

# HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH MAGAZINE

July 2024



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*Hello!*

They say first impressions count, so I'll try my best!

Beth and I are very much looking forward to moving to the Hemingfords shortly and even more so to getting to know each of you.

Beth and I are coming from the historic parish of Monkwearmouth in Sunderland, where I have just completed my curacy. We've loved living in the Northeast but are excited to be moving to the Cambridgeshire countryside! While having trained in Durham and served my Curacy in Sunderland, I was, in fact, a Bath and Wells ordinand.

Beth and I met when I was working in Bath as the Young People's Pastor for St Stephen's in Lansdown. Beth was training to be a Norland Nanny at the time. We met in church, as most young Christian couples do.

Since completing her training, Beth has worked all over the world and has had some amazing experiences. As I write this, she is currently sailing on a traditional Turkish sailing boat around the Greek islands!

An interesting fact about Beth is that she is a fluent French speaker. Beth grew up in Brussels. Her dad is a Church of Scotland minister and took the position there when Beth and her sister were very little.

We've met some very lovely people already and are looking forward to meeting many more as the weeks go on. You will probably see us out and about with our two labradors, Diesel and Dottie.

Do feel free at any point to drop in at any time and say hello!

*Tim and Beth*

## Church Services

<b>St Margaret's Church Hemingford Abbots</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>St James' Church Hemingford Grey</b>
Sung Eucharist 9.30am	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Worship 10.00am
	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mid Week Communion 10.30am</b>
Holy Communion 8.30am <b>11.00am</b> Riverside Service SJHG	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Riverside Service <b>11.00am</b>
Sung Eucharist 9.30am	21 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Communion 10.00am
	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mid Week Communion 10.30am</b>
Holy Communion 8.30am Joint Service St James 10.00am	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Joint Service with Communion 10.00am
Sung Eucharist 9.30am	<b>4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Café Church 10.00am
Book of Common Prayer 8.30am Family Service 9.30am	<b>11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Café Church 10.00am
Sung Eucharist 9.30am	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Café Church 10.00am
Book of Common Prayer 8.30am Matins 9.30am	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Café Church 10.00am

**St Margaret's Morning Prayer at 8am Tues & Thursday on [Zoom](#)**

**Monday to Friday - Night Prayer at 9pm on Zoom**

*A short service of quiet reflection & prayer*

**CHURCH NOTICEBOARD** If you would like to talk, or need prayer, our Associate Minister Rev Canon Brian Atling would be happy to speak with you on 01480 493975. If you would like a regular email with church news for both St Margaret's and St James' and including links to join online services please sign up on the St James' website:

<https://churchbytheriver.org.uk/wp3/> and scroll down to the Signup on the left

## **SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE**

The magazine will be published as a PDF and distributed by email. Please submit any articles by the morning of **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August** Please help by providing copy as A4 with 16pt font. When using Word please set the language to 'English (UK) 'and be consistent with the format of dates. Images do not need placing in separate boxes. Right-click images and select Format/Square. Thank you for taking the time and effort to contribute to the magazine. Please send articles, advertisements and notices directly to: Rachel Winton, [admin@churchbytheriver.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchbytheriver.org.uk) or deliver to the Rachel in the Parish Office at 33, High Street, Hemingford Grey.

## **HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

We considered the following planning application: **24/00829/OUT 5 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN**. Proposal: Erection of two dwellings with garages, to include re-grading the existing access road. HAPC to comment by 7/6/24.

We resolved to recommend refusal of this application because the proposal would consist of in-depth development that would fail to respect and harmonise with the prevailing and distinctive linear pattern of development on Common Lane to the detriment of the character of the area, and it would cause significant harm to the semi-rural character of the Conservation Area. We are similarly concerned about the setting of an important new precedent of building new dwellings to the rear of existing

properties were permission to be granted for this proposal. The proposal would also represent considerable development in an area designated as flood zone 2. We also stated that we are unaware of any existing access road on this site and highlighted that a previous application made in 2022 which included the construction of such a road was refused.

We are delighted to announce that Rie Hargreaves has agreed to join the Council! She was co-opted during the meeting and is now able to represent us and vote on all matters. Rie's knowledge and experience will be a great asset to the council, and we are all very much looking forward to working with her.

As Chair, I am required to publish an annual report which is available to read on the parish website. It has been another busy year, and I want to say a big 'thank you' to our clerk, my fellow councillors, and the scores of parishioners who freely give up their time to help and enhance the village. At the start of June, a group of teenagers who were most likely 'visitors' to the village left an amount of broken glass around the play equipment on the playing field. We reported the incident to the St. Ives police, and we would like to sincerely thank the parishioners who quickly cleared up the debris – however, we ask all users to be especially vigilant over the next couple of months, and to report any further issues of vandalism or anti-social behaviour to the parish clerk.

Finally, the Chairs of six local parish councils have begun to meet informally to share information and opinions. Our first get together was last month, when we found great similarity in the main issues being faced (local flooding, blocked drains, deteriorating roads, assorted planning matters). As a first example of co-operation, we have jointly written to the Environment Agency regarding the poor condition of the staunch at Saint Ives which we feel are actively adding to the local flood risk. It is hoped that by working together on regional issues, we can achieve more for our individual parishes.

Best wishes

Marcus Whewell  
Chairman HAPC

## Church Cleaning

**1<sup>st</sup> July** Lynne Dickinns and Anne Tooher

**15<sup>th</sup> July** John Hyde and Judith Clark

**29<sup>th</sup> July** Carol and David Wordsworth

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

#### Abandoned cars

01480 388297

[https://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/forms/Operations/New\\_Street\\_Cleaning\\_1.html](https://applications.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/forms/Operations/New_Street_Cleaning_1.html)

#### Faulty and broken streetlights

K&M Lighting Services 01480 395806  
*Where possible please quote street light number on plaque on the street light and the location.*

#### Fly tipping

01480 388640

#### Highway Faults including Potholes

0345 045 5212

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

#### Illegal signs/graffiti

0800 7832220

#### Refuse & recycling helpline

0800 3896613

<http://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/>

#### St Ives & District Neighbourhood Policing Team - dial 101

## ABBOTS VILLAGE HALL

### **Stuart Prosser (Chairman)**

*Margaret Cloke (Treasurer)*

*Jenny Desborough (Bookings & Hall Mgt 07720 309992)*

*Beryl Lager (Health and Safety)*

*Chris Nicol (Parish Council Committee Liaison)*

*Rie Hargreaves (Trustee)*

### *We All Need Friends – Please Be One of Ours!*

If you are interested in becoming a friend of the Village Hall, and are willing to give a couple of hours a month, on an occasional basis to help with leaflet dropping, setting-up the hall etc. – please call:

***Stuart Prosser, Chairman 07892 682389***

**The Parishes of St. Margaret of Antioch, Hemingford Abbots  
and St. James, Hemingford Grey**

*We Invite you to the institution and installation of the Rev'd Timothy Paul May as Vicar of St James, Hemingford Grey and Rector of St Margaret of Antioch, Hemingford Abbots by the Acting Bishop of Ely, the Rt. Rev'd Dr. Dagmar Winter,*

***St. Margaret of Antioch,  
7 pm on Tuesday 23rd July***

Refreshments will be served at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall following the service.



**St James**  
**RIVERSIDE SERVICE**  
*All Welcome!*  
**JULY 14th | 11am**

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

St James  
Hemingford Grey

**Pavilion Pictures at Hemingford Pavilion on the 4th  
Friday of the month.**

**No Pavilion Pictures in July and August**

**Looking forward to seeing you all  
again on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**



## HEMINGFORD ABBOTS VILLAGE LUNCH



The next Village Lunch will be on Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>, and will be kindly hosted by Anne and John Sink in their garden at Walden Cottage, 12 Common Lane. If the weather is inclement, it will be held in the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall.

The menu is home made Quiches and off-the-bone ham with a range of salads and crusty bread and butter, followed by a selection of summery desserts! There will be gluten-free and vegetarian options.

If we could gather from 12.15 in the garden, lunch will be served buffet-style from 12.45, for you to sit down and enjoy. The cost for this delicious 2-course home-cooked meal with wine or soft drink, is £5 (cash), collected at the garden entrance.

All Hemingford Abbots residents, past and present, are welcome to attend.

Jo Wills (07831537168) Di Bilton (07801067057) Village Lunch  
Co - coordinators



# Effie's Art



## A show & sale of Fran Williams' artwork

At The Manor House, Hemingford Grey, PE28 9BN

**Saturday 27th July 2024**

**Midday until 6pm**

**Free Entry**

+ Special fun auction at 3pm + plant sale + drinks & cakes + games  
All proceeds go to the Arthur Rank Hospice

# WI

What a beautiful June evening for our treasure hunt around the village! We met as usual in the village hall and were sent out in groups of two or three, armed with instructions and clues to solve as we meandered around.

## Hemingford Abbots WI 'Village Treasure Hunt'

Group name: \_\_\_\_\_

Leave the Village Hall, stop at the end of the path to take in the view

### Clue 1

You might need to take a seat to find out which year was European conservation year.

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Take a right and follow the path, stop at the flying fish, and take a look around you.



A chance to admire the beautiful cottages and take notice of things that we hadn't seen before!



This apple tree was planted as part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative that was launched to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.



Some chose to stay in the hall and solve the picture clues around the walls. There were woodland friends to find and dates to identify. We used our answers to find the code to open the treasure box!

The treasure hunt was put together by Maria and Janine (Left & Centre) and great fun to do.





### Clue 15

Stop to find your way !!  
Who presented the  
village Map ?

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### Clue 16

The calendar is  
missing some months  
which are they ?

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Look Left, look right  
and carefully cross  
the road and head  
back to the village hall.



We were joined by Phyllis Brooks, our Federation Chairman, who had just come back from the NFWI annual meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. She presented Maria with a certificate marking 105 years since the WI in Hemingford Abbots was founded in April 1919.

***Sue Cook***

***Maria Needham***

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## Berry Cheesecake “mess”

- 2 x 280g tubs full-fat soft cheese
- 2 x 300ml pots crème fraîche
- 120g icing sugar, sifted
- 1 zest
- 1 tsp vanilla bean paste
- 30g unsalted butter
- 30g light brown soft sugar
- ¼ tsp fine salt
- 50g flaked almonds



### Berries

- 200g raspberries
- 200g strawberries, roughly chopped
- 200g blueberries
- 3 tbsp icing sugar
- 15 bulb/s cardamom pods, seeds ground
- Extra berries, to serve (optional)

## METHOD

- Run a piece of clean muslin under cold water for a couple of seconds, then squeeze out and use to line a colander (22-23cm diameter). Set the lined colander over a bowl. In a large bowl, use an electric hand mixer to beat the soft cheese, crème fraîche, icing sugar, lemon zest, vanilla and a pinch of salt until pale, light and smooth (3-4 minutes). Spoon into the lined colander, flatten the top and fold over the muslin to cover. Put in the fridge to strain for at least 6 hours (ideally overnight).
- Meanwhile, make the crunchy almonds. Put the butter and sugar in a small frying pan over a low heat and allow to melt, swirling occasionally (8-10 minutes). Add the salt, then tip in the almonds and toss to coat well. Turn up the heat to medium and cook until the almonds are golden and crisp, stirring regularly (5-6 minutes). Tip onto a baking parchment-lined plate and allow to cool (if making in





**The Confirmation of Rosemary Watson at Ely Cathedral on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, with Bishop Dagmar and Rev Brian Atling**





*St James  
Parish Centre Cafe  
33 High Street,  
Flemingford 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*



## 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:

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### Pub helping to raise funds for Hoppa Bus

The Cock public house in Hemingford Grey is joining our quest to set up a Hoppa Bus. We are working with them to help raise funds while we await news on seed funding from Huntingdonshire District Council. As you'd expect it's going to be a big project. Our research found that over 80% of villagers think this is a great idea, so we are determined to make this happen.

We have a superbly qualified team of project managers on board to guide this initiative. Another tranche of funding is likely to come from our parish councils, 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.



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 in earnest.



## SUMMER HUBCLUB EVENTS 3PM AT THE PAVILION

(subject to change)

July 3	Games
July 10	Seated exercises
July 17	Memorable places you've visited
July 24	Seated exercises
July 31	Talk by Tish
Aug 7	Seated exercises
Aug 14	Parish Centre Tea Party
Aug 21	Seated exercises
Aug 28	No meeting this week
Sept 4	Seated exercises

Hub events appear on posters around the village and are sent to anyone interested in receiving updates by email and WhatsApp. Contact us to receive direct.

Contact details: **Tel:** 07308 035416 **Email:** [hemingfordhub@icloud.com](mailto:hemingfordhub@icloud.com)  
**Web:** [www.hemingfordhub.co.uk](http://www.hemingfordhub.co.uk) Registered Charity No: 1194706

# RECRUITING



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## ***Eco Tip July 2024***

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Plan to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness, ensuring superior flavour compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, this month, include giving thanks for your local food producers.

# HEMINGFORD ABBOTS VILLAGE CONTACT LIST

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## Parish Council Website:

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## VILLAGE HALL

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