

HATFIELD HERALD

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NEW TOWN MAYOR



Councillor Warren Temperton-Ball (on the right) accepts the chain of office from the outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor James Hart.

STATION ROAD RECREATION GROUND

The Town Council have had to take steps recently to remove horses that were illegally grazing on the above recreation ground. This practice not only contravenes local bye-laws it poses a serious hazard to children wanting to play on the play equipment and will not be tolerated. Any future breaches will be dealt with swiftly and decisively—the horses will be impounded.

46th DONCASTER (HATFIELD) GUIDES



The Town Mayor, Councillor Warren Temperton-Ball presenting a grant cheque to Jennifer Fox

HATFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

As most of you know Doncaster MBC has withdrawn its funding for librarians' salaries at Hatfield and all but four of Doncaster's libraries. Many people attended meetings to show support for Jenny and her staff who have given us such wonderful service. Some people wrote letters, others signed petitions in the hope of changing DMBC's decision. Unfortunately, there was nothing we could do to save the jobs of Jenny, Carol and Michelle. The library would only stay open if the community took responsibility for the running it. The choice had to be made—volunteer or lose the library as we know it. Some volunteers were co-opted onto the Committee and to our great delight Jenny joined us and has become a driving force behind the bid to maintain the library with its many varied activities. However, we have only 10 volunteers (to whom we are very grateful) to serve customers. This is not enough to provide the full library service which we have at the moment. We need more volunteers to try to maintain the best service possible. If you are retired, work part time or have time to spare and wish to help, please contact us. Any amount of time would be useful but if you wish to work with customers a 3 hour session one day a week (or more) would be wonderful. There are other ways in which you could help:

Volunteer activities can include managing library books, tidying and sorting stock, creating displays, helping people to use computers, cleaning and much more. The role you choose to take as a volunteer can be shaped around the skills and experience you feel comfortable sharing.

What are some of the benefits for you?

- Learn new skills & meet new people
- Build your confidence & have some fun
- Get to know your local community
- Feel valued as part of a team
- Gain valuable work experience for your CV

Training has already started but you can join the remaining sessions and catch up later. Volunteers will receive advice/support from a library member of staff for 18 hours a week, so training will be on going. Information and application forms can be picked up in the library.

Contact -

Hatfield Library tel. 842064

Volunteer coordinator Janice Bewley tel. 841451

Email hatfieldcommunitylibrary@gmail.com



HATFIELD TRIATHLON

The Hatfield Triathlon is due to take place on Sunday 20 July 2014, commencing at 10 a.m.

The 750m Open water swim is done within the Hatfield Water park lake, the 24km bike race takes you around the flat country side to the east of Doncaster and the run will be the same route as used for the Doncaster Triathlon. It will be a one lap course which is 5km.

For further details contact Andy Pidduck by email at racehardevents@sky.com



SPIDER ALLEY

The Town Council has received notification that an appeal has been submitted to the High Court again asking for the confirmed order to be quashed. The grounds for appeal are very complicated and based on legal technicalities rather than the basic "did the public use the path" test. The appeal is primarily against the Secretary of State (in the person of the inquiry Inspector). We will keep you informed of developments.

JUBILEE PARK FOOTBALL PITCHES

Are you looking for somewhere to play football for the forthcoming season. There are four pitches on Jubilee Park and there is a Sports Pavilion with shower facilities, so if you are interested please contact the Town Clerk. Currently the cost per match, including changing, shower and toilet facilities is £27

ABBEY PLAYING FIELDS— ALLOTMENTS

It is with great sadness that the Town Council have to report that the Abbey Field Allotments have been broken into on several occasions and equipment stolen. The Town Council and the allotment owners have now increased security at the site to try to prevent further break-ins. If you see anything suspicious in the vicinity please ring 101 and let the Police know.

LAND OFF DONCASTER ROAD PROPOSAL TO BUILD UP TO 400 HOUSES

The Town Council recently met representatives of Nathaniel Lichfields the company putting forward the proposal to build 400 houses on Doncaster Road, Hatfield/Dunscroft. They stated that the consultation event revealed that 33% supported the scheme whilst 67% were against but only a small number of people had returned the flyers that had been circulated, allowing them to make comments. The Town Council put forward various concerns including loss of wildlife habitat, the lack of school places, the lack of doctors' appointments, volume of traffic already on the road. It was stated that Doncaster MBC will have taken all these issues into consideration when looking at the proposal.

It was stated that the proposal will create 120 permanent jobs in the area and the Town Council asked for reassurances that the jobs would be offered to local residents and not to workers from outside the area.

101 IS THE NUMBER TO RING

If you have concerns about anything that looks suspicious to you—please ring 101 and report it to the Police. Obviously if you witness a break-in in progress or something similar, ring 999.

HISTORY OF HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AREA

Do you have any documents, photographs etc. depicting the history of the Town Council area (which includes Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse, Dunsville, Dunscroft, and Lindholme). If so, the Town Council will be very pleased if you could loan them to us or, even better, donate them. Recently the daughter of a gentleman who lived in the area donated a document about the sale of the 'Hatfield Estate' which has proved very interesting reading. Some of the interesting facts could then be incorporated into future editions of the Herald. Please contact us on the above telephone number or by email.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Town Council Newsletter is available on the Town Council website www.hatfieldtowncouncil-southyorkshire.com—



HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL – ANNUAL TOWNS MEETING 28 APRIL 2014

Town Mayor's report on Town Council's activities for year ended 31 March 2014

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

Recreation

There is still a continuing problem with horses, vandalism, fly tipping and dog fouling on all recreation grounds but the Town Council are working hard to try to improve the situation. Vandalism has been high and the Town Council have spent a great deal of money on trying to maintain play equipment.

Despite the Town Council increasing security by providing new fencing, gates etc. some horse owners have managed to access Station Road Recreation Ground by committing criminal damage and breaking the padlocks on the gates.

Jubilee Park has not produced any revenue from the football teams this year but the Skate Park remains popular and the Town Council are still seeking funding to improve the cyclo-cross track.

The Abbey Field Allotments are being enjoyed by many local residents, although they too have suffered from thefts of equipment recently. The Town Council has contributed to increasing security of the site.

On a bright note, the Town Council have, in conjunction with DART Training, provided a full time apprenticeship in horticulture for one young local resident. Lee commenced his apprenticeship on 13 January 2014 and will be with us for one year. During his time he will be, amongst other things, taking care of and improving Hatfield Cemetery Peace Garden.

In October 2013, thieves broke into the Sports Pavilion once again and two copper hot water cylinders were stolen. These have now been replaced with steel cylinders which have a much lower scrap value. The fencing surrounding the compound has also been painted with anti-vandal paint.

Community Issues

Unfortunately in July 2013 the Town Council said goodbye to Anne Hammond, the Community Development Worker. This was due to a lack of funding for her post. Anne did a sterling job during her year and has been missed by many people.

Hatfield Library – the Town Council has been heavily involved in trying to keep Hatfield Library open. Using the Localism Act, it put forward Hatfield Library to be included on the list of community assets. Various meetings have taken place with Doncaster MBC's Head of Libraries and various other interested parties in order to support the retention of the library in its present form.

Grants totalling nearly £11700 were approved and distributed to various organisations in the area. Many functions were attended where grants from the Town Council were presented. Just a reminder that the Town Council are now only awarding grants once a year in March.

Hatfield Band continues to be sponsored by the Town Council and has enjoyed competition success this year which we all hope will continue.

Dog Fouling/Litter – the Town Council has agreed to include money in the budget to employ an Enforcement Officer to deal with these problems. This has been done and is being progressed.

Precept

The 2013/14 precept was set at £148500. In addition, the Town Council received a new grant from Doncaster MBC amounting to £24250. The two figures added together make £172750, which is an increase of £3950 over the previous year's precept. This equated to an increase of less than 2p a week for the average council tax payer.

The precept for 2014/15 has been set at £16920. For a Band D property this will mean a rise of £2.38 per year or 4.6p per week.



Other

One of the biggest changes to the Town Council this year, was the retirement of Duncan Wright, the Town Clerk and the employment of Clare McRoy as the new Town Clerk. Clare joined the Town Council from Roth-erham MBC Rights of Way Section where she worked for 7 years.

Due to the resignation of Councillor Mrs Beryl Harrison in September 2013, a by-election took place and the Town Council welcomed Councillor Bill Morrison to his first council meeting in December 2013.

An electoral review of Doncaster MBC was undertaken in 2013. The draft recommendations will be published in May 2014.

The Town Council once again agreed to the Council Offices being used as a Polling Station for the May 2014 borough elections.

Complaints regarding heavy goods vehicles and the mess they are leaving on the roads, has been a constant theme again this year. The Town Council are in constant communication with Hargreaves to resolve the over-all problem and any individual instances brought to its attention by members of the public. This situation is constantly being monitored.

“Spider Alley” – the result of the latest Public Inquiry means that this footpath can be included on the definitive map. It is possible that there may still be a further appeal against this decision.

Proposed development of land off Doncaster Road, Duncroft/Dunsville – residents are extremely concerned about this proposed development and the Town Council have requested feedback from the consultation and have invited Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners to attend the town council meeting in April. It has also requested that they hold a “public” meeting to discuss the matter. In this connection a traffic survey has also been requested from Doncaster MBC to monitor current traffic flow as it was felt that the road was already up to capacity. Additionally the Town Council approached the relevant Drainage Board for their comments.

On a personal note I would like to thank members of the community and Town Councillors for their support during this year. Both Alison and I have thoroughly enjoyed representing the Town Council in an official capacity and it has been a pleasure meeting all the groups that receive grants and do so much good work for our community.

Councillor James Hart
Town Mayor

HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014 (Subject to Audit)

Income	£
Precept	148,500
Hatfield Cemetery (Burial Fees)	31,895
Sports Pavilion (Lettings)	162
Other Income	<u>27,007</u>
	<u>207,564</u>
Expenditure	£
Council Offices/Admin Expenses (including salaries)	77,151
Hatfield Cemetery/Cemetery House—running costs	39,938
Recreation Grounds/Sports Pavilion—running costs	38,144
Vehicles and Equipment	4,107
Grants	13,845
Election Expenses	<u>19,106</u>
	<u>192,291</u>



FRIENDS OF QUARRY PARK



Friends of Quarry Park have joined the recently formed Doncaster Green Spaces Network and will be meeting regularly with other members such as the "Friends of" groups at Sandall Park, Cantley Park and Campsall Country Park. We are proud that a view of the path through the woodland at the Quarry Park features on the front page of the network's website at www.doncastergsn.wordpress.com. The subject of the next meeting is 'Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour', so we hope to pick up ideas on how to continue to keep the Quarry Park safe for all users.

The new Management Plan for Quarry Park is now available to view in our information pack in Hatfield Library. You will be able to see the planned improvements including a priority list drawn up from last year's consultation. There are also a number of pictures of the park, see if you can spot your favourite view.

If you are not familiar with the Quarry Park why not pay it a visit? You can jog, stroll, follow the orienteering course, relax on a seat in the woodland area or bring your children/grandchildren to enjoy the children's play areas. Access the park from entrances on Broadway, Dunscroft, Greens Road, St Marys Road and behind the Post Office. (car parking at the last 2 locations).

The next tidying up/litter picking session on 25 July coincides with Love Parks Week and the volunteers from the Friends will be on the park as usual from 10.30 to 12.30.a.m picking up litter etc. Come along and meet us, hear our plans, you may even want to give us a hand.

Finally a plea to dog-walkers, please pick up after your pets to keep our green space a safe healthy environment for everyone. There are bins around the park already with additional ones ready to be added at strategic points.

Ash Hill Academy
Arts Festival 2014
Presents:
Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze)
Maia
Big Tent and the Gypsy Lantern

Frank Carline
Doncaster Youth Swing Orchestra
EKS Big Band (Herten, Germany)
Chalface

Disclaimer: Whilst every effort is made to avoid programme changes, Don't Arts Festival 2014 reserves the right to change artists or programmes without notice as a result of events and circumstances beyond its control.

Saturday 21st June 2014
Ash Hill Academy
1.00pm-8.00pm
Gates open from 12.45pm

Carnival Parade featuring London School of Samba
Art and Craft Stalls—
Toby's Fairground Rides
Free Art Activities
Licensed Bar, Refreshments

Tickets £7.50
Childs Ticket £2.50 (under 16's)
Tickets also available on the gate

Tickets available to purchase online, www.wegotickets.com
or from the following venues: Ash Hill Academy, Coffee at N° 4, Charlotte's Florists,
Number Thirteen, Hatfield - East Doncaster Trust Offices, Dunscroft

For further details: please contact Celeste Cull at Ash Hill Academy
Tel: 01302 840961 Email: cullc@ashhillacademy.org.uk

NEW VICAR FOR ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HATFIELD

The collation, induction and licensing of the Reverend Canon Elizabeth Turner-Loisel as Priest-in-Charge and Area Dean by the Rt Reverend Dr Steven Croft, The Bishop of Sheffield is to take place on Thursday 19 June 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at St Lawrence Church, Hatfield.

The Town Council would like to welcome Reverend Canon Turner-Loisel to the parish.

DEVELOPMENTS AT HATFIELD WATER PARK

Hatfield Water Park is the home of Flying Futures and one of its young people has had an idea to create a community garden/sustainable vegetable patch on some overgrown land next to the lake. An application has gone in to Yorkshire Housings Building Futures Project for a small grant to help buy equipment. The Probation Service has become involved with help and advice. The vision is to create a community garden with seating and raised beds that is open to the public. **Can you help?** For more information email: Stacey.Parry@Yorkshirehousing.co.uk



What is it? Have you seen this tree root? Shaun Mead took this photograph on Hatfield Moor - thanks Shaun.

Why don't you take a stroll around the moors and see what you can spot, the more unusual the better and then send in a picture to be included in the Hatfield Herald. Thorne (together with Goole and Crowle Moors) and Hatfield Moors form the largest complex of lowland raised bog in Britain covering an area of 8000 acres. Though the vast majority of the area is recently worked or abandoned peat cutting, this unique environment is rich in flora and fauna. The abandoned peat cuttings, which were sufficiently wet, have reverted back to bog. This ideal habitat provides a unique opportunity to see a range of special plants, including common cottongrass, sphagnum mosses, cranberry, bog rosemary and round-leaved sundew. Cross-leaved heath and hare's tail cotton grass grow in damp areas but the much drier peat baulks support bracken, heather and birch.

THE MCDONNELL BROTHERS

The Town Council would like to congratulate Jamie and Gavin McDonnell on their recent boxing successes.

Jamie has recently won the WBA World Bantamweight title and Gavin has become the British Super Bantamweight champion. Both boxers are trained at the Freedom ABC Gymn at Lindholme by David Hulley.

YOUR COUNCIL

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014

Town Council meetings normally commence
at 7.00 pm. in the Town Council Offices, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield

Burial & Recreation Committee (Site Visits)	Monday 2 June 2014
Burial & Recreation Committee	Monday 3 June 2014
Town Council	Monday 9 June 2014
Town Council	Monday 14 July 2014
August Recess	
Planning Committee	Monday 11 August 2014
Town Council	Monday 8 September 2014
Policy and Resources Committee	Monday 6 October 2014
Town Council	Monday 13 October 2014
Remembrance Committee	Monday 20 October 2014
Budget Committee	Monday 3 November 2014
Town Council	Monday 10 November 2014
Town Council	Monday 8 December 2014
Burial & Recreation Committee	Monday 15 December 2014

COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES 2014

10 am to 11 am in the Town
Council Offices, Cuckoo
Lane, Hatfield

11 January 2014
8 February 2014
8 March 2014
12 April 2014
10 May 2014
7 June 2014
12 July 2014
6 September 2014
11 October 2014
8 November 2014
6 December 2014

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