

UP HATHERLEY PARISH RECORD 2024

Circling the Neighbourhood



Wednesday morning Health Walkers outside the Hatherley Inn, a starting point alternating weekly with Up Hatherley Library.



Mikey Jaynes, better known as "Akela" to 1st Hatherley Cubs, has been honoured with the BEM (British Empire Medal). His service to the troop so far is an amazing 40 years and we congratulate him on his fully deserved award and recognition.

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Meetings are normally held in the Village Hall, Cold Pool Lane at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of each odd month, beginning in January. Residents are welcome, and meetings are always opened for questions from the floor.

The articles in the magazine represent the views of the individuals who prepared them and are not necessarily the collective views of the Parish Council.

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CHAIR'S FOREWORD

It's hard to believe this is the 64th edition of the Parish Record; Peter Worsley's 18th time as Editor; and my 6th Chair's Foreword.

The Parish Council has had considerable influence on planning matters, including the demolition and replacement of the house called *Roenda* on Greatfield Lane, where we achieved road safety alterations; Caernarvon Court, where our objections led to an improved plan of development; and our submission to the Strategic and Local plan, a key strategy for where and how future development will take place around Cheltenham.

David Willcox, our footpaths and open spaces champion, has established an effective quarterly review of maintenance issues with CBC/UBICO including a local walkabout. We are also closer to bringing Broad Oak Way green spaces into public ownership and ensuring the grass gets cut regularly.

Roger Whyborn and the Highways Group have successfully secured resurfacing work on Caernarvon Road and Hatherley Road; pavement works by the Hatherley Inn; and contributed to improved safety with zebra crossings near Bournside School.

Volunteering is at the heart of what we do and Parish Councillors are actively involved in making Up Hatherley a fine place to live: Ashley Houlton leads the weekly health walks, Roger Whyborn, Noreen Holden and I volunteer at Lakeside Community Project and Angela Goldsby, Noreen, Peter Worsley, Stephen Gutteridge, Michael Ede and I together with Maralyn Reynolds (a former Parish Councillor), are regulars at the Two O'clock Club. Stephen has also done a brilliant work on the new garden at the rear of the Village Hall.

We thank Pankaj Vaja for his help on improving Cheriton Park, while my personal thanks go to all our councillors but especially our hard working clerk, Kathryn Oakey.

Last year's Carol Service was a great success, and we look forward to welcoming you to the service on Fernleigh Green at 6.30pm on Christmas eve. Please bring a cup or mug for the mulled wine and a torch to see the carol sheet!

Sarah Bamford



BILL SARGISON

Last year we accidentally omitted Bill's name as a previous Editor of the Parish Record. For many years he was closely involved with both the Parish Council and PCC of St. Philip and St. James Church and, as Secretary of Cheltenham YMCA, established a sound financial base from which the local Association still benefits. He then became the YMCA Area Secretary for the South West of England. A community stalwart, in 2009 he produced our Parish Plan and, with his wife, Miriam, continues to do much to enrich parish life.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES 2023/24

The last audited set of accounts for the Council is the position at the end of March 2024. A great deal happened during the year, with extensive works at the front and rear of the Village Hall, which has created parking, EV charging points and a usable outdoor space including a community garden. Despite these outgoings the Council remains in a sound financial position.

The Council has also been involved with:

- Providing financial assistance to Greatfield School for toilet refurbishment work.
- Contributing to Youth Work in the parish via a summer holiday scheme, jointly with the Borough Council.
- Supporting the Lakeside Community Foodbank.
- Contributing to the GCC fund to install a zebra crossing on Warden Hill Road to ensure the safety of children.

The latest approved accounts are shown below:

Kathryn Oakey (Clerk)

Expenditure:	2022-23 Outturn £	2023-24 Outturn £
Running the Council	16,075	19,919
Maintenance	778	3,254
Recreation & Culture	2,501	1,573
Exceptional R&C Items		
Lighting the Way Project	5,176	
Lakeside Community Project	1,934	1,000
Bournside crossing		5,000
Loan Repayments	4,236	6,873
Village Hall Expenses	7,580	9,184
Exceptional Hall Items		
Building / roof works	81,585	1,973
Landscaping		29,881
Summer Gardens Competition	265	-
Other (including subs and donations)	295	750
Other Exceptional Items		
Grant to Greatfield School		4,000
Summer holiday activity prog	2,000	2,000
CBC Youth Work Project	5,000	-
Grant to Lakeside Project	1,000	-
Total	128,426	85,407

Income:	2022-23 Outturn £	2023-24 Outturn £
Bank Interest	220	827
Grant	13,000	12,175
Hiring	9,896	16,122
Loan	74,974	-
Precept	28,974	30,798
Record	325	350
Other	3,788	
Total	131,176	60,272
Surplus / Deficit for the Year	2,750	- 25,135
Retained Surplus b/f	53,407	56,157
Retained Surplus c/f	56,157	31,022

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE

last year raised nearly £600!

- see full details on page 33



HATHERLEY BRAKE

Hatherley Brake was a large building which, after demolition, gave its name to the road diagonally opposite the Post Office. This poster is almost 125 years old and dates from the time when it was a night school. The Schoolroom referred to is pictured on page 30.

It later became privately owned and, we are reliably informed, was once an orphanage belonging to Barnardo's and later still a home to children with various special needs.

This might sound alien to our modern culture but the 19th and 20th Centuries saw a massive need for children's stand alone accommodation, especially bearing in mind a much higher parent mortality rate which was related partly, but not entirely, to two world wars.



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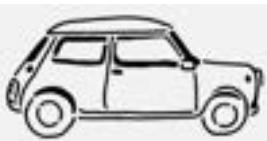
HIGHWAYS

The Parish Council highways group of Adrian Bamford, Andy Ponting, and Roger Whyborn meets regularly with the local Highways manager and this has been a successful year for Up Hatherley, with several resurfacing and other projects completed or in hand:

- The last stretch of block pavement from The Hatherley to the Lakeside mini roundabout was resurfaced in tarmac during the summer.
- That was followed by resurfacing of the carriageway in the same area.
- After some years of lobbying and campaigning, the whole of Caernarvon Road from Salisbury Avenue was resurfaced.
- The four mounting posts for mobile Vehicle Activated Speed signs were finally installed in April in various locations and three are already in use. We are currently gathering data from Alma Road, where, amongst other places, residents have raised concerns about speeding.
- Highway flooding issues are mostly resolved but issues remain on Windermere Road where a CCTV investigation was unsuccessful and must be repeated, with further CCTV work promised at Rippledale Close.
- Parking continues to be a problem around Lakeside Primary School, which now educates more than 600 children. The County Council has reviewed parking restrictions and an extended scheme is likely to be introduced in 2025.
- GCC's slowest running project is the 20mph scheme in Hatherley Lane, and Hatherley Road – from The Hatherley Inn to Heron Close – and some work was done in the Reddings area, with more due near Heron Close. Latest estimate for completion is during 2025, with money from commercial premises
- Parishioners with children at Bournside School are pleased with the two zebra crossings on Warden Hill Road which were completed in the spring with £5,000 donated by Up Hatherley Parish Council towards the overall cost.

In a wider context, M5 Junction 10 is still scheduled for completion in 2027. The County Council is also consulting on an expanded Junction 9 and linkage to the A46 but the earliest date for completion would be 2034.

Roger Whyborn





ST MARGARET'S HALL AND ANNEX

A registered charity, St. Margaret's Hall is located at the end of Coniston Road, and is an excellent amenity for local residents. A versatile resource for 25 years, it has been regularly updated and improved, with the Annex added in 2017. Happily, the past year has been operated at almost maximum capacity with a wide range of ages and activities.

Blood Donor service sessions are held every two months and full details of our splendid and important Community Project can be found on page 16. On the third Friday of each month, we hold a popular Bingo session.

Run by a committee of volunteers, the hall is available to hire for parties and celebrations. Please enquire for bookings at smhallbookings@gmail.com.

We welcome new committee members, particularly if you are one of our younger residents (under 40!). Please contact clivetaylor@stmargarets-hall.co.uk.

Clive Taylor, Chairman



BRANCH ROAD

The history of local development includes a few name changes among old buildings. As one enters Branch Road from The Reddings there are several inter-connected buildings on the left, all with different names, one of which is *The Coach House*. However, a glance at a Victorian Ordnance Survey map suggests they were originally just one property or estate named *Sironcha*.

According to the internet *Sironcha* is a town in India, once connected to the East India Company, an important maritime trading enterprise with influence all over the world. Cheltenham is well-known for its connection to retired Indian officials and many properties in the town, especially Regency ones, were once occupied by retired military officers. Is that how *Sironcha* got its name?



THE HATHERLEY INN

Dating from around 1877 the Hatherley Inn was linked to George Stibbs' Albion Street Steam Brewery, which ran at least six other pubs but in 1898 it was acquired by the Cheltenham Original Brewery. By 1903 it had an annual rateable value of £27 and, despite its then relatively rural location, closed at 11 pm, the same as urban pubs in the centre of town. The building has since been enlarged and modernised and was briefly called the Three Crowns before reverting back to its original name. Owned by Greene King, the ambience is very pleasant with excellent meals at modest prices. Led by manager Chad Downes, with two assistant managers, the pub employs more than 20 staff.



BRIZEN YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENTRE

We had another successful year with increased numbers really enjoying socialising. Getting away from keyboards is great for mental health and our youth leaders encourage participation in new areas and skills. The summer saw organised sports and days out, and we are fortunate to have the backing of a local company, Adkins, who kindly give us both financial and physical support. Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council undertake the lease with improvements in the coming year. We also work closely with Up Hatherley Parish Council who are represented on our board of trustees.

Our Centre is available to hire via www.thebrizenyoungpeoplescentre.org.uk where you can also find more detailed information.

If you would like to help with this rewarding work then please get in touch.

Anne Regan (Trustee)

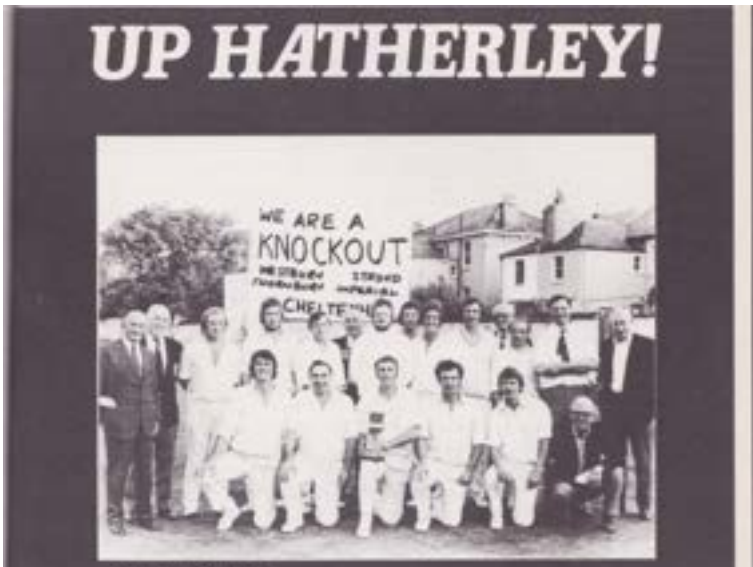
A BLACK DAY FOR LOCAL CRICKET

June 14th 1958 was a metaphorically dark day for Hatherley and Reddings Cricket Club when they were on the receiving end of a “Broadway Broadsides”! A full account can be found in chapter 5 of the 1983 centenary booklet edited by our former Parish Council chairman, the late David Hall. The scorecard below speaks for itself with Broadway bowler, John Oliver, taking 10 wickets for 0 runs!

BROADWAY			HATHERLEY & REDDINGS		
D. Teale		b Radford 0	J. Howard	c Figgitt	b Oliver 0
R. Stokes		b Radford 11	D. Wellon	c Bailey	b Oliver 1
C. Ingles		b Gorick 8	P. Catt	LBW	b Oliver 0
E. Knight		b Radford 2	P. Wits		b Oliver 0
W. Bailey	c Flook	b Pearce 18	D. Gorick	c Turner	b Oliver 0
K. Teale	c Woodhouse	b Radford 5	P. Pearce	LBW	b Oliver 0
D. Turner	c Wellon	b Wellon 1	J. Radford		b Oliver 1
J. Sphorpe	st Flook	b Wellon 0	B. Peacey		b Oliver 0
J. Figgitt		b Pearce 6	D. Woodhouse		NOT OUT 0
A. Keep	NOT OUT	2	M. Wakeman		b Oliver 0
J. Oliver		b Pearce 5	D. Flook		b Oliver 0
		EXTRAS 1			EXTRAS 3
TOTAL 10 Wkts 50			TOTAL 10 Wkts 5		
BROADWAY WON BY 55 RUNS					

A WHITE DAY FOR LOCAL CRICKET!

On September 5th 1976, at the Victoria Ground, Hatherley and Redding’s defeated the home team - no less than Cheltenham itself - by 2 runs, to win the knockout Whitbread Cup. En route they defeated Westbury-on-Trym, Stroud, Thornbury and Imperial Bristol.



TWO O'CLOCK CLUB

Now in its second year, the Tuesday afternoon gathering at the Village Hall has gone from strength to strength, with around 30 guests each week enjoying afternoon tea and taking part in special events such as raffles, quizzes, old time music hall, a fish and chips supper and first aid training. There is a real buzz about the hall and our guests help clear up in an extremely slick operation. The cake table is a wonderful spectacle and although there is no charge, our guests are generous with their donations. In this past year, we have contributed more than £2,000 to the Lakeside Community Project, as well as over £700 to Sue Ryder, Macmillan and other charities.

It wouldn't be possible without our volunteers – the main team of Noreen, Maralyn, Angela, Lesley and myself, with a special mention of Peter (Master of Ceremonies) and Stephen (Gardener-in-Chief).
Sarah Bamford

A MESSAGE FROM THE SALVATION ARMY

A huge **THANK YOU** to the residents of Up Hatherley as we collected the amazing sum of **£598.94** at last year's **Christmas Eve Carol Service**. Every penny was gratefully received and as a result we were able to distribute **588 Toy/Gift Parcels** and **625 Food Parcels**. You truly made a difference to many local families and children who would otherwise have gone without last Christmas!

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HATHERLEY DISTRICT GIRLGUIDING - RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Girlguiding continues to thrive in the district, with six units: one Rainbows, four Brownies, and one Guides, all full with waiting lists. Throughout the year our young people have attended pack holidays; carol singing at a residential home; and a visit to the cinema with hosts of other units from all across Cheltenham.

It has been another very busy year, with units going on pack holidays; visiting the seaside on the train; and attending the Remembrance Sunday Parade. Units have supported the Cobalt Unit by organising Christmas cards, and run a beetle drive and cake sale in aid of the Guide Dogs charity.

In total we have 132 girls experiencing fun-filled activities from ages 5-14, only made possible with the help of our wonderful volunteers. If you know of anyone who would like to help us then please check our national website www.girlguiding.org.uk or contact myself for a chat at hatherley@girlguidingglos.org.uk.

Kim Poulson, District Commissioner



The new war memorial bench in the recently created garden at the rear of the Village Hall, which was itself erected as a First World War memorial to those who lost their lives from Up Hatherley and surrounding areas. Several people have been involved in creating this splendid open space, with special thanks to Stephen Gutteridge for his green fingered expertise.

LAKESIDE SCHOOL

It has been a positive start to the academic year at Lakeside with our youngest pupils completing their transition and finding their metaphorical feet as they completed their first term. The Young Learners' Garden also enhanced their learning experience as they raced around the track, constructed obstacle courses, explored in the sand and served up worm soup in the mud kitchen! The autumn term also brought an opportunity for parents of local three and four year-olds to consider their choices for next September, for which we organise open events and a tour. Parents or carers unable to attend specified dates are welcome to contact us separately.

Our annual harvest assembly was provided by Year 3 children, when we welcomed Roger Whyborn from the Lakeside Community Project to explain how our donated collections of pantry products help local folk in need. For those wanting to learn more, please visit our website www.lakesidechelt.co.uk or book a trip to see us in person via the school office on admin@lakeside.gloucs.sch.uk.

Jon Moss (Head Teacher)



SPONSORED BIKE RIDE!

Congratulations to Ray Dullforce who completed a 40 mile sponsored bike ride in memory of his wife, Denise. He raised £1,000 for the Sue Rider Hospice in Leckhampton. Although it rained for the first 10 miles and Ray admitted the final three miles were hard work, it was well worth the effort and a huge thank you to those who cared for his wife.

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Left to right: Andrea Williams, Wendy and Dave Price, Sarah Bamford

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PROJECT

Now in its 4th year the project is supported by Morrisons; Up Hatherley and Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Councils; Cheltenham Borough Council; and several generous local residents. We open on Tuesday mornings in the annex at St Margaret's Hall and have more than 40 registered households, helping around 20 each week. Our guests pay £4 in return for a range of fruit vegetables, bread, eggs, cupboard items, cleaning products and toiletries. Pet food is generously donated by Pets at Home.

During school holidays we operate hunger initiatives, encouraging families on free school meals, while vulnerable adults can visit us all year round. Local schools help by collecting at harvest festival time and school visits have shown children how we operate. We opened 55 times during the year. Setting up for each session is extremely time consuming, however, so we really appreciate our volunteers, who will be delighted we have been given permission for a new permanent storage facility next year.

Contact either Sarah Bamford 01242 690708 or Roger Whyborn 01242 231458.





HATHERLEY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This picture is from the early 1970s and shows the Women's Fellowship cast of *Babes in the Wood* Christmas pantomime. Do you know where the picture was taken and where the group met? Furthermore, do you have any memories of past productions of any kind in Up Hatherley?

The *Parish Record* is only as good as the contents supplied so if you have anything at all to share then please contact us via:- clerk@uhpc.org.uk

PRINCESS MARGARET'S VISIT TO UP HATHERLEY PARISH CHURCH

Last year we asked if anyone knew the names of anyone on the page 16 photo. David Richards told us the two people facing slightly to the left were Eric Phillips and his wife Joan. He was the Liberal Democrat Mayor for 1989/1990 and they were both members of Cheltenham Horticultural Society.

VOLUNTEERS

Our Parish Council, what a crew,
They work for nowt you know!
So thanks for everything you do,
Volunteers through and through!

TREES

Our town boasts many wonderful green spaces, parks, conservation areas and thousands of beautiful trees. Up Hatherley has its fair share and we need to maintain and protect them for everyone to enjoy.

Trees act as natural air filters by absorbing carbon dioxide; providing shelter, shade and habitats for wildlife; limiting noise pollution; and promoting physical and mental health. The Woodland Trust state that “*Chemicals released by trees strengthen our immune, hormonal, circulatory and nervous systems. They also improve our quality of life – offering relief from both anxiety and depression.*”

Bearing this in mind it is no surprise that feelings can run high when we see a tree being felled. However, about 550 Cheltenham trees have preservation orders and cannot be cut down without permission. Chris Chavasse, the local Tree Officer, never agrees to felling unless it is absolutely necessary and his team conduct inspections on all Council owned trees every three years, some more frequently. However, if issues are reported then inspections can be done quickly. The tree planting season begins in November and runs until March, so watch out for new trees appearing in Up Hatherley, replacing those that sadly had to be felled.

Julie Sankey (Borough Councillor)



MIKEY “AKELA” JAYNES (see front cover)

Mention “Akela” to anyone who has gone through the Cubs at 1st Hatherley Scout Troop and they will immediately think of Mikey Jaynes who was presented with the BEM (British Empire Medal) in the New Year Honours List. He has been involved with local youth for countless years, initially at Cheltenham YMCA, before he was persuaded to help out with the Cub Pack in Hatherley, eventually taking over the reins when the leader moved away. He has now been “Akela” on Friday evening for the last 40 years and has also stepped in to keep the Beavers section running whenever needed.

In May I was privileged to join the family at his investiture at Highnam Court by the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. Mikey “Akela” is an unsung hero and it makes one proud when someone with such a big heart is recognised in this manner. Has it changed him? Not a bit! “Cubs, do your best”!

Nigel Wachs, 1st Hatherley Group Scout Leader

GREATFIELD PARK SCHOOL

It is a privilege to do my job and we are proud of all the children, staff and adults who make up our school community, believing in the potential for everyone to make great progress. We expect our children to enjoy their time here, with their wellbeing fundamental to our provision for them. "Learning and thriving together to achieve our dreams" is at the heart of all we do, expecting children to be determined, respectful, excellent, aspirational, mindful and supportive.

Our committed teachers view our ambitious curriculum as an evolving process, taking into consideration the needs and character of each child, their prior learning and experiences, plus the wider community in which the school exists. We prepare everyone to make a positive contribution to the world and find opportunities to celebrate and reward achievement, positive behaviour and success.

Children learn and thrive best when the entire school community – pupils, parents, staff, and governors – come together. We therefore strongly value parental relationships and recognise effective partnerships are essential. Please contact us for further information or for a tour of the school. Every day is an open day and visits are warmly welcomed. admin@greatfieldpark.gloucs.sch.uk www.greatfieldparkschool.com

Mrs Jenny Robbins, Headteacher, 01242 523301



WHOOOPS!

During the summer, before the road surfacing had even begun by Coney Gree, the crew managed to overturn a road roller which had to be raised by a crane before being taken away on a low loader and checked for damage!

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BYGONE UP HATHERLEY



Formerly the Cheltenham Sanitary Laundry the Paragon Laundry was purchased by the Stevens family and renamed in 1924. This picture dates from four years later and shows how businesses in those days depended on large numbers of workers. There were offices and a shop on site, plus three other shops in Regent Street, Clarence Parade and Pittville Street.



*The caption on the horse-drawn trailer (left) states -
“The Paragon Girl
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HATHERLEY MINIATURE RAILWAY & MODEL BOATS



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We are fortunate to have the Cheltenham Society of Model Engineers, often referred to as the Hatherley Miniature Railway, on our patch. The Club has been giving train rides, boat displays and refreshments during the summer for over 85 years to children, young and old. Recently added is the fully operational Garden Railway which provides an opportunity for members to run G and 32mm gauge trains. More recent is a new clubhouse and modern kitchen offering more covered space and a warm environment during the winter.

Members come from all walks of life and don't necessarily need engineering experience. Membership starts at 12 years for Juniors and 18 years for Full. New members are encouraged to visit us for a personal guide round the facilities, next door to Asda (off Hatherley Lane and opposite Manor by the Lake). We are open every Sunday and Saturday morning from 10am to 12 noon during April to October. For further information contact cheltsocietymodelclub@gmail.com, Facebook and X. Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham, Glos, GL51 6PN, UK.

John Deal & John Kidger



A selection of splendid models belonging to members of the Hatherley Miniature Railway and Model Boats

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ON THE JOB



We are fortunate to have three fine local Councillors who are all very “hands on”.

Roger Whyborn is our County Councillor while Adrian Bamford and Julie Sankey represent us on the Borough Council, with Adrian seen here edging the Pocket Park opposite Lakeside School.

We own the two greens off Fernleigh Crescent and Long Mynd Avenue which we try to keep as clean and tidy as possible so residents can enjoy our open spaces.

TUESDAYS SINGING GROUP

Formed in 2015 we are a community group based at St. Philip and St. James Church Centre in Up Hatherley, one of three groups directed by Louise Johnson under the umbrella of the Cheltenham Singing Groups. Our sessions are friendly, enjoyable and inclusive. Members attend for their own wellbeing and range from experienced singers to beginners. There are no auditions or solos, we just have fun and make a decent sound! We perform several times a year, mainly in aid of charities, and have recently performed with The Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir and Bell-Tide Handbell Team.

Please visit our website or contact Louise on 07887 386937
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LOCAL WEEKLY HEALTH WALKS

Walking is a great way to maintain health and wellbeing, an opportunity to explore locally and to meet people and make new friends. They are. We walk up to 2½ miles but also offer a shorter option for those who prefer it. Everyone is invited afterwards to join us in Morrisons, the Greatfield or the Hatherley Inn for a chat and refreshment.

The walks **FREE** and **OPEN TO ALL** taking place **every Wednesday morning** starting at 10.30 am. We have two alternate starting locations, both of which have plenty of free parking. On the 1st, 3rd and 5th (if there is one) of the month we meet outside the Hillview Community Centre and Hatherley Library, just behind Morrisons petrol station. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month we meet in the car park of the Hatherley Inn.

DOG FOULING ADVICE FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The vast majority of Up Hatherley dog owners are extremely responsible but sometimes this is not the case so we are printing helpful advice from the County Council:-

We want everyone to enjoy Gloucestershire's open spaces and streets without fear of treading in dog waste. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous.

Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarasis, a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

Under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 1995 it is your responsibility to clean up after a dog you are walking, whether a bin is available to deposit the waste in or not. You can use a dog or litter bin to dispose of the waste. If there is no bin available in the immediate area please take it home and dispose of it. It is not acceptable to leave bagged dog waste hanging in a nearby tree, this is an offence.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.



DO YOU HAVE ANY UNUSUAL MEMORY, PHOTOGRAPH OR PICTURES OF UP HATHERLEY?

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SHOPS

Up Hatherley Parish Council encourages all local businesses. We are well served in many areas and we urge residents to shop locally whenever possible. The shops are there for our convenience and depend on us for their survival - now more than ever!

1st HATHERLEY SCOUT TROOP

Congratulations to Mikey Jaynes who was awarded the BEM (British Empire Medal) in the King's New Year Honours List (see front cover and page 18). January also saw our Scouts take part in the Cotswold Marathon; a night hike in the cold; and a Scottish Burns Night Supper.

In the spring, all our sections went camping - Beavers to Shipton Oliffe; Cubs to Cowley; and Scouts in the Forest of Dean. There was great singing round an open campfire and many other traditional Scouting activities, including climbing at Cheltenham Ladies' College. Adders Tongue Explorer Scouts had a weekend in London, visiting many exciting sites, including *HMS Belfast* where two of our girls hoisted the White Ensign.

All our sections have been making a difference in the local community. Cubs enjoy litter picking and we also manned a refreshment station, handing out water to exhausted and grateful runners in the Cheltenham Half Marathon

We had two fantastic weekends with good weather in June, when the Scouts and Cubs attended massive camping events at Cirencester Park. On a boiling hot Friday in July, Beavers and Explorers also went to the Fairford International Air Tattoo where the Red Arrows acrobatics team stole the show.

Although summer weather was generally disappointing, everyone is now back enjoying new adventures – narrow-boating with Scouts from around the county; Cubs building Airfix Spitfire models; and Beavers discovering Gloucester's Roman past. Both Cubs and Scouts sold Poppies at local supermarkets and took part in the annual Remembrance Parade.

If you would like to get involved in Scouting, as a leader or just helping with fund raising, then please come and visit the Scout Hall on Penrith Road.

Nigel Wachs, 1st Hatherley Group Scout Leader



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THE GREAT 1913 BLIZZARD

SCENES OF THE GREAT BLIZZARD IN AND AROUND CHELTENHAM

The blizzard that raged all over England and Wales throughout last Friday, Friday night and Saturday, was especially severe in the West of England and in Wales.

1.—How the authorities disposed of the snow in Cheltenham—typping it into the Chalk.
2.—A portion of the High-street in the Strand on Saturday morning—4 mass of snow, slush and water.

3.—A bus passing a flooded road at Bishop's Cleeve.
4.—Workmen shovelling up snow in Clarence-street.

5.—A telegraph pole at Hathorley, broken off by the weight of the snow.
6.—A trap full across the road on a greenhouse roof at Hathorley.

“Cheltenham Chronicle” Photographs. Copies 16. and 14. 81. each.

Ken Wilkins has again drawn some excellent cartoons to highlight a few of the issues faced in Up Hatherley.





HATHERLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

For several decades this building was a familiar sight as one crossed the railway bridge on Hatherley Lane. Following closure it became a drama school then the Hatherley Day Nursery, (shown above), before being demolished for housing, with the site now incorporated into a block of flats. Originally for children aged 5-11 the younger ones were later accommodated at the new Lakeside Infants School erected near the present Lakeside Chippy.

Heather Woodward (nee Auvurn), remembers the school just after the war when there was an air raid shelter and gun emplacement in the playground, apparently put there during the war to guard the railway. This is not as fanciful as it might seem because the railway tracks had recently been quadrupled and it was (and still is) the main line down the West Coast of England. It was essential for both high-speed passengers and freight and needed protecting from German bombing, Cheltenham being a target because of its perceived manufacture of war equipment. However, much military equipment was also secretly transported down the former better camouflaged Midland and South Western Joint Railway (nicknamed the Tiddly-Dyke or Milky Way because of its milk traffic), which ran from Andoversford, via Cirencester, Swindon and Andover to Southampton.

Brenda Maunder (nee Ransome), remembers the coal fires and small milk bottles which were distributed free to all children after the war when the government sought to build up the nation's health. The cardboard milk bottle tops were easily threaded together to make pom-poms! Like almost every Victorian school, even those built during the 1930's Depression, the toilets were outside and susceptible to freezing in winter.

Remember school dinners arriving in large metal containers!?

Both ladies also remember with affection their head teacher, Mrs. Jones, who founded the local Hatherley Girl Guides!

HATHERLEY BRANCH SURGERY

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Weston House Practice was formed in July 2021 following a merger of the Corinthian Surgery and Portland Practice, and includes Hatherley Branch Surgery.

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New patients can register at [westonhousepractice.nhs.uk](http://www.westonhousepractice.nhs.uk) or in person.

Reception Hours

Phone lines are open from 08:30 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 18:30 Monday to Friday.

The main reception at Weston House Practice is open from 08:30 – 18:30 Monday to Thursday, 08:30 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 18:30 on Friday.

Opening Times for Hatherley Branch Surgery

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 08:30-13:00 - 14:00-18:00

Thursday & Friday 08:30-13:00

Saturday & Sunday Closed

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1. On the day and Emergency appointments

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Out of the hours please contact NHS 111 or in an emergency call 999.

2. Telephone Consultations

All doctors are available to discuss non-urgent concerns by telephone. Appointments are for 10 minutes and may be booked by calling reception. It is not possible to give an accurate time but you will be informed if the appointment is morning or afternoon.

3. Routine Appointments

Routine pre-booked appointments are available Monday to Friday but face-to-face appointments with a doctor are limited to 15 minutes to discuss a single non-urgent concern, or to review an ongoing problem. If you wish to discuss complex or multiple concerns, please request a longer appointment when booking. All doctors work at both sites so your registered doctor may not always be available. However, your medical records are computerised and accessible at both sites but, if possible for continuity, it is preferable to try to see the same doctor whilst dealing with a specific problem.

4. Extended Hours Appointments

The Practice has access to a selection of remote appointments at St Pauls Access Hub, pre-booked routine appointments only. The appointments include OOH GP appointments on a Saturday & Sunday, a respiratory clinic, cervical screenings, ear irrigation and appointments with our First Contact Practitioner.

UP HATHERLEY LIBRARY

Opening times:

Monday & Tuesday 9.30-1pm & 2pm-5.30pm

Wednesday closed

Thursday 9.30-1pm & 2pm-7pm

Friday 9.30-7pm

Saturday 9.30-4pm

Sunday closed



RICHARD THE POSTMAN

(see back page photo)

Many of us in Up Hatherley are familiar with “Richard the Postie” who has been delivering letters to Up Hatherley for 35 years – yes, you read that right! He looks amazingly young but owns up to being 64 with no suggestion of retirement on the horizon. He joined Royal Mail 47 years ago and, unsurprisingly, is the longest serving postman in the town. Born and bred locally, Richard Caudle was educated at Rowanfield and Arle Schools and has been married for 38 years with two children and five grandchildren. On behalf of the community we would like to thank you, Richard, for your unfailing good humour and service to our community. We are fortunate to have such a cheerful character in our midst!



New park benches celebrating two former Up Hatherley Parish Council Chairmen -
Left: Les Godwin (1972-1981) and right: Stuart Fowler (2006-2016)

LOCAL BYLAWS ON OPEN SPACES

We recently discovered a set of **Up Hatherley Parish Council Bylaws for the Management of Open Spaces**. Dating from 1966, most of the rules are common sense and while defacing any property, wall or fence is illegal, so is cleaning a carpet, riding a tricycle or hanging out any form of linen for bleaching or drying! Perhaps the only bylaw currently being broken is playing football or any sport involving a hard ball so, please remember, the rules were designed purely to protect our open spaces, the general public, neighbours and those breaking the law! **KINDLY TAKE NOTE!**

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Members: Adrian BAMFORD, Andrew PONTING

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Members: Ashley HOULTON, David WILLCOX

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Village Hall

Leader: John WELLS

Members: Peter WORSLEY, Noreen HOLDEN

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Leader: Andrew PONTING

Members: Adrian BAMFORD, Stephen GUTTERIDGE

Finance and Planning

Leader: Adrian BAMFORD

Deputy Leaders: Peter WORSLEY, Roger WHYBORN

Members: Everyone else!

PARISH COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Greatfield Park School Governors

Adrian & Sarah BAMFORD

Trustees, Cheltenham YMCA

Peter WORSLEY & Andrew PONTING



Angela Goldsby and Stephen Gutteridge (head gardener), enjoy the new furniture in the Parish Council garden at the rear of the Village Hall.





Up Hatherley Parish Council 2024

Back row left to right: Stephen Gutteridge, Adrian Bamford, Julie Sankey, Roger Wyborn, Ashley Houlton, David Willcox, Michael Ede

Front row left to right: Noreen Holden Kathryn Oakey (Clerk), Sarah Bamford (Chair), Peter Worsley (Vice Chairman), John Wells, Angela Goldsby.

Inset: John Furley, Andy Ponting



Richard Caudle, alias the ever-cheerful "Richard the Postie" who has been delivering mail to a sizeable chunk of Up Hatherley for more than 35 years.