



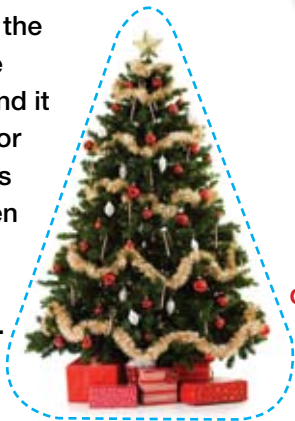
Our Christmas Gift to You

The Mayor, Councillors and staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas 2009 and Happy Year 2010

FREE Aerobics Class

One Free aerobics class anytime in December 2009 or January 2010

Simply cut out the Christmas Tree picture and hand it into reception or Lifestyle Pilates Reception when you come to Birchwood Leisure Centre.



Monday - Friday 9:30am to Noon
Each day December 2009 to 8 January 2010

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Height restriction of 1.52 m (5ft)
This offer is for individual entry only. Lowest price entry is free.

Terms & Conditions Apply
www.hatfield-herts.gov.uk

Community News Readers can get a **FREE Pilates Workshop** by presenting this **£15 Voucher**

Lifestyle Pilates

During a FREE Pilates workshop you will learn the 8 principles of Pilates, see a demonstration, experience it and discover how you can achieve a stronger back, abdominals, better posture, flexibility, a toned, more energised and relaxed body and mind which is ideal for all ages and fitness levels.

Please call **01707 271272** or email info@lifestylepilates.com ASAP to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

Contact Details

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Town Clerk – Carrie Lloyd Deputy Town Clerk – Paul Widdicombe

Deadline for next edition of Community News is 22 February 2010

Our office is open 9am – 4:30pm
Monday to Friday.

Website:
www.hatfield-herts.gov.uk

Is Pilates your cup of tea?

Beverley Densham discovered Pilates at the Bondi Beach Gym in 1995 following a Road Accident in Australia which subsequently halted her career as a tennis and squash coach. She was so impressed with the benefits, that she became the first Body Control Pilates teacher in Hertfordshire. She opened her Lifestyle Pilates Studios at the Birchwood Leisure Centre in 1998 at the time Mike Speddy the Manager had been suffering with excruciating back pain for two years as a result of excessive cricket and football.

Mike who was then only 35 remembers it vividly and says: "I was at my lowest ebb and thought my sporting days were over after an MRI scan showed a prolapsed disc and surgery was recommended. I was amazed that within 6 weeks under Beverley and her team's expert tuition, I did avoid surgery and was able to start playing golf. Lifestyle Pilates is the most well run, professional studio with a personal touch and a welcoming environment.

Another client to benefit is Beverley's dad Terry a former International Table Tennis player, and Herts County Champion at Tennis, Table Tennis and Squash. Terry, now 71 is still injury free, unlike so many of his friends which he puts it down to his regular Pilates sessions and allows him to enjoy playing regular squash and golf.



Beverley Densham liaises closely with Doctors, Physiotherapists, Osteopaths, Chiropractors and other health specialists at local hospitals.

Caroline Penn an Osteopath of 30 years experience at The Penn Clinic in Hatfield was impressed when she first experienced a session with Beverley and felt that many of her patients would benefit from regular classes to aid their recovery.



Caroline says "I'm so glad I discovered Pilates; Osteopathy and Pilates have together enabled me to recover fully from injuries which include ruptured kneel ligaments and serious disc damage due to whiplash. I've recommended Pilates to countless patients. If you've had to cease exercise due to injury, or if you've not exercised for many years, Pilates is the ideal way to begin. The body and mind work together; as your body becomes more aligned and relaxed your mind will be able to reach new levels of relaxation. Pilates is a



very effective stress reducer. Once you learn the easy to apply principles you can weave them into everyday life – it's not rocket science – it's simple and it works"

Pilates is an amazing exercise technique that is particularly effective to help relaxation, breathing and concentration.

To book your place please call 01707 271272, e-mail bev@lifestylepilates.com or www.lifestylepilates.com

Tuesday 24th November, 8.45pm - 9.45pm
Wednesday 25th November,
10.40am - 11.40am
Friday 27th November, 6.35pm - 7.35pm
Tuesday 1st December, 8.45pm - 9.45pm
Wednesday 2nd December,
10.40am - 11.40am
Thursday 3rd December, 7.40pm - 8.40pm
and 8.45pm - 9.45pm
Friday 4th December, 6.35pm - 7.35pm
Tuesday 8th December, 8.45pm - 9.45pm
Wednesday 9th December,
10.40am - 11.40am
Thursday 10th December, 7.40pm-8.40pm
and 8.45pm-9.45pm
Friday 11th December, 6.35pm - 7.35pm
Tuesday 15th December, 8.45pm - 9.45pm
Wednesday 16th December,
10.40am - 11.40am
Friday 18th December, 6.35pm-7.35pm

The Lifestyle Pilates Studios are located at the rear of the Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield, AL10 0AN

Police adopt new approach to improve the quality of service to the public

A NEW service that will improve the quality of service given to the public calling the non emergency number has been introduced by Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Every day people call the police for help with non emergency and non criminal situations. To help improve the service for these types of calls the Force has linked up with BOING - an independent help centre, which has a large database of non-emergency contacts. These can be given to members of the public who may have ordinarily contacted the police for non emergency help.

The centre has a proven track record of providing professional support to a number of other police forces and offers an around the clock service. All of the contractors used by BOING have been checked and approved.

Members of the public can contact BOING direct or can be transferred by a police operator, once it has been established that no crime has taken place. The types of service that BOING can help with include:

- Boarding up and glazier services
- Undertakers (for certified non suspicious deaths)
- Plumbers
- Key holding services
- Solicitors
- Cats stuck up trees/ swarms of bees etc

“Every day people phone the police service for help with matters which are not actually police business,” explained Sergeant Dawn Rust from the Force Control Room. “Things like cats stuck up trees or how to get hold of solicitors and undertakers.

“Although these calls seem like an emergency to the person making them, trying to help them with their non police query potentially delays someone trying to get through to the Force Control Room to report a crime or an emergency situation. Now we can simply transfer them to the BOING control room, where a member of their team can provide them with the help they need.’

BOING can be contacted on 0800 587 0548.

Could you adopt in Hertfordshire?

We need more people who can provide a loving and permanent home for children who have had a difficult start in life. Hertfordshire County Council’s Adoption Team needs to find more families for children waiting for adoption. All the children we need to find new families for will have experienced some trauma. Some will have been born addicted to drugs; others may have been abused or neglected.

Adoption is a lifelong commitment so Hertfordshire County Council provides a tailor made adoption support package which includes ongoing training and support.

To find out more about adoption contact us on **0800 917 0925** or www.hertsdirect.org/adoption

Hertfordshire are also holding an information evening on Thursday 3rd December for those who want to find out more. To book a place, please call **01438 844 388** or **01438 844 503** between 9 am and 1 pm (Mon-Fri).



photo (right) courtesy PA Photos/John Birdsall

Charity & Events

Isabel Hospice

Lights of Love Sun 29 Nov 2009
16:00 – 17:00

The Hatfield "Lights of Love" ceremony will take place at Hatfield Galleria. There will be a short Carol Service followed by countdown to lighting the tree. Donations will be made and lights will be lit in memory of loved ones at Christmas.

Fri 4 Dec 2009
Jingle Bell Rock Christmas Party
19:00 - 23:00

There is only one Christmas Party to attend this year and it must be Jingle Bell Rock at The Meadow Marquee, Tewin Bury Farm. This fabulous party will raise funds for the vital work of Isabel Hospice.

Tickets £75 per person: to include drinks reception and 3 course dinner & lots of entertainment. Silent auction with great prizes. Tables of 10 or join a mixed table. Tickets: Suzanne Coleman 01438 717 406.

Sun 6 Dec 2009
Jingle Bells & Bows 4km Fun Run
11:00 - 13:00



This successful event in aid of Isabel Hospice is in its 3rd year, with runners circling Stanborough Lakes in Welwyn Garden City. There are two runs, one at 11am and one at midday. Run in fancy dress if you wish, maybe a Christmas Pudding or Father Christmas. Teams and individual runners welcome. Entry is £10 (free entry for under 16s). Contact Julie North, Corporate Fundraiser on 01707 382500 or email julie.north@isabelhospice.org.uk

Sat 12 Dec 2009
Christmas Party Night
20:00 - 23:00

A Christmas Party Night is being organised in aid of Isabel Hospice. The event will be held at the Golden Lion Hall, High Street, London Colney. Please contact the organiser, Yvonne Gordon on 07932 715047 Times to be confirmed.

February 2010

Sun 21 Feb 2010
100 Mile Endurance Swim 2010 - STAR THEME 08:00 - 17:00

Following the success of our Spotty swim in 2009, 2010 will see a Star themed swim. To be held at Haileybury College Pool once again the Star theme means you can come as the twinkling variety or the celebrity variety! Swim as a team or an individual. This is a fantastic way for all the family to have a go and enjoy a great event whilst raising much needed funds for Isabel Hospice. Call Maria Alexander on 01707 382500 for details.

War Memorial

The Mayor and Members of the Town Council wish to express their deepest thanks to JJ Burgess & Sons Independent Family Funeral Directors for cleaning the War Memorial for Remembrance Sunday.



Town Guide

The Town Guide 2009 is now available from the Council Offices or can be viewed at <http://www.localauthoritypublishing.co.uk/councils/hatfield/index.html>

We also have a supply of just maps of the Town Council area. Contact us if you would like a copy.



NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

Bumps & Bundles. Friday, 2-4pm, Queensway Health Centre.

Support and friendship for pregnant mums and new parents with babies up to crawling. £1 donation.

Cruisers & Crawlers. Fridays 2-4pm, St Michael's Church Hall, Birchwood.

Support and friendship for parents with moving babies (pre-toddlers). £1 donation.



Playscheme - Christmas holidays

We are now taking bookings for our Christmas Holiday Playscheme. Please call us on 01707 262023 or see our website www.hatfield-herts.gov.uk

Community Fun Day

The first de Havilland Community Fun Day took place on Saturday 5th September at Howe Dell. The school generously allowed us to use their outside space, where the Team from Finesse Leisure put on a programme of sporting activities for children and adults. The hit for the day was the mobile skateboarding and BMX ramps. We would like to thank all

those who came and supported the day, and most especially those who helped to run it. Plans for next year's event include more activities (not of a sporting nature!!) for adults and under fives as well as onions for the BBQ. If you would like to be involved or have ideas for the day contact Jason Blight (de Havilland Community Project) hatfieldcommunity@googlemail.com

Birchwood Car Rally 2010



The Hatfield Heritage Vehicle Society (HHVS) is proud to support the Help for Heroes campaign. Through a series of ventures and with your help we aim to raise funds for this thoroughly deserving cause.

See our website for other dates and places: www.hatfieldclassics.co.uk

Next year's Rally will be held on **Sunday 6th June**.

Interpretation Board Unveiling

The Mayor, Caron Juggins, was delighted to be invited to unveil one of the two interpretation boards in Old Hatfield.

The financial contributions came from:
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Hatfield Town Council
The Rotary Club of Hatfield
Gascoyne Cecil Estate

Hatfield Local History Society and the **Mill Green Museum**, were involved with the project but it wouldn't have become a reality without the enthusiasm and tenacity of Mr. Brian Lawrence. Dr Dennis Lewis, Chairman of the Welwyn Hatfield Heritage Forum spoke about Mr. Lawrence's background and achievements. Mr. Lawrence was born

and brought up in Old Hatfield and he has retained a strong interest in the area and its history. He had long felt that its history should be highlighted so he came up with the idea some 3 years ago for the boards. So many of the current residents of the Old Town and those who may visit the area know very little of its history as so many of the old landmarks have disappeared.

Mr. Lawrence said "I would like to think that other parts of the Borough, particularly the villages that grew up along the old Great North Road, might follow this initiative and that other parts of Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City might also consider erecting information boards of this type.



Mr. Brian Lawrence, The Mayor and Dr. Dennis Lewis

Opportunities

Caterers, Entertainers, Photographers, DJs, florists - Delivery of Community News
Hatfield Town Council wants to hear from you.

The Town Council wants to compile a list of local people who provide services for weddings and parties. When someone hires one of our venues we will provide them with the list so that they can contact you direct.

Please send your details to enquiries@hatfield-herts.gov.uk or phone 01707 262023 and ask for Carrie.

The Council wishes to invite expressions of interest from local businesses, groups or organisations interested in quoting to deliver this newsletter to every household in Hatfield four times a year (approximately 15,000 addresses). Please contact the Clerk, Carrie Lloyd by email or post enquiries@hatfield-herts.gov.uk or Council Offices, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 0AN.

Events

Bermudan Visitors

Councillor Caron Juggins, Mayor of Hatfield Town Council, and Councillors Howard Morgan and Mick Clark, Leader and Deputy Leader were delighted to show two visitors from Bermuda the Town Council's facilities recently.

Mr. Ottiwell Simmons and Mr. Wayne Carey, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Culture and Social Rehabilitation of the Government of Bermuda were visiting England to look at how Parish and Town Councils work. The National Association of Local Councils asked the Town Council to arrange a guided tour.

Following a visit to the Fun Zone, Birchwood Leisure Centre where Knebworth Sports Club demonstrated sports for people of all abilities and the Lifestyle Pilates Studios, the Bermudan delegates were taken to Lemsford Village Hall and the children of Annabel's Montessori School sang them some nursery rhymes.

The visitors were very impressed with how much can be done for the community particularly services for less able bodied residents.



Deputy Leader Cllr. M. Clark, Permanent Secretary Mr. Wayne Carey, The Mayor, Mr. Ottiwell Simmons, Leader of the Council, Cllr. H. Morgan.

Scouting is growing in Hatfield!



With several Adult volunteers having come forward the Mid Herts District Scouts will soon be able to reopen the 1st Hatfield Scout Group in its new location at Howe Dell School. This is in the centre of the new housing development on the old disused Aerodrome site. The Group will start off by running the younger Section in Scouting which is the Beaver Section.

Beavers are the youngest members of the Scout Association, and are aged between 6 and 8 years old. Beavers, like all the Scout Association sections, are co-educational, so can be boys or girls.

At Beavers the young people begin to learn about Scouting, the things they do maybe challenging for them but more importantly fun. All Beavers have the chance to work towards a selection of badges both for activities and challenge badges which cover more than just one activity.



One thing is for sure, they will have FUN, make new FRIENDS and make a RACKET, which is what it should all be about. To find out more email Jackie at abcbeavers.midherts@hotmail.co.uk

Another Section who have this year relocated to Hatfield is the Explorer Unit at Birchwood near to the leisure centre who meet on a Monday evening. Explorer Scouts caters for young people aged between 14 and 18 years old they are able to try many activities, work toward badges and awards and also camp here and abroad. There may be times when an Explorer Scout will be busy doing other things such as exams, being an Explorer Scout will have to fit around these for those members at that time. Explorers, like all the Scout Association's Sections, are co-educational, so can be male or female.



Photos from the 2009 expedition to Switzerland

Within Mid Herts the Explorer Scout Unit covers Hatfield, Welwyn Garden City and the surrounding villages of Welwyn and Codicote. Why not contact their leader Matt via the website address below to find out more?

There are two other existing Scout Groups for Hatfield covering ages 6 – 14 yrs in three Sections, one meets at St Etheldredas Church hall and the other Group is at the Jim McDonald Centre, for times and details etc. see the website www.midhertsscouts.com

These Groups have Beaver Sections and also the other age ranges - Cubs 8-10½ and Scouts 10 - 14. All Cubs will have the chance to work towards a large selection of activity and challenge badges. They may go on camps under canvas and take part in adventurous activities and have great fun while learning new skills. Scouts also have an exciting programme; much of the programme is given over to taking part in both the traditional Scouting skills such as camping, survival and cooking as well as a wide range of adventurous activities, anything from abseiling to yachting.

Scouting is great fun for boys & girls and has been active (9 Groups) in Hatfield, Welwyn Garden City and surrounding areas for over 100 yrs.

Penny Paton
Mid Herts District Scouts

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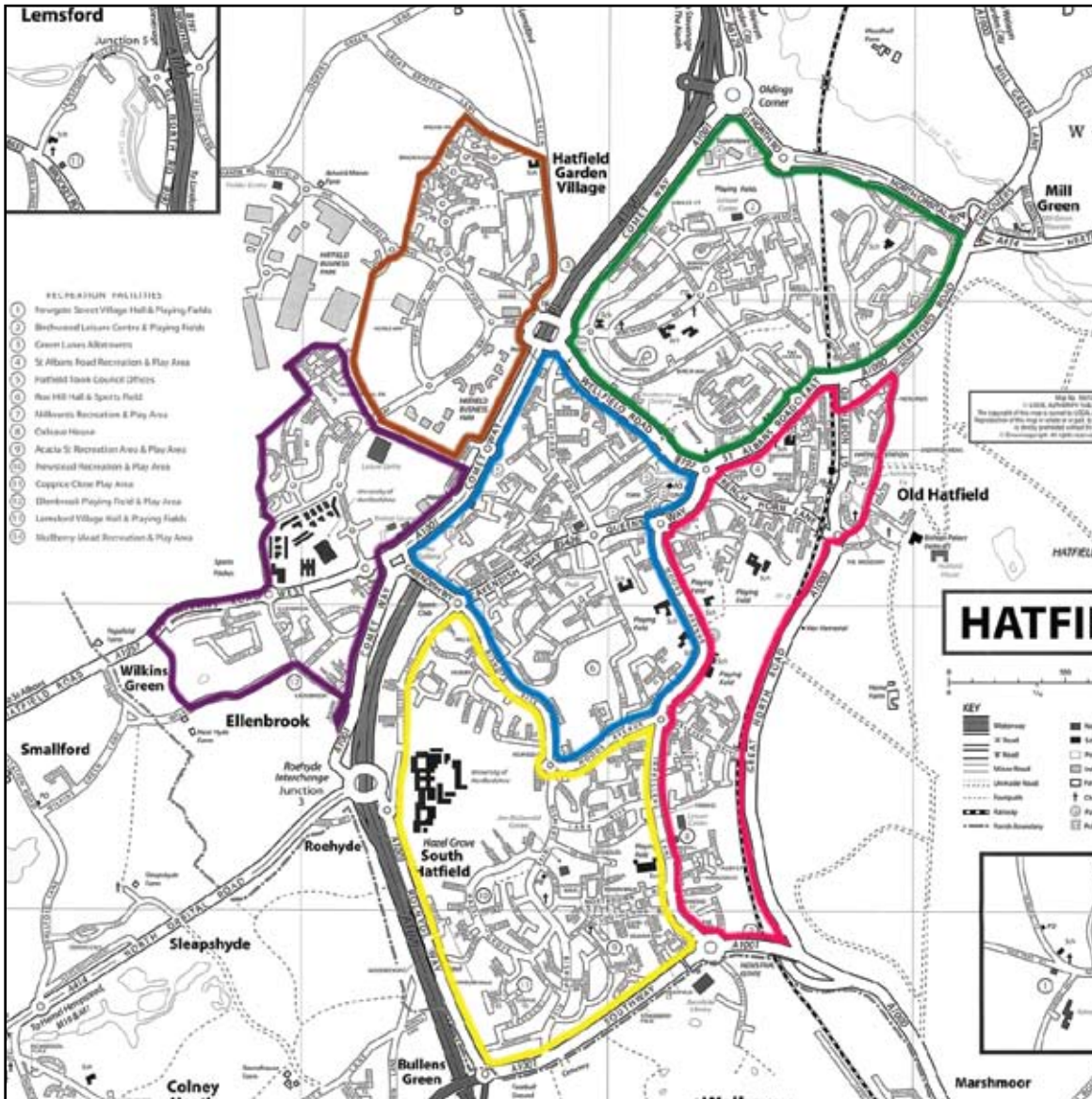
TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are usually held at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 0AN at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise on the agenda.

Date & Time	Meeting	Venue
25 November at 7.30pm	Leisure Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
2 December at 7.30pm	Planning Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
9 December at 7.30pm	Resources & Policy Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
16 December at 7.30pm	Council / Planning Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
6 January at 7.30pm	Planning Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
13 January at 7.30pm	Leisure Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
27 January at 7.30pm	Resources and Policy Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
27 January at 7.30pm	Special Council	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
3 February at 7.30pm	Planning Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
3 March at 7.30pm	Planning Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
10 March at 7.30pm	Council	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
17 March at 7.30pm	Leisure Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre

The first fifteen minutes of each meeting is set aside for members of the public to raise questions on issues relating to the work of the Council. Please contact the Clerk if you would like further information.

Father Christmas Evening Tours 2009



Please note that all tours start at approximately 4.30pm

Legend: DATE AREA = WARD AND INITIAL ROADS

Thurs 3rd Dec Brown = Hatfield Garden Village, Manor Close, Manor Road, Holme Road, (Broadacres / Astwick Ave 6.30pm – 6.45pm)

Mon 7th Dec Yellow = South Hatfield, Hazel Grove, Ryecroft, Hawthornes, Gorse Close (Newstead 4.45pm, near Coppice Close 6pm, Acacia Street 7pm)

Tues 8th Dec Lemsford = Lemsford Village (5pm – 5.15pm The Sun Inn carpark) The Ryde and Old Hatfield

Wed 9th Dec Green = North Hatfield, Longmead, Chelwood Ave, Crawford Road, Birchwood Ave (6.30pm Birchwood Leisure Centre)

Fri 11th Dec Purple lower area = Ellenbrook, Ashbury Close, Selwyn Drive, Selwyn Crescent Selwyn Ave (5.30pm – 6pm The Poplars/Bramble Rd)

Mon 14th Dec Red = East Hatfield, Millwards, St Audrey's Close, (5.30pm outside St Christophers)

Fri 18th Dec Blue = Central Hatfield, Lemsford Road, Stockbreach Close, Stockbreach Rd.

Fri 18th Dec Purple top area = De-Havilland Site, Cunningham Way

All times are approximate and subject to change. Road names do not signify a specific route

All days may be subject to change due to weather and all times are approximate.