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THE ROLE OF HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Hatfield Parish Council was established in 1894 and later became the Town Council in 1993. The Town Council is divided into four wards, Dunscroft, Dunsville, Hatfield and Hatfield Woodhouse (including Lindholme and Red House Park).

The population of the Hatfield Town Council area is approximately 17,000, 12,000 of whom are eligible to vote.

Hatfield Town Council is made up of 14 councillors who are elected by local residents.

The members are elected from the individual wards: 6 from Dunscroft, 4 from Hatfield, 2 from Dunsville and 2 from Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme.

Each member serves for a period of four years on a purely voluntary basis with no salary attached. The main purpose

being to represent the views of the residents within our area.

Our responsibilities include maintaining Hatfield Cemetery including all the duties relating to the burial of the deceased.

Hatfield Town Council owns and maintains eight recreation grounds in Dunscroft, Hatfield and Hatfield Woodhouse.

The majority of the funding for the Town Council comes from an annual charge called the Precept which is collected on our behalf by DMBC. In addition we receive an income from charges for use of our facilities such as the Cemetery and sports pitches.

The Town Council set the annual budgets in order to deliver ongoing services whilst working to identify issues and new services which are important to the lives of our residents.

An example of this is we held a consultation day at the skate board park (see page 6) in partnership with Ground Work Dearne Valley to see how we can work with local young people to meet their needs.

As part of the planning process we comment on planning applications to the DMBC, however our comments have the same authority as a single letter from you as a resident.

The Town Council holds full council meetings on the second Monday of each month (excluding August). Residents can attend full council meetings and speak for five minutes if they have any concerns or issues they wish to raise.

For more information talk to your local councillor (see page 8) or visit the website www.hatfieldtowncouncil-southyorkshire.com

HATFIELD'S HISTORIC CEMETERY DAMAGED BY VANDALS

Up to the mid-nineteenth century, the dead in this country were mostly buried in churchyards. In 1884, due to overcrowding, the sum of £1,200 was loaned on the security of the poor rates from the Public Works Loan Board to purchase a plot of land on Mill Field of 4 acres, 1 rood and 35 perch to lay out the burial ground and build the chapel and boundary walls of Hatfield Cemetery.

Sadly, in the early evening of Thursday 30 August 2012 our historic cemetery was attacked by vandals. This is the first incident of its kind in over 30 years. If you have any information please contact your local police on 01302 385457.



AN HISTORICAL WALK AROUND HATFIELD WOODHOUSE

How times have changed! During and after the Second World War, Hatfield Woodhouse was a thriving village. It had a fish shop. Clem Owen ran a wireless shop (pre television). Mr Holmes had a large wood yard. Frank Smith had a garage opposite of the Robin Hood with petrol pumps where Mrs Smith sold home made bread cakes – delicious!

Mrs Brown had a village grocers shop on Bawtry Road at May Villa. At the end of Bawtry Road Mr and Mrs Roberts had a bike parts shop. After the War they started to make their own ice cream, later expanding to run the Post Office which then transferred to RAF Lindholme, but sadly is no longer there.



Robin Hood Public House raised to the ground

The Working Men's Club was a brick building that was demolished making way for a brand new building. Mrs Schofield ran the paper shop and the local butchers shop was run by Mr Tonkinson.

The original Village Hall, built in 1967 was later burned to the ground and replaced with the new village hall.

There were two chapels that were later demolished and replaced with the new Methodist Church.

At that time, the Robin Hood Public House was the central place of the village. Sadly it fell foul to the bulldozers and was recently demolished.

Most villages have their stalwarts, ours was Bob Walker, who lived in a small building on Bawtry Road. He was affectionately known as 'Sir Robert' because Frank Smith from the garage made him a large medal to hang round his neck.

Another character was 'Piggy Clark' who was often seen walking through the village with his bore pig going to 'serve' local people's sows.

Not to be forgotten was the sight of Mr and Mrs Colwill riding round on their tandem bicycle. Every year, Mr Colwill or 'Mr Starter' would sport his bowler hat at the children's sports day. This was always a well attended day but sadly no longer a village event.

I hope you've enjoyed the walk! (Councillor John Brown)

HATFIELD WOODHOUSE VILLAGE PLAN – YOUR VOICE!

Are you fed up of people making decisions about your community without consulting you first? When did you last have the chance to voice your concerns about issues that affect you and your family, your neighbours and friends? After all, no one knows your community like you do



Now is your chance to change all that. The residents of Hatfield and Dunsville felt just like you do now. So they got together and created a plan for their village that would influence their future and their children's futures. Their village plan now enables them to have a strong voice that will not and cannot be ignored.

We in the Ward of Hatfield Woodhouse (including Lindholme and Red House Park) can do the same. It is now time for the residents to come together and work together as a community to influence the ideas and designs of the decision makers. As a community we should be able to have a voice and influence how things are done in our name. We should never accept that what service providers want to give to us, is what we want or need.

Let's plan for our villages NOW!

Councillor Warren Temperton-Ball invites you to join him for your first open, public meeting at 7.30 pm on MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2012 at HATFIELD WOODHOUSE VILLAGE HALL. Light refreshments will be made available. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information please contact Warren on 07521 774618 or Anne Hammond on 01302 845413

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Following on from the very successful Hatfield Love Where you Live event to make your neighbourhood a cleaner and safer place to live, the DMBC East Neighbourhood Team are holding an event for Dunscroft on the morning of FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2012 starting at 10.00 am.

So please come along and meet up with the team at the East Doncaster Development Trust Resource Centre car park, next to the Co-op on Station Road. Join in a community litter pick to love where you live.

THINK TWICE BEFORE OPENING YOUR DOOR

DMBC East Area Officers recently dealt with a rogue trader selling CCTV cameras and home alarms to local elderly residents. The area officers worked with Trading Standards and the Safer Neighbourhood Police to trace the trader and prevent further sales taking place.



East Area Officers are still working in partnership with the Safer Neighbourhood Police, St Léger Homes and Trading Standards to reduce cold calling doorstep sales taking place by rogue traders in your area.

So remember, before answering the door, **pop the chain on. If you don't have a chain,** take a peep out of the window.

Don't open your door if you don't feel safe to do so.

MAYOR KEN KNIGHT'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Since the last newsletter I've been very busy presenting cheques to many worthy causes in and around the Hatfield Town Council area. I presented a cheque to Mrs Catherine Watson on behalf of the Hatfield Church Building Trust. This gave me great pleasure because Cath has worked tirelessly for many charities and voluntary organisation over many years. I was made to feel very welcome and stayed for the Annual General Meeting. Lovely tea and scones!



I have presented cheques to amongst others, Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall and the Woodhouse Players. It was good to meet up with Colin Hepworth again, a tireless worker for different groups.

I have also presented cheques to various other groups including the bowls club, football clubs, Brownies & Rainbows.

I was very proud to represent Hatfield Town Council at the Doncaster Civic Mayors Service and the Armed Forces day at Doncaster Minster.

Another excellent project is the new Abbey Field Allotments. I went along to see the progress that has been made and to talk to those involved. Getting feedback from the knowledgeable allotment holders was very useful as a keen gardener myself. The transformation of an empty field into 26 allotments, 2 football pitches and a car park with new fencing around the perimeter is truly inspirational.

This is a fantastic example of how great results can come from quality partnership working between Hatfield Town Council and DMBC Councillors to achieve such results. Well done to everyone involved!

GOOD NEWS FOR HATFIELD CAMERA CLUB

Hatfield Camera Club successfully applied to Coalfields Regeneration Trust for a grant of £4,200 to purchase equipment and put on training. If you are interested in photography contact Brian Jackson on 01302 841199.

If you are a not for profit voluntary group that needs help with funding ring Anne Hammond on 01302 845413

DUNSCROFT VILLAGE PLAN

Hatfield and Dunsville have completed their Village Plans. Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme are starting theirs on 1 October 2012 (see page 2).

If you are interested in supporting Dunscroft in developing their own Village Plan please contact Bill Morrison at EDDT on 01302 844844 or pop into the EDDT Resource Centre for a chat.

You will be very welcome!

CELEBRATION OF YOUTH EVENT IN HATFIELD

Friday 29 June to Sunday 1 July 2012 saw a weekend of discovery for 23 students and 16 adults visiting Hatfield from our twinned town of Merksplas in Belgium. It was a weekend of firsts for our Merksplas visitors starting with a Fish and Chip supper with mushy peas (not popular) on Friday and Roast dinner with Yorkshire Pudding (very popular) on Saturday. It was not easy explaining what stuffing & swede were!!!

After settling in at Hatfield Water Park, they visited Hatfield Woodhouse Primary School, which was a hive of industry. The visitors were keen to see the plaque on the wall marking the classroom where Corporal JW Harper VC studied.

It was then on to Ash Hill Academy for lunch, followed by a tour of the school and a joint PE session. Surprise was expressed by the visitors at the school uniform (blazer & tie) because they went to school in casual attire, usually jeans and t-shirts.

The evening's entertainment was provided by students of Ash Hill Academy including four songs from the musical "Grease" with the evening concluding with Hatfield Brass Band.



Enjoying traditional Fish and Chips

Saturday was a great success so thanks to the students from Ash Hill Academy who joined the Merksplas students for a great day out at Hatfield Water Park. There was a morning of canoeing **and afternoon of archery with the climbing wall being a "leap of faith".** The **Bürgermeester of Merksplas (Mayor)** and Belgian MP Frank Wilrycx climbed the wall amid cheers of support from everyone. A grateful thanks to the instructors for overcoming the language barrier.

Sunday began with a visit to the J W Harper VC war memorial at Hatfield cemetery. A speech was made by Herman Cooremans (President of Merksplas Twinning) with the laying of a wreath by Frank and student Ben. There was a 2 minute silence followed by the Merksplas students singing **the first verse of "God save the Queen". A truly special moment.**

The final activity was a visit to Hatfield Moors where the Clic Sargent Charity and Natural England had an Open Day with guided walks, stalls & refreshments. There was concern from a couple of students on how long the walk was but Julian and Janet from Natural England were fantastic guides. When fears were expressed about the snakes, they were all reassured that the snakes were more frightened of them so would stay in hiding until we had all left.

Students were informed about the remnants of an aircraft (Wellington W5557) and listened to the story of the Polish pilots who died during World War Two.

We all waved goodbye with heavy hearts, sad that the weekend had come to an end but happy with the new friendships forged and memories to savour in the years to come.

All the costs of hosting our friends from Merksplas are met by fund raising. All the costs of the Association members are met out of their own pockets and not from fundraising or the public purse.



Our visitors enjoying a visit to Hatfield Moors

YOUNG PEOPLE IN DUNSCROFT NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

As part of the Neighbourhood Alliance multi-agency initiative, the DMBC East Area Team asked residents in Dunscoft what they would like in their community. Young people let it be known that there was nothing for them to do. So, a steering group was set up to look at how this could be addressed.

GET INVOLVED

This is where YOU can help. We need to set up a small Management Committee of adults who would be supported at all times by a multi-agency Steering Group to get this project off the ground. You would meet once a month, get involved in whatever capacity suits you to draw down funding to put on activities that young people want to do. If you would like to have a chat about anything to do with

this project please ring Bill Morrison on 01302 844844 or pop into the Resource centre on Station Road or ring Anne Hammond on 01302 845413. We are looking forward to meeting you.



REVAMP FOR VICTORIA HALL

The National Citizen Service (NCS) gives young people the opportunity to gain skills, meet new people and give back to their community.



40 NCS young people from all over Doncaster cleared out and fixed up Victoria Hall in Hatfield.

The building has been transformed with the help of St Leger Homes, Dantom Homes, Neil Green Carpets, Markham Grange Garden Centre, SC Electrical and Crown Decorating Centre who donated time, equipment and supplies. The building was painted inside and out, the main stage was rebuilt, carpets were laid, new mirrors were hung in the hall and new toilets and basins were put in the WC.

This was all done by the young people in just one week. What an amazing achievement! Well done all of you!

DUNSCROFT WELFARE JFC

Great news for Dunscoft Welfare Junior Football Club! They successfully applied for and were granted funding of £4,700 by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. Half of the grant will be used to replace worn out equipment and new goals for the ten teams currently playing at Dunscoft Welfare and Abbey School Fields. The other half will be spent on training up their volunteers to be coaches and referees etc.

If your group also needs help with funding, contact Anne Hammond on 01302 845413.



EAST DONCASTER DEVELOPMENT TRUST

East Doncaster Development Trust (EDDT) Resource Centre can help you find employment, source relevant training and help you understand the welfare benefits and disability system. All you need to do is walk through their door at 281 Station Road, Dunscoft, to receive whatever help you need.

EDDT is also working with local volunteers, the DMBC, Hatfield Town Council and local partner agencies to look at ways to support the youth of the area. One suggestion is the provision of a Community building which would serve as a youth centre but also serve the wider community. EDDT is currently investigating funding sources which would enable us to take such a project forward. For more information contact Bill Morrison on 01302 844844.

CONSULTING WITH LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE

On a (rare) sunny day in Hatfield, 95 local young people came along to tell Hatfield Town Council their vision for the skateboard park on Jubilee Park. Ground Work Dearne Valley, with the help of a grant from Cadburys put on an Extreme Olympics Sports event.

It was a great spectacle with some amazing talent including back flips that made everyone gasp! A number of ideas were put forward by the young people on the day which will be looked at by the Town Council. Watch this space!



INVITE ANNE

If the Olympics has got you thinking about exercise, why not try one of the following:

QIGONG

I was invited by a very friendly group of people to **have a go at Qigong. Even though I'd never done it** before I found I could quite easily join in. Jenny said *"I joined after going through a trauma in my life and I've gone ever since"*.



Molly said her consultant at Weston Park Hospital was impressed with her ability to exercise after major surgery.

Keith, a very experienced tutor, welcomes people of varying abilities. *"We've had people in wheelchairs and some who had to sit down. We would like to see more men too"*.

It's not just about exercise, it's a social group too. Marion said they have been on a number of trips this year already with more in the pipe line. The group meets at **St Edwin's Church** at 9.30 am every Wednesday at a cost of £3.00 including refreshments. **Please pop in next time you're passing and have a go, you're very welcome.**

SPIRIT OF FREEDOM PROJECT

The Spirit of Freedom Project is a charity set up by Pete Bell and Jimmy Harrington and is based in Lindholme. The Boxing Club is open to juniors and adults both male and female.

Junior sessions are on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 4.30 to 5.30 pm at a cost of £2.00 per session.

Senior sessions are Monday to Friday from 5.30 to 7.00 pm at a cost of £3.50 per session or you can pay £10 for five evenings where you can pop in any time in the day.

I was invited to (and now take part in) the **women's boxing and circuit training sessions** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. It is a very **friendly group but be warned, it's the hardest thing I've ever done (as you can see in the photo) but I really enjoy it and feel the benefit already!**



For more information on the boxing contact Jimmy on 07912 749 943 or for a personal trainer contact Danny Oliver on 07812 050 788.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2012 BUN APPEAL

The Croft Children's Centre needs your help! This year they are holding a massive Bake Sale to raise money for Children in Need. They are appealing for donations of cakes, buns, tray bakes and all kinds of home baked yummy treats they can sell on FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 12. If you want to help them raise money for this worthwhile charity or if you want to get involved in this community event then please ring 01302 847790.



Baked goods will need to be dropped off at the Children's Centre on the morning of 15 November 2012.



Celebrating Your Community

Hatfield Town Council is working closely with their local partner agencies, amongst others the **DMBC, Croft Children's Centre and PCT** to put on the first **FREE** Interactive Health Event of its kind for people in Duncroft, Dunsville, Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme. This is your chance to have a chat with people who deliver services in your area that impact on your quality of life in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. So please come along.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! EVERYTHING IS FREE!



Demos of activities in your area



Chat with a variety of health professionals including cancer and stroke



Chat with your local Fire Service and look round a real fire engine



Have a go at the SY Fire Service Subaru and Motorcycle Simulators

10 am to 3.00 pm

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2012

**DUNSCROFT OAP'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
St Lawrence Road, Duncroft (off Broadway)**

This is just a taster of all the agencies, groups, organisations and experiences you can have on the day. If you have any questions or queries you'd like the answer to this is the event for you.



Chat to the Walk for Health Group or the Ramblers



Try a range of fruit smoothies

If transport is an issue please ring Anne on 01302 845413 to book a seat on the disabled access bus.

Watch out for details on the second bus that will be picking up and dropping off anyone in the community to and from the event all around the Hatfield Town area on the day.



Have your say about issues that affect you



Try healthy options you may not have tried before

Fill in a questionnaire on the day to win a fantastic prize!



Book a gentle massage



Try the healthier option of old favourites



Free BMI, blood pressure and cholesterol checks

Take away lots of information to refer to later

This event has kindly been supported by Doncaster Link, soon to be known as Health Watch. If you'd like to have your say on the day come along and talk to Trish Jones or ring her on **01302 554970** or visit their website at www.doncasterlink.co.uk

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THE OLYMPIC TORCH

We were all very proud residents having the Olympic Torch travel through our villages. It was great that the streets were lined with people to watch such an historic event. The atmosphere was soaked up by all and a wonderful community spirit was felt by all.

Many photographs were taken on the day and many flags waved in appreciation. Well done to the organisers of this historic event. We should all be extremely proud!



PHOTO COMPETITION



We would like you to tell us a story using your camera. Is there anywhere in your community (Dunscroft, Dunsville, Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme) that has captured a key moment in your life? For example it may be where you

were proposed to, or where you first rode a bike, or the tree you planted as a child. The subject is totally up to you but let us know why. There is no age restriction to entering.

The winning photo will be judged by a visiting expert at a Hatfield Camera Club Open Night. We are not looking for expertise, we are looking for an interesting photo and story. The winner will have their picture professionally framed and will be featured in the next Herald newsletter.

E-mail your photo to hatfieldcamera@gmail.com or post to Hatfield Town Council, Council Offices, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield DN7 6QE. Please mark your envelope 'Photo Competition'.

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WHAT'S YOUR NEWS?



Is there something you'd like us to include in our next newsletter?

Is there someone in your community whose achievements you would like to tell us all about?

Would you like to 'Invite Anne' to your voluntary group so you can feature in the next edition?

Then pick up the phone and give Anne a ring on 01302 845413 or email annehammondhtc@gmail.com

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS 2012/2013

Town Council meetings normally start at 7.00 pm

Monday 8 October 2012
Monday 12 November 2013
Monday 10 December 2012
Monday 14 January 2013
Monday 11 February 2013
Monday 11 March 2013

COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES 2012

10 am to 11 am on:

Saturday 6 October
Saturday 10 November
Saturday 8 December

ABBEY FIELD ALLOTMENTS

If you would like to put your name on the waiting list for an allotment please contact Mary Fagan on 07411 224 308

Hatfield Town Council hope you find this edition of our newsletter useful. If you have any comments on the newsletter, please send them to the Council Offices, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield DN7 6QE or Tel: 01302 840347 or 01302 845413 or email annehammondhtc@gmail.com. The Council Offices are open from 10 am to 4 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT EDITION IN DECEMBER 2012