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Councillor
Neil Payne

Chairman's Message

The Remembrance Day service on 9 November at the War Memorial in Radlett, in the centenary year of the start of the First World War, was very well attended. The Council was pleased to have been able to make a grant to the Radlett Churches Together Group who organised the service, in order to provide a greatly improved sound system for those attending of all faiths, resulting in very positive feedback. In addition, a large crowd attended the Remembrance Day service on The Green in Letchmore Heath.

Community Action Day on 16 November saw, despite poor weather, over fifty volunteers plant over 2000 bulbs in the banks at Aldenham Green. Many thanks to all those who participated in this worthwhile task.

The Council's Winter Fair in late November was attended by many residents, bearing in mind the poor weather conditions. The Fair had something for all ages, with young children particularly attracted to Father Christmas's Grotto and the live reindeer. The craft fair inside the Radlett Centre's auditorium was also well-attended. The Fair culminated in the switch on of the

Christmas lights, which looked really attractive, drawing some very positive feedback. My thanks go to Cllr Estelle Samuelson and, particularly, Council Officer Lucy Jackman, for all their hard work in organising the event.

The Council had arranged a "Neighbourhood Plan" stall at the Winter Fair. This provided an opportunity to explain to those attending the concept of a Neighbourhood Plan, and to ask people to complete a consultation questionnaire as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process. We are grateful to all those who participated. The next step in the process is to circulate a consultation questionnaire to all households in Radlett.

The Council confirmed in November its decision that the pavilion in the Phillimore Recreation Ground ("the Rec"), which is now very dilapidated, should be demolished. The work has gone out to tender. In addition, there are plans which are well-advanced to provide toilet facilities in the Rec, once the pavilion is removed.

A decision has been made to improve the water supply in the Council's allotments. The project concerned is currently out to tender, and should be carried out in the spring.

The Council has given a grant to STRIFE, the protest group fighting the Strategic

Rail Freight Depot proposal, in order to assist it in the process of being legally represented at the forthcoming judicial review.



All residents are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday, 9 March 2015 at 8pm. There will be a presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan by Clare B Wright, Director of Community Spirit Partnership CIC.

Councillor Neil Payne
Chairman
Aldenham Parish Council



'Apple Blossom at Shenley Park'
by Valerie Macdonald

The watercolour painting on the front cover of this edition is 'Apple Blossom at Shenley Park' by Valerie Macdonald. Valerie is a local artist and describes herself as having no formal training and is "self taught".

Around Radlett would be very grateful to receive any paintings of local scenes, please contact community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk.

What's On...

Remember to check the Aldenham Parish Council website for all up to date events and meetings
www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Monday 9 March at 8pm

Aldenham Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting.

For more details please see the Council Pages.

Saturday 14 March at 7.30pm

Radlett Choral Society
– *The Dramatic Genius of Haydn*. The Storm Symphony No 103 'Drum

Roll', 'Nelson Mass' with the Amadeus Orchestra. Conductor Alex Flood. St. Saviour's Church, Sandpit Lane, St Albans AL1 4DF Tickets £12 from RCS ticket line 01923 226836/243545 or on the door.

Thursday 16 April at 8pm

Radlett Music Club. Benyounes Quartet with David Campbell (clarinet), at the Radlett Centre. Non-member admission charge for this concert - £14. *(The Club is aided by the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust and is pleased to offer free admission to young people aged 8 to 25 years of age. Children must be accompanied by an adult.)*

Saturday 2 May 2-3pm



Radlett Horticultural Society Plant Sale.

Please take donated plants to Scout Hut HQ in Scrubbits Park

Road from 9.30am to 11am.

Monday 4 May



Rotary Five Fields Fun Run.

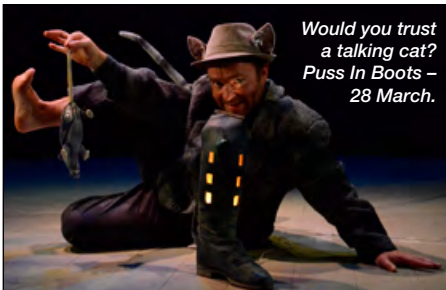
The popular Fun Run will take place this year on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May, at the Radlett Cricket Club. As in previous years there will be two races so that everyone can participate. A shorter



The 'Billy Joel Songbook' performed by Elio Pace and his band – 28 March.

MARCH

- Sun 1** Blake 7.30pm
Tues 3 Room on the Broom 1.30pm & 4.30pm
Weds 4 – Thurs 5 Room on the Broom 10.30am & 1.30pm
Fri 6 Ash Dykes 8pm
Sat 7 Secret Love
Mon 9 APC Annual Parish Meeting 8pm
Weds 11 Snooker Legends 7pm
Thurs 12 Art Society Lecture 8pm
Sat 14 Ballet 35th Anniversary Gala 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Mon 16 Dinosaur Zoo 1.30pm & 4.30pm
Tues 17 Dinosaur Zoo 10.30am
Tues 17 Krysia Osostowicz & Daniel Tong 8pm
Weds 18 Dinosaur Zoo 10.30am & 4.30pm



Would you trust a talking cat? *Puss In Boots* – 28 March.



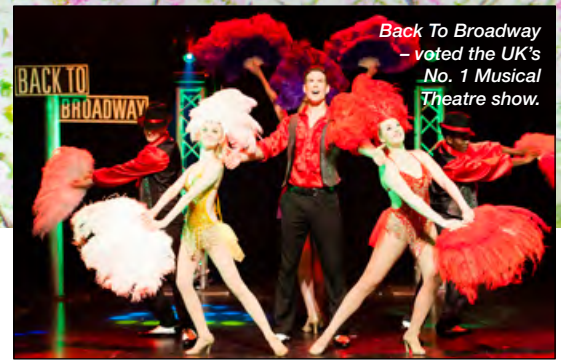
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- Thurs 19** Fascinating Aida 8pm
Fri 27 Jeremy Hardy 8pm
Sat 28 **Puss in Boots** 2pm
Sat 28 **Elio Pace** 8pm
Mon 30 Gervase Phinn 8pm
APRIL
Weds 1 The Snail and The Whale 1.30pm & 4.30pm
Thurs 2 The Snail and The Whale 10.30am & 1.30pm
Tues 7 – Fri 10 Musical Theatre Workshop
Sat 11 Whitney: Queen of the Night 7.30pm
Weds 15 **Maddy Prior** 8pm
Thurs 16 The Benyounes String Quartet 8pm



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Back To Broadway – voted the UK's No. 1 Musical Theatre show.

- Sat 18** **Back to Broadway** 7.30pm
Sun 19 Colin Fry 7.30pm
Weds 22, Fri 24 & Sat 25 Happy As A Sandbag 7.45pm
Thurs 23 Art Society Lecture 8pm
Weds 29 – Sat 2 May Tons of Money 7.45pm

MAY

- Sun 3** Magnificent Music Hall 3pm
Sat 9 Jimmy Tarbuck 7.30pm
Weds 13 – Sat 16 Children of Eden 7.45pm & Saturday matinee at 2.30pm
Weds 20 **Niall McCann** 8pm



Niall McCann brings his new lecture show 'Adventure: Red in Tooth & Claw' to the stage on Weds 20 May.

- Thurs 21** Pasadena Roof Orchestra 8pm
Weds 27 Merlin, Sword in the Stone 11am & 2pm
Thurs 28 Art Society Lecture
Fri 29 Duck in the Truck 11.30am & 1.30pm
Sat 30 Jackson Live in Concert

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run of 1.5km for those under the age of 11 will start at 10am. A longer run of 5km for those over 11, including adults, will start at 10.30am. We will once again be generously sponsored by local chartered accountants Nagler Simmons and the event will support Rotary charities and Hertsmere Mencap. All are welcome as runners or spectators.

Entry forms are available from the Parish Office, or can be downloaded direct from www.naglersimmons.co.uk Alternatively send an email to simon.pyzer@btinternet.com (or ring him on 01923 854978).



Weds 13 – Sat 16 May at 7.45pm & 2.30pm Saturday matinee



Radlett Light Operatic Society – Children of Eden at the Radlett Centre.

Directed by Trish Lewis. Musical Direction by Peter Allanson. *Children of Eden* is a two-act musical play with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by John Caird. The musical is based on the Book of Genesis. Act I tells the story of Adam and Eve, Cain, and Abel, and Act II deals with Noah and the Flood.

Date for your diaries:

Limitless 3 and Films in the Park in partnership with Affinity Sutton, Saturday 22 August. More details to be announced in the summer edition of Around Radlett.



Honey Award

Congratulations to Stuart Thorne on winning the St. Albans Beekeepers Association Honey Award for the third time in four years; 2011, 2013, 2014.

Stuart's bees are kept in a secure



compound in a corner of the allotments at Phillimore Recreation Ground, and he would like to thank all the allotment holders who plant vegetables and flowers for the bees.

News from Shenley Park



We are running an art competition – What do you like most about Shenley Park? A photo, drawing or painting of no larger than A4 – together with a short description please to Shenley Park Trust, The Bothy, Shenley Park, Shenley, Herts, WD7 9DW or via email to info@shenleypark.co.uk. Please submit entries before the competition closes on 1 May. We are sorry but we will not be able to return entries.

All entries will displayed at the Tea Room and on our website and on 1 May, a winner will be chosen from three categories: children under 8 years, children 8 and over and over 16's. Winners will receive family tickets to every event we have in the Walled Garden this summer, as follows:

Wind in the Willows by Shooting Stars Theatre Company – Sun 28 June, 11.30am and 2.30pm

Pride and Prejudice by The Pantaloons – Sat 18 July – evening

Treasure Island by The Pantaloons – Sat 1 August – afternoon

Music to Watch the Flowers By – Sun 2 August – 12-6pm.

Liz Ensor, Shenley Park Trust



It is with great sadness that the Festival Committee have decided to bring the Festival programme to an end. The committee have had several retirees, after ten years of highly successful events, but have found it impossible to recruit enough new committee members to run the Festival this year.

In our view, now is the best time to make this decision, as, if it was left any later, we would have people making plans to come along, which would then have to be cancelled. We have been asking for new members for over six months now, without success, so, with great regret, the Festival is cancelled for this year.

When we started up the Festival ten years ago, it was the only large community event of its type in Radlett,

but now the Parish Council run both Limitless in the summer, and the Winter Fair, so there are now more community events in the village.

Maybe, if there is sufficient demand, someone will get this going again with a new committee in the future, but that is up to a new generation to decide if this is what they want, and we will watch with interest and encouragement as required.

Many thanks to all who came and participated over the last ten years. We couldn't have done it without you!

*Viv Charrett
Festival Chairman*

I'm sure I speak for all the many visitors to the Radlett Festival over the years when I say how much it will be missed.

On behalf of us all, I should like to thank the committee (Roger Housechild, Sylvia Cohen, Laura Davis, Clive Glover, William Susman, Philip Eastburn, Jan Adams, Kate Groag-Hovord) and particularly Viv Charrett for all their hard work.

Councillor Gill Balen

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Sure Start Children's Centres



When my daughter announced that she intended to go back to work

when our grandson was a year old, my immediate thought was *“who will look after the baby?”*. Of course, I was happy and delighted to help and was prepared to make myself available for a full day each week. Having brought up two children of my own, I thought it couldn't be that difficult to look after my grandson too. I now know why having a baby when you are in your twenties or thirties is the best time. Once you get to be nearer sixty, your energy levels get less and it all seems so much harder! Don't get me wrong, I love having our grandson over, but the old saying - *“You can enjoy them for a while and then give them back”* - is so true!

So, what could I do with my grandson each week? *“Easy”*, I thought. He will come over, we will play with his toys, go to the park, visit the shops and I will show him off to the world. However, that is all fine if the weather is great, the toys are continuously interesting and the shops are not full of people rushing around.

It then occurred to me that in my capacity as a local Councillor, I had been invited to the opening of a new

Sure Start Children's Centre in Bushey. Maybe they would also have a class or course here in Radlett that I could go to with my grandson? As luck would have it, I found out that there was indeed a lovely *‘Fun, Rhyme and Music Time’* class run by Sure Start at the Phillimore Centre.

I decided to go along and see what it was all about. Having signed in and paid a small donation for attending, I sat in a circle with other parents, grandparents, child minders and their little ones. There were lots of musical instruments scattered on the floor to play with and everyone participated in singing, dancing and action play. Later in the proceedings, the children were encouraged to bang sticks together and play other instruments in time with the music. My grandson was having a wonderful time and loved it all. The forty-five minute session, which started at 3.30pm, was well structured and the Sure Start team leaders put such a lot of effort into making sure it was both fun and educational. Their enthusiasm was amazing!

I have only good things to say about the Sure Start organisation. They do so much more than these classes. Their aim is to offer the best start in life for every child regardless of their background, providing a safe place where under-fives can get involved in a range of play and early learning activities as well as encouraging interaction with others.

News from Newberries



At Newberries Primary School, staff, governors and pupils are very proud of the children's achievement and enthusiasm.

They are particularly impressed with their results at Key Stage 2 which continued to be well above the Hertfordshire and National average with 94% of pupils attaining Level 4 and above in reading, writing and maths.

Last year, the children took part in a large number of activities from residential

and day trips, to sporting events and competitions. There were numerous musical and drama productions culminating in years 5 and 6 choir singing at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Hertfordshire Schools Gala.

This academic year is proving to be as busy and exciting as last year as we are implementing a new curriculum and introducing a new system for assessments.

Linda Roberts
School Business Manager

The *‘Fun, Rhyme and Music Time’* class is held at the Phillimore Centre, 3.30pm – 4.15pm on Wednesdays from 7 January – 1 April.

(not on 28 January & 18 February).

For details of other Sure Start family activities in Park Street and Radlett check the website:

www.hertsmere-children.co.uk

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Shakespeare Drive, Off Furzehill Road,
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My grandson now looks forward to going to the class each week and taps his fingers together when I pick him up in anticipation of the afternoon activity. I hope Sure Start, which is managed by Hertsmere Leisure, goes from strength to strength and continues to offer its services in the Parish of Aldenham for a long time to come.

Councillor Estelle Samuelson



Aldenham Women's Institute welcomes new members and visitors. Ladies may be interested in the events scheduled for the next few meetings.

10 March is the group's ninety-fifth birthday when it will be going out to lunch and having a social evening at the normal meeting time.

14 April the talk will be called *‘The Radio Children’*.

12 May is the Institute's Annual Meeting where WI resolutions will be discussed. The meetings take place at the Aldenham Memorial Hall, Grange Lane, Letchmore Heath, Herts, WD25 8DY. They are from 7.30pm to 10pm. Please feel free to just turn up but if you have any queries, please phone Diana Mitchelmore, Secretary on 01923 251436 (evenings only).



The Blue Badge Scheme

The Blue Badge scheme (*formerly the Disabled Parking Badge*) gives on-street parking concessions to people who have severe mobility problems. The badge cannot be used for temporary disabilities such as a broken limb or convalescence.

You may qualify if you receive a higher rate mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance, or if you have severe sight impairment, or if you have considerable difficulty walking.

To apply online go to www.direct.gov.uk/bluebadge, or you can download an application form at www.hertsdirect.org/bluebadge or telephone 0300 123 4042 and ask for a form to be sent to you.

The cost of a badge is £10.00 and is valid for three years. The blue badge must only be displayed in a car being used by the holder as a driver or a passenger. It is against the law for able-bodied people to use a blue badge.

When applying for a badge, or renewing one, each completed form requires to be accompanied by a recent photograph, proof of identity, proof of address and proof of benefit entitlement. You may also be required to provide proof of disability from your GP or consultant.

It may be possible to park at hospitals and disabled bays free of charge but this varies from hospital to hospital and every local authority has different regulations. **Please check beforehand.**

The Red House Surgery

The date for the start of the reconfiguration at The Red House Surgery, Radlett, has been confirmed as Monday 2 February. The work is expected to take five months, dependent on the weather. There will obviously be some noise and dust but it is hoped that this will be able to be kept to a minimum. During the building works the car park will not be in use. There will be a plan of the extension in the waiting room for patients to view. Patients with any queries regarding the works should direct them to the Practice Manager, Lynn Delaney.

Two new partners, Dr Will Bagg and Dr Koustubh Gupte (Krish) were appointed to The Red House Surgery in January 2015.

Missed appointments cost the NHS a vast amount of money each year and affect the level of service that can be provided. The number of missed appointments for the Red House Surgery was 169 for October, 185 for November and 183 for December. This meant that some patients were unable to see a doctor or nurse because the appointments had already been allocated.

Lynn Delaney
Practice Manager



Reverend Andrew Prout

Rev. Andrew Prout was inducted as Minister for both Hatfield Road, Methodist Church, St. Albans and Radlett United Free Church on 7 September 2014.

Andrew was born in Germany where his father was serving in the Army. When his father left the Army the family returned to Exeter, his mother's home town. At the age of eighteen he and his twin brother commenced employment with Natwest Bank.

The family attended the local Methodist Church where Andrew joined the Boy's Brigade, this gave him an opportunity to participate in services around the area. The next step was to take up formal training for

the Ministry.

In 1997 he was ordained as a Minister in the Methodist Church. His first appointment was to Launceston in rural Cornwall, where he was given charge of seven churches with another being built. He describes this period as a 'Ministry in Wellington Boots' due to the rural aspect of the area.

After eight years at Launceston he moved to take charge of two churches in Bristol, a totally different area. He was to remain in this area for the next nine years before coming to St. Albans. He still has an active interest in the Boy's Brigade; his other interests are cinema and filmography both current and historic. He is also spending time in increasing his knowledge of other faiths.

Councillor Ron Worthy

Platt Subsidiary Foundation: Platt Awards 2015

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- Awards, from £200 to £800, are

granted to an individual rather than as a contribution to general funds. You must raise a percentage of the necessary funds.

- Interviews take place in April and Governors' decisions announced by the middle of May 2015.
- Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary and should be returned by 31 March 2015 to:

Alan Taylor,
The Secretary,
The Platt Subsidiary Foundation,
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Michael Worthy
canoes in water
that flooded King
George V playing
fields c1977

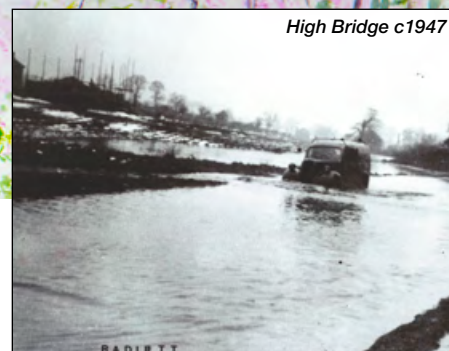
The Devastation of Flooding

We will all remember the scenes in newspapers and on our television screens of the terrible flooding that hit the south of England in 2014. People lost their livelihoods, transport services came to a halt, property was severely damaged and some were forced out of their homes for months as torrential storms burst riverbanks and continuous rain battered our shores. We are told that in excess of £2.3 billion is to be spent on new flood defences this year.

The photographs show that Radlett too, in the past, has experienced its own flooding problems. The photographs date from 1947 to 1993 and show how torrential rain, heavy storms and the bursting of the banks of Tykeswater brought Radlett to a halt.

I have my own memories of the flooding in 1976. During that time, I had a retail clothes shop in the basement below a wool shop called Prunella's, now the kebab takeaway. The rain had been continuous and Tykeswater, under the surge of heavy water burst its banks. My shop, as with other premises near the river, was knee deep in water. There were no statutory agencies to call upon to help; you were on your own to sort the problem out. All businesses surrounding Tykeswater were affected including Newberries Car Park, King George V Playing Fields, Radlett Lawn Tennis Club and the train lines were flooded. As a shop owner, all you could do was to don your wellies and tread your way through water in order to move your stock to a higher level and wait for the water to subside. I remember hiring two high-powered heaters to blast the last of the water that left black mould in its wake and an acrid smell.

The extent of the problem is shown in the coloured photo above and shows Michael Worthy, then aged eight years, canoeing at the end of his garden. His home backs onto King George V Playing Fields and is adjacent to Radlett Lawn Tennis Club.



High Bridge c1947



Tykeswater c1947



Rear of Newberries
Parade shops c1982



Newberries Car Park c1993



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Flood Alleviation Scheme

Fortunately for Radlett, and for those with homes and business premises near to Tykeswater there is no longer cause for concern. The flooding problems originally caused by high water levels have been acknowledged and remedial works put in place by the Environment Agency. In the mid 1990's, a Flood Alleviation Scheme was installed on the east side of Tykeswater. Radlett has not had any problems since its construction and any high water levels that previously existed and were a threat to our village no longer exist.

Jan Adams



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Forthcoming Committee Meetings March – May 2015

March

Mon 2	Planning
Thurs 5	Parks and Open Spaces
Fri 6	Strategic Planning
Mon 9	Annual Parish Meeting
Tues 10	Finance and General Purposes
Mon 16	Planning
Tues 24	Full Council

April

Thurs 2	Community Development
Mon 13	Planning
Weds 22	Parks & Open Spaces
Mon 27	Planning
Tues 28	Full Council

May

Tues 5	Planning
Thurs 7	Elections
Tues 19	Full Council and AGM
Weds 27	Planning

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ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Elections, Thursday 7 May 2015

At the forthcoming elections you can vote for candidates standing for three tiers of government.

- General Election for a Member of Parliament to represent the Hertsmere Constituency
- Hertsmere Borough Council for two candidates to represent either Aldenham East or Aldenham West wards (four in total)
- Aldenham Parish Council for six candidates to represent either Aldenham East or Aldenham West wards (twelve in total)

Who is entitled to vote at these elections?

To vote in the above elections you must live in the civil Parish of Aldenham and have registered with the Democratic Services Department at Hertsmere Borough Council before 1 October 2014.

For parliamentary elections e.g. General Elections – you must have a British, Irish or Commonwealth passport.

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Election papers and polling/voting cards are sent to every qualifying person before the elections take place.

Where can I vote?

All Polling Stations are open from 7am to 10pm at the following:

Aldenham East – The Radlett Centre, Aldenham Avenue, Radlett. Newberries School, Newberries Avenue, Radlett.

Aldenham West – Aldenham War Memorial Hall, Grange Lane, Letchmore Heath. Radlett Hall, (Radlett United Synagogue) 22 Watling Street, Radlett. Meriden Community Centre, Garsmouth Way, Garston. The Phillimore Centre, Phillimore Place, Radlett.

Your Polling card will inform you the Ward that applies to you and which Polling Station to vote at.

Unable to vote in person?

You may collect a Postal or Proxy voting form from Democratic Services at Hertsmere Borough Council, telephone 020 8207 2277 or apply online. (*Note: apply in good time, at least four weeks before the elections take place*)

How to stand as a candidate for the elections?

To stand for election, in either Aldenham East or Aldenham West Wards, you must have lived or worked in either of these Wards for the past twelve months. For Borough Elections you must have lived or worked in Hertsmere for the past twelve months.

You must be over eighteen years on the day of your nomination.

You may stand as an Independent candidate, however if you are standing to represent a political party you must obtain permission from that party.

You would not qualify if you are bankrupt, have served a prison sentence in the five years leading up to the election and/or are disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983.

To apply for a nomination pack, contact Democratic Services at Hertsmere Borough Council at **democratic.services@hertsmere.gov.uk** or visit **beacouncillor.org.uk**

New Opening Hours for Aldenham Parish Council Office from February 2015

Following a review of customer interaction with the Parish Council, it was agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at the meeting on 9 December 2014 that as of 1 February 2015 the opening hours will now be:

Monday – Friday 10am-2.30pm

Outside these hours, in case of emergency please contact **07833 251115**.

Email addresses for the office are:

Emails for all the APC councillors – **councillors@aldenham-pc.gov.uk**

Emails for Peter Evans,
Parish Council Manager –
manager@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Email for Monika Duong,
Accounts Officer –
accounts@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Email for Claire Fletcher,
Parks and Open Spaces Officer (also anything Around Radlett related) –
parks@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Email for Paula Paley,
Planning Officer –
admin@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Email for Lucy Jackman,
Community Development Officer (also events/social media/website) –
community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

You are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 8pm on Monday 9 March in the auditorium of the Radlett Centre.

There will be a presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan by Clare B Wright, Director of Community Spirit Partnership CIC. We look forward to hearing your views on this and any other topics about the area in which you live.

All residents are welcome and refreshments are available after the meeting.

If you would like to know any more about this meeting please contact Lucy Jackman – **community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk**



ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Improved access to the Picnic Field

Last autumn Aldenhams Parish Council groundstaff removed the fencing at the bottom of Salter's Field, and restored the fence line to join up Salter's Field and the Picnic Field as a unit. Improvements have been made and it is now possible to walk directly from Salter's Field into the Picnic Field. A kissing gate has been installed for footpath access.



Changes to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre



From Monday 5 January 2015 there will be changes to the opening days and times of your local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Closure days will vary across the county to ensure a facility is always available to residents. The centres will all be open at weekends and on Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day).

To find out more, go to:

www.hertsdirect.org/wasteaware, call 0300 123 4051 or email hertshwrcc@ameycspa.com

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Calling all 11 – 18 year olds who live in Radlett, Aldenhams or Letchmore Heath!

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To make a difference in our community

- Improve your employment opportunities by promoting volunteering.
- Encourage you to get more involved in activities in the community.
- Provide local volunteering opportunities for young people, particularly working with, and befriending, elderly and disabled people.
- To set up and run campaigns for better services including improved transport, youth provision, sports facilities.

Challenge negative stereotypes of young people and raise the positive profile of young people

- Promote positive activities, organise the annual Youth Event.
- To work alongside other youth groups and share experiences.
- Support initiatives to make the Parish of Aldenhams a safe area for young people.

This is a great way to make new friends in your area.

Does this sound like something you would like to get involved in?

Then come along and be part of the RADLETT YOUTH COUNCIL

Please contact Lucy Jackman to find out when the next Youth Council meeting is on 01923 856433 or email community@aldenhams-pc.gov.uk



Cherrie Chester

Allotments Digging into the past and into the future

The golden age for allotments in England was between the wars, when imported foods were not available and grow-your-own was a must, but the beginning goes back to the Enclosure Acts of the 1700's.

In the 1920's local authorities were obliged by law to provide allotments if there was a demand. They were restricted to a maximum size of 40 poles or 1000m². Today, there are 300,000 plots on 8,500 sites.

Growing your own produce can save you money. In 1975 a trial allotment run by the Royal Horticultural Society produced vegetables and fruit to the value of £240, at today's supermarket prices that's worth £1500. It is not only the money but also the health benefits are enormous. Growing-your-own should be used, not only for pleasure but as a way of improving the nation's health. A healthy diet helps to decrease the onset of diabetes, anxiety, dementia and heart disease. Allotments are friendly places where plot holders are ready to help one another with tips and practical assistance.

If you would like an allotment and live locally there are currently several plots vacant on the allotments site available for rental. Aldenham Parish Council can rent you a full or half plot (half plots measure approximately 50' x 25'). The annual rent is extremely reasonable – only £15 for a half plot and £30 for a full plot – and the benefits of allotment gardening have been well documented.

If you are interested in renting an allotment plot please call the Parish Council office on **01923 856433** or download an application form from the Council's website **www.**

aldenham-pc.gov.uk. Prospective plot holders may view the allotment plot with a member of the Council's grounds maintenance team before deciding whether to take it on.

Alternatively you may prefer to rent a mini allotment. These can be arranged through Radlett Horticultural Society, contact Peter Hordern at **www.radlethortsoc.co.uk**.



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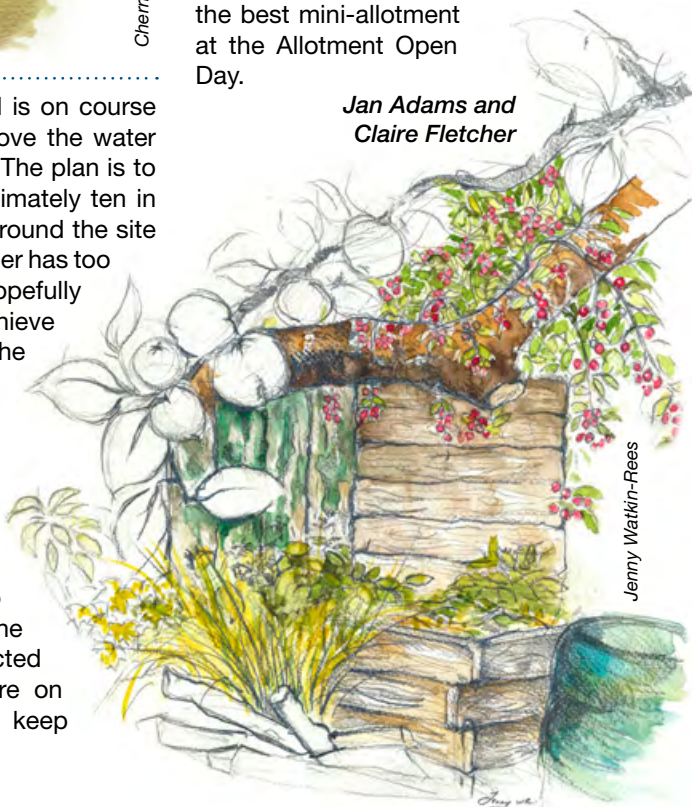
Other news of interest to allotment plot holders is that there are plans to run an "Allotment Watch" event down at the allotment site this spring or summer. The local PCSO will be on hand to help with property marking of allotment tools as a deterrent to would-be thieves. The date is yet to be confirmed, so please check the Aldenham Parish Council's website and allotment notice board for further details.

Allotment Open Day – Sunday 5 July 2015 from 2pm until 5pm at the Allotments, Gills Hill Lane, Radlett. Once again this bi-annual event organised by the Radlett Horticultural Society in conjunction with the National Gardens Scheme will open the gates to the public. Visitors will see many well-established allotments with a wide selection of vegetables, fruit and flowers including specialist dahlias. Fresh produce will be for sale and afternoon tea available. All proceeds to NGS charities. Entrance £3.

The Aldenham Parish Council Cup, normally awarded to the best front garden, will be awarded to the best mini-allotment at the Allotment Open Day.

*Jan Adams and
Claire Fletcher*

Aldenham Parish Council is on course to re-configure and improve the water supply to the allotments. The plan is to have more tanks (approximately ten in total) positioned further around the site to ensure that no plot holder has too far to walk to get water. Hopefully the new system will achieve better water pressure. The contractor has been agreed subject to some final negotiations. Weather permitting, the installation is planned for March, and the improvement works will take approximately two to three weeks. Access to the allotments will be restricted whilst the contractors are on site, but the aim is to keep



Jenny Watkin-Rees



Cherrie Chester



Look Back to Christmas 2014

Up to 1000 visitors came to the Winter Fair which was a fantastic festive day, despite starting off with the most dreadful weather.

All ages were able to get in the festive spirit by having a wild ride on the Rodeo Reindeer, or by having their photo taken in a very snowy snow globe. There was a traditional merry go round, tots train and funfair games to keep the children entertained.



Santa's grotto saw children queuing throughout the afternoon to be greeted by Santa, who sang songs and told them jokes before they received a gift from his little elf helpers. There were a range of delicious food stalls outside providing crepes and middle-eastern foods.

Inside the Radlett Centre the foyer and auditorium were full to the brim with forty stalls selling gifts and Georgie's café selling mince pies and mulled wine. Throughout the afternoon the fabulous singing group Fortitude sang festive songs which gave the day such a Christmassy feeling, and saw people singing along whilst looking around the craft fair.

To add a little extra excitement and magic Aldenham Parish Council made it snow... children and adults alike danced in falling



flakes from the snow machine on the balcony.

When it got dark crowds gathered outside and Father Christmas started the countdown and the Christmas Lights were switched on, and looked absolutely beautiful.

Lucy Jackman the event organiser from Aldenham Parish Council said *"This has been such a fantastic community event. It was lovely to see so many people attend"*. Aldenham Parish Council would like to thank everyone who came along and took part.



Harperbury Free School gets go-ahead!

The Education Funding Agency has secured a site from the Department of Health on behalf of the Harperbury Free School Trust within the grounds of the former Harperbury Hospital off Harper Lane, Radlett. Schools Minister, Lord Nash, has signed off the capital budget to build the school, giving the go ahead for planning applications to begin in earnest.

The school site is set to be on the northern end of the former hospital site, close to Harper Lane. The new Kingsley Green Hospital has recently opened at the far end of the site and a sizeable future housing development will be built on part of the 230 acres site over the next few years.

Although the school buildings will not be completed in time for the initial intake of students next September, Governors are working closely with the Education Funding Agency to secure the use of an existing building within the catchment area for the school on a temporary basis from September 2015.

Chair of Governors, Sara L'Efquih, said *"It has taken a long time to get to this point but we are delighted that we have finally managed to secure what was always our preferred site for the school. We know that securing planning permission may not be easy but this feels like a significant step in the right direction to provide our community with the school it so badly needs and I can only thank those within the various government departments who have worked so hard to make it happen."*

Harperbury Free School is a new state secondary school primarily for families living in Shenley, Radlett, London Colney, Bricket Wood, Park Street, Borehamwood and Elstree. There are no entrance exams, no faith or gender requirements; admissions are determined by proximity to the school site at Harperbury.

The school will open in September 2015 to the initial intake of 120 Year 7 students and will grow year by year until full with up to 840 students in 2021.

For more details go to www.harperbury.org.

Founding Principal

The Harperbury Free School Trust is delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Rachelle Regan as our new Founding Principal following a rigorous two day selection process last week.



Being fortunate enough to have garnered the support of Dame Helen Hyde, Head of Watford Grammar School for Girls, we subjected the very strong field of candidates, which included both serving and aspiring Head Teachers to a wide variety of challenging tasks.

"Rachelle Regan's experience at STAGS, the outstanding local girls' school and the work she did to help bring the LINKS Academy out of Special Measures alongside her obvious passion for our vision and ethos make her the perfect candidate to lead Harperbury to be the outstanding school this community deserves" said Clive Glover, Vice-Chair of Governors.

We are also pleased to be able to announce that Harperbury Free School and Watford Grammar School for Girls have agreed to work closely together in the future and that Dame Helen Hyde will act as Executive Head during Harperbury's pre-opening period and its first term.



Tabard's Makeover

Tabard RFC has recently undergone a refurbishment of their Clubhouse, with support from the RFU, Hertsmere BC and club members.

The Clubhouse is now a bright and airy space with a modern bar, and a coffee shop area, there is also an improved sound system and two TV's.

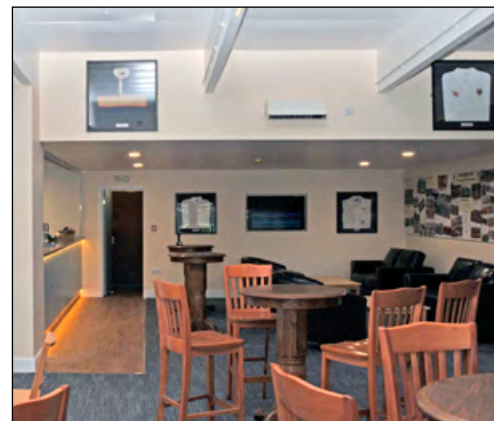
The funding was received from the RFU Social Spaces programme as the Rugby World Cup will be held in England this year. The money raised helped to create a space that not only members but the

local community could use.

If you would like to find out more about joining the club as a social or playing member please contact Laura-Jo on laurajopearce@hotmail.com.

The Clubhouse is also available to hire for Birthday Parties, Weddings, Christenings, Bar Mitzvahs, Funerals, Meetings and more. To enquire about hiring please contact Bev Jones on bsjones55@gmail.com.

Laura-Jo Pearce



The Hanging Sculpture in Aldenham School Chapel

In 1992, a new sculpture was designed and erected to hang in the Chapel at the Aldenham School.



In 1991, Juliette Anthony, a lifetime resident of Radlett, was approached by the Letchmore Trust to submit a design for a sculpture to replace the painting of The Crucifixion by Sir Stanley Spencer.

Her first task was to make a small maquette, which was then accepted by the Trustees. Three more preliminary models were made from wax, wood and copper tubing – one third, one half and full size before the final sculpture was sent to the Phoenix Bronze Casting Foundry at Basingstoke for casting. The finished sculpture, which is 17 feet high, is suspended from the Chapel roof by stainless steel rays and the lighting is designed to give an impression of the three crosses at Calvary.

Juliette, who has been a member of the Radlett Art Society since 1969, has shown at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition several times, as well as exhibiting at the Mall Galleries. She also accepts many private commissions for her sculptures.

Jan Adams



The Official Opening Ceremony of St. John the Baptist Church, Aldenham

On a bright Sunday morning in January, a very warm welcome greeted the many who attended the service and official opening of the upgraded hall, modern kitchen, disabled toilets and disabled ramp to the north side of the Church.

Architects Michael Dale Partnership of Luton designed the compact and well thought out project. Matthew French, an Aldenham villager, who runs and owns Church Construction and Developments, did a wonderful and high quality job re-constructing the inside of the building, the ramp and surrounding garden area.

Funding for the project came principally from the Platt Subsidiary Foundation, which is responsible for the distribution of funds for the Brewer's Company, a legacy left by Sir Richard Platt, who was a very generous benefactor in this area

St. John the Baptist Church, Aldenham.

Painting by Ken Haslar, email: ken@kenhaslar.co.uk



and responsible for the funding of buildings such as Aldenham School and local almshouses. Other funding came from Hertsmeire Borough Council through their Community Grant Schemes. The Mayor and Mayoress of Hertsmeire, and Councillors John Graham and Neil Payne attended the ceremony.

Emma Wiggs, originally a local girl, cut the ribbon and declared the new building officially open. Emma's family are well known in the area, her great, great grandfather George, and his sons Walter (Emma's great grandfather) and William are part of the renowned family of builders, Wiggs Brothers, who built many large fine houses in Radlett in the 1900's. Emma's mother, Annie Wiggs is a churchwarden at St. John the Baptist Church and her grandmother, May Wiggs is a lifelong resident of Letchmore Heath.

Emma, who grew up in Watford and now lives in Loughborough, became disabled in 1998, at the age of eighteen years old when she contracted an unknown virus while travelling in Australia. Undeterred by her disability and with an extremely high level of determination and courage her achievements are remarkable:

Emma was in the London 2012 Paralympics in the GB sitting volleyball team. After these games,

she swapped volleyball and joined the Paracanoe Team becoming the current world record holder and double world champion and European champion in paracanoe.

Emma trains six days a week with the GB Canoeing Squad; together they are currently placed as the world's Number 1 Paracanoe Squad. They are all training very hard and hope to get selected for the Para Olympics World Championship to be held in Rio in 2016.

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Emma Wiggs cuts the ribbon at the Opening Ceremony.

Photo: Sara Coward

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Charity Christmas lights at Battlers Green Drive

My Christmas lights appeal for 2014 was for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. I am pleased to tell you all that I raised £1,425 this year. That



makes my total raised in the last twelve years £19,248. I would like to thank Lenton Engineering of Watford, MEC Skips and FMS Recovery of Radlett for their help – also all you lovely people for your very kind donations.

Dave Press



Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership (CSP)



Vehicle crime

- Make sure you lock the doors and shut the windows and sunroof whenever you leave your vehicle unattended.
- Remove your Sat Nav and its holder, and wipe away any suction marks as these could suggest to a potential thief that a Sat Nav is stored in your vehicle.
- Never leave any valuables in your vehicle – not even in the glove-box or boot – and keep ALL other possessions out of sight. Even if you know that there is nothing valuable in your coat pocket or bag left on the back seat, a thief may try their luck.
- Use an approved steering lock or gear clamp, and remember to set your immobiliser and alarm if you have them.
- Register your stereo, laptop, Sat Nav and any other property on the free online property database www.immobilise.com. It only takes a few minutes and could help police trace your property if it's lost or stolen.



Phone scams:

Unexpected telephone calls?

Police are urging people to be aware of phone scams, which are operating in the area.

How it works: The offender rings someone, often the elderly, claiming to be a police officer or bank worker investigating fraudulent transactions. They then persuade their victim to part with their personal information, including PIN numbers. Next they ask them to send them their bank cards and/or withdraw money and send it to them via a courier, claiming it's needed as evidence.

If you receive a call you're not expecting, you should be suspicious. Please remember the police and banks would:

- **NEVER** ask for your bank account details or PIN number over the phone.
- **NEVER** ask you to withdraw money and send it to them via any means.
- **NEVER** ask you to send your bank cards, or any other personal property, via any means.

If you are not happy with a phone call and are suspicious of the conversation you have with the caller then please end the call and contact police via the non-emergency number, **101**.

Remember, when reporting a suspicious phone call to police, wait at least five minutes before attempting to make the



call, use a mobile, or test the line first by phoning a friend or relative, to ensure you're not reconnected to the offender.

For further information please visit: www.herts.police.uk/PhoneScams

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meetings

To support the work of the constabulary the Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership (CSP) holds meetings with residents, businesses and interested parties to discuss and raise local issues. Partners including the council and councillors, the police and fire service and housing associations give updates on current issues.

The dates of the next meetings are:

- Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 7pm at Queens School, Bushey

For more information please contact partner-ship.support@hertsmere.gov.uk or call **020 8207 7801** or visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk/csp

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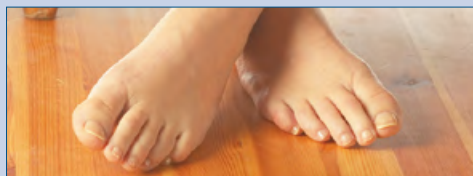
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