



Community News

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August 2008

New Mayor

Councillor Howard Morgan was elected Mayor at the Annual Council Meeting held on 14th May 2008. Councillor Morgan said "This is a great honour, and I accept the challenge with humility and the dedication that I believe the office of Mayor of Hatfield demands". He thanked out-going Mayor, Councillor Mick Clark, and his wife Linda, also a Town Councillor, who in their year of office attended over 40 official functions and said they would be a very hard act to follow. Councillor Morgan and his wife, Virginia, are looking forward to their year.



New Town Clerk



Ms Carrie Lloyd joined us on 2nd June 2008. Carrie has worked in Local Government for over 20 years, more recently she has worked for Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council and Aldenham Parish Council. She is a Chartered Secretary specialising in Local Government and a Member of the Institute of Local Council Managers.

Town Council Moves Office

New Address from 16th September 2008

**Hatfield Town Council, Birchwood Leisure Centre,
Longmead, Hatfield.AL10 0AN**

The building work at Birchwood is going well and we hope to move in on 16th September. After this date all enquires and bookings for halls to hire, Playscheme and Hatfield Kids Fun Zone can be booked at Birchwood Leisure Centre.

Our contact details:

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Council Offices
Kennelwood House
Town Centre
Hatfield
AL10 0LG

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enquiries@hatfield-herts.gov.uk

Our office is open 9am – 5pm
Monday to Friday.

South Hatfield Fete

The South Hatfield Fete took place on 17th May. Attractions included a Chinese Dragon, School dancing, a dog display, steel band and Hertfordshire University provided entertainment from a group of musicians & various side stalls.

Hatfield Heritage Vehicle Society



Hatfield Heritage Vehicle Society held their 6th Annual classic vehicle rally / family fun day at the Birchwood Leisure Centre on the 7th June.



In attendance we had over 180 entries and club stands, including a military contingent.

With a mostly dry day, over 3000 members of the public were able to enjoy the family events and children's games.

Ring events that also took place were Children's and Adult's Tug o'War, and a children's egg and spoon race. Also "performing" were ONE man and his dogs herding geese into pens, this event was loved by everyone.

The Mayor of Hatfield Town Council, Councillor Howard Morgan presented the event trophies.

The Hatfield Heritage Vehicle Society are on the web at www.hatfieldclassics.co.uk

Trophies were awarded to:

Best in show, Mr Spencer Chittenden 1961 Ford Zephyr (Hertford Heath)

Best Post War: Katrina Anderson Opel GT 1968 (Cheshunt)

Best Military: Willys Jeep 1944 (Hitchin)

Best Pre-War: Rolls Royce Phantom 1936 (Northwood)

John Burgess Memorial Cup Best Original: Mr Leonard Kiff 1960 Renault Dauphine

Classes:

Class (A) 1920-1939 - Mr Christopher Cheesman (Letchworth) 1930 Model A Ford

Class (B) 1940-1954 - Mr Richard Heskell (Hitchin) 1952 Citron

Class (C) 1955-1964 - Mr Leonard Kiff (Hertford Heath) 1956 Bentley "S1"

Class (D) 1965-1975 - Mr Eddie Hughes (Ware) 1972 Ford Capri

Class (E) 1976-1986 - Ms Karen Marsh (Goffs Oak) 1986 white Ford Capri

Class (F) 1987- 2000 - Mr Kevin Embery (Notley Essex) 1987 Lotus Esprit HC

Best Commercial (inc Buses) - A Spearman (Watford) Ford 300E

Best Motorbike - Bev Ashcroft (Hatfield) Yamaha Virago

Photos courtesy of Keith Halsey



Newgate Street Village Fayre

Newgate Street Village Fayre and Fun Dog Show took place on a dry and mainly sunny Sunday 18th May. Once again the fair was extremely successful raising funds for Ponsbourne St. Marys School, Church and Village Hall with a donation being made to the Essex and Herts. Air Ambulance Trust. Dave of "Chas n Dave" opened the Fair and exhibited his recently renovated Romany Caravan. Keeping the

Fair as traditional as possible, the Fun Dog Show, and Maypole dancing were very popular attractions as were the Shire Horses. Arena entertainment was provided by Valle FX Dancing Group and Sapphire Elite Cheerleaders. Hatfield Police Community Support Team and Blue Watch from Potters Bar Fire Station provided support, information and fun on the day.

Photos courtesy Sue Peacock



Rock and Roll Concert



Once again the Rock and Roll concert held at Oak View Primary School was a roaring success. The Town Council fund Bobby Graham and his band, Cool and Crazy Music to entertain the children in two 3 hour sessions.

Schools taking part this year were - the hosting school Oak View, The Ryde, Birchwood Avenue, Ponsbourne St Mary's, St John's Lemsford, Green Lanes, Southfields, Howe Dell and Countess Anne. The Town Council would like to thank all the schools for enabling this event to go ahead, particularly Oak View Primary School for hosting the event.

Photos courtesy www.bobbygraham.co.uk

Grants

Please don't forget that Hatfield Town Council offers Grants to help local groups to improve facilities or to buy new equipment. Application forms are available at Kennelwood Office up until 16th September and then at our new address at Birchwood Leisure Centre, or download them from our web site www.hatfield-herts.gov.uk Forms are found on the grants page.

The Council has £10,000 to fund groups and projects aimed towards helping the community, So don't miss out.

Holding a School Christmas Fair in Hatfield?

Please contact us if you would like some financial help towards set up costs, prizes or stall decorations

Hatfield War Memorial

The Town Council would like to thank Burgess Memorials, Alfred House, 20 The Common, Hatfield, AL10 0ND for their continued support by cleaning the war memorial. This year the Remembrance Sunday ceremony will take place on 9 November.

Your Town Councillors

Central Ward

Cllr. Mike Alder - 69 Northfield, Hatfield. AL10 0AH
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Tel: 01707 271827 Party: Labour

Cllr. Hannah Berry - 9 Daffodil Close, Hatfield. AL10 9FF
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Cllr. Margaret White - 30 The Downs, Hatfield. AL10 8JX
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South Ward

Cllr. Caron Juggins - 44 Park Meadow, Hatfield AL9 5HP
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Tel: 01707 276480 Party: Conservative

Cllr. Ron Smith - 44 Willow Way, Hatfield AL10 9QE
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Tel: 01707 264742 Party: Conservative

West Ward

Cllr. Sarah Atkinson - 365 St. Albans Road West, Hatfield AL10 9RU
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Cllr. Dave Kay - 49 Northfield, Hatfield AL10 0AH
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Cllr. Kim Morris - 37 Stanley Drive, Hatfield AL10 8XX
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Villages Ward

Cllr. Doug Berry - 9 Daffodil Close, Hatfield AL10 9FF
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Cllr. Richard Hedges - 19 Redhall Drive, Hatfield AL10 9EB
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Cllr. Howard Morgan - Flat II, Maynard House, The Common, Hatfield AL10 0NF
Email: john.morgan@hatfield-herts.gov.uk
Tel: 01707 264391 Party: Conservative

East Ward

Cllr. Linda Clark - 39 Chantry Lane, Hatfield. AL10 9HW
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Tel: 01707 262082 Party: Conservative

Cllr. Mick Clark - 39 Chantry Lane, Hatfield. AL10 9HW
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Cllr. Paul Smith - 45 Garden Avenue, Hatfield. AL10 8LL
Email: paul.smith@hatfield-herts.gov.uk
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Newgate Street/Woodhill

Cllr. Geoff Wiltshire
Tolmers Park Farm, Newgate Street Village, Hertford SG13 8RG
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Tel: 01707 872561 Party: Conservative

New Play Equipment for Hatfield Play Areas



As reported in the last edition of Community News, thanks to the Big Lottery Fund, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and Re;Play, a three year improvement programme will be undertaken by the Town Council for six of its play areas that have been identified as needing upgrades. The programme will see the replacement of bark safety surfacing with wet pour recycled rubber and the provision of a wider range of equipment that is suitable for children of all abilities to encourage inclusive play.

The Town Council has now completed its consultation with local children and has agreed that Roe Hill Play Area will have a Spiro-Whirl Roundabout and Yo Yo Swing and St. Albans Road East Play Area will have a Spiro-Whirl Roundabout and Flying Saucer installed after September 2008, together with new safety surfacing.

Improvements to other Play Areas at Milwards, Ellenbrook, Coppice Close and Newstead will take place in 2009 and 2010.



Spiro-Whirl Roundabout



Yo Yo Swing



Flying Saucer

Town Centre Redevelopment

At a meeting of Hatfield Town Council on 16 July Members welcomed the proposal by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to revitalise the Town Centre whilst the redevelopment programme is delayed.

Councillors M White and D Kay were nominated to represent the Town Council on the Town Centre Forum to ensure that the Council will continue to be actively involved in the future of the Town Centre.

This is the most important issue for the Town and Members undertake to continue to speak out for the residents of Hatfield and to do everything within their powers to bring the Town Centre back to a more vital and vibrant area.

Howe Dell Community Hall

The Runway, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 9AH

OPENED March 2008

Howe Dell Community Hall is a brand new eco friendly Community Hall. The Hall, like the Howe Dell School next door, has been built with innovative 'sustainable' elements, such as renewable energy, recycled materials, natural ventilation and lighting and water management. This unique and excellent new Hall has a capacity of 80 with a fully equipped kitchen, small meeting room, a delightful patio and a small turfed garden area. It is unlicensed and presents a fantastic new opportunity for community based groups and organisations to hold meetings in a lovely new surrounding. It is also a great place to hold a children's party.

MAIN HALL/ACTIVITY ROOM - Per Hour - Peak £15.40
MAIN HALL/ACTIVITY ROOM - Per Hour - Off-Peak £9.75

PEAK HOURS - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 5.00PM-11.00PM,
SATURDAY and SUNDAY - 9.00AM-11.00PM
OFF-PEAK HOURS - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9.00AM-5.00PM

DAMAGE DEPOSIT - REFUNDABLE £50.00

For all enquiries call:
Birchwood Leisure Centre
(Central Booking Office)
Longmead, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 0AN
Tel: 01707 270772/3
Fax: 01707 275119
Email: birchwoodleisure@aol.com
Web: www.hatfield-herts.gov.uk

Oxlease House

Travellers Lane, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 8JT

Oxlease House is a modern community based hall, situated next door to Hatfield Leisure Centre on Travellers Lane. It is an unlicensed facility and is ideal for community and locally based groups to hold meetings. It is also perfect for children's parties. With a comfortable setting and a capacity of 60 it is already a popular venue for several organisations.

MAIN HALL, KITCHEN and ANNEX - Per Hour - Peak £15.50
MAIN HALL, KITCHEN and ANNEX - Per Hour - Off-Peak £13.50

PEAK HOURS - MONDAY TO SUNDAY - 8.00PM-11.00PM
OFF-PEAK HOURS - MONDAY TO SUNDAY - 9.00AM-8.00PM

DAMAGE DEPOSIT - REFUNDABLE £50.00

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Lemsford Hall

Brocket Road, Lemsford, Herts. AL8 7TT

Set in the picturesque village of Lemsford, the Hall is situated in grounds overlooking the Lea Valley. It provides an attractive and ideal location for Weddings, Anniversaries and Birthday Parties. It has a slightly old fashioned feel with a woodblock floor and wooden beams. Adjacent to the pretty Church of St. Johns, it accommodates many local activities, including Fly Dressing, Lemsford Old Folks Club, Scottish Dancing, Splitz Dance Club, Carpet Bowls and Yoga. It is also the home of Anniabel's Montessori School for 2-5 year olds which teaches a wide range of activities including music, dance, French and cooking. With a Main Hall that will comfortably seat 70 people, a Lounge Bar and Outdoor Terrace, the Hall is a very popular venue. Outside the Hall is a Football pitch, a fenced 'dog free' play area and a large car park.

MAIN HALL, KITCHEN and BAR STAFF
6pm to 12am - Fri-Sat (Sunday 5-11pm) £160.00
MAIN HALL - Per Hour - Function Rate £18.50
MAIN HALL - Community Use - Per Hour - Peak £15.50
MAIN HALL - Community Use - Per Hour - Off-Peak £10.00

PEAK HOURS - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 5.00PM-12.00AM, SATURDAY - 9.00AM-12.00AM,
SUNDAY - 9.00AM-11.00PM
OFF-PEAK HOURS - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9.00AM-5.00PM

(NOTE - THE BAR MAY BE USED BY OUR REGULAR SPORTS TEAMS AT WEEKENDS)

COMMERCIAL USE - DOUBLE THE ABOVE RATES
DAMAGE DEPOSIT - REFUNDABLE £50.00

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Roe Hill Hall

Briars Lane, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 8EY

Roe Hill Hall is the prime function Hall in Hatfield and is set in a quiet yet central location with ample floodlit car parking. It has undergone a major transformation and now is the perfect setting for Weddings, Anniversaries and Birthday Parties. It has a wooden floor and an adjoining room, perfect for a Buffet. The larger main hall will comfortably seat 100 and the new smaller Activity Room can accommodate 50. Both halls have kitchens with serving hatches and access to the Bar. All the facilities are available to hire for community activities, business and private functions. The very full programme of community activities includes Street Dance, Yoga, Dinky Dancers, EXTEND and it is the home of Hatfield QE Rugby Football Club and Welwyn Hatfield Sunday Football League. During the summer Hatfield Crusaders Cricket Club and Cavendish Cricket Club use the facilities. During term time it has a Playgroup - Monday to Friday mornings, an After School Club and a fenced children's play area.

MAIN HALL/ACTIVITY ROOM, KITCHEN and BAR STAFF
6pm to 12am - Fri-Sat (Sunday 5-11pm) £195.00
MAIN HALL/ACTIVITY ROOM - Per Hour - Peak £24.00
MAIN HALL/ACTIVITY ROOM - Per Hour - Off-Peak £15.00
MAIN HALL only - Per Hour - Peak £17.00
MAIN HALL only - Per Hour - Off-Peak £10.50
ACTIVITY ROOM only - Per Hour - Peak £11.50
ACTIVITY ROOM only - Per Hour - Off-Peak £8.50

PEAK HOURS - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 5.00PM-12.00AM, SATURDAY - 9.00AM-12.00AM,
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Each year the Town Council produces an Annual Report and Accounts which are audited by the Audit Commission. A full copy can be obtained at the Town Council Offices.

When the Borough Council sent out the Council Tax Bills a summary of the Town Council's forecast Income and Expenditure for both 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 was included.

Now that the 2007/2008 financial year has ended and the Accounts completed we can, as set out below, let you know the final figures for last year.

Town Council's Actual Expenditure 2007/2008

Gross £'S	Income £'S	Net £'S	Area
£120,563	£30,552	£90,011	Democratic Representation & Management
£143,755	-	£143,755	Corporate Management
£31,695	-	£31,695	Grants to Voluntary Organisations
£7,795	£7,795	-	Kennelwood House
£27,010	-	£27,010	Community Events & Activities
£8,234	£1,157	£7,077	Allotments
£502,456	£274,824	£227,632	Birchwood Leisure Centre
£70,499	£54,165	£16,334	Lemsford Village Hall
£18,057	£527	£17,530	Newgate Street Village Hall
£16,772	£16,537	£235	Oxlease House
£121,631	£87,776	£33,854	Roe Hill Hall
£87,644	-	£87,644	Community Parks & Open Spaces
£2,363	-	£2,363	Vehicles and Plant
£1,883	£201	£1,682	Howe Dell Community Centre
£1,160,357	£473,534	£686,822	
		£-30,643	Investment Interest
-	-	£-6,000	Pension costs
		£650,179	TOTAL EXPENDITURE
		£746,443	Precept from District Council
		£ 96,264	Surplus for the year
		26	Estimate of Staff Employed (Full Time Equivalents)

Town Council Meetings

Date & Time	Meeting	Venue
10 Sept 2008 at 7.30pm	Resources & Policy Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
24 Sept 2008 at 6.00pm	Planning Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
24 Sept 2008 at 6.45pm	Leisure Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
24 Sept 2008 at 7.30pm	Council	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
15 Oct 2008 at 7.30pm	Resources & Policy Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
29 Oct 2008 at 6.45pm	Planning Committee	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
29 Oct 2008 at 7.30pm	Council	Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre
19 Nov 2008 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

Hatfield FUN ZONE

A Softplay Centre on three levels for Toddlers & Children to enjoy.

A variety of slides, tunnels and ladders to keep the children entertained for hours.

Monday Evening Special from September 2008 - Exclusive Use from 6.30pm to 8pm or 8.15pm to 9.45pm for £75. That is half the normal price. Call our bookings HOTLINE on 01707 262023 to reserve your date.

The above offer of £75 has been extended to include Friday to Sunday during August 2008.

UNLIMITED USE FOR £16 per month apply for our "SILVER CARD" at our main Reception.

**Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield.
Tel: 01707 270772 for General Enquiries or
01707 262023 for Party/Group enquiries.
Postcode for your Sat Nav AL10 0AN**

For children up to a height of 1.52 metres (5ft) only.

Opening Hours 9.30am to 6pm Every Day.
Closed Bank Holidays and between Christmas and the New Year.
Last session is at 4.30pm each day.

Entry fee - £4 for an hour and a half maximum session at all times.
Children age under 4 are £3 per session.
The Cafe is open weekends and school holidays from 9.30am to 5.30pm.

Vending Machines are available at all other times.

For more information go to our website
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