

# HATFIELD HERALD

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Photo—outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Terry Gibbs hands over the chain of office to incoming Town Mayor, Councillor John Brown.

## NEW TOWN MAYOR

At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, Councillor John Brown was elected as Town Mayor for the forthcoming year.

## JUBILEE PARK—ROADWAY

When you next visit Jubilee Park, you will notice that the entrance roadway and car park have been improved. Measures have been included to slow down vehicles. A new sign is to be erected shortly.

## WREN FUNDING

The Town Council has been notified via the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations that WREN has seen a downturn in applications for grants, despite the fact that funding is still available to distribute to councils and community groups. WREN offer the opportunity to secure grants of between £2000 and £50000 for councils or not-for-profit constituted organisations for improvements to public amenities such as community buildings (village or church halls), public recreation grounds or nature reserves. The funding is capital only but WREN is unable to consider one-off events or time-limited projects. Two grant Schemes currently exist for community groups: Small Grants £2000—£15000 and Main Grants—between £15000 and £50000.

For more information please visit the website at [www.wren.org.uk](http://www.wren.org.uk) or contact Kerry Talbot on 01953 714112 or [kerry.talbot@wren.or.guk](mailto:kerry.talbot@wren.or.guk)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Hatfield Town Council gave grants to the following organisation during 2010/11:-

1st Dunsville Girls Brigade, Hatfield Local & Natural History Group, North East Citizens Advice Bureau, Hatfield Woodhouse WMC Angling Section, Social Committee of St Lawrence Church, Dunscroft Community Centre, Dunsville Community Centre, 69th Doncaster (St Edwins) Brownies, 69th Doncaster Rainbows, Hatfield Woodhouse Phoenix Theatre Group, Hatfield Woodhouse WMC FC, Hatfield Celtic FC, Dunscroft Welfare JFC, Hatfield Church Building Trust, Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall.

Grants totalled £4790.

Grants are available to organisations (not individuals) in April and October each year, if you think your organisation qualifies, please telephone 01302 804347 for an application form.

## DRUMMOND (SPIKE) WINDOW MBE RVM MVO

The Town Council were very sad to learn of the death of Spike Window on 26 April 2011. Spike was a very well known local resident and acted as Parade Marshall for the annual Remembrance Service for 44 years, a role he had recently stepped down from. He will be greatly missed.

## HATFIELD & STAINFORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

PACT meetings are held once a month, giving the public a chance to attend and help set the priorities. They are held alternately at Hatfield Visual Arts College and Stanley Gardens Community Centre, Stainforth. Members of the public can give their views on what the Police priorities should be. The next meeting is on Wednesday 6 July 2011, commencing at 6 p.m. at Hatfield Visual Arts College. For details of future dates and venues, click on to the SY Police website and use the link for the Neighbourhood Teams or ring 01302 385153 or email [donstainfsnt@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:donstainfsnt@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)

## HATFIELD VILLAGE PLAN

The Hatfield village plan questionnaire - your opportunity to help shape the future of the village - is being delivered to all households in the Hatfield postal address area, on or around the weekend of 25/26 June. The Village Plan Group, have drawn the questions from the feedback received over the last 6 months, following public meetings, local events and a suggestion box in the library - around 500 responses. Please answer as many questions as you can or wish to - we welcome responses from all in the household should there be 1 or up to 6, not everyone in the house need respond but the results will be improved if they do. We would welcome responses from all age groups and it can be anonymous if you wish. The questionnaire will be collected on the weekend of 9/10 July, you can leave it outside your door in the plastic bag provided - it can also be given to one of the Village Plan Group, who may remind you or be left in the library at a time of your choosing. If for some reason, you have not received the questionnaire or there are any questions please email to [admin@hatfieldvillage.org.uk](mailto:admin@hatfieldvillage.org.uk) or tel 351635 (leave a message if not answered)

The results of the questionnaire will follow - a plan for the village will start once the Group know what the village wants for now and the future.

This is not a headline we would ever want to see. Imagine what Hatfield would look like without its magnificent, part 12th century, Grade 1 Listed church. These days there is no Lord of the Manor to help with the expensive upkeep of the building and no money whatsoever is received from the Diocese either, to it is down to us locals to look after this beautiful building and raise the much-needed funds to keep it in good repair.

In 1997 a Building Trust was formed (registered charity No. 1066646) and shortly after, the Friends of the Building Trust Committee was set up, all on a voluntary basis, to act as the Building Trust's fundraising arm with the aim of inviting as many members of our community as possible (whether church goes or not) to become Friends of the Building Trust by giving an annual donation of £5, or more, if they wish. All funds raised are used purely for the maintenance, restoration and conservation of the building and its grounds, for instance, the inside stone flooring has recently been replaced. **If you would like to become a "Friend" please contact our Membership Secretary, Joan Brebner on 01302 840013 or pick up a form from church.** The church is open to visitors on Wednesday and Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. and occasionally on Sundays 2-4 p.m. unless there are services in progress. Ring Mr Lister on 01302 884848 to confirm Sunday openings or look on the website [www.hatfieldchurch.co.uk](http://www.hatfieldchurch.co.uk)

Hatfield Health Centre 01302 384200  
 Health Visitors 01302 384200  
 District Nurse 01302 384240  
 Out-of-hours emergency service—telephone GP to obtain number  
 Dunsville Medical Centre 01302 890108  
 Repeat Prescriptions 01302 880303

Late Night Pharmacy  
 Weldricks, 40-42 East Laithe Gate, Doncaster  
 Open Mon-Sat 0900—2200 Sunday 1000—2200  
 Bank Holidays (including Xmas Day/New Years Day) 1000—2000  
 Doncaster Royal Infirmary 01302 366666  
 Dial Doncaster (Disability Advisory Service) -01302 327800

Doncaster MBC, Community First 01302 736000  
 Doncaster MBC, Switchboard 01302 734444  
 Neighbourhood Response Team (7 nights a week 1900-0600) 01302 341628  
 Party Patrol 2100-0300 Fri & Sat only 07917 234660  
 Fly tipping & abandoned cars—01302 736050

Hatfield Library 01302 842064

South Yorkshire Police 0114 2202020  
 Safer Neighbourhood Team—01302 385153  
 Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Citizens Advice Bureau, Thorne 01405 740550  
 Caroline Flint MP 01302 623330 Fax 01302 755099  
 DMBC Councillors -  
 Councillor Mrs I Harrison—01302 845530  
 Councillor Ms L Curran—01302 844406  
 Councillor P Knight—01302 840810 email: [pat.knight@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:pat.knight@doncaster.gov.uk)  
 mob: 07810 636361

Local radio station—TMCR FM 95.34 tel: 01405 818081

**PROPOSED ALLOTMENTS  
 ABBEY FIELD, DUNSCROFT**

Planning permission has now been received for the allotments/football pitches on Abbey Fields. To date we have had ten applications for an allotment and we still have "vacancies". If you are interested and live in the Hatfield Town area please contact Duncan Wright on 01302 804347. The Town Council agreed at its meeting recently that the allotments will be "self-managed". A meeting is to be arranged shortly with interested parties.

**GRANGE RECREATION  
 GROUND**

By the time you read this, the new play equipment for pre-school children will have been installed at Grange Recreation Ground, Hatfield.

**YOUR COUNCIL**

- B Jackson, 6 Kings Close, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6QY—841199
- Mrs P Panks, 127 High Street, Dunsville, Doncaster DN7 4BT—890081
- D Fienes-Gregory, Savile House, Westfield Road, Hatfield DN7 6PZ—07843 725608
- Mrs R Sheppard, 25 Norman Drive, Hatfield DN7 6AQ—842793
- E Durdy, South View Stud, New Millfield Road, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6LR - 844085
- W Temperton-Ball, 18 Wellington Road, Lindholme, Doncaster DN7 6DD—07521 774618
- K Knight, 238 Broadway, Dunscroft DN7 4HT—840810
- J Brown, Cherry Tree Farm, Stonehill, Hatfield Woodhouse, Doncaster DN7 6NJ—840496
- Mrs I Harrison, 11 Norman Road, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6AF— 845530
- T Gibbs, The Rustics, Cemetery Road, Hatfield DN7 6LX— 849809
- M D Glynn, 78 Doncaster Road Hatfield DN7 6AT—884565
- Mrs P Knight, 238 Broadway, Dunscroft DN7 4HT—840810
- J Hart, 40 Amanda Drive, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6SQ—845910
- J Bloor, 29 High Street, Dunsville, Doncaster DN7 4BS—883410

Duncan Wright, Town Clerk—01302 840347  
 Barbara Spencer—Deputy Town Clerk—01302 840347

**COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES 2011**

Saturday 9 July    Saturday 10 September (Joint with DMBC)    Saturday 8 October    Saturday 12 November    Saturday 10 December (Joint with DMBC)

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2011**

Town Council meetings normally start at 7 p.m.

Town Council	Monday 14 March 2011	Town Council	Monday 11 July 2011
Policy and Resources Committee	Monday 28 March 2011	August Recess	
Town Council	Monday 11 April 2011	Town Council	Monday 12 September 2011
Annual Towns Meeting (venue to be agreed)	Tuesday 26 April 2011	Policy and Resources Committee	Monday 3 October 2011
Annual Meeting of the Town Council	Monday 16 May 2011	Town Council	Monday 10 October 2011
Burial and Recreation Committee (site visits)	Monday 23 May 2011	Town Council	Monday 14 November 2011
Burial and Recreation Committee	Tuesday 24 May 2011	Burial and Recreation Committee	Monday 5 December 2011
Town Council	Monday 13 June 2011	Town Council	Monday 12 December 2011

**GRANT APPLICATIONS—ANY NON-PROFIT MAKING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS (not individuals) WISHING TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT MAY DO SO. GRANT APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL OFFICES OR BY TELEPHONING 01302 840347. PLEASE NOTE—WHERE APPLICABLE COPIES OF PAID INVOICES WILL BE REQUIRED TO VALIDATE THE EXPENDITURE. (Only one application per year per organisation will be paid and should be received at the Council Offices no later than Monday 26 September 2011 and will be considered at the Policy & Resources Committee on 3 October 2011).**

**Hatfield Town Council hope you find this edition of its newsletter useful. If you have any comments on the newsletter, please send them to the Council Offices, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield tel. 01302 840347. Email: [duncan@hatfieldtc.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:duncan@hatfieldtc.wanadoo.co.uk). LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT EDITION.**

## Other

This year the Town Council applied for and were granted re-accreditation as a Quality Council. We are the first council in Doncaster to be re-accredited as a Quality Council and we will endeavour to continue to improve our service to the residents of the Town Council area.

The Town Council were very sad to learn of the death of Liam Maughan early in the year. Liam was a serving soldier and lost his life in Afghanistan. His name has been added to the cenotaph in Hatfield Cemetery.

The Town Council has agreed to the use of the Council Chamber as a Polling Station for the elections in May.

Mid-August was perhaps the highlight of my year, when a party, including myself, caught the overnight ferry from Hull to arrive in Belgium on the Friday morning, to travel to Merksplas for the weekend and the signing of the Twinning document. It was a wonderful experience, being made so welcome by everyone we met and as soon as the local people heard English accents, they all wish to talk and shake our hands. On Sunday afternoon, however, we all left to travel home, many pounds heavier all due to our hosts – what an experience.

During the last part of 2010, things became quieter but being a guest at the Hatfield Over 70's Lunch and the Over 60's Buffet at Dunsville, again made me realise all the good works being done by so many people, this time for the elderly, myself included.

On Friday 21 January I had the honour and privilege of attending the birthday party of one of Hatfield's oldest residents – Mrs Hilda Elvidge – at Hatfields, to celebrate 100 years of her life. Her main focus that afternoon was the basket of flowers presented to her on the Town Council's behalf. A true lady, whom I have seen since walking in Hatfield, using her zimmer frame, accompanied by her daughter.

During my year of office I have met many people and made many new friends. It is so nice when a small child comes up and says "Hello Mr Gibbs". I don't remember them but obviously the presence of the Town Mayor is something special to them.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to Duncan and Barbara for all the help, support and encouragement they have given to me. It has made my year an easier one. Also a big thank you to each and every fellow Councillor.

## **SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS—Year Ended 31 March 2011 (subject to Audit)**

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Precept/DMBC Grant	159973
Hatfield Cemetery (Burial Fees)	25612
Sports Pavilion (Lettings)	1196
Other income	<u>1724</u>
	<b><u>188505</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Council Offices/Admin Expenses (including salaries)	71364
Hatfield Cemetery/Cemetery House—running costs	36750
Rec Grounds/Sports Pavilion— running costs	41066
Vehicles & Equipment	3186
Section 137 and Miscellaneous Grants	12220
Other	<u>5716</u>
	<b><u>170302</u></b>

The under-spend in the year was mainly caused by a delay in the construction of the new play equipment at Grange Recreation Ground, the budget for this has been carried forward to 2011/12

## **HATFIELD & MERKSPLAS TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

The Association is holding a summer raffle, which will be drawn at a Quiz Night to be held at the Bay Horse, Hatfield on Monday 18 July 2011. Raffle tickets are available at The Council Offices. In November, it is hoped that Hatfield Band will be visiting Merksplas to play a series of concerts to coincide with Remembrance Day.

**The following is an extract from the verbal report given by the Town Mayor, Councillor Terry Gibbs at the Annual Towns Meeting on 26 April 2011 on the Town Council's activities for the year ended 31 March 2011.**

I am happy to report on a number of activities undertaken by the Town Council during my year of office.

Monday 10 May 2010 was the beginning of an adventure which has carried on until today. From the moment the retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs Patsy Panks, handed over the chain of office, my lifestyle changed. I would never have imagined some of the things I later encountered. Never did I think that so many people gave so much of their own time for the benefit of others; people like the Happy Tots leader, the Brownies leader, the Hatfield Woodhouse football leaders and many others – all working for the benefit of the community. It was such a pleasure to visit the many organisations working for the future of our youth.

### **Recreation**

All the recreation grounds have been well used again this year. Problems are still being experienced with vandalism, fly tipping, dog fouling and horses and the Town Council, together with Doncaster MBC have taken steps to try to improve the situation.

Jubilee Park continues to be well used by the Football teams and the Skate Park remains popular. Work on a new roadway into Jubilee Park from Cuckoo Lane is about to start which should improve access. Some plumbing problems were experienced in the Sports Pavilion after the very cold weather but frost heating has been installed and roof insulation topped up to try to prevent a recurrence. A complete inspection of the electrical system is also taking place.

An order has been placed for new play equipment on Grange Recreation Ground which should be installed very soon.

A planning application has been submitted for the provision of football pitches and allotments on Abbey Playing Field. Once planning permission is received the scheme will go ahead as quickly as possible. The Town Council already has a waiting list for allotments.

Plans are being developed, using 106 monies, to provide play equipment at several other locations.

Lindholme Village Action Group have indicated that they would like a playground to be provided and the Town Council are supporting them in their bid.

### **Community Issues**

Parish Plans – Dunsville Parish Plan is now complete and the Parish Plan for Hatfield is well under way and a questionnaire will shortly be circulated to all residents.

Grants totalling approximately £12,000 were approved and distributed to various organisations in the area. Many functions were attended where grants from the Town Council were presented, each one without fail said how important this money was to their organisation and some relied upon it to keep going.

Hatfield Band continues to be sponsored by the Town Council. The Band, who on occasions before competitions, practice for 5 nights as well as working full time – are another example of dedication.

The Town Council made formal applications for public footpaths in respect of Spider Alley – this is ongoing.

Stone village signs have been provided for Lindholme and Dunscroft.

On Sunday 25 July, a Civic Service was held at Hatfield Parish Church and my grateful thanks go to Rev Paul Wilson, the PCC, the organist and choir. Thanks too to the Bay Horse for its superb buffet and the Thurnscoe Harmonic Male Voice Choir for their wonderful singing. Thanks too to all the Town Councillor and guests who supported me.

The Fun Day held on Jubilee Park was again a great success and this time we were blessed by the weather, although not quite as big as the previous year, everything went smoothly despite a couple of “let downs”. Try and keep it going!

### **Precept**

The 2010/11 precept has been set at £158800. This will mean an increase for Band A properties of only £0.01 per week and a Band D property of £0.02 per week.