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HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT

At the Town Council's meeting on 14 January 2013 it was agreed to set a precept of £148,500 for the financial year 2013/14. This is the amount levied on Doncaster MBC and is collected from local residents through the Council Tax bills. In addition, the Town Council is to receive a new grant from Doncaster MBC amounting to £24,250. The two figures added together make £172,750, which is an increase of £3,950 (2.3%) over the current year's precept. This equates to an increase of less than 2p a week for the average council tax payer.

When setting its budget in 2012/13, the Town Council agreed to fund part of its costs by taking £40,000 from balances. This level of subsidy is no longer possible, although in order to balance its budget for 2013/14, a further £4,800 has been taken from balances. The cost of the recent by-elections in Hatfield and Dunscroft is expected to be in excess of £10,000. This money will have to be found from within the Town Council's budget.

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW LOCAL COUNCILLORS



At the February meeting of the Town Council we welcomed three new Councillors following the by-election caused by recent resignations.

The successful candidates were (left to right) Nigel Bennett representing the Dunscroft Ward, Jessie Credland, Hatfield Ward and Paul Siddons, Dunscroft Ward.

They will serve as councillors until the next elections in May 2015.

ANNUAL TOWNS MEETING

The Annual Towns Meeting will be held at Ash Hill Academy at **7 pm on Monday 22 April 2013**. Shaun Wright, the new Police Commissioner for South Yorkshire has been invited to attend to present his plans for the future of policing in South Yorkshire. Everyone is welcome.

It is your meeting and if there are any issues or concerns you would like to be included on the agenda please let me know not later than Monday 8 April 2013.

THE WOODLAND TRUST TREE PLANTING CHALLENGE

On the front page of the Winter Herald, the Council was pleased to inform you that 170 trees had been planted throughout Hatfield to enhance the environment. The trees, stakes and rabbit guards had been supplied free of charge by the Woodland Trust to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that most of the trees planted on Dunscroft Miners Welfare ground, on Hatfield Woodhouse recreation ground and Abbey Road Playing Field have been vandalised or stolen.

FUNDING SUCCESSES FOR LINDHOLME PROJECT

The Spirit of Freedom Project has added to their previous funding successes by being awarded grants from WREN for **£50,000** and Sported for **£5,688**. The grants will enable the group to develop a disabled wet room and toilet, ladies shower and changing room, a new secure entrance, and to put in new windows and a heating system. The renovations will make a huge difference to the project.



The Spirit of Freedom Project is now applying for funding to renovate the kitchen/training room so they can run training sessions that will complement the boxing, rugby, fitness and personal training sessions. It will also be used as a meeting room and social area for anyone in Lindholme and the surrounding area.

Their successful bid to South Yorkshire Community Foundation for **£1,500** was used to buy new equipment for the gym. The grant from Coalfields Regeneration Trust for **£4,995** paid for new rugby posts, equipment and coach training for local volunteers to support the new Junior Rugby Team.

If you are interested in any of the activities on offer by The Spirit of Freedom Project, please ring Jimmy on **07912 749 943**.

If you are a not for profit group in Dunscroft, Dunsville, Hatfield or Hatfield Woodhouse and are also interested in applying for a grant to external funders to improve your group, contact Anne Hammond on **01302 845413** or email annehammondhtc@gmail.com

HATFIELD WOODHOUSE WARD VILLAGE PLAN

Councillor Warren Temperton-Ball would like to personally thank all the people that helped to arrange, and more importantly those who attended the first two public meetings. A committee has been formed, the constitution adopted and meeting dates set for 7 pm on every third Monday of the month at Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Our goal is to undertake a survey of the whole of Hatfield Woodhouse ward including Redhouse Park and Lindholme. It will be a “snapshot in time” but it will help plan the care and development of the Hatfield Woodhouse Ward, bringing the unique diversities of each part of the Ward together as one over the next ten to fifteen years.

Now the fun begins (and that is what we intend the process to be – fun!). Over the coming months the committee and members will be organising fund raising events at various locations, so please look out for the local adverts and flyers and put the dates in your diaries.

At the events you will be asked to supply your moans, groans, dreams and aspirations so the Committee and members can create a questionnaire that will be delivered to every home. Please support and attend when you can.

For more information then please contact Councillor Temperton-Ball on **07860 600 368** or Mr Mike Conway the elected Chairperson on **07973 752 763**

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY'S MEMORY CAFÉ



Do you have dementia or care for someone who has dementia? If so we may be able to help you. Why not pop along to one of our Memory Cafes and have a cup of tea and a chat amongst friends., you are most welcome!

We run a memory café every 3rd Monday of the month at Hatfields Public House. The café offers people with dementia, their carers, family and friends the opportunity to meet other people in a friendly, relaxed, social setting. We provide information, advice and support as well as social activities and musical entertainment. For more information please ring Doncaster Alzheimer Society on **01709 580543**

LOCAL UNSUNG HEROES



Ray Harper was born in 1946 in Thorne, the son of a miner and local footballer. He attended Fieldside Junior School and Thorne Secondary School. He went on to Doncaster Technical College to gain his City and Guilds in Plumbing.

Ray started a youth club at St Nicholas Church, Thorne and fundraised to provide a Christmas Party for the children at Wyndtorpe Hall. In 1969 Ray married Jackie McPhee with son Michael and daughter Sally being born in the seventies.

In 1972, Ray joined the Police Force and was based at Thorne Police Station. He continued his fundraising by organising parties for police families.

Ray became a founder member and the first chair of Crookesbroom Parent Teacher Association and was actively involved in Stainforth Athletics Club.

In 1995, Ray joined the Thorne based Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) as a case worker. Since 2000, Ray and his colleagues have raised over **£500,000** to pay for servicemen's needs. Ray has devoted thousands of hours fundraising and helping SSAFA and various charities including £3,500 for St James Hospital, Leeds; £3,200 for St John's Hospice and £1,300 for the Lifeboats plus many more thousands for various other local and national charities.

If you would like to nominate a local champion please ring Anne Hammond on **01302 845413** or email **annehammondhtc@gmail.com**.

FREE HEALTH COURSES

COOK AND EAT

These are 4–6 week courses led by a trained Community Food Educator. All ingredients and equipment is supplied free of charge. Participants will get to practise new cooking skills, new recipe ideas, try new foods and learn how to make healthy choices.

HEALTH WEIGHT SOLUTIONS

This is a 12 week weight management course where each session covers something new and different such as balanced eating, reading food labels, portion sizes and getting more active in your local area. Once again this is **FREE!!!**

Dates, times and venues will depend on the interest shown so if you are interested please contact Charlotte Edgington, Community Food Educator on **01302 366666** ext. **3711** or you can email charlotte.keedy@nhs.net



DO YOU LIKE FOOTBALL?

Would you be interested in the post of Changing Room Attendant at Jubilee Park Sports Pavilion? This involves attending on a Sunday morning for approximately 3 hours when one of the local football teams are playing at home. Contact Duncan Wright on 01302 840347 on a Tuesday or Wednesday for further information.

BOGUS OFFICIAL IN HATFIELD AREA

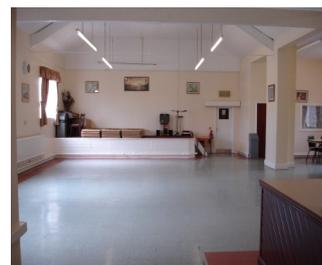
Police would like to make residents aware of a possible “bogus official” in the Hatfield area. The woman is posing as a police officer in plain clothes. She produces a black wallet as identification but does not show an ID card. She states she is from South Yorkshire Police and is in the area looking at CCTV and security in properties due to a number of burglaries. The woman is described as white, approximately 5 foot 10 inches tall and of slim build. She has a Yorkshire accent and long dark hair in a ponytail. She has been seen wearing a mid length, beige belted coat. If you have seen this woman or believe she has been to your property please contact South Yorkshire Police on 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.

DUNSCROFT OAP AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre on St Lawrence Road holds friendly bingo sessions on Sunday from 6-7 pm and Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7-8 pm. They also hold a luncheon club on Wednesdays from 11.30 to 2 pm. Everyone is welcome!

For bookings, the centre is available on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays all day up to 4 pm; Tuesdays all day; Wednesdays from 2.30 pm onwards; Saturdays free all day and Sundays free all day up to 4 pm.

The Centre charges £12.50 an hour for children's parties and £15 per hour for all other bookings with access to the fully equipped kitchen. For bookings please contact **Norma Sturrock** on **01302 883264**.



HATFIELD CEMETERY HISTORIC CHAPEL

Do you have any creative ideas on how the Town Council could make better use of the historic chapel in Hatfield Cemetery? It is a non denominational building but it cannot be used for civil marriages.

In order to be used for religious marriages it has to be registered as a place of worship with an extensive process being adhered to prior to services taking place. The chapel seats a maximum of 30 people at any one time. If you have any ideas contact Duncan Wright on 01302 840347 or Anne Hammond.

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YORK ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Doncaster's Local Development Framework allows for the disposal of land for housing development. Hatfield Town Council would like to hear your views on nominating York Road Recreation Ground for such purposes.

If you have strong feelings one way or the other please contact Duncan Wright, the Town Clerk on 01302 840347 or by emailing him at duncan@hatfieldtc.wanadoo.co.uk.

Your opinion really does count!

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013

Town Council meetings normally start at 7.00 pm.

Monday 8 April 2013
Monday 22 April 2013 Annual Towns Meeting
Monday 13 May 2013 (Annual Meeting)
Monday 10 June 2013
Monday 8 July 2013
Monday 9 September 2013
Monday 14 October 2013
Monday 11 November 2013
Monday 9 December 2013

COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY 2013

10 am to 11 am

Saturday 6 April 2013
Saturday 11 May 2013
Saturday 8 June 2013
Saturday 6 July 2013
Saturday 7 September 2013
Saturday 12 October 2013
Saturday 9 November 2013
Saturday 7 December 2013

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 2 pm on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Look out for the next edition in June.