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& shed loads more stuff

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Forthcoming Council Meetings

Meetings are usually held at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 0AN at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise on the agenda. Every meeting has a 15 minute session when members of the public may raise issues relating to the work of the Council or Committee.

Date & Time	Meeting	Venue
6 April 2011	Annual Town Meeting	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
13 April 2011	Planning Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
5 May	ELECTIONS	
11 May 2011	Council / Annual Council	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
18 May 2011	Planning Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
25 May 2011	Leisure Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
9 June 2011	Resources and Policy Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre

If you comment on a planning application to the Borough Council please send us a copy so that we can take your views into account at our Planning Committee meetings.

Start a Residents' Association and make yourself heard

Are you interested in working with others to improve your local neighbourhood? Do you have a particular project or idea you would like to develop but are not sure where to start? If so, the Welwyn Hatfield Community Housing Trust can help you.

The Trust's Community Development Team is offering grants of £100 to help residents in Welwyn Hatfield to start up Residents' Associations. The Team can also provide advice and support to get the groups up and running.

Contact the Community Development Team for more information on 01707 357733 or email communities@welhat-cht.org.uk

Councillor Dave Kay

It is with great sadness that we report that Deputy Mayor Councillor Dave Kay passed away on 20th January 2011. A very active Member of the Town Council, Dave sat on Resources and Policy Committee, Leisure Committee, Planning Committee, Grants Sub Committee, Grounds Maintenance Sub Committee and Young Volunteer of the Year Working Party.



Council Tax in Hatfield

Residents of Hatfield will not be asked to pay a 1p more in Council Tax for the services and facilities of Hatfield Town Council for the financial year commencing 1st April 2011.

The Town Council will continue to maintain all its facilities to the same high standard and invest in its property base so the people of Hatfield can enjoy their community assets.

£1.34 per week for a Band D property is the charge for 2011/12.

Council Website

The Council wishes to review and refresh its website. Residents wishing to express an interest in carrying this out should contact the Town Clerk with their details.

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**No
Incinerator
in Hatfield!**



On Friday Feb 18th, at the meeting of Herts County Council, protesters again raised their objections to a waste incinerator being built at New Barnfield in South Hatfield.

Alan Franey, Deputy Leader of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, presented the "Save New Barnfield" petition, which had been organised by Grant Shapps, M.P. and had two and a half thousand signatures. The petition will now be referred to Herts CC Waste Management Panel.

In April, Herts CC will receive a report from its officers suggesting how to proceed with the process of procurement of a waste incinerator. At the moment there are two bidders for the contract, Veolia, who want to build at New Barnfield, and Eon, who want to build at Harper Lane near Radlett. Residents' group "Hatfield Against Incineration" is campaigning against the building of an incinerator anywhere in Herts. The £2 billion cost over the length of the PFI contract is just one major reason why incineration is not the right way to deal with the county's waste.

Benches donated and installed

Thanks to Borough Councillor Irene Dean, Newgate Street Village play area and playing field have benefitted from 3 new benches. The benches were funded from the Borough's Community Chest Fund and installed by Town Council staff.

At the request of local residents, the

Town Council has also purchased and installed more benches at Acacia Street, Hatfield.



Thank you

Thanks to your generosity £687 was raised for the Jim McDonald Centre on our Santa runs in December. Thank you to Jimmy Mac's, their volunteers, students from the Uni and of course Father Christmas for collecting money on some very cold evenings.

News & Events

New Play equipment

New equipment has been installed at Acacia Street, Newgate Street Village and Lemsford Village. The equipment was chosen by local young people. The Council will continue its programme of equipment renewal and replacement in 2011/12. Residents of Newgate Street are being asked their views on what should replace their current equipment. If you live in Newgate Street Village and want to have your say, please contact the Town Clerk or a member of the Village Society.



Centenary Park and Millwards

Following consultation with local residents in 2009, the Council will be installing a range of outdoor gym equipment in Centenary Park. The Council was unsuccessful with its bids for grant funding so it has set aside funding from council tax payers' money and has received £1,000 from the Guinness Housing Trust. It is hoped that 2011/12 will be the first year of a three year programme to create the first outdoor gym on Town Council managed land.



Young Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Max Crouch and Delia Quartley in being nominated as our Young Volunteers of Year. The Panel will be meeting soon to decide on a winner which will be announced at our Annual Town Meeting on 6th April.

de Havilland Community Consultation

A consultation afternoon is planned for 2 April from 2pm in de Havilland Grange (off Cornflower Way). At the end of the consultation we hope to have all of the community's views on what should be planned for the football pitch, pavilion and meadow.

Do come along or email us – enquiries@hatfield-herts.gov.uk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2011

To the residents on the electoral roll of Hatfield

You are invited to the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To be held at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield AL10 0AN. On Wednesday 6 April 2011 at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of your Town Council. Presentation – Young Volunteer of the Year Award 2011. Come and have your say

Councillor L. Clark Town Mayor

Town Centre Redevelopment

At the Town Centre Forum meeting on 2 March the Borough Council and St Modwens announced that the Bill Salmon Centre would be closed by 31 March 2011, hoardings put around the building and then it would be demolished. Subject to finding investors for the residential units, St Modwens anticipated building work

to commence very soon. Phase 1 will also include the two new buildings in front of the Arcade entrance and improvements to the Arcade itself.

The Credit Union and Community & Voluntary Service (C.V.S.) will be moving to 40 Town Centre. Other tenants of the Bill Salmon Centre will be moving to the Jim McDonald Centre

or the Campus West Tower in Welwyn Garden City.

The Town Council has no direct responsibility for the Town Centre redevelopment but we will continue to work with the Borough Council to provide a better environment and shopping experience.

WHAT'S ON IN HATFIELD

If you want to add a community event to this list please contact the Town Clerk before 11 June 2011 with details of your event.

Children's Theatre

The Weston Auditorium, de Havilland Campus, University of Herts. Hatfield AL10 9EU

<http://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/arts-and-galleries/>

Box Office 01707 281127

3 April 2011 at 11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm – Small Worlds Adults £8, children £6, workshop £2.50

22 May 2011 at 1pm Not so Grimm Fairy Tales! Adults £8, children £6

Town Centre Events

Welcome to Victoria Saurin Hatfield's

new Town Centre Co-ordinator. She's busy planning events so please keep an eye out in the local press, on Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council's website (www.welhat.gov.uk) or their Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/welwynhatfield>) and Twitter (@WelHatCouncil) pages for the latest information on what events are planned for the Town Centre.

Classic Car Day – 23 May 9am – 4pm
Contact Colin Croft on 01707 265565 (pre-arranged stalls welcome)

Community Fun Day – 11 June

Fetes, Fayres and Car Rally

South Hatfield Fete – 7 May 2011 - see front page. Newgate Street May Fayre – 21 / 22 May 2011.

Birchwood Car Rally – 5 June 2011 – see back page

Clean ups and Litter picks

Salisbury Village Clean Up - Saturday 2nd April from 10am For more info, please contact Councillor Lynne Sparks, lynne.sparks@welhat.gov.uk or 07595 099914.

Music

The Forum, College Lane Hatfield, Herts AL10 9AB

<http://www.herts.ac.uk/about-us/arts-and-galleries/>

Box Office 01707 281127

The Best of Jamjar

19 May Tickets £4

Bowls - perhaps the most social of all sports

Although bowls is a game of skill and technique, it is possible to have a very enjoyable game after only an hour's instruction. No wonder people get so hooked on bowls - what a better way to spend a summer's afternoon than a gentle game (with a couple of wagtails hopping around the green) and relaxed conversation with fellow-bowlers. But contrary to the usual image, it is not just for the elderly. In fact most of the national and world champions are in their 20's and 30's.

On Saturday 7th May, Sunday 22nd May and Sunday 26th June between 10.00am and 4pm the de Havilland Bowls Club invites anyone who is interested, to their green, at Club de Havilland, to try their hand at the ancient and noble sport of bowls. Established bowlers and those



who have never tried it before are all welcome. Parking on each day at the university site will be free and there will be play, whatever the weather. If possible bring a pair of flat-soled shoes (but they are not essential) - everything else will be provided.

The Club is affiliated to Bowls England (the national association) and for those who like to compete, between the months of April and September, play in county and local leagues and competitions. The club runs a full programme of nearly 40 friendly games against local clubs, and de Havilland aims to get new bowlers into these friendly games very early in their bowls career.

Sandra Smale one of the clubs vice captains says, ' we are working closely with the Bowls Development Alliance

and will be providing a structured training course for all new members this year along with a buddy/mentor scheme. We are also organizing talks and practice days with fully qualified coaches.'

Mike Scandrett the Club Secretary says, 'Bowlers are a lovely group, very friendly and supportive. Matches can often finish with a drink in the bar and a meal. The game can be addictive, you've been warned, so forget all you ever believed about bowls and give it a go.'

Please just visit the club either to see it and talk to members or have a go. For further information contact Mike Scandrett on 01707 262750 or michaelscandrett@openworld.com. The club green can be found adjacent to the Club de Havilland, Hertfordshire University, St Albans Road West, Hatfield, AL10 9EU.

HISTORY

Hatfield Local History Society

Over the past 15 years Hatfield has seen a dramatic increase in its population. Our town now has about 10,000 University students living within the community for most of the year, and the new housing on the former aircraft site has provided homes for a further 6,000 residents.

Any of these people, with even a passing interest in local history, would be amazed to discover the incredibly rich and diverse heritage that Hatfield enjoys. Many older residents may find much to learn too.

Hatfield was already ancient when Queen Elizabeth 1st lived here as a child. Her brother and sister also spent time at the Palace in Hatfield Park. They became monarchs too.

And, during Victoria's reign, three Prime Ministers lived within Hatfield's old Parish during a time when Britain had the worlds largest known empire. So, it could be said, that when these PMs were at home, Hatfield was the centre of that Empire!

Hatfield was mentioned in William the Conquerors Domesday Book of 1086 as 'Hetfelle' -meaning heath field. Fifty five people lived here then.

Moving on about a thousand years, Hatfield pioneered much in aviation history. The world's first passenger jet aircraft, the Comet, was developed here at De Havillands in the early 1950s. Shortly before that, the worlds most technically advanced runway was built here and the worlds largest spanned structure – the Comet Flight Shed – now the David Lloyd fitness club, was constructed.

Did you know a space rocket was developed here too? The Blue Streak

stood proudly in its tower on De Havilland's Manor Road site during the late 1950s and became a successful launcher of satellites. Some of its technology even eclipsed that of the USA and USSR at the time.

Hatfield's meaningful history is to be found all about us, whatever period or subject is of interest.

In music, the worlds' two greatest bands of the 1960s, the Beatles and Rolling Stones, also had strong connections with Hatfield. Beatles producer George Martin's wife taught here and their children attended Hatfield School, whilst local boy Mick Taylor joined the Stones in 1968, playing on all their best albums. Another top star, Donovan, attended St.Audrey's School and lived in Bishops Rise.

Diarist Samuel Pepys and author Charles Dickens were both regular visitors to Hatfield. The Eight Bells pub was used as a setting in Oliver Twist, and it is believed that Great Nast Hyde House was Dickens's 'Bleak House' in the book of that name.

Barbara Cartland, the prolific romantic novelist and local magistrate, lived just down the road at Camfield Place.

During the 1960's Hatfield Town Football Club played in front of big crowds against the reserve sides of Arsenal, Spurs and West Ham in the Metropolitan League at their Stonecross Road ground.

However, local history is not just about the deeds of the great and good or about famous events. It is also about the lives and experiences of ordinary folk who have a recollection (or two) to share from, say, over thirty years ago.

This could be about the workplace,

sport, youth clubs, farming, banger racing, music scene, the railways, school holidays, cinema, buildings -old and new, pubs, schools, societies, people, shops, restaurants etc etc.

Our Society offers a warm welcome to any prospective members with an interest in Hatfield's history. And, at just £6 per year, we think we are very good value!

For this you will receive four quarterly newsletters and the opportunity to attend special talks and tours. You will meet, if you wish, other members, and may like to compile a booklet on some aspect of local history. You could do some research at Hatfield's Mill Green Museum, where there is plenty of help, or assist a member in the process of their work.

You could become involved in our Committee, where we are always looking for new blood and fresh ideas. Alternatively, just come along and enjoy our talks. We meet at Friendship House, Wellfield Close, Hatfield, on the second Monday or Thursday of every month alternating between afternoons and evenings.

The Museum's telephone number is 01707 271362. HLHS Chair: Mrs Chris Martindale 01707 269662
Email: Hatfieldhistory@ntlworld.com

So, if you would like to find out more or become a member, please contact:
Hatfield Local History Society c/o
Mill Green Museum
Mill Green Hatfield
Herts AL9 5PD

Events

HATFIELD GATEWAY CLUB **Elvis is in the building**



Hatfield Gateway Club got 2011 off to a rocking start with a visit from Elvis tribute act Jon Burrows. This has become an annual event and always attracts a big crowd. 188 club members along with numerous helpers danced and sang the night away to all the best known Elvis classics. Speaking after the show Jon said he loved visiting every year and the crowd are always great. He kindly puts on the great show at a much reduced cost.

For those of you who have not heard of Gateway Club, it is for people over 16 with learning disabilities. Held every Friday night at The Jim McDonald

centre between 7.00-9.30. The club has been run for the last 41 years by Brenda Beach, though the club began longer ago than that.

Club members who come from local and surrounding areas pay a £1.00 entrance fee. The club offers a wide range of activities including snooker, pool, crafts, football, and games along with a popular disco. The disco equipment has recently been updated thanks to a kind donation from the borough council community chest. This was organised by Cllrs Kim Langley, Caron Juggins and also John Dean.



The club always has a good turn out with around 150 members turning up each week. It is a place to go and socialise and do as little or as much as you like. If the disco, sports hall or snooker/pool rooms are not to your liking an area where you can sit and chat with friends is also available. The club also has a tuck shop selling hot/cold drinks along with snacks and handmade rolls etc.

Gateway club is in essence an old fashioned style youth club.

The club always welcomes new helpers and any donations of equipment. If you thought volunteering couldn't be fun then come down one Friday play a bit of football, strut your stuff in the disco, serve behind the tuck shop counter or anything else that helps but most of all come along meet some great people and hopefully have some fun.

For Further information on the Gateway Club please contact Neil Langley on 01707 690775

If you are a community organisation and would like to put an article in Community News please contact the Town Clerk (details on the front page). Deadline for next issue is 10th June 2011.

Changes to Hatfield planning rules

On Hatfield residents' behalf, the Town Council has given its full support to changes to planning rules proposed by the Borough Council. The new proposals would mean that, from January 2012, change of use planning permission will be needed when owners intend to turn a dwelling house into a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO) for three to six occupants. Large Houses in Multiple Occupation, those with more than six people sharing, already require planning permission. The move follows changes to planning legislation and the substantial growth and concentration in the number of HMOs in Hatfield. HMOs have a variety of occupiers including students and professionals in employment.

Cafeteria & Kitchen

**Birchwood Leisure
Centre, Longmead,
Hatfield AL10 0AN**

The Council is looking to licence out this area that serves Hatfield Kids Fun Zone & Leisure Centre Users.

Individuals, Partnerships or Companies that offer an existing catering service may be interested.

Interest in the first instance should be directed to Paul Widdicombe on 01707 262023. Closing Date 30th April 2011.

THE HATFIELD HERITAGE VEHICLE SOCIETY
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Email:- **Clasiccar01@AOL.com**

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