group meeting to discuss how the District Council can work with Parish Councils to improve the local environment and do our bit to mitigate the impact of climate change.

All residents are invited to attend this informal meeting.

If there is a particular topic you would like the meeting to consider, contact anne.meredith@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk so that Councillor Davenport-Ray can be briefed about the topics that interest residents.

Food Bank Collection - Sunday 8th October 2023



Last year the Parish Council co-ordinated a collection of non-perishable foods for the Godmanchester Food Bank. Residents were very generous with their time and donations. Sadly, this year the need is just as great, therefore another foodbank collection will take place Sunday 8th October.

On the day donations can be left in a carrier bag on your doorstep / driveway between the hours of 2pm-3pm for collection by one of our volunteers, or you are very welcome to drop off your donation at the Parish Centre, High Street between 3pm-4pm.

The collection has proved most effective when a volunteer has 'adopted' a road with a leaflet drop advertising the event, collecting the donations on the day. So, if you would like to 'adopt' a road or be involved in the collection in some other way please contact Cllr Anne Meredith as above. Further details will be available on the Parish Council website and noticeboards.

Daintree Green picnic table

At its September meeting the Parish Council agreed to replace the picnic bench that was destroyed over the summer on a like for like basis. The order has already been placed and we hope it will be in situ shortly.



Vicarage Fields/Braggs Lane hedge to be re-laid



Following a recommendation from the Environment Working Group, the Council have selected a contractor to relay the Vicarage Fields/Braggs Lane hedge this winter. The hedge cuttings will be used to create dead hedges and log piles in Vicarage Fields to provide habitats for hedgehogs and insects.

Allotments

Tenancies for our allotments are renewed or surrendered in September, and we're expecting some plots to become available shortly. If you are interested in taking on an allotment, then please contact the Clerk.

Remembrance Sunday – 12th November

As in previous years, the village will commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts with a service in St James' church at 10am followed by an Act of Remembrance at the cemetery.



Reporting crime or anti-social behaviour

In recent months there have been a few drug related incidents reported in the village. The Council would encourage residents to report crime or anti-social behaviour to the police by calling 101 or online at <https://beta.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> or Huntingdonshire District Council by calling 01480 388388 or online <https://forms.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/REPORTANTISOCIALBEHAVIOUR/launch>

Community Emergency and Resilience Plan adopted

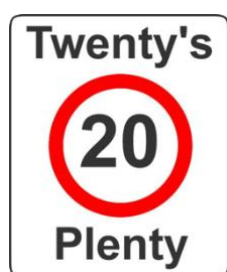
You may remember that the Parish Council established a working group to liaise with other local bodies to consider how we might help the residents of Hemingford Grey to support themselves when faced with an emergency situation, be it flooding, excessive heat, or utility failure for example. At its September meeting, the Council agreed to adopt a draft emergency and resilience plan produced by this group. The plan will be available on the Council website shortly, along with the Personal Flood Plan that we distributed with our April 2022 newsletter.

Having spoken to other local councils, it is clear that flood and resilience groups, while supported by the Parish Council, are best delivered by committed volunteers. Therefore, while we have provided a draft plan and framework, there are a number of sections in the plan that remain incomplete, not least the details of a coordinator/deputy coordinator and those who could quickly offer skills and knowledge to the community during any large-scale emergency.

If you'd like to get involved or volunteer, then please let us know.

Updated Parish Footpath Leaflet

The Council are currently producing a new footpath leaflet for the village – the last version was revised and published in 2014. Once completed this new version will be available on the Parish Council website and a limited number of printed copies will be made available.



The 20mph speed limit across the village has now been in place for six months. While the evidence obtained from our speed sign indicates that the overall speeds being driven through the village have reduced – and we thank those who are obeying the speed limit - there are still many drivers who are driving well over it. The PC has therefore started looking at ways in which to improve this, including purchasing additional speed signs. The Clerk has also been asked to liaise with the Police about undertaking speed checks.

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 parish council and to HDC. The next Planning Committee meeting will be at 7pm on Monday October 9th in the Reading Room, High Street.

Outcomes of recent planning applications

HDC/CCC ref.	Description	PC Rec	HDC Dec
18/02726/FUL	Murketts garage London Rd – 49 dwellings	Comments	Approved*
20/00285/FUL	Vindis showroom, Low Rd – 94 dwellings	Refusal	Approved*
CCC/23/093/FUL	Envar. St Ives Rd, Somersham – new waste transfer station application, etc.	In progress	In progress
23/00435/HHFUL	18 The Brambles – Erection of block wall	In progress	In progress
23/00622/FUL	Pavilion Tennis Courts - Erection of flood lights	Approved with conditions	Approved
23/00931/CLPD	Island Hall, Mill Lane – Rear extension	In progress	Withdrawn
23/01156/CLED	71 Hemingford Rd – lawful land use	Approval	Approved
23/01067/HHFUL	50 High St – rear extension	Approval	Refused
23/00981/HHFUL	8 Old Pound Close – rear extension	Approval	Approved
23/00123/FUL	The How, Houghton Rd, St Ives – retrospective fence on riverbank	Refusal	Withdrawn
23/01148/FUL	The Grey House, Marsh Ln – kitchen ext.	Approval**	Approved
23/01194/FUL	Mere Way, - farm building conversion	Refusal**	In progress
23/01480/HHFUL	12, Gore Tree Rd – front & rear extensions	Approval	In progress
23/01190/HHFUL	8, Church St – new garage & convert old	In progress	In progress

*Neighbouring councils but HGPC monitoring for surface water and traffic issues.

**Agreed by collation of individual councillor comments by email.

Community Matters

Hemingfords Regatta AGM – Wednesday 4th October

The Hemingfords Regatta AGM will be held on Wednesday 4th October at 8pm in the Chris Page room at The Pavilion. Anyone interested in supporting the Regatta, either as a helper or a committee member would be most welcome. Feel free to contact us (hello@hemingfordsregatta.com) in advance to chat it through or just turn up.

Hemingford Ladies Choir - Sunday 26th November

Under the direction of Elaine Gunn and accompanied by Anna Aldous on Piano, Hemingford Ladies Choir will present an informal concert - On the Way to Christmas - on Sunday 26th November at 3p.m. at St Margaret's Church Hemingford Abbots. There will be a retiring collection in support of the Church and refreshments will be available

Christmas Post – Saturday 9th December

1st Hemingford Scouts are planning to collect cards on Saturday 9th December at the Reading Rooms between 9.30am and 1.00pm with all deliveries being completed on either Saturday afternoon or Sunday 10th. Delivery only within the boundaries of Hemingford Grey and Hemingford Abbots.



Hemlocs *by Simon Clemmow, Chair*

I hope you had a good summer. Hemlocs members enjoyed a sunny garden party and interesting visits to St Neots and Kimbolton. Our 2023/24 season is now underway. Our first talk was given by Dr Eric Somerville, who entertained us with the local history of 'quacks and quackery'. Coming up, we have talks on a distinguished father and son, and on Peterborough Cathedral, to look forward to in October and November respectively. You know where to find us: at the Pavilion on the third Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm. See you there.

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.



THERE'S SO MUCH ON AT THE PAVILION. SEE OUR WEB SITE FOR DETAILS
 Ballroom Dancing Art Classes Flower Clubs Hemlocs The Hub Club Hub exercise
 Yoga Pilates Fitness classes Teen Yoga Walking Football Scouts/Cubs/Beavers
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. 4th Fridays
VILLAGE LUNCH—£7 for 2 delicious courses + filter coffee + Lounge bar open
SUNDAY TEA DANCES Last Sunday of the month from 2pm. £5 includes tea and cake

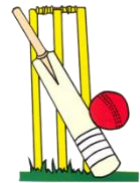
AUTUMN / WINTER EVENTS—ALL WELCOME

<p><u>FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER—6.30pm start</u> A SPECIAL PAVILION PICTURES SCREENING OF ROALD DAHL'S 'Matilda' ENTRY BY DONATION. RAISING FUNDS FOR HEMINGFORD GREY SCHOOL</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER IN THE HALL</u> ROCK THE NIGHT AWAY WITH FANTASTIC GLAMTASTIC TICKETS £12 FROM THE BAR INCLUDES BBQ BURGER OR SAUSAGE</p>
<p><u>TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER</u> QUIZ NIGHT ANDY WILL BE BACK IN THE LOUNGE BAR WITH ONE OF HIS EVER POPULAR QUIZZES BOOK THROUGH THE BAR</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER FROM 7PM</u> FREE MUSIC NIGHT IN THE LOUNGE WITH THE M Js</p>
<p><u>SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER AT 5PM</u> ANNUAL VILLAGE CAROLS WITH THE CONCERT BAND MULLED WINE, HOT CHOCOLATE AND MORE</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER FROM MIDDAY</u> CHRISTMAS FAIR WITH SANTAS GROTTA</p>

www.hemingfordpavilion.com

Email: enquiries@hemingfordpavilion.co.uk Tel: 01480 464490

Hemingford Park Cricket Club



What a successful season it has been, both on and off the field at Hemingford Park CC! The playing facilities have been significantly enhanced with the artificial wicket adding greater opportunity for training and enabling an ever-increasing number of matches to be played. The youth teams and the Friday social side have benefited greatly from this permanent pitch and it represents the most evident marker of the very significant progress made over the last 2-3 years within the club.

The youth teams at u9, u11, u13 and u15 have all experienced success and the senior Saturday league side, after 2 promotions in two years, finished 3rd this season and may yet be promoted again! The player base has expanded, welcoming some players of high quality and this has lifted standards noticeably. Yes indeed, there is much to celebrate on a most glorious season!

We are always keen to welcome more youth and senior players and supporters so please do get in touch with Mike at

heminfordparkcricketclub@gmail.com



**St James Church, Hemingford
Grey**

Sunday Services at 10.00am

Come and join us, everyone is welcome

**Wednesday Communion at
10.30am**

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

First Steps

*Tuesday's at the Parish Centre during
term time 9.30am – 11.30am*

www.churchbytheriver.org.uk

An advertisement for St James Parish Centre Cafe. The background is a white surface with scattered coffee beans and a cup of coffee. The text is in a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts. The cafe's name and address are in a large, elegant serif font. The menu items and opening hours are in a smaller, sans-serif font. The phrase 'everyone welcome, donations only' is at the bottom.

**St James
Parish Centre Cafe**
33 High Street,
Hemingford Grey

speciality coffee/selection of teas/
hot chocolate/soft drinks/cakes &
slices/toasted teacakes/courtyard
garden/dog friendly

Open Wednesday & Thursday
10.00 am - 12.30 pm

everyone welcome, donations only



The Hemingford Hoppa bus

Following a presentation to Hemingford Grey Parish Council by the Hub, the PC have confirmed their support for the project and will look to identify a representative to join the project group. We are hoping that Hemingford Abbots PC will also identify a representative. Once formed, this group will initially undertake a survey to test the potential usage of such a service. If you have an interest in driving this project forward, please let the Hub know. We have room for more on board.

New Trustees

Our new trustees are bedding in, and they will shortly be joined by other nominees - ensuring the long-term viability of the Hub. If you would like to be considered as a Trustee, please contact us. We are happy to explain the responsibilities (not too arduous) at a social event later in the year.

Social Prescribing on our doorstep

The local NHS Social Prescribing Team is looking to establish a monthly session in the Hemingfords where residents can come for confidential advice on anything that falls into the category of help and support or worries about getting out and about. They will also arrange home visits if getting out is a problem. We will let you know more when this is set up.

A home for the HubShed

Gareth Evans and team are getting closer to finding a home for the Shed! If you have a large outbuilding or barn suitable for conversion to a workshop, or a suitable small piece of land where we could build a shed, Gareth would love to hear from you on 07836 279932

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

- Oct 4 Seated exercises
- Oct 11 Film show - a romantic comedy
- Oct 18 Seated exercises
- Oct 25 To be advised - see posters in village
- Nov 1 Seated exercises

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



The Grove Medical Centre has made changes to their Routine Appointment booking system

The changes will mean you will only have to contact us once to request your appointment and you will also be able to do this through our online portal <https://www.grovemedicalpractice-stives.nhs.uk/>

We recognise that continuity of care is important. When you submit your request, tell us which doctor you wish to see and the times or days when you would not be available for an appointment. Where possible, we will arrange your appointment with that doctor, or a doctor you have previously seen about that problem. If it is more appropriate for you to see a different member of our team (e.g. physiotherapist), we will arrange your appointment with them. This is to make the best use of the appointments that are available.

To help manage the number of requests we receive, we may add your request to a waiting list. The waiting list will be processed in date and priority order, and if your request is added to a waiting list, we will let you know. We will contact you as soon as your appointment is arranged. If you have been on a waiting list for more than two weeks, we will keep you updated until your appointment is arranged.

Through our online portal you can now:

- Request a routine appointment with your doctor
- Request an appointment with the Nurse or Healthcare Assistant
- Arrange your annual review appointment for a long term condition
- Cancel an appointment
- Ask about your Test Results
- Ask about your referral or other admin queries
- Request Travel advice and vaccinations
- Submit a request to our Clinical Pharmacist
- Request a sick note (this is already available)
- Request an Urgent Appointment (this is already available)
- Sign up to the Dispensary Delivery Service (this is already available)

You can still make these requests by telephone if you prefer.

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:

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