



# Community News

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## SUMMER FESTIVAL TIME IN HATFIELD!

The Town Council and local organisations have organised a whole host of community events around Hatfield in June to entertain you.

### FUN FAIR AT BIRCHWOOD



From Friday 1st – Saturday 9th June there will be a fun fair at Birchwood with dodgems, waltzers, a twister, a trampoline,

refreshments and lots more.

### CAR RALLY AT BIRCHWOOD LEISURE CENTRE



Hatfield Heritage Vehicle Society will be hosting a bigger and better Car Rally this year on

Saturday 9th June. A fun packed family day out with an impressive display of vintage and modern vehicles, stalls and inflatables for the children and a beer tent for the adults. This is their 5th year so please come along and support them, admission is free.

If you would like to enter a vehicle or have a stall on the day please contact Colin Croft on 01707 265565 or visit their website at

[www.hatfieldclassics.co.uk](http://www.hatfieldclassics.co.uk)

### SCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Hatfield Crusaders Cricket Club is hosting this tournament for local schools on Roe Hill Playing Fields in the afternoon of Tuesday 12th June.

### LOCAL CRICKET CLUBS MATCH

Come and see the match of the year between Hatfield Crusaders and Cavendish Cricket Clubs on the evening of Wednesday 13th June on Roe Hill Playing Fields. Enjoy a drink from the bar on a summer's evening.



### SCOTTISH DANCE EVENING



For an excellent display from local groups and the chance to join in yourself, head to Lemsford Village Hall on the evening of Wednesday 13th June for the best of Scottish Dancing. There will also be a performance from local group the Cameron Show Dancers led by Mary Birkett, Hatfield's Citizen of the Year 2006.

### CHARITY GOLF DAY

Teams of 4 can enter our Golf Day at Mill Green Golf Club on



Thursday 14th June. Trophies and a 3 course dinner are included in the price and there is a great prize raffle too. All proceeds from the day will go directly to the new Town Mayor's nominated charity. Tee off is at 12pm and the cost is £200 per team. Please contact the Council for further details.

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## Playscheme

Below are the Playscheme dates for the rest of the year. Whitsun booking form is available to download on our website now and the Summer booking form is on the back page of this newsletter.



Whitsun ~ 29th May to 1st June  
Summer ~ 23rd July to 31st August  
October ~ 22nd to 26th October

## Contact the Town Council

Hatfield Town Council, Council Offices, Kennelwood House Town Centre, Hatfield. AL10 0LG

Tel. 01707 262023 Fax. 01707 271145  
Email: [enquiries@hatfield-herts.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hatfield-herts.gov.uk)

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



## SUMMER FESTIVAL (continued)



### HISTORY OF ROCK 'N' ROLL CONCERT

Stream Woods is once again hosting this fun concert for local schools. Uno Bus is providing the transport for the outlying schools and Cool n Crazy Music are performing. The show tells the story of how Rock 'n' Roll music evolved and encourages lots of audience participation!

### HILLTOP FUN DAY

On Saturday 16th June, head up to High View shops at the Hilltop where there will be stalls, raffles, entertainment, and the entries for our schools Poster Competition will be on display at St John's. The new Town Mayor will present prizes to the winners of the Poster Competition from each school.



### BEST KEPT PLOT

This year sees the launch of the annual Best Kept Plot at our Allotments site in Green Lanes. With 94 plots, there will be some stiff competition and the winner will be presented with a prize by the Town Mayor.

For more details on any of the Festival events please contact the Town Council directly.

## HATFIELD CITIZEN AWARD



Hatfield Town Mayor & Mayoress present flowers to Mary Birkett.

Congratulations to Mary Birkett who won the 2006 Hatfield Citizen Award. For many years Mary has run the Cameron Show Dancers which is a local Scottish Country Dance group for young people that gives displays in the area. Mary has also given her time to the Boys Brigade, the Girls Brigade, and has helped to raise money for the repair and maintenance of her local church. Mary was presented with her certificate and gifts at the regular dance evening at Lemsford Hall on the 4th April. She has chosen The Mixed Group as her nominated charity to receive £300 from the Town Council. The Mixed Group provide a wonderful Christmas Day meal and festivities for the elderly every year.

The Town Council is now looking for nominations for this year's Citizen Award. The Award is given to someone who resides in the parish of Hatfield and who has enriched the lives of others in Hatfield.

Written nominations are invited from members of the public detailing why the nominees deserve this Award. The Award winner will nominate a good cause in Hatfield to receive £300 and will themselves receive a certificate and a gift of champagne and flowers. The closing date for this year's nominations is 30th September 2007. Please send any nominations directly to the Town Council.

## PLAYSCHEME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS



Pat Bailey, Playscheme Coordinator, and Donna Lewis, After School Club Leader, stepped out recently to receive the Award from Hertfordshire Quality Standards for our Playscheme at Birchwood Leisure Centre that runs every school holiday and our After School Club at Roe Hill Hall. We have received accreditation for providing quality childcare to the community of Hatfield.

In response to parents' concerns the Town Council has deferred the closure of the After School Club until at least the end of the Summer Term 2008 when the service will be reviewed. The After School Club was seen as an interim service for parents until the provision was available at local schools. By 2010 all Primary and Secondary Schools are expected to offer Extended Services, and more local schools are starting to offer after school care. For example, the new Howe Dell School will have wraparound care.

If you would like more information on our After School Club please contact Pat Bailey at Birchwood Leisure Centre on 01707 270772.

## A NEW PCSO IN HATFIELD

Hatfield Town Council is pleased to sponsor a second PCSO for the community of Hatfield. Simon Ford joins our existing PCSO Angela Wilcox to provide a secure presence on the streets of Hatfield. Both PCSOs are equipped with bicycles and mobile phones.



## RESIDENTS' SURVEY

Congratulations to our lucky resident from Wrestlers Close who was drawn at random to win the £50 cash prize from the survey. The full results of the survey have been collated to present to Councillors and our Best Value Panel who will discuss the results. A brief summary of the results can be found below.

The bi-annual Residents' Survey was issued to a random selection of 800 households in Hatfield in November 2006. 175 were returned which is a 22 % response rate. It is clear that the majority of those surveyed are aware of local facilities such as Birchwood Leisure Centre, village halls, play areas and community events but are unaware of services such as grants and twinning.

However many people are not aware that Hatfield Town Council provides all of the facilities listed. In response to this initial observation, the Council ran a feature in the spring Community News entitled "An A-Z of Hatfield Town Council" to try and raise awareness of all the facilities. The top 3 most important issues highlighted are:

1. Cost & information about the services we provide.
2. Cleanliness.
3. Value for money.

There were many issues listed that are the responsibility of the Borough Council and it is clear that most people are confused about the roles of the Town and Borough Councils. The majority of people that responded are over 50 years of age and have lived in Hatfield for over 10 years and do not use many of our facilities so were unable to comment on them. The Town Council will be reviewing the format and content of the survey to ensure that more relevant data is obtained in future.

## LOOKING FOR SUMMER WORK?



The Town Council is looking for Playscheme staff for its accredited Playscheme at Birchwood Leisure Centre. We particularly need staff for the Summer one which runs from 23rd July to 31st August.

The hours are 8am – 6pm and the pay is £6.79 per hour. Childcare qualifications/experience is desirable and CRB checks are carried out on all Playscheme staff by the Town Council.

If you are interested you can download an application form from our website or contact Pat Bailey, our Playscheme Coordinator, on 01707 270772 / 270773 for further details.

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

### MAY ELECTIONS

Elections for new Town Councillors occurred at the start of the month and the Town Council bid farewell to a number of long standing Councillors.

In particular, Alf Appleby, who has been a local Councillor for 40 years, has had to step down due to ill health. He will be missed by many at the Town Council.

Cllr. Linda Clark	Conservative
39 Chantry Lane, Hatfield, AL10 9HW	
Cllr. Michael Clark	Conservative
39 Chantry Lane, Hatfield, AL10 9HW	
Cllr. Peter O'Brien	Conservative
16 Drakes Way, Hatfield, AL10 8XR	
Cllr. Colin Croft	Labour
25 Daysmead, Hatfield, AL10 0SE	
Cllr. Sheila Jones	Labour
8 Dellfield Road, Hatfield, AL10 8EW	
Cllr. Margaret White	Labour
30 The Downs, Hatfield, AL10 8JX	
Cllr. David Dorrington	Conservative
1 Ground Lane, Hatfield, AL10 0HJ	
Cllr. Howard Morgan	Conservative
Flat 2, Maynard House, The Common, Hatfield, AL10 0NF	
Cllr. Doug Berry	Conservative
9 Daffodil Close, Hatfield, AL10 9FF	
Cllr. Sarah Atkinson	Conservative
365 St Albans Road West, Hatfield, AL10 9RU	
Cllr. Mick Long	Conservative
7 Lamb Close, Hatfield, AL10 8PS	
Cllr. Ron Smith	Conservative
44 Willow Way, Hatfield, AL10 9QE	
Cllr. Linda Mendez	Labour
12 Shallcross Crescent, Hatfield, AL10 9QH	
Cllr. Paul Smith	Conservative
45 Garden Avenue, Hatfield, AL10 8LL	
Cllr. Geoff Wiltshire	Conservative
Tolmers Park Farm, Newgate Street Village, Hertford, SG13 8RG	

## TOWN MAYOR UPDATE

The Town Council would like to thank Councillor Mick Long for all the work he has done throughout the year as Hatfield's first Town Mayor.



Councillor Long has attended a vast number of functions and community events during the year and one of his final duties will be to present a cheque to his nominated charity, Leonard Cheshire, for the funds he has raised during his year in office.

A new Town Mayor has now been elected.

## NEW ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION FORMING

It is a few years since our Green Lanes allotment site had its own Association but this looks set to start up again. With 94 plots and around 70 plot holders, the site will benefit greatly from having an active Association. It will be able to provide benefits such as discounted seeds, an improved social scene and being a voice to the Council.



The Town Council will provide any necessary support to the Association as it is starting up and together will be launching the Annual Best Kept Plot Competition as part of the Festival activities in June.

There are also plans for a Community Open Day at the site to celebrate National Allotments Week in August.

## POSTER WINS AWARD



The Town Council runs a themed Poster Competition every year with local primary schools

The idea is to convey an important message to the community as the winning poster is displayed around Hatfield.

Last year's competition was about parking safely and was one of the projects that received an award under the "Vision for Action" initiative set up by St Albans Abbey. Representatives from St John's Church who display the posters for the competition attended the awards ceremony on the 24th February at the Abbey where 2,500 people attended.

This year's theme is "Energy Saving in the Home" and all entries will be displayed at St John's Church in the run up to the Hilltop Fun Day on Saturday 16th June.

## WHATS ON



Meetings for local creative people at the Talk Bar, Beales Hotel from 6-8pm. Thurs 14th June & Thurs 12th July. Contact Helen Blockley

on 01707 284741 or go to [www.creativeherbs.com](http://www.creativeherbs.com)

### HATFIELD HOUSE

#### **Sat 16th – Sun 17th June The Rose Weekend, Hatfield House**

A celebration of roses & summer flowers. Tel. 01707 287010.

#### **Sun 1st July at Hatfield House Wind in the Willows**

Children's theatre in the Park.

#### **Sat 7th July at Hatfield House Herts Children's Folk Dancing**

On the Cricket Pitch in front of the house. Tel. 01707 287010.

#### **Sun 15th July 4-6:30pm Hatfield House ~ Shakespeare in the Park**

Much Ado About Nothing performed in the Park. Tel. 01707 287010.



### ISABEL HOSPICE NEWS

#### **Sun 27th May 2-6pm Sunrise Family Rounders Day**

Raffles, refreshments, and much more. At Birchwood Leisure Centre. For more information contact Waiky Shek on 07961 303878 or email [wksis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wksis@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **Sun 3rd June 12-5pm Hog Roast & Family Day**

At The Chantry in Furneaux Pelham. For more information please contact Cheryl Cusack on 01707 330686.

#### **Sat 9th June 7pm onwards Forget Me Not Ball**

At the Homestead Court Hotel in Welwyn Garden City. Tickets cost £25.00 and include a 3 course dinner & disco. Ladies - dress to impress! Gents - Smart Suits. For more information please contact Dee on 01763 273803 or Anne on 01707 331967.

#### **15th – 17th June 7:30pm Showstoppers Musical Revue**

A show at Castle Hall, Hertford. Tickets are available from the Box Office on 01992 531500, price £12.

## DIVERSE CULTURES TO UNITE IN CELEBRATION

Stanborough Park in Welwyn Garden City will once again be the setting for this year's Kaleidoscope Festival. The hugely successful multi-ethnic, multi-cultural family fun-day is organised by Welwyn Hatfield Ethnic Minority [WHEM] Group, based at the Bill Salmon Centre, Hatfield. This year's celebrations take place from 12:00 pm – 6:00pm on Saturday, 14th July.

Kaleidoscope Festival offers a rich and vibrant mix of live music, dance performances, art and craft, information stalls, children's activities as well as national and international cuisine. It also provides an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the rich and diverse cultural heritage found in the area, whilst also finding out about services and opportunities available locally. Over 100 exhibitors and stallholders have signed up for the event and the organisers are hoping to maintain last year's success which saw approximately 10,000 people in attendance. To mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade, 'Freedom and Equality' is the theme for this year's celebrations.

Eliud Matindi, the festival's coordinator said: "The Ethnic Minority Group is, once again, very pleased and proud to be hosting what promises to be our biggest and most successful event yet. We are very grateful to individual members of our community, our sponsors and supporters, as, without their assistance, we would not be able to put on the festival. The Ethnic Minority Group remains determined and committed to continue offering everyone in our community the chance to come together, enjoy and celebrate our rich and diverse cultural heritage."

To find out more about the festival, including volunteering opportunities and the activities planned for the day, contact the Ethnic Minority Group at Bill Salmon Centre, Hatfield (next to Barclays Bank), telephone 01707 262548 or by email at [whemg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:whemg@yahoo.co.uk) Details about the day are also available by logging onto the festival's website – [www.kalfest.org.uk](http://www.kalfest.org.uk)



## HATFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Their next meeting will be Thursday 12th July at 7:30pm at Friendship House, Wellfield Road. It is an open evening sharing memories with displays and photos. People are invited to bring along any photos which may be of interest. For further details please call 01707 274515.

## GREEN ENVIRONMENT DAY

On Saturday 16th June there will be a focus on environmental and green issues in White Lion Square.

Numerous stalls offering information and advice will cover all aspects of green living. For further information contact Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council on 01707 357565.



## HATFIELD TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council has announced that work has started on the first phase of the long awaited Town Centre redevelopment. The former Forum site in Lemsford Road is currently being developed to provide 84 affordable homes consisting of one and two bedroom flats for rent and shared ownership.

The main town centre scheme is due to start in the first quarter of 2008. Hatfield residents can keep up to date with progress and reports via the Borough Council's website as they issue press releases and have a page detailing the site plans and schedule.

<http://www.welhat.gov.uk/councildemocracy/pressreleases>

<http://www.welhat.gov.uk/planning/hatfieldtowncentreredevelopment/redevelopmentschedule>



## THE FOYER STUDIO AT GOLDINGS HOUSE



The Welwyn Hatfield Prince's Trust group recently dressed in fancy dress around Hatfield and raised over £755 to refurbish the recording studio on the 4th floor at Goldings House. The team completed the refurbishment as part of their course relating to community projects.

The studio is now open from 6-9pm Monday to Wednesday and young people can go and use the recording facilities to make their own music or the small room at the side to mix music on the decks. There is also a café on site and a rehearsal room that local bands can use to practice. There is even talk of producing an album of songs recorded at the studio. Our previous Town Mayor, Councillor Mick Long, attended the opening ceremony with the group and it is hoped that this facility is well used by the youngsters in Hatfield.

## NUMBER 1 HATFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE



Number 1 Hatfield has recently had a transformation thanks to some students from Onslow St Audrey's School redecorating the café and the meeting room. The café is open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm for teas and coffees.

There are also a whole host of other services such as toddler activities, access to the internet in the café and a youth group on a Friday night (ages 8-12 @ 7-8:15pm, 13+ @ 8:30-10pm). The youth group is free, and there is access to a pool table and a tuck shop where refreshments can be bought.

They are also looking to host an art gallery in the café area so if any local artists are interested please contact the centre. Volunteers are always needed at the centre, especially for leading the toddler art /music sessions or working in the internet café.

Number 1 Hatfield, 1 Town Centre (next door to Pizza Hut), Hatfield, AL10 0JZ. Tel. 01707 270590 or see [www.number1hatfield.org.uk](http://www.number1hatfield.org.uk) for details on all activities.

## BRIARS PAVILION, ROE HILL HALL

Hertfordshire County Council, with the support of the Town Council which has leased the land to them, has built a new centre called Briars Pavilion. Next to Roe Hill Hall in Briars Lane, the centre is now complete and is one of two new facilities to replace the existing Hornbeams Day Service. The Service is run by their Adult Care Services department for people with learning disabilities.

To find out more about Adult Care Services please call 01438 737400 or to contact Briars Pavilion directly their number is 01707 346990.

# HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL HOLIDAY PLAYScheme REGISTRATION FORM

A Separate Form needs to be filled out for each child

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

NAME CHILD LIKES TO BE CALLED \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

ETHNIC ORIGIN (Please circle)

White

Black-African

Black-Caribbean

Black-Other

Asian-Indian

Asian-Pakistani

Asian-Bangladeshi

Chinese

Dual-Heritage

Other

NAME OF PARENT (S) OR CARERS (S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TEL NO: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SURGERY TEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

COLLECTOR AND EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS (In Addition to above)

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TEL NO (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

2. NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TEL NO (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY KNOWN MEDICAL PROBLEMS? (PLEASE LIST)

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY KNOW ALLERGIES OR MAJOR DISLIKES (I.E FOOD OR MATERIALS)?

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO KNOW

SOME OF THE ROUTINE ACTIVITIES OF THE PLAYScheme MAY INVOLVE VISITING PARKS OR SHORT TRIPS ON FOOT OR IN A MINI BUS. FOR YOUR CHILD TO TAKE PART IN THESE ACTIVITIES, YOU MUST GIVE YOUR PERMISSION.

I AGREE TO MY CHILD TAKING PART IN THE ACTIVITY DESCRIBED ABOVE.

**YES/NO**

THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY DURING THE PLAYScheme TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS, TO ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION OF THE PLAYSchemes.

I AGREE THAT PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE TAKEN OF CHILD FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

**YES/NO**

I CONSENT TO ANY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT NECESSARY DURING THE RUNNING OF THE PLAYScheme. I AUTHORISE THE PLAYCARE STAFF TO SIGN ANY WRITTEN FORM OF CONSENT REQUIRED BY THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES IF THE DELAY IN GETTING MY SIGNATURE IS CONSIDERED BY THE DOCTOR TO ENDANGER MY CHILD'S HEALTH AND SAFETY.

**YES/NO**

I/WE HAVE READ THROUGH THE RULES/REGULATIONS ABOUT HOW THE PLAYScheme OPERATES.

I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT IF THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS I/WE CAN DISCUSS THESE WITH THE CO-ORDINATOR OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age  
5 to 11  
(School Year 6)

*Please use a separate form for each child. A registration form and payment must accompany this form.*

*Book Early  
to avoid  
Disappointment*

Please put a X in the day/s you require.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Day 8.30am to 6pm	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	27-Jul
All Day 8.30am to 6pm	30-Jul	31-Jul	1-Aug	2-Aug	3-Aug
All Day 8.30am to 6pm	6-Aug	7-Aug	8-Aug	9-Aug	10-Aug
All Day 8.30am to 6pm	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug	16-Aug	17-Aug
All Day 8.30am to 6pm	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	24-Aug
All Day 8.30am to 6pm	Bank Holiday	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug

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**OPTION 1 - 1 CHILD**

Hatfield Resident	£ 11.50	per child per day
	£ 52.50	per child per full week
Non Hatfield Resident	£ 15.00	per child per day
	£ 70.00	per child per full week

\* Hatfield Residents are households that pay Council Tax to Hatfield Town Council.

All Day	Hatfield Resident	£ _____ x _____	Day/s =	£ _____
All Day	Non Hatfield Resident	£ _____ x _____	Day/s =	£ _____
All Week	Hatfield Resident	£ _____ x _____	Week/s =	£ _____
All Week	Non Hatfield Resident	£ _____ x _____	Week/s =	£ _____

*No Cash  
Payments  
Cheque or  
Card Payments  
Only*

**Total Due** = £ \_\_\_\_\_

*Sports  
Art  
Games  
Crafts  
Cooking*

Cheques should be made payable to "HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL" and sent to:  
**HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, KENNELWOOD HOUSE, TOWN CENTRE, HATFIELD. AL10 0LG**

Or please debit my \_\_\_\_\_ (type of card) credit/debit card with £ \_\_\_\_\_

My card number is \_\_\_\_\_ Issue date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_ Issue No. (switch only) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address for Confirmation

\_\_\_\_\_ Cardholders Signature

Any queries please call our BOOKINGS HOTLINE on 01707 262023.  
Booking Office closed on Friday 20th July 2007 ONLY

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