

# Hemingford Grey Parish Council



Diana Peacock from the Hemingford Art Club sketched the above picture. The Art Club meets every Tuesday from 1.30pm to 4.30pm in the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall.

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**Parish  
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## **Notes from the chairman**

Well hello again. Isn't it lovely to see the blossom appearing on the trees, which must mean that it's now officially Spring.

We have to say a big thank you to two of our Councillors whom due to personal reasons have had to step down from the Parish Council. Both John Jenkin and Don Costello have played an integral part on the council, John with editing the newsletter and Don for his knowledge on the village. I would personally like to thank them both for their time.

On March 4th, we as a Parish took part in national litter picking even, which was an eye opener! My Deputy Chairman and myself alone collected 4 black bin bags of rubbish locally and could, sad to say, have continued for a lot longer. Residents on the 'YES Estate' have undertaken to continue to litter pick since this event, which has made me think that it's possible to partake in regular litter picking sessions in the village. I would be very interested to hear your thoughts.

We have met with the head teacher of the village primary school and they are to submit news and events to the newsletter to allow us all to enjoy their contribution to our village life. We would love more groups to contribute to our newsletter. Likewise, if you know of any local achievers in sport or otherwise, please do get in contact (details on the last page of the newsletter).

At our monthly Parish Council meeting, the local police Inspector attended and gave us a report on local policing issues and the challenges faced! It was an interesting presentation.

Finally on a lighter note there will now be all of the parish Spring and Summer events in the planning and let's hope for good weather to enable us to enjoy them, yet again. Have a good Easter.

***Cllr. Doug Dew – Chairman, Hemingford Grey Parish Council***

## **Hemingford Grey named in the Sunday Times Best Places to Live in Britain**

We already knew it was a great place to live, but the Sunday Times has included Hemingford Grey in their list of Best Places to Live in Britain for the Eastern region.

Among the many reasons were its riverside setting, the Hemingford's' Regatta, easy access to London, the village shop, the school as well as the many clubs and societies that make it such a wonderful village with an inclusive community feel.

### **Street lighting in the village**

By the time you read this report, we hope that all of the **114 parish-owned streetlights** (numbered 101 – 214) will have been converted to LED, thus saving on both electricity and maintenance costs. Since December, we have also replaced older lights in Daintree Green and Church Lane as well as renewing the light on No 18 Church Street.

During 2017-18, we will be looking to replace several of the older lights that have been in continuous use since the mid-1960s. We should thank K&M Lighting Services for its work in renewing our lights and fixing any that are 'out' for any reason. K & M Lighting Services can be contacted on 01480 395806.

The 120 **County lights** are labelled with L<number><3 letters> and are not LEDs. They are all being kept on all night after CCC revisited its decision to switch some of them off in the middle of the night. Some are being dimmed near London Road and along Hemingford Road. For problems, contact Balfour Beatty on 0800 7838 247.

The **YES Development** roads are not adopted and lights are the responsibility of Chamonix Estates, to which residents pay their maintenance charges. Its Cambridge office is on 01223 858962.

## **Hemingford Grey School thanks the Gardeners' Society**

The Hemingford Grey Gardeners' Society has been working alongside children at Hemingford Grey School since October 2016. The members of the society have been incredibly helpful in developing our school grounds and giving the children gardening knowledge and skills.

So far, we have planted fruit trees, pruned the willow tunnel and are now improving the Memorial Garden. The society has also kindly made donations from Bridget Smith's Bursary to the school allowing us to become members of the Wildlife Trust. This has enabled us to buy a bird box with an infrared camera.

Many of these projects couldn't take place without the support of the Gardeners' Society, and we are very grateful for this collaboration.

Kate Fox  
Head Teacher

## **Hemingford's' Regatta**

The Regatta is being held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July this year. Rowing and coxing instruction as well as practice for children and adult beginners takes place from Monday 12 June at 6.30pm on the river at the end of the High Street. General practice is from Monday 19 June to Thursday 7 July.

Last year there were fewer adult rowers than in previous years. If you have never rowed before or you have hung up your rowing shoes, why not come back on the first week of practice to give it a go? It's great fun – and a great workout!

For more information, follow our Facebook page @hemingfordsregatta, or go to the website [www.hemingfordsregatta.org.uk](http://www.hemingfordsregatta.org.uk)

## **Goldies Club – A new concept for community care**

The parish council is exploring how we can improve community care in the village. We are considering opening a daytime club in the heart of the village. It will be an opportunity to meet new people, lend a hand to others and learn new skills. There will be no age limit, you may be a parent at home with youngsters, a recent retiree with time on your hands or be recovering from an illness or spell in hospital. The objective is that it will be open to everyone.

The idea is to offer a seven-day-a-week service where care facilities are brought to one central location. It will also offer stimulating activities aimed at improving our minds as well as our bodies. Lunches and refreshments will be served throughout the day. This is a not-for-profit enterprise, but there will be a reasonable charge per person attending, where funds are ploughed back into improving the facility for all to benefit from. It will be run by a full-time administrator and all staff (voluntary and part-time) will be fully trained in first aid. We are seeking start-up funding from local organisations and local government to get this initiative off the ground. We aim to launch later this year.

If you would like to become a member of Goldies Club, are involved in a local society or organisation like the University of the Third Age or can help with applying for start-up funding, please contact Riva Elliott ([rivaelliott@me.com](mailto:rivaelliott@me.com))

## **Hemingford Pavilion ‘Access For All’ project**

The Pavilion secured National Lottery funding last year for an ‘Access For All’ project to make improvements to the building that will allow less able residents to use the facilities. This work is now complete and includes a stair lift, improved lighting and wider doors to allow wheelchair access.

Some upcoming events at the Pavilion include the British Under23 (U23) Squash Championships, the Summer Festival and Village Sports Day. For more information, contact the Pavilion on the details below.

**T** 01480 465092

**E** [enquiries@hemingfordpavilion.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hemingfordpavilion.co.uk)

**W** [www.hemingfordpavilion.co.uk](http://www.hemingfordpavilion.co.uk)

## **Bus shelter near the school**

The bus shelter outside Hemingford Grey School has seen better days. It has recently attracted anti-social behaviour and, since the bus stop was moved, is no longer located at the actual stop. After reviewing the costs of repairing it, the Parish Council now proposes to demolish it and make good the pavement and fence.

Currently we do not envisage building a new shelter at the relocated bus stop. If you have any comments regarding this, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## **Update from the environment group**

Contractors have trimmed trees up at the allotments to reinstate the 2m gap from the neighbouring garden fences. This area will now be sprayed to keep it clear. The overhanging tree in the cemetery has been tidied up and we are also looking into removing the shed from the site, as this is no longer used.

Funding has been agreed for replacement notice boards at Armes Corner the Parish Centre and for a separate PC board at The Thorpe.

Two black litter bins and another dog bin have been purchased. One of which will be at the Gore Tree/Long Lane footpath junction and has been requested by residents for a long time.

We have also received around 20 assorted new trees from HDC which will be planted in stages over the next few weeks.

We are tendering for maintenance of the older wooden village benches which are in urgent need of attention.

The Police and Highways have both now agreed to a short length of double yellow lines at the bus stop on Manor Road to help traffic flow on busy days. This will provide a passing place for vehicles similar to that outside Victoria Terrace. We will now ask CCC Highways provide a final quote for consideration at the next PC meeting.

## Village dates for your diary

We are lucky to live in a village with a thriving social scene. With this in mind, we are working with Pat and Sarah in the village to get the calendar up and running. We are hoping this will feature in every parish newsletter as well as on the parish website.

If you use Facebook then please search for 'Our YES Estate' and 'Hemingford Grey Community page'

Below are upcoming dates for the next few months.

### APRIL

- 13 Maunday Thursday Holy Communion, St James' Church
- 14 Good Friday Services, St James' Church
- 16 Easter Day Holy Communion and Easter Egg Hunt, St James' Church

### MAY

- 5-7 British U23 Squash Championships, The Pavilion
- 11 Gardeners' Society, visit to Wimpole Hall
- 13-14 May Art Club Exhibition, Hemingford Abbots Village Hall
- 18 HEMLOCS, History of Ramsey Abbey, Reading Room

### JUNE

- 3-4 First Steps Dads' Camping Trip, Burleigh Farm, St Ives
- 12 Regatta, adult beginners & children starts, River Ouse
- 14 HEMLOCS. Curiosities of Cambridge, Cambridge
- 19 Regatta, general practice starts, River Ouse
- 24-25 Flower Festival, Hemingford Abbots
- 30 Summer Festival, The Pavilion

### JULY

- 1 Summer Festival, The Pavilion, Hemingford Grey
- 2 Village Sports Day, The Pavilion, Hemingford Grey
- 8 Hemingford's' Regatta, Regatta Field

For more information, including contact details on any of the above events please check the parish council website.

If you would like your event to be included in the village calendar, please contact the Parish Clerk — details on the last page of the Newsletter.

## The Hemingford Grey Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

(Article provided by Esther Harrod, member of the HG NHW)



Back in February some of the members from the village NHW had a meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner. Apart from concerns regarding burglaries, the subject of rural CCTV and the St Ives CCTV digital upgrade was discussed. In March, the HDC CCTV Manager hosted a meeting with members of the Parish Council, HG NHW and a resident from another village. Information was provided on the progress of the digital upgrade, the cost of the cameras, and the process for siting and monitoring them. The police admit that Hemingford Grey continues to experience a disproportionate number of burglaries.

With the above in mind, as well as an active Neighbourhood Watch network, a Hemingford Grey Neighbourhood Watch Facebook group page has been set up. Apart from any weekly village crime updates and security tips, the page is also proving a very useful place to share live sightings of suspicious activity. The details of the Facebook page as well as the national Neighbourhood Watch scheme are below.

[www.facebook.com/groups/201688606917538](https://www.facebook.com/groups/201688606917538)

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

We recommend you **NEVER** buy goods or services at the door or accept appointments for quotes from unsolicited cold callers. Some are will be legitimate, but some may be rogue traders and if residents entertain them, they will continue to come into our village.

If you are looking for a reliable tradesman, please ask family, friends or neighbours for recommendations. If you are NOT expecting a visit from a water, gas, electricity, or phone representative etc, please check their ID by phoning their office. Do not hesitate to phone the police on 101 if you note anything suspicious or are uncomfortable with a cold caller or 999 for an emergency

For more information on Neighbourhood Watch please contact Esther Harrod on the number below.

T 01480 392991

## **A14 community fund**

Highways England is undertaking construction of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

As part of a commitment to the local community, Highways England is looking to support activities with a focus on bringing communities closer together.

The A14 scheme will have a lasting impact on the communities along its length, and the A14 Community Fund is therefore looking to support projects that consider and respond to these changes.

Applications to the A14 Community Fund are invited by constituted not-for-profit groups (not individuals) delivering charitable projects with public benefit. Groups may be registered charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations, Community Interest Companies, Schools, Social Enterprises, Parish Councils or small voluntary and community organisations.

The A14 Community Fund is seeking to support projects working within a range of themes as set out below:

- Environmental improvement projects (eg, community gardens, streetscape furniture, wildlife conservation, habitat creation, flood prevention)
- Projects to reduce vehicle use and/or promote cycling and walking etc
- Arts, culture and heritage projects
- Community safety projects
- Community health and wellbeing projects
- Leisure and tourism
- Projects to develop skills, education & employment support

Grants of up to £10,000 covering revenue and/or capital costs are on offer in funding rounds in 2016/17 and 2017/18

For more information, contact Cambridgeshire Community Foundation at the details below

**T** 01223 410535

**E** [info@cambscf.org.uk](mailto:info@cambscf.org.uk)

**W** [www.cambscf.org.uk/A14.html](http://www.cambscf.org.uk/A14.html)

## Great British Spring Clean

As Doug mentioned earlier, around 8 residents in the village took part in the Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 4 March, meeting on Daintree Green and the YES Estate. 10 bags of rubbish were collected in and around the village.

The residents of the YES Estate have continued to collect rubbish and removed another 5-10 bags, which is fantastic community spirit.

Many thanks to all those involved!

## Contributions wanted!

Would you like to write a regular article for the parish newsletter? We are looking for residents who would like to contribute - your article could be focussing on community events, concerns you might have or a diary/blog. We would also love to have a presence from the YES estate on the parish council.

## Update from the planning committee

*The parish council has no direct planning powers but is consulted by, and can make recommendations to, Huntingdonshire District Council. It is HDC's responsibility to inform neighbours of planning applications, but the Parish Council normally sends councillors to look at the property concerned and call on neighbours to ensure they are aware. Residents are urged to make their own comments on the HDC web site even if they also voice them to a parish council meeting.*

Mick George has put in a preliminary enquiry to CCC concerning a change of use of the Hemingford Abbots Golf Course to a **'waste treatment, recycling and transfer station; concrete batching plant; minerals distribution centre; water lagoons; and haulage depot'**. CCC has decided that any planning application for this facility will not need an Environmental Impact Analysis for reasons in the 'EIA Screening' report now to be found on the HDC web site under 17/70051/SCRE. However the planning application will be made to the county council as the Waste Planning Authority and therefore comments from the PC and members of the public will need to be made to CCC at the appropriate time.

## Outcomes of recent planning applications

Applications	Details	Parish Council Recommends	HDC Status
15/01981/FUL	Land between Dene End and Greenfields, St Ives – Erection of detached dwelling (In Fenstanton Parish)	Refusal	Approved
16/01173/S65	Linton Farm, Potton Road – Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development: Conversion of agricultural buildings to a dwelling house on land being compulsorily purchased for the new A14	No comment	Approved
16/01665/S73	1 Hemingford Road, amendment to approved application to lower floor levels (EA)	Approval	Approved
16/02065/EXTDET	23A Marsh Lane - Erection of a single-storey extension to part of the rear elevation	Approval	Approved
Historic England 1440161	River Cottage, High Street - delisting – because it no longer has special architectural or historic interest	Approval	De-listed by Hist. England
16/02125/LBC	78 High Street, Tallis House – demolition of modern chimney. Addition of first floor window.	Approval	In progress
16/01957/HHFUL	12 Hemingford Road - Removal of conservatory and construction of two-storey rear extension.	Approval	Approved
16/02395/FUL	Land At Galley Hill Cambridge Road - Creation of new vehicular access onto leisure land	Approval	Permission
16/02548/HHFUL	20 Old Pound Close - Single storey extension	Approval	Permission
16/02618/FUL	38 Church Street - replacement garage and extension (also 02619/LBC)	Approval	Withdrawn
16/02662/FUL	Pumping Station, London Road - temporary offices and depot (3 years) for A14 work.	Refusal	In progress
17/00243/LBC	38 Victoria Terrace - Proposed two and single storey rear extensions; demolition single storey lean-to; etc.	Approval	In progress
17/00227/CLPD	1 Wren Close (YES) Single storey extension to the side of the property to replace existing conservatory	No comment	Permission
17/00399/FUL	12 Priors Rd - Demolition of garage; erection of new dwelling; replacement garage and alterations to existing dwelling.	Approval with condition	
1201890/1 FUL	The How, Houghton Hill, St Ives - balloon survey and some amendments to 7/8 proposed houses	Refusal & condition	
17/70051/SCRE	Hemingford Abbots Golf Course – Environmental Impact Analysis (EIA) Screening by CCC	No comment at this stage	

## About the parish council

All of our meetings are held in the Reading Room on the High Street, Hemingford Grey and are scheduled below.

Planning Committee	7pm	10 April / 8 May / 12 June
Main Parish Council	7.30pm	10 April / 8 May / 12 June
Environment Group	7pm	12 April / 10 May / 14 June

Our agendas and minutes are posted on village notice boards, at the village store as well as on the website. Information is also available on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

**Website** [www.hemingfordgrey.org.uk](http://www.hemingfordgrey.org.uk)  
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## Parish councillors

Doug Dew (Chair)	4 Weir Road	469814
Robin Waters (Vice-Chair)	18 Hemingford Road	467077
Richard Allen	Maristowe, London Road	494783
Janet Brasnell	1a Pound Road	492033
Derek Clifton	Dockseys Farm	463365
Keith Duncan	2 Payn Close	385108
Riva Elliott	38 Church Street	494142
Jason Hall	3 Gunnings Way	395567

We currently have vacancies for Parish Councillors. For more information on joining the Parish Council, please contact our Parish Clerk at the details below. We would particularly like to hear from you if you live on the YES Estate or the London Road end of the village.

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