

Hemingford Grey Parish Council Newsletter

August 2024



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 the village events such as the Regatta or the Hemingford Olympics (the rebranded Village Sports Day). Both events were well supported and the volunteers who organised them should be applauded.

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.

The Parish Council are delighted to be delivering a series of events for children and families over the summer, covering diverse interests such as sport, art, and the environment. While some of these sessions need to be pre-booked and are already or close to being full, some such as the wild play sessions you can just turn up for on the day.

We are acutely aware, that the village looks a little unkempt in places and can only apologise. The County Council's now rescinded decision not to use herbicides to control weeds on the County's roads and paths, and an unfortunately timed withdrawal of the PC's previous grass mowing contractor have not helped. That said, there have been upsides, notably the orchid pictured on the cover of the newsletter was discovered flowering at Vicarage Fields. Evidence of the positive benefits for those areas that have intentionally been left a little wilder as either part of the PC's Green Spaces initiative or Huntingdonshire District Council's Alternate Land Management scheme.

Whether you plan to enjoy a staycation or holiday further afield, enjoy the remainder of the summer!



Cllr Richard Allen
Chair, Hemingford Grey Parish Council

Parish Council Updates

Sometimes we can only apologise!

Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, the Parish Council's (PC's) previous mowing contractor gave notice in early May and was unable to fulfil their obligations during their notice period. The responsibility for maintaining the grass verges and open spaces in the village is a mix of the PC, Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.

The PC sought quotes for our areas and appointed Hemingford Horticulture as our new contractors in mid-June. Due to the length of the grass - May and June appear to have had the fastest grass growing conditions in decades - it's taking us some time to fully recover, and it's likely to take a few more cuts before it starts to look at its best again. We can only apologise.

Controlling weeds

The Parish Council would like to thank all those residents who have been clearing the roads of weeds in front of their properties.

In our April newsletter we reported that Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) had reversed its decision to stop using herbicides to control weeds on the County's roads and paths.

CCC's weed treatment programme re-started on the 24th June and a chemical weed treatment was applied directly to weeds in the gullies of roads and on pavements throughout Hemingford Grey on the 12th July. A period of about five weeks is required for this weed treatment to take effect, after which CCC's road sweepers will be deployed to remove the dead weeds. A second programme of treatment will take place in October.



Please use CCC's [reporting tool](#) if there any roads or paths you want to highlight to them. While the Parish Council report these things regularly, the sad fact is that the more people that report them the quicker they appear to get actioned. So, it's down to all of us to report them.

Kill your speed!

Residents remain rightly concerned about the speed that some cars drive through the village. While evidence obtained from Marsh Lane by our speed sign indicates that the speeds being driven along that stretch of road have reduced since the introduction of the 20mph limit, there are still many drivers who are driving well over it. In response to this and recent resident communications, the PC will be purchasing an additional speed sign – these signs will be regularly moved to different locations throughout the village. The Clerk has also asked the Police to undertake some targeted speed checks. Finally, a couple of residents have offered to undertake some community speed checks – an offer we have gladly accepted – if you'd like to get involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Local Highways Initiative project that the Hemingford Grey and Fenstanton Parish Councils have been working on for some time on London Road/A1096 is now being implemented. The scheme includes a 50mph zone from the A1307 roundabout and an improved 40mph section starting prior to the houses and up to the Low Road/ Vindis roundabout. This will include new signage, road-markings, and a radar activated speed sign. Unfortunately, our proposal for this to be a 30mph limit was turned down by the County Council based on views provided by the County Highways Team and the Police.

Save the date – Community Events

Dates for your calendar. Full details in October's newsletter or, if the suspense is too much, for more information or to volunteer contact anne.meredith or janice.flint @hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk

- **Saturday 26th October** - Autumn Litter Pick, time tbc.
- **Sunday 27th October, 11am – 1pm** - Foodbank Collection, venue: Parish Centre.

Planning update

While the Parish Council has no direct planning powers it is consulted with, and can make representations to, HDC. Residents are urged to make their own comments on the HDC website.

Planning applications will be discussed, and recommendations made, by full Parish Council meetings normally held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm in the Reading Room.

Events brought to you by the Parish Council this summer





FREE

HEMINGFORD GREY SPORTS SESSIONS



📍 Hemingford Grey Pitches, PE28 9BX

🕒 2pm - 4pm

📅 22nd & 29th July
5th, 12th & 19th August

Join us for some **FREE** fun & active sessions for 5-11 year olds, with a range of sports on offer.

Priority will be given to residents of Hemingford Grey Parish.




Pre-booking is essential!
To do so, complete the form here:
<https://www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk/summer-sports>

Summer Wild Play

Join us on one of our summer holiday wild play or moth discovery sessions this summer!

Learn about nature through wild play, bug hunting, scavenger hunts, natural arts and crafts and more!

- > **Family Wild Play Sessions**
Location: Daintree Green and the Yes Development (behind the playground on Dunnock Way), Hemingford Grey
Date: Monday 29th July 2024
Times: Daintree Green- 10am - 1130am, Yes Development- 1pm - 230pm
- > **Family Moth Discovery Session**
Location: Vicarage Field, Hemingford Grey
Date: Tuesday 13th August
Times: 7am - 830am



To book your space head to Groundwork East Eventbrite Page:

www.tinyurl.com/GroundworkEastEventbrite

For info contact Lucy on: lucy.woodbridge@groundwork.org.uk



Thanks to funding from -






Family Moth Discovery Session

Come along to our **Moth Morning** to see some of the 2500 different species of Moths Found in the UK!

Meet us on the **13th of August at 7:00am** for a 2 hour session at **Vicarage Fields, Hemingford Grey.**

- > Learn how to make your own moth trap at home!
- > Learn how to identify different moth species!

- > Have fun hunting for other bugs in and around the new deadwood hedging

To book your space head to Groundwork East Eventbrite Page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/944079536307?aff=oddtcreator>
For any other info contact Jacob Rust at: jacob.rust@groundwork.org.uk



SUMMER Kids

CREATIVE WORKSHOP

IN Hemingford Grey!

8-9

AUGUST

Come and join the artist and educator Maria Di Gaetano at the Hemingford Pavilion on the 8th and 9th of August from 11:00 until 15:00 for two days of colours fun and creativity! Together we will paint, draw and make a sparkly paper lantern!

Ideal For 5-10 Years Olds
MAX 12 CHILDREN PER DAY

This free art workshop will give children the possibility to improve artistic knowledge as well as boosting their physical and mental wellbeing. 'First come-first served' so booking via email is essential by no later than the 27th of July 2024.

EMAIL TO: maria.digaetano@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Art material will be provided. A nut free packed lunch is strongly advised.





Community Matters

Hemingford Grey Gardening Society (HGGS)

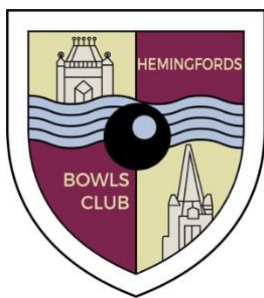
It always seems ironic that during quite a busy time in the garden, the garden society is very quiet, with little internal action. Talks finished in April but will start once again in September with a few familiar speakers, but quite a few new ones too, all with some new subjects. In late August we will once again appear in Diana Boston's lovely garden for our Tea Party summer social where we do now have tea, coffee, and cakes, which are offered after a short talk by our own Bridget Flanagan.

The Hemingford Sports Academy

The Sports Academy Junior Squash players, based at Hunts County Squash Club, have been training hard for their summer tour to the Northwest. The youngsters, aged 11-15yrs, will travel with the coaches to face opposition against teams in Manchester and Sheffield.

This year's tour follows on from last summer's tour of Ireland, where the youngsters travelled across the country taking on some of Ireland's best players. It will also be great preparation for 2025's tour to Portugal!

If your child would like to try out Squash, please get in touch to arrange a trial session: thesportsacademycic1962@outlook.com



It is hard to believe that we are now more than halfway through what has proved to be a very successful season (despite the changeable weather conditions). With internal competitions well underway, the club also fields 9 teams in local leagues, giving all members male & female alike, an opportunity to bowl in a competitive environment whilst enjoying the social aspect of this exciting and skillful game.

New members not having bowled before may now join for the remainder of the season for free.

Further details from club secretary johnebatter@icloud.com.



Hemingford Grey WI meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room and this year we celebrate our 105th birthday. We have a programme of interesting speakers and social get togethers and you will be very welcome as a visitor or new member. The WI is the largest women's organisation in the UK. A WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in the local area, to make friends and make a difference to the community. You can attend Federation events in Huntingdon such as literary and science lunches as well as theatre trips and other outings. **Tuesday, 24th September - Turning My Life Around: Tracy Mackness of The Giggly Pig Company.** For more information telephone Phyl on 01480 380240.

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

Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) on 5th April approved the proposed acquisition of Mick George Limited ('MGL') by a subsidiary of Heidelberg Cement AG (Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd- 'HM') subject to certain disposals of aggregates and premix operations. The deal has been concluded

The Golf Club property is now owned by Mick George Properties controlled by Mick George and the Range continues to be owned by Mick George Family Trusts.

What's on at Your Local...



- Friday July 26th: we have **Gigs in the Garden**, with Victor Vellocette playing from 7pm. BBQ + Outside bar
- Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th August **Beer Festival**. 25 beers, alongside many more drinks and some food vans. On top of that, our
- First Sunday of every month from 8pm, **Monthly quiz** with Rowan.
- Look out for a **special anniversary discount** coming in August too ...

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THE HEMINGFORD 2024 CLASSIC CAR SHOW

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CLASSIC CARS—CLASSIC BIKES—VINTAGE VEHICLES
STALLS—ATTRACTIONS—MUSIC—FOOD—BAR
FREE ENTRY

FRIENDS OF HEMINGFORD GREY SCHOOL PRESENT

HEMINGFORDS BIGGEST Oktoberfest

HEMINGFORD PAVILION

TICKETS £40
INCLUDES
SOUVENIR STEIN &
FREE BRATWURST

21st September 2024 5.45pm 'til 12.30am

SCAN ME

ALL PROFITS TO HEMINGFORD GREY SCHOOL
LOCAL LIVE BANDS - GERMAN OOMPAH BAND
GERMAN BEER - GAMES - BRATWURST TRUCK
PRIZES FOR THE BEST OKTOBERFEST OUTFIT



Recruiting volunteers

Simple acts of kindness — improve our neighbours' lives

Giving just a couple of hours a month makes a difference. Ask about our Hoppa Bus or Hobby Shed projects or get involved with HubClub and more. Please **Sign up** to continue the good work:

Pub helping to raise funds for Hoppa Bus

The Cock is working with us to change how villagers access transport to St Ives. Over 80% of survey respondents gave this bus the thumbs up. Another tranche of funding is hopefully coming from our parish council, once they scrutinise the business case we are presenting to them. We are planning a 'soft' launch where all the nitty gritty elements of bus schedules, fares and pick up locations are ironed out. Volunteers are welcome to join our fund-raising team.

The Hobby Shed is still on the wish list. We are frustrated by not having tied down a location for this centre for arts and crafts ... please let us know if you can suggest an ideal spot. Then the fund-raising can start.

National Lottery funding for seated exercises

The Hub is delighted to announce another £1,500 to maintain classes for at least another year.

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

- July 31 Talk by Tish Peek
- Aug 14 Parish Centre Tea Party
- Sept 11 Quiz with prizes
- Sept 25 Entertainment by Acoustics Anonymous

Plus, seated exercises 7th August, 4th and 18th September

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 main parish council meeting, including planning.

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

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