

# Hemingford Grey Parish Council Newsletter



**WW1 CENTENARY ISSUE October/November 2018**



British troops eating their Christmas dinner in a shell-hole, Beaumont Hamel, 25 December 1916.

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War 1, the parish council is dedicating this issue to those who fell in battle. We'd like to thank Hemlocs, the village history society, and the Women's Institute (WI) for giving us an insight into what life was like for those living in Hemingford Grey during the Great War.

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## Notes from the Chair

As we slip from late summer into autumn, I reflect on the fantastic summer we have all just experienced. I don't just mean the weather but, more importantly, the excellent community events that have been organised during the period. Our parish would not be such a special place to live if it were not for the many dedicated volunteers who make these possible, and I would like to thank them all on behalf of the village.

It could, of course, be so very different. The 11 November will mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. In this issue, we detail and invite you all to a service of remembrance to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice. With the help of Hemlocs, the village history society, and the WI, we provide an insight into what life was like for those living in Hemingford Grey during the Great War. If you would like to know more about those villagers who fought, I would strongly recommend a visit the Hemingford Grey WI exhibition in the Reading Rooms on Remembrance Sunday.

Back in the here and now, there remain a number of issues that concern many within the village. At the time of writing, Mick George Ltd has still not made a formal planning application to the county council with regards to its proposed recycling centre. No result has been delivered on the retrospective planning application at Lake Ashmore, although our understanding is that it has been referred to the development management committee at HDC. Also, while the county council has stated it will not be subsidising bus services from next year, the baton has been passed to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. As your Parish Council, we continue to monitor all of these issues, make representations where applicable, and work with other parish councils and local authorities to explore solutions.

Finally, with the co-option of Sarah Jakes at the September Parish Council meeting, we once again have a full complement of councillors. However, if you are interested in joining any of our working groups or would like to volunteer to help out, I would be delighted to hear from you.

I wish you all a great autumn.

***Cllr. Richard Allen - Chairman, Hemingford Grey Parish Council***

## The Cock named National Pub of the Year



The 2019 Good Pub Guide has named The Cock National Pub of the Year. General manager Oliver Birchener says: 'Without the support of the village, it wouldn't be possible and it's a genuine pleasure to be a part of the community.'

Planned events for this autumn are:

- Game week, which runs from 29 October-4 November, with the Cock's own Game Night on Thursday 1 November
- The Christmas party menu is available from 26 November- 24 December
- Winter Beer Festival is on 21 and 22 December

### **Potholes, parking and bins**

You may have noticed some potholes have been filled around the village, but some residents are still unhappy with the state of roads popular with runners and cyclists. Meadow Lane has already been brought to our attention. If you spot any more, report these to the county council: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk> in the first instance, but please let the Parish Council know too.

Councillors have received many complaints about parking on pavements, especially along the High Street. Wheelchair users and parents pushing buggies have to move into the road to get past these vehicles. This is a polite notice and warning that any further

infringements of obstructing the footpaths in the village will be notified to the police. Please be a considerate parker.

Similarly, if you are putting out rubbish bins and obstructing a footpath, residents may have to walk into the road to avoid them. Better to put the bins in the roadway, rather than on the pavement. But with darker evenings, beware of causing an unlit traffic hazard.

## **A14 updates**

There continues to be major traffic work affecting our village. If you would like to stay ahead of the interruptions, you can contact Highways England on its dedicated A14 Public Helpline 0800 270 0114, or go to [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H) for a comprehensive overview of the planned scheme and information

## **Hemingford Grey school report and Ofsted update**

We were delighted with our recent Ofsted inspection. The report recognises us as continuing to be good. The inspectors were particularly complimentary about pupil behaviour, their positive relationships and the climate and ethos of the whole school. They reported that this was reflected in the extended school community working together to support the children. The details of this report are printed in full on our website and the Ofsted website.

The forthcoming term will be busy with the build up to Christmas as well as trips and visits taking place in all year groups. The school continues to go from strength to strength and we are all delighted with the positive start to the academic year.

## **Pavilion news**

Autumn events include regular screenings of football Premier League matches and the Champions' League group phases. We will also be showing the Rugby Union autumn internationals in November.

We are fitting down-lights over our pool table to improve the playing experience. Pavilion membership is only £5 and this covers the whole family for the year. If you are planning a celebration, we have rooms available for private functions. We are also available for conferences.

[www.hemingfordpavilion.com](http://www.hemingfordpavilion.com) [www.facebook.com/hemingfordpavilion](https://www.facebook.com/hemingfordpavilion)

## **Parish Centre and Parish Lunch**

The new kitchen allows the parish centre to offer a wider choice of menu. If you have not paid a visit for a while, please pop in for a coffee, home-made cake or light lunch. The next Parish Lunch is being held at 12 noon on 31 October. The price is £7 for two courses, tea or coffee. The dining areas are also available for venue hire. Please contact Rachel Winton or Joanne on 01480 467250 for information.

## Security at St James' Church

St James' Church has joined a regional initiative to stamp out roof metal theft. Thanks to a £2500 grant from Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust, a roof alarm system has been installed. The church will still be open to visitors during daylight hours and all are welcome! Details of the trust's work can be found at [www.camhct.uk](http://www.camhct.uk).

## Village Market — Treats on our High Street

The next village markets are on Saturday 13 October, and 10 November 9am – 1pm. The December Christmas market is on Saturday 8 December and is open 9am – 4pm. It's twice the size of the normal market, making use of the Reading Rooms and the Parish Centre. There will be a marvellous variety of organic foods, gifts and original crafts to buy. You'll also enjoy carol singers, Father Christmas and festive refreshments.

## Neighbourhood plan working group

An important role for the Parish Council is to plan for the future and consider what the village will offer residents in 10, 20 and 30 years' time. The Parish Council has accepted the following task group recommendations:

1. To start the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) process by applying to Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) to designate the whole parish as the area to be covered by an NP. This does not commit the parish to start the rest of the NP process but it is the first step to ensure we are in discussion with HDC and neighbouring parishes. St Ives is now proceeding with a NP and is anxious to ensure that there are no 'gaps' immediately adjacent to its boundaries which might not be covered by a plan.
2. To ask Cambridgeshire Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) to conduct a housing needs survey for both Hemingford parishes. The results will be reported separately to the Parish Councils. This will form the basis of any NP. It identifies the need for housing – both affordable and market priced. Please complete the survey when it arrives on your doorstep in October.
3. To register Hemingford Stores and The Cock as 'assets of community value' with HDC. This ensures that, should the owners decide to sell these businesses, the local community has six months to put together a commercial bid for the asset, if the parish wishes and can afford to do so. We believe these two businesses are essential to maintaining the quality of life the parish currently enjoys.

If you would like to offer your expertise or knowledge of neighbourhood planning and community engagement, we welcome all help as we begin the plan-making process. Please contact either Robin Waters or Anne Meredith if you would like to help.

**Burial site:** The PC task group is looking for a suitable site for a new cemetery because space at the Pound Road cemetery is nearing capacity. Please contact Robin or Anne with suggestions for a new location.

## WW1 Centenary — Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 11 November, the nation will mark a poignant day in its history — the centenary of the end of the First World War. Remembrance Sunday is a mark of respect to those who gave their lives and those who fought for the freedom we all now enjoy. We will be reminded of the sacrifice our villagers made 100 years ago, as our community gathers for Armistice Day.

In the cemetery on Pound Road, there are five war graves, all men who lost their lives for our country, leaving families to grieve and remember them. The Hemingford community also commemorates them each year, united and committed to never forget.

The Parish Council would like to invite the parishioners of Hemingford Grey to a special service to commemorate this occasion. Reverend Peter Cunliffe of St James' Parish Church will conduct a service starting at 10am in St James' Parish Church. After the service the congregation will walk to the cemetery in Pound Road where there will be an act of remembrance with silence at 11am. We will pay our respects by laying wreaths at the lychgate and on the graves of these brave men.

Afterwards, everyone is invited to the Parish Centre in the High Street where refreshments will be served.

### **Plaque in St James' church commemorating the men who sacrificed their lives**



### **Bell-ringing for Armistice day**

When the bells rang out on 11 November 1918, they announced the end of the most catastrophic war that the world had yet seen. At that time, bells were at the heart of the community, marking events of great significance and as a means of communication long before modern technology connected us. At the end of the war, many people heard about the Armistice through bell-ringing.

Hemingford is marking the two-minute silence with a peel of half-muffled bells just before the clock strikes 11am. Then at 12.30pm our ringers are joining bell ringers across the nation as a tribute to those who fought and died, with thousands marching past the Cenotaph and memorials throughout the country.

### **The fighting men of Hemingford Grey**

In 1914 families lived in cramped, damp, insanitary homes with no electricity. Jobs were very different to those of today. Crafts, farm labouring and working with horses featured widely. However the village was self-sufficient in terms of shops and schools, with access to a railway and a wonderful postal service. Cars were still rare, though bicycles weren't. Women had large families and toiled in the home, sometimes taking in laundry. They did not have careers or the vote. But all this was to change with the war.

The population of both villages (including 100 in the workhouse) was just over 1100 in 1914. By the end of the war, 24 had died of the 200 who volunteered.

A lad of 15, Sydney Avory, lied about his age when he enlisted for the Hunts Cyclist Battalion on 2 November 1914. He lived at 7 Victoria Terrace. Having changed regiments several times, he was sadly killed in France on 6 November 1918, five days before the Armistice!

In all, 17 men are commemorated on the brass plaque in the church. Some died immediately and others from wounds that today's medicine would have easily cured. There are many sad and heroic stories about our village menfolk. You will find their histories on the Hemlocs website. [www.hemlocs.co.uk](http://www.hemlocs.co.uk)

### **WI celebrates 'The Hemingford Boys' who fought in the Great War Sunday 11 November, from 10am to 4pm in the Reading Rooms**

The WI will host an exhibition showing how Hemingford people lived during the war years. It charts the path of the boys and men who fought in this war and the roles taken by women in the absence of the men. You will learn about hardship and frugal times.

They have organised a village trail with child-friendly maps to find a number of installations around the village commemorating the lives of those Hemingford residents who fought in the First World War.

You are invited to join them in a wartime tea room serving modern-day favourites and tasters from the past. There is also music from 2pm with the Music Hall Singers.

The Hemingford WI extends its thanks to all those who made poppies for the displays and Hemlocs and the parish council for its input.

## **Village activities**

We are lucky to live in a village with a thriving social scene. If you would like to have your club activity featured in this newsletter and on the parish website, please send the information through to Tim Loader or Riva Elliott (contact details on the last page). If you use Facebook, then please search for and 'like' the following pages 'Our YES Estate' and 'Hemingford Grey Community page'

## **Fireworks — Saturday 3 November from 5pm**

The annual firework display takes place in the field along London Road near the St Ives Bridge. Gates open at 5pm with the bonfire being lit at 5.30pm for a spectacular 20-minute display commencing at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £2 per child and £5 per adult (over 16). You can only buy a family ticket for two adults and three children for £10 in advance. In the village they are available from our shop, Hemingford Stores. Tickets are also available at the gate. Money raised goes to local charities. You will also find plenty of amusement stalls and food and drink.

## **Hemingford Regatta AGM**

All are welcome to attend the AGM on Wednesday 10 October in the Church Rooms, starting at 8pm. If you interested in joining the committee or would like to get involved more generally please come along. The committee also helps with the fireworks event and organises the village Christmas carols. Note for diaries: Saturday 15 December on Vicarage Fields, commencing 5.30pm including mulled wine and mince pies.

## **Events at the Manor House — October**

### ***Dracula: Jonathan Harker's Journal, Part 1***

Friday 26 and Saturday 27 October — doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start  
Performed by Martin Prest in the 12th Century Norman Hall at The Manor  
Tickets: £17.50 available by phone 01480 463134 or email [diana\\_boston@hotmail.com](mailto:diana_boston@hotmail.com)

## **Update on Mick George Ltd planning proposals**

The Hemingfords Action Group (HAG) continues to monitor developments of Mick George Ltd (MGL). It has discovered that MGL was relying heavily on getting permission for its planning change of use on a small plot of adjacent land that has been used for waste management of astroturf. HAG has subsequently discovered that the small site was recycling the turf without any planning permission! This is an interesting development.

Hemingfords Action Group went quiet over the summer, but it has been working away at the campaign and will continue circulating information throughout the villages. Keep up to date via the website: [www.hemingfordsactiongroup.co.uk](http://www.hemingfordsactiongroup.co.uk)

If you have any further comments to make about the development of this location, please contact the Campaign Committee at [info@hemingfordsactiongroup.co.uk](mailto:info@hemingfordsactiongroup.co.uk) or call 07522 453808 Website [www.SayNo2MickGeorge.org](http://www.SayNo2MickGeorge.org)

## Goldies Club renamed Hemingford Hub

The Community Interest Company (CIC) being formed to draw together village activities and community help has changed its name. We all agreed that Goldies gave the wrong impression. It is not just for the oldies! We want to include everyone in the Hemingford Hub. The hub team has made progress listing contacts for clubs and societies which will shortly appear on all the village websites. If you would like to list your organisation, please contact Linda Dampney [linda\\_dampney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:linda_dampney@yahoo.co.uk) You will also find us at future village markets, meeting visitors and finding out how we can best help. Transport, gardening, IT, keeping fit, learning new stuff and shopping as well as a good chat are areas of interest so far.

## Environment report

Contractors have been making safe and tidying up trees on parish land, particularly in and around Vicarage Fields, Daintree Green and the cemetery following the triennial tree survey.

The Daintree Green and Pinders Green (Mitchell Close) play areas are maintained by the Parish Council. Recent damage to the zip wire at Daintree has been fixed and the surface of the play area has been repaired. Tenders for replacing the Pinders Green fence have been received and the authorised contractor will commence work shortly using round wooden fencing posts encased in plastic sleeves at the base.

New litter bins have been installed at Daintree (a replacement) and at the Vineyard entrance to the Peace Memorial field. Two new bins have also been ordered for the YES estate — a dog bin beyond Skylark Place and an all-purpose bin near the bus stop.

A working party was established to plant the Pound Road roundabout and, despite the very dry weather, planting, mulching and watering has now been completed.

The newly acquired speed sign in Hemingford Road is clearly not working properly and the suppliers are being chased to establish exactly what is wrong.

The Gore Tree Road footpath from Manor Road to Burlington Way has been measured by the county council for resurfacing and we await a cost estimate for the work, which will be shared between the county and the parish.

## New webmaster for Parish Council

Kim Loader, one of our new councillors, has been appointed webmaster and is already improving the content, look and sound of our parish website. He is catering for all users, especially those with sight and hearing issues. He is particularly interested in recording local memories of how the village has changed for our very own 'listening project'. If anyone would like to take part, or knows of someone who could be persuaded to share their insights, please contact Kim Loader or Riva Elliott (see contact details on the back page).

Kim is also part of this newsletter's editorial team. The aim is to create a joined-up approach to covering topical news and content in between publication dates. He is working with Linda Dampney to create a comprehensive list of village societies and groups. [www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **Hemingford Grey Neighbourhood Watch**

Hemingford Grey's Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page keeps residents updated about suspicious behaviour or burglaries in the village. The alerts work well. If you see anything, please post your observations on Facebook or call the police on 101. If you are not a member of the NHW scheme, please go to [www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk) and Hemingford Grey to find your street scheme.

## **A word of caution**

The A14 delivery team is now surfacing new sections of the road. They are warning us to treat with caution any offers for the sale of excess materials claimed to be from the A14. No one associated with the project will be selling surfacing materials to the public or local businesses. Please pass this message on to as many people as possible.

## **Social diary: Hemingford Tea Dance at the Pavilion**

The November tea dance is to be held on Sunday 25 November. If you would like to attend this popular event, please contact Margaret and Mike Gledhill on 01480 383599

## **Hemingford Art Club**

Our winter exhibition is being held on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall from 10am -4pm on both days. There are paintings in watercolour, oil and acrylic and other media, framed and unframed to admire or purchase. We also offer a range of hand-made cards. Refreshments are available, and there is wheelchair access.

## **Hemingford Grey Gardeners' Society**

Meetings take place on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room. Contact Annie Waters, 01480 467077 ([annie@applemead.com](mailto:annie@applemead.com)) if you would like to be included in our email list for information about forthcoming events. Membership is £10 and we welcome non-members who pay £3 as a visitor.

## **Orchards East Heritage Lottery Fund project**

The University of East Anglia is researching old surviving orchards and wants volunteers from our parish to help locate and map them. Contact Howard Jones, school of history on [howard.jones@uae.ac.uk](mailto:howard.jones@uae.ac.uk) or 07854 701363 for a survey pack with maps and instructions if you'd like to take part.

## Planning Committee Matters

*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.*

### Outcomes of recent planning applications

HDC Ref	Description	PC Rec	HDC Dec
17/01524/CLED	Weir House, St Ives Rd - Storage of cider & perry in polytunnels	Queried new area	In progress
17/01525/CLED	Weir House, St Ives Rd - Production & wholesale sale of cider & perry.	Confirmed for 10 yrs	In progress
17/02325/FUL	Land at golf course, St Ives – Partial re-plan of approved development	Refusal	In progress
17/02225/FUL	Willows Guest Hse 45 High St - change of use (part) B&B to dwelling	Approval	Approved
17/02530/LBC	Mill Bungalow St Ives Rd - Alterations to mill including staircase	Approval	Approved
18/00424/HHFUL	The Chestnuts, Mill Lane – Proposed extensions to front, sides & rear	Approval	Approved
18/00650/HHFUL	13 High Street - Demolish conservatory, replace with wood clad extn	Approval	Approved
18/00737/LBC	Limes Park, London Road – Remedial damp work	No objections	Withdrawn
18/00739/LBC	Limes Park, London Road – Remedial damp work	No objections	Approved
18/00780/PMBPA	Building on Mere Way–Change of use -agric. bldg to dwellinghouse etc	Refusal	Approved
18/00780/PMBPA	5 St Ives Road - To create a new simple garage in the front driveway	Refusal	Withdrawn
18/00824/PMBPA	Long Lane Fm–Change of use from agric. buildg to C3 dwellinghse etc	Request full PA	In progress
18/00919/S73	Lake Ashmore- variation in relation to 13/000002/FUL	Object	In progress
18/80055/COND	Lake Ashmore- environmental conds in relation to 13/000002/FUL	Unknown	
18/01036/HHFUL	59 High Street- Single storey extension and studio	Approval	Approved
18/01076/FUL	Long Lane- agricultural buildings change of use to one dwelling	Approval	Approved
18/01035/HHFUL	5 Marsh Lane- One and a half storey side extension	Refusal	Approved
18/00937/HHFUL	99 London Rd- alterations to dormer windows/change of use	Approval	In progress
18/00542/OUT	11 Sadlers Way- Land adjacent, construction of dwelling	Refusal	In progress
18/01448/HHFUL	12 Limes Court- Replacement patio door to rear of property	Approval	Approved
18/01449/LBC	12 Limes Court- Listed building permission see above	Approval	Approved

We have no further news on the opening of the new Marsh Lane gravel pit.

Please contact Richard Allen about possible sites for the new Hemingford cemetery.

# Hemingford Grey Parish Council



## About the Parish Council

Following the co-option of Sarah Jakes at the September Parish Council meeting we now have a full council of 13 councillors. All of our meetings are held in the Reading Room on the High Street, Hemingford Grey and the upcoming ones are listed below.

Planning Committee	7pm	8 October / 12 November
Main Parish Council	7.30pm	8 October / 12 November

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 social media pages.

**Website** [www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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## Parish Councillors

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