

# Hemingford Grey Parish Council Newsletter

October 2024



# *Notes from the Chair*

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

And that was it! After of couple of brief weeks of warm weather at the end of August / beginning of September, Summer departed and Autumn arrived with a drop in the temperature, the evening's drawing in, misty and damp mornings, and in recent weeks a tremendous deluge of rain.

The unseasonal flooding and high river levels that we are currently experiencing, should reminds us all that while the river gives the village its charm and many opportunities for leisure, it also brings potential of negative impacts. While the Parish Council have adopted a draft emergency and resilience plan which could be enacted if the village was faced by an emergency situation, we are still keen to hear from anyone who would like to be involved with a community flood and resilience group, supported by the Parish Council, but delivered by committed volunteers as is best practice based on the experience of other local parish councils. If you would like to get involved or volunteer, then please let us know.

Huntingdonshire District Council's Local Plan update has reached a new phase. Having assessed all the sites that were identified / put forward, HDC have started the latest consultation phase which runs until the end of November. More details can be found within, but we would urge everyone to support or object to the HDC recommendations for the 13 sites identified within the Parish. We would be particularly keen for you to support the two submissions for 'open spaces and biodiversity' made by the Parish Council.

Finally, the Parish Council offers a warm welcome to the Parish to Reverend Timothy May, the new vicar of St. James', and his wife Beth. Many of you may well have already seen him out and about in the village with his dogs or on his bike.



***Cllr Richard Allen***  
*Chair, Hemingford Grey Parish Council*

# *Parish Council Updates*

## **HDC Local Plan and call for sites**

In January 2023, Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) agreed to update its Local Plan. The Local Plan sets out a plan for future sustainable development in the district, by identifying key areas of land for development to deliver the homes, jobs and services needed in the district. It also includes policies against which all planning applications are considered.

As part of this process, HDC ran a Call for Sites last year between 29 March to 7 June 2023. This was an opportunity for people to send the council details of sites that might be suitable for allocation in the next Local Plan. Under four broad categories: residential use; commercial use; infrastructure; and open space use.

A total of 13 sites were identified / put forward in Hemingford Grey. HDC consider all those sites identified for residential development within the Parish 'unsuitable for development' with the exception of the Marsh Lane Lake site, which was put forward by Tarmac with a proposal to put 68 houseboats on the lake. The good news is that both HGPC submissions for 'open spaces and biodiversity' next to and opposite the school have been passed for further consideration.

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) is now consulting on the latest stage of the Local Plan revision. Details and instructions on how to respond are at <https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/>. The consultation closes on 27 November 2024.

HGPC will be considering its response to those sites within the village at its October meeting and relevant sites within Hemingford Abbots and Fenstanton at its November meeting.

The Council advises that residents should make their own comments supporting or objecting to the HDC recommendations. It is important that residents are seen to be expressing their opinions direct to HDC as well as at the relevant HGPC meetings.

For those who are interested or want to express their views, HDC will be running events throughout October.

## **A summer full of activities!**

The Parish Council were delighted to be able to deliver a series of events for children and families over the summer, covering diverse interests such as sport, art, and the environment.

### **Wild Play and Discovery**

Our summer events ended with the Scouts making bat boxes and then going out to listen for bats with Groundwork East. Other events included family wild play sessions at Daintree Green and at the Yes Estate, and an early morning moth event held at Vicarage Fields.

### **Creative Workshop**



This summer, Cllr Maria Di Gaetano ran two days of creative workshops with children from across the village. As an artist and educator, as well as a Parish Councillor, Maria wanted to create a safe, respectful, and happy environment, where those attending could spend time exploring their artistic creativity while enjoying the day and each other's company.

The sessions received fantastic feedback from all those who attended, and it was noted that many particularly enjoyed as it was a non-sporting event. We hope to offer more sessions in the future.

### **Summer Sports Programme**

As in previous years, we were also thrilled that we were able to offer so many children between the ages of 5-11 years old the opportunity to take part in this year's Summer Sports Programme run in conjunction with HDC. The programme ran on Monday afternoons for five weeks and the feedback we've received is that all those who attended had an enjoyable time.



If you have ideas for any other activities the Parish Council could offer or facilitate, please let us know.

# Environment Working Group events and meeting dates

## Community Events - Calling all volunteers

### Autumn Community Litter Pick



Can you spare a couple of hours **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, between 11am – 1pm** to join our Autumn Litter Pick. If you would like to volunteer, please come to either Daintree Green or the Yes Development (play area). Families very welcome. We supply litter pickers, bags, gloves, and Hi-Viz vests for your use.

Afterwards, join us for complimentary refreshments and a well-earned rest at The Grey House Café, 36b Marsh Lane.

Contact [janice.flint@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:janice.flint@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk) for further details or come along on the day.

### Tree Planting and Maintenance

- **Sunday 1st December 11am**, Daintree Green and other sites.

### Yes Estate Hedge Maintenance

We would like to thank all those who joined the working party to help with the maintenance of the Yes Estate hedges on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. All your efforts are greatly appreciated!

### **EWG meetings**

at the Parish Centre - everyone welcome.

- Tuesday 1st October 7.30-8.30
- Wednesday 30th October 7.30-8.30

### **Allotments**

Tenancies for our allotments are renewed or surrendered at the end of the season, and we now have some plots available. If you are interested in taking on an allotment, then please contact the Clerk.

## Food Bank Collection



Last year the Parish Council co-ordinated a collection of non-perishable foods for the Godmanchester Food Bank. Sadly, this year the need is just as great; therefore, another foodbank collection will take place **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

On the day you can leave your donations in a carrier bag on your doorstep/driveway between 1pm-3pm for collection by one of our volunteers, or you can drop off your donation at the Parish Centre, High Street again between 1pm-3pm.

If you would like to 'adopt' a road or be involved in the collection in some other way, contact [anne.meredith@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:anne.meredith@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk). Further details will also be available on the Parish Council website and noticeboards.

## 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 are discussed, and recommendations made, at Parish Council meetings held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm in the Reading Room.

### Status of recent planning applications in and around the Parish:

HDC/CCC ref.	Location & Description	HGPC Recommendation	HDC / CCC Decision
18/02726/FUL*	Murketts garage, London Rd – 49 dwellings 24/80211/COND (various drainage issues)	Comments Not notified	Approved Refused
20/00285/FUL*	Vindis showroom, Low Rd – 94 dwellings. No responses to HGPC concerns about pedestrian crossings at roundabout	Refusal. With comments.	Approved & under construction
24/00925/HHFUL	Long Lane House, Long Lane – Conversion of existing outbuilding to form bedroom annex	Approval	Withdrawn
24/01213/HHFUL	52 High Street – Single storey rear glazed extension	Approval	In progress
24/01272/HHFUL	Flowermead, St Ives Road – Proposed rear extension after demolition of conservatory	Approval	In progress
24/01331/FUL	Pavilion, Manor Road – Replacement of children's play park with new access path	Approval	In progress
24/01409/HHFUL	58 High Street – Reinstatement of railings in front & install air source heat pump	Approval	In progress
24/01504/HHFUL	3 Pembroke Close – Single storey rear extension to the garage	Approval	In progress

\*In neighbouring parishes but HGPC monitors for sewage, surface water and traffic issues.

# Community Matters

## **Hemingford Grey Gardening Society (HGGS)**

Our annual Boston Tea Party took place as usual in late August and was enjoyed by about 45 members and friends. The slight drizzle as we were setting up and starting didn't deter us and the sun soon came out on Diana's lovely garden, with Bridget Flanagan talking about The Hemingfords, and the following tea, coffee, and cakes, which everyone tucked into. September 12<sup>th</sup> saw Geoff Hodge as the first speaker of the new season, who gave an interesting and amusing talk on low maintenance gardening, and he will be followed by Peter Jackson on 10<sup>th</sup> October talking about Drought Resistant Plants.

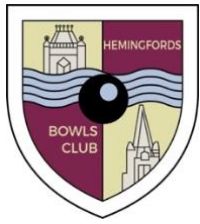
## **The Hemingford Sports Academy**

As part of the England Squash "Women's Squash Week" initiative, The Sports Academy will be running free sessions for girls and women to come and try the sport or get back into it! Sessions are on Wednesdays up until the 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 5:40pm - 6:20pm weekly. All equipment can be provided if needed, and the course will be coached by the Portuguese #1 and professional player Sofia Aveiro-Pita.

Hunts County Squash Club (at The Pavilion, Hemingford Grey) is one of the best members clubs in the country and would love to welcome some new faces into the club to try a great sport. For more details or to sign-up please contact Robert Dadds at [robertdadds@hotmail.com](mailto:robertdadds@hotmail.com) or call on 07964 868665

## **Hemlocs** *by Simon Clemmow, Chair*

Our 2024/25 season is well underway. Stuart Orme, curator of the Cromwell Museum, got us off to a flying start in September with a brilliant talk on the private life of local resident Oliver Cromwell, packed with interest and insight. We are looking forward to something a bit different in October - a visit by the Bedford Gallery Quire. This group of singers and players will demonstrate their wonderful old instruments, featuring some local militia music and popular tunes of the period. There will be around twenty performers. 7.30pm at the Pavilion on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Don't miss it!



The **Hemingfords Bowls Club** season comes to an end after our final match on Sunday 22 September. This has been a very successful season for the club in terms of both recruitment and success. There is a very positive vibe at the club with a real buzz of enthusiasm. Whilst wanting to win and achieve success, we also enjoy our bowls and have fun. Our Ladies Maroon Team won the Ladies League with the White Team finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their division. Hemingford A came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 1 of the Over 60's league and the C team missed out on promotion by a whisker. Teams representing HBC won the Dilley Trophy and The Tatman Cup. This season we added a third Men's League Team and a fourth Over 60's Team which means that the club offers plenty of playing opportunities. We welcomed a record intake of new members.



If you are interested in taking up bowls (a social sport that is very good for your physical and mental health) please contact Sue Peel, Chair on 07921 841257/ [smpeel8159@gmail.com](mailto:smpeel8159@gmail.com). Our website contains all you need to know ([www.hemingfordbowls.co.uk](http://www.hemingfordbowls.co.uk)) or check out our Facebook page, Hemingford Bowls Club.

Scouts 

# Scouts Christmas Post 2024!

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10am to 1pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hemingfords Scouts will deliver your Christmas cards for just 40p per card**

**Drop them off at Hemingford Grey Reading Rooms**  
**With Cake Stall, Raffle and Tombola!**

**Early drop-off available – contact [secretary@1st-Hemingfords-scouts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@1st-Hemingfords-scouts.org.uk) for more information**

**Deliveries to Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey,**  
including London Road, Elizabeth Court, Maytrees, Greenfields,  
Limes Park, the Brambles, Bridgefoot, Bridge Terrace, Mill Quay,  
Hemingford Road, Victoria Terrace and the Yes development





**The Annual Classic Car Show** returned to the Pavilion on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. It was a terrific success with more than 300 Classic Vehicles on show plus lots of stalls, food and attractions for all those visiting to enjoy. It was a great day out for many in our community. The magnificent sum of £3,200 was raised for the MAGPAS Air Ambulance. Thanks to all who donated and to those who worked hard to make the event happen. Special thanks also to Maxine Lester Lettings and Property Management whose sponsorship was much appreciated.



**Classes and Clubs** are flourishing at the Pavilion. Art, Ballroom tuition and Tea Dances, Flower Clubs, Hemlocs local history group, The Hub Club social afternoons, Fitness for all ages, Pilates, Walking Football, Yoga. Have a look at our [website](#) and see if there is something you would like to try.

We hope to see lots of the Hemingford community calling into our friendly Pavilion Lounge this Autumn to watch major sports matches on the big TVs and enjoying some atmosphere.

**A date for your diary** - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm - The Annual Christmas Carols at the Pavilion with The Huntingdonshire Concert Band. More information in the next Newsletter.

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

The acquisition of Mick George Group by a subsidiary of Heidelberg Cement AG (Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd) 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. The 'Astro Turf' site has been cleared and we have asked CCC to remove from the list of Waste Sites, but they have refused to do so.

## **New Facebook Page — at last!**

We battled with Meta to no avail and were found completely innocent of any transgressions of their community code, but the Artificially Unintelligent bots couldn't work out how to reinstate us! So, we've created another page, all shiny bright and full of news. We're sending out invitations to some of those we know were on the previous group page, or you could just go straight to your Facebook web page and find us: HemingfordHub. It's that easy. Welcome back to those who've found us already, and we look forward to welcoming new members to the group.

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

- Oct 9 Games or Film tbc
- Oct 23 Ugandan school director talks about coffee growing
- Nov 6 Have-a-go at art with Chrissie Wilson
- Nov 20 Gary Baker, talks about his walking life

Plus, seated exercises 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November

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## **Hemingford United Football Club update**



The new football season has started in what promises to be an exciting and challenging season.

This season the HUFC Senior teams have merged with the Hemingford Colts to provide one club in the Villages.

This season we will be operating 4 senior teams and 15 youth teams, there has been some new youth teams set up this year as we try to meet demand.

We are currently hosting matches at the Pavilion, Daintree Green, Hemingford School, St Ivo Recreation Centre & Houghton, providing pitches with facilities remains one of greatest challenges for the Club as the Youth side expands.

Merging the two clubs together will offer many benefits with great knowledge in both clubs now operating as one, hopefully young players, parents and youth managers will work through the age groups and play a role in the future of the Senior teams.

The Hemingford Vets team has also joined the club, so we are proudly offering football opportunities from 6 years old to 50 years plus.

It is always nice to see support from the Villages at all our games across the age groups.



**HEMINGFORD  
LADIES CHOIR**

# 30th Anniversary Concert

SPECIAL GUEST—JENNIFER THOMPSON  
WITH MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND CHOIR FOUNDER  
ELAINE GUNN  
AND PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT BY ANNA ALDOUS

**SONGS WE LOVE**  
Followed by refreshments

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**@ 3.00PM**

**ST MARGARET'S CHURCH**  
**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS**

**No entry charge**  
Donations in support of  
**Hemingford Pavilion Playpark Fund**  
and **St Margaret's Church**



# 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](http://www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/hemingfordgreypc](http://www.facebook.com/hemingfordgreypc)  
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