



# Around Radlett

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*Painting by Cherrie Chester*





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## JUNE

### Art Exhibition

Ground Floor Gallery – Radlett Art Society  
Apthorp Gallery – Andria Ioannou

- Sun 2 An Evening with Buddy Greco & Lezlie Anders 7.30pm  
Tue 4 Los Desterrados 8pm  
Wed 5 A Jew Grows in Brooklyn 8pm  
Thur 6 Kafka & Son 8pm  
Wed 19 Judy & Liza 8pm  
Thur 20 Psychic Donna 7.30pm  
Sat 22 - Sat 29 Radlett Art Society Annual Exhibition



*Judy & Liza - 19 June at 8pm*

## JULY

### Art Exhibition

Ground Floor & Apthorp Galleries – Dorothea Schilling

- Sat 6 Mark Steel's in Town 7.30pm  
Thur 18 - Fri 19 Annie 7.30pm  
Sat 20 Annie 2.30pm & 7.30pm  
Wed 24 Aliens Love Underpants 11am & 2pm  
Wed 24 Hits From the Blitz 8pm  
Mon 29 - Fri 2 Aug Musical Theatre Workshop

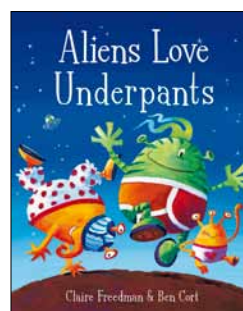
## AUGUST

### Art Exhibition

Ground Floor & Apthorp Galleries – New Image

- Wed 7 The Teddy Bear's Picnic 1pm & 3.30pm  
Wed 14 Postman Pat 1pm & 3.30pm  
Thur 15 Postman Pat 11am  
Mon 19 - Fri 23 Musical Theatre Workshop  
Thur 29 Theo's Summertime Party 11.30am & 2pm

### Aliens Love Underpants



*Postman Pat*

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# What's On Locally

Remember to check the Aldenham Parish Council website for all up to date events and meetings [www.aldenham.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham.gov.uk)

## 1-29 June

**A** The Radlett Art Society: The Foyer, the Radlett Centre. The Radlett Art Society's Thursday Workshop Group will exhibit their paintings in oil, acrylics, watercolour and pastel, all for sale.

## Saturday 15 June 3pm

Harrow Apollo Male Voice Choir. Admission £10 to include tea and refreshments in the interval at St. John the Baptist Church, Aldenham.

## 21-23 June

St. John the Baptist Church Flower Festival, Aldenham Church, Church Lane, Aldenham, WD25 8BR. The flower festival this year will be held over the weekend nearest to the celebration date of our Patron Saint. The theme for the exhibitors this year is 'Local Clubs, Groups and Societies' and there will be arrangements on display from local enthusiasts in the district, including our own Church Flower Ladies. You can see the colourful and imaginative results between 10.30am and 4.30pm Friday

and Saturday and on Sunday 12noon-5pm. There will also be a quiz, and a raffle. Coffee, ploughmans lunches and teas will be available at appropriate hours each day and tours of the church can be arranged. The festival closes with a 'Songs of Praise' at 5pm on Sunday.

## 22-29 June

**A** Radlett Art Society Annual Summer Exhibition. Over 200 paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculptures, hand-made cards all for sale. Also many art books at greatly reduced prices. Do come and view the exhibits, everyone is welcome, free admission to all.

## Monday 24 June 7.30pm



Radlett Support Group for the Peace Hospice. Turkish Banquet at Isot Restaurant, 281 Watling Street, Radlett. £25 per person for sumptuous three-course meal, including glass of wine, in great company. Raffle with super prizes. Tickets in advance from Mandy on 07808 738954 amandaannfox@hotmail.

com. A warm welcome awaits you. All proceeds in aid of the Peace Hospice.

## Saturday 29 June 10am-3.30pm

**CK** Radlett Choral Society Vocal Workshop - top tips for choral singers from Roger Sayer, Organist at Rochester Cathedral and Musical Director of Radlett Choral Society. Intended for people who already sing in a choir, featuring well-known choruses and various madrigals. Sheet music provided on the day. Delrow House, Hilfield Lane, Aldenham WD25 8DJ. Tickets £12 in advance and more info from Chris 01923 226836 or Liz 01923 243545

**The painting on the front cover of this edition is of 'The Cat and Fiddle' in Cobden Hill, Watling Street, and was painted by local resident and amateur artist Cherrie Chester. Cherrie is a member of the Radlett Watercolour and Drawing Classes.**

For details of the art classes contact qualified art teacher Jenny Watkin Rees - email [jennywatkinrees@hotmail.com](mailto:jennywatkinrees@hotmail.com) or telephone 01923 859901.

# Radlett Horticultural Society



The Society is staging its fourth Scarecrow Competition at the Radlett Fayre on Sunday 9 June. Free entry for all children under the age of 16. This year's theme is Nursery Rhyme characters. Cash prizes, rosettes and certificates. For details of this popular event contact - paulbalen@btinternet.com

## Mini Flower Show – Wednesday 26 June 8pm

Vision Hall, Christ Church. This fun evening which gets our show season started is also a great opportunity to learn and practise the skills of staging exhibits.

## Allotment Open Day – Sunday 11 August 12 noon -5.30pm

In conjunction with the National Gardens Scheme, the Radlett Allotments on Gills Hill again 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, BBQ and afternoon tea available.

## Autumn Show & Youth Jubilee Competition – Saturday 31 August 3-5.30pm

Vision Hall, Christ Church. This is the premier event of our calendar and as well as an amazing array of fine exhibits, it is also a very great social occasion. Under the umbrella of the

Show is the Youth Jubilee Competition which is open to all young persons up to age of 16. Two classes: 10 and under, and 11-16 yrs.

The main prizes will be the Roger Aylett Trophy and the Roger Aylett Plaque. Website help: welcome.to/radlett.hort - 'Young Gardeners' page, or contact Mrs Elizabeth Wackrow on 01923 856134. Please note that entrants should call at the Trading Store in Scrubbitts Park Road between 10am and 12noon on Sundays 12 and 19 May when each entrant will be given a young dahlia plant and a packet of mixed annual seeds. Tea is served throughout the afternoon of the Autumn Show and at the end much of the produce is donated by the exhibitors and auctioned for charity.

## Advance notice: 11 September

Talk: 'Good Food or Deadly Poison' by Dr. Avic Hall, 8pm Vision Hall.

All details of these events - and more - are in our YEARBOOK 2013.

## CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Christ Church Field, Watling Street, Radlett WD7 7JJ  
**Saturday 29th June 2013**



BBMBF Douglas DC3/C47  
flypast early afternoon  
(weather permitting)

In association with Christ Church, Radlett, the Wings and Wheels Study Groups of the Radlett and Bushey U3A clubs with participation from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, RAF Coningsby

Show behind Christ Church - direct access from A5183 Watling Street  
**Open from 11am - 4pm**  
 Light refreshments and toilets at adjacent Vision Hall

DISPLAY OF CLASSIC AND TREASURED CARS & BIKES




Musical entertainment including  
**4 String Ukulele Band**

Free admission - voluntary donations invited in support of Christ Church's 150th Anniversary celebrations (commencing 28th June 2014), Lukemia Research and the Parkinsons Society

Overflow spectator parking - Newberries Parade behind Radlett shops

Further information:  
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## PAVILION & DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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MEET AT THE VISION HALL IN RADLETT ON  
 ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS AT 7.30PM.

PLEASE CALL MRS DRAPER ON 01923 854698  
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

## ALDENHAM BRIDGE CLUB

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MEET EVERY THURSDAY AT 1.30PM  
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CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

Every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm. First Floor, The Radlett Centre. Sessions operate on a 'drop-in' basis. If required appointments can be made on 0844 826 9703

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The old compound (left),  
and the new depot (above).

# Facts rather than fiction

**Two petitions have been started recently, one about developments in Phillimore Recreation Ground (the Rec) and one about the Salter's Field project (referred to by the petitioners as Wellhouse Dell). Both petitions indicate that there is a lack of full awareness of the facts which have underpinned these activities.**

## Phillimore Rec Ground

The purpose of this article is to try to set the record straight. Members of the Parish Council (APC) have no issues with those holding opposing views. This is democracy at work and differences of opinion are inevitable in a free society. Councillors do take issue with criticism which is ill-informed, sarcastic and takes no account of the voluntary nature of the office of parish councillor and the spirit in which those duties are carried out. All meetings of APC are advertised in advance and open to the public. Minutes of meetings are published. Activities of APC are featured in the quarterly Around Radlett, which goes to every household in the parish, and on the website. Members of the public are consulted on major issues, at the appropriate time, and feedback is welcomed.

An electronic petition has been started, citing "changes made over the last few years to Phillimore Recreation Ground in Radlett have, in our view, rendered what was once a traditional, attractive village park aesthetically unattractive and have destroyed its traditional character". The next few paragraphs reiterate the important underlying facts relating to some of the points mentioned in the petition – these are reproduced in quotation marks.

Concern has been expressed about "the installation of an industrial looking building to house machinery and the park office". The new depot, which has an olive green appearance to help it blend with its surroundings, was completed in 2011. The facts are that APC had to take action to provide adequate storage and maintenance facilities for its expensive equipment. It was also deemed appropriate to take the opportunity to provide proper accommodation for its ground staff. The new depot is positioned on the site of the old compound, which housed storage

containers and equipment which was exposed to the elements. The storage containers were condemned as being inadequate by insurers and this and the exposed plant and equipment were proving to be a serious problem which had to be addressed. The old compound was overgrown and, because of the inadequacy of the storage containers, untidy. Furthermore, the conditions in the pavilion for the ground staff did not meet modern requirements.



The decision was  
taken to fell the  
remaining unhealthy  
poplars and bushes  
and replant with  
healthy trees.

Concern has also been expressed about "high security fencing around that building." Unfortunately, vandalism and break-ins have been an ongoing issue at the Rec for very many years. It was deemed necessary to provide adequate protection for the new building. Initially, this was provided by a cheap fence but it soon became obvious that more robust and higher fencing is required. Now that the new fencing has been completed, suitable planting will be done.

"The installation of a modern, urban-type shelter, now damaged, & sporting graffiti" is mentioned in the petition. APC

acknowledges and shares this concern. Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) offered three "public art" (description used by HBC) constructions to local communities, of which Radlett was one. The idea of a shelter in the park for use by everyone at any time appealed to APC. Since the initiative and funding came from HBC, APC had limited input to its design. The structure is used but it is not as practical or robust as APC had expected and APC shares the views of many others. APC has already committed publicly to review this matter.

"The removal of the poplar trees and laurel bushes along the pathway" has been the main cause of recent concern. This action was almost the final stage in a well-publicised five year programme to deal with the many problems highlighted by various professional experts (arboriculturalists). There were 13 poplars, four of which were badly diseased and in danger of falling. Having been given this diagnosis by experts, APC would have been failing in its duty if it had ignored such advice. Such ignorance would probably have been deemed to be negligence in the unfortunate event that a poplar had fallen and injured someone. The four trees were felled in 2010 and the evidence of major disease could be seen in the remaining trunks. This left an avenue of nine unhealthy poplars, interspersed with laurel bushes. In APC's view the avenue of trees had become unsightly and it was inevitable that the remaining trees would have to be felled eventually. Consequently, the decision was taken to fell the remaining trees and bushes and to replant with healthy trees as soon as possible. The laurel bushes were too close to the trees and to leave, what are relatively fast growing plants, did not meet the aim of creating an attractive and healthy avenue.

APC acknowledges the sentiment that "the disuse of the old, brick pavilion which now has some windows boarded up and is starting to look derelict." For some time APC has been consulting and considering how the building, the potential of which is limited by its current shape, might be adapted to provide better facilities for community use. Current deliberations are due to be finalised soon. It is fully accepted





*The existing entrance to the playing field.*



*The bend to the car park.*



*The current car park.*

that some action is needed. A final proposal will be shared with residents for consultation.

“A concrete area in the children's playground (costing £8000) so that tenders can be sought from operators of mobile refreshment vans.” The base and necessary services for a small refreshment facility have been created. This action is the direct result of a strong demand from visitors to the park for such a facility. One of the conclusions drawn from a trial in 2009 was that the ideal siting for such a facility is at the entrance to the children's play area. Dog walkers have questioned this siting on the basis that dogs are excluded from the play area. APC will try to find a solution which addresses these concerns.

APC is currently considering the provision of “fixed metal exercise equipment for adults on the raised grass area adjacent to the football pitches at the Pathway entrance to the park”. Once again this is in response to a perceived demand, backed up by specific requests, for such equipment. There are many examples, locally and across the country, of such equipment being very popular. The various manufacturers, as evidenced by real-life experiences elsewhere, claim that the equipment is suitable for all but the very young and the infirm. Funds, by way of grants, are already in place. Once again, APC plans to consult with residents on any firm plans.

The “possible installation of a permanent concrete skateboard park” is a concern to some residents. There is a very strong demand for such a facility from the young people in the parish. This is evidenced by a petition, feedback from various consultation events and requests made by the Youth Council and individuals. Some residents are concerned about vandalism and anti-social behaviour. This is already happening periodically, and has been for very many years. APC works closely with the community police team, which is very supportive of this initiative. However, at this time, APC only plans to continue to provide a mobile facility on a few days in the school holidays.

All of the above actions, and others taken in relation to the Rec, are based

upon endeavouring to provide facilities for all sections of the community. The population of Aldenham is diverse and consequently APC will never be able to satisfy everyone with every decision. Our aim for APC is to balance the different needs within financial and other constraints and try to end up with the optimum compromise.

## Salter's Field

A second petition suggests that APC is planning to “infill Wellhouse Dell ... to use the land to extend the car park at King George V playing fields”. This is only part of what is intended to be a more substantial and beneficial project. A lengthy presentation on the Salter's Field project was given at the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2012. The meeting and the presentation were well publicised. Attendees were invited, and took the opportunity, to ask questions. No major issues were left unanswered and the conclusion was that most of those present were in favour.



*The new entrance to the development site.*

The current entrance to the playing fields is to the left, on the brow of Cobden Hill, just past the Cat & Fiddle. The entrance is narrow and entry from and exit onto Cobden Hill is dangerous. The access road is also narrow and passes very close to some houses. It also has a blind and narrow and, therefore, dangerous bend. Both Radlett Cricket Club (RCC) and Tabard Rugby Club (TRFC) are thriving clubs with particularly healthy junior development programmes, which are held on Sunday mornings. The car park at KGVPF is owned by APC and,

while it is big, it is inadequate on these, and other, occasions. Both TRFC and RCC need more pitches.

Wellhouse Dell is a very large and deep hole in the ground. It is an old and very overgrown quarry, believed to have been the result of quarrying to construct the mainline railway. In these litigious times, it might be considered dangerous. It is certainly of limited benefit to the community. Salter's Field is a large sloping field, comprising a mixture of variable quality soil and rubble. It is really only used by walkers, dog walkers and the occasional runner.

APC's plan is to:

- Infill the Dell, using inert landfill material, and level and reclaim the land.
- Extend the existing car park by using part of the reclaimed land.
- Landscape the area and plant new trees.
- Construct a new access road with entry to the south of the existing entrance.
- If finances permit, create new sports pitches on the reclaimed Dell and levelled Salter's, while keeping the enlarged area open to the public.

Critical to the plan is the granting of the many and varied planning and development permissions. APC's aim is for the project to be self-funding.

APC is now taking initial soundings on the likelihood of obtaining the necessary planning permissions. We are at a very early stage of what could be a very long project. As stated many times, APC will consult with local residents before any firm decisions are taken.

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to urge local residents to engage with the Parish Council and raise any concerns and make constructive suggestions as projects are discussed. Around Radlett and APC's website ([www.aldenham.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham.gov.uk)) should enable you to keep abreast with what is planned.

**Parish Councillors Chris Wilkins  
(Chairman of Parks and Open Spaces  
Committee) and Estelle Samuelson  
(Chairman of Community Development  
Committee)**

# The Cat and Fiddle

The building dates from 1816. It was originally built as a pair of semi-detached cottages on waste land by Richard Hooper, who was a local brick maker and also owned Hooper's Lime Kiln opposite Cobden Hill Farm in Cobden Hill Dell. In one of the cottages lived the Hooper family, in the other the Larkins family. Richard Hooper's father and grandfather were also brick makers.

In 1845, Richard Hooper's grandson, also named Richard, obtained a beer house licence and the name the Cat and Fiddle was created. We have been informed, however, by descendants of the Hooper family, that the Hooper's were of French origin and originally gave the name of the pub as 'Le Chat Fidele' (The Faithful Cat).

The two cottages were merged in about 1850.

The property remained in the Hooper family until 1929 when it was sold at public auction to the Truman

*'The Cat and Fiddle' circa 1905.*



Brewery. A wine licence was obtained in 1930 and finally a full licence in 1957.

We are also informed by descendants that in 1816, when Richard Hooper built the pair of semi-detached cottages, anyone who found a piece of waste land could legally build a property on it. The criterion was that the structure had to be completed with smoke coming out of a chimney within twenty four hours. This was common practice during the time and only ceased to exist when HM Land Registry came into being and all ownership of land and property had to be registered.

In the 18th and early 19th centuries the poor drank huge quantities of gin and landlords advertised '*Drunk for a penny, dead drunk for tuppence*'. To wean them away from the spirit, it was made possible by the 1830 Ale House Act for anyone paying a licence of two guineas (£2.10p in today's money) a year, to open up a beer house and sell both beer and cider.

Today, under the ownership of Dom and Liz Ingram, the Cat and Fiddle is a thriving pub and eaterie with a large car park, children's playground, pub quiz nights and live music.

*Jan Adams*



## The Red House Practice

From April 1st the changes to how the NHS is run came into law. For the last year responsibility for the commissioning of your health needs has been slowly transferring from the primary care trust (PCT) to Herts Valley Commissioning Group. (HVCCG). From the beginning of April HVCCG are now responsible for providing you with the majority of your health needs. In practice you will not notice any real changes to the way you health care needs are met but in the long term this may change as HVCCG looks at how it can meet the challenges of increasing demand and financial constraints within the NHS. The HVCCG board consists of local GPs and patient representatives who will be working hard to make sure your needs are reflected in how services are provided in the future. As your local practice we will also be working with HVCCG to meet your needs now and in the future.

There has been a lot of attention on the rising number of people using A&E. Fortunately, unlike many parts of England, Hertfordshire has an excellent GP run out of hours service which also runs the ill fated NHS 111 locally. This provides excellent out of hours care for the area and means that advice and out of hours general practice appointments are easily obtained. Clearly an injury which is obviously an emergency will need A&E or an ambulance but residents of Hertfordshire can dial 111 and get GP services in evenings and weekend. In addition, if you have an urgent medical need which does not need an A&E attendance then you will be seen at your local surgery on the day. You may have to wait at the end of your doctor's surgery but you will be seen and that will invariably be less than the wait at A&E!

Any reduction in attendances at A&E will free up valuable resources which the practice can re-invest in new services.

For example, we would like to increase our commuter services but unless we can release resources from elsewhere this will not be possible.

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# Radlett Village Institute



The year is 1927. Radlett is an expanding village, its population growing as a result of its favoured position on Watling Street, its railway service, and its proximity to London. The distractions of television have yet to appear, and people are seeking to use their leisure time in social and community activities around the village. There are active Men's, Women's, and boys clubs, together with numerous events such as Whist Drives, dances and receptions.

The Men's club, however, has just lost its premises at the Bella Vista schoolrooms, soon to be demolished, and although there is a Parish Hall – later to become a cinema, and today a Synagogue – there is no building suitable to hold the many social activities around the village.

There is, in the village at this time, a very active local branch of Toc H, the international charitable organisation. It too has recently lost its meeting rooms, and the Men's Club has closed due to the lack of suitable premises. To quote a planning document of the time "A social problem of some magnitude, therefore, presents itself, viz., how best to reconstruct and to find proper accommodation for these clubs, the need for which in any locality is universally recognised, and in Radlett so self-evident as to require no emphasis."

To endeavour to solve this problem, Toc H undertook to appoint a small committee to investigate the possibility of providing Radlett with a Village Institute.

A plot of land was identified on part of the Phillimore Estate, and was purchased

on favourable terms from the Hon. Mrs Phillimore. On this land in 1928, at the corner of Watling Street and Theobald Street was built the Village Institute.

The intention was to provide premises to house the Men's Club, a Women's and Girl's club, the Boy's club, and a Lending Library, together with a large Common Room or Hall, and smaller rooms to provide space for various community activities.

The estimated cost was £5,000. To replace the building today would entail costs in excess of £500,000. The required money was raised from the local community, with appeals for contributions providing over half the cost. Part of this was realised by Toc H who organised a large Fair in the grounds of the then Newberries House, to which it is claimed 10,000 people came! A loan from Barclay's Bank made up the remainder of the amount.

Once built, the Men's Club moved in and remain there to the present day. Their facilities include a Snooker room with two full size tables and a Lounge Bar.

Initially, administration was by a management company, the Radlett Village Institute Limited. Most of the officers of that company were then members of Toc H, serving for a year, then re-elected annually. In 1966 the Institute became a Registered Charity, with Aldenham Parish Council as Custodial Trustees, and administration undertaken by a committee of managing trustees. This form of administration prevailed until in 1986, the Custodial Trusteeship was transferred to the

Charities Commission. Financing today is by hire charges levied on the use of the Hall and Meeting Rooms by a range of diverse organisations.

A recent addition by the Trustees is a fine modernised Meeting Room, fitted with free Wi-Fi and capable of seating 16 people.

For many years the Institute had a close relationship with the National Health Service, and generations of Radlett mothers will remember visits with their children to the Baby Clinic for regular weight checks, immunisations, and health assessments. The Clinic has now moved on to other premises.

Today, the Village Institute is used by a range of organisations. The Talking Newspaper for Sight Impaired people record their newspaper in a dedicated studio at the Institute; the WEA hold Literature Classes; a Dance School; Keep Fit classes; a Bridge Club; Slimming World; Yoga; a Children's group; Zumba classes; a Martial Arts club; and a Drama group, illustrating the continuing, but changing need, that the Institute fulfils for a Radlett population now in excess of 8,000.

Bookings for the Hall or the Meeting Room can be taken by Christine Raw, the resident Caretaker, on 01923 856462.

**Malcolm Menzies**



*The meeting room at the Village Institute*





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Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Member of the Gravel Allotments Trust  
Representative of the Platt Subsidiary Foundation



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### Councillor Saleem Khawaja

Member of the Planning Committee



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Member of the Communications Committee



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## ALDENHAM WEST



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Representative on Herts Association Parish & Town Councils Executive Committee  
Representative on Radlett Village Institute Management Committee  
Representative on the Radlett Centre Trust



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Member of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee  
Member of the Planning Committee  
Member of the Strategic Planning Committee  
Representative on Aldenham War Memorial Hall Trust



### Councillor Estelle Samuelson

Chairman of the Community Development Committee  
Member of the Planning Committee  
Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Member of the Communications Committee  
Vice-Chair of the Radlett and Shenley Community Safety Partnership



### Councillor Garry Walton

Member of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee  
Member of the Community Development Committee  
Representative on Aldenham Country Park Advisory Board  
Representative of the Street Scene Forum



### Councillor Chris Wilkins

Deputy Chairman of the Parish Council  
Chairman of the Parks Open Spaces Committee  
Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Member of the Community Development Committee  
Member of the Strategic Planning Committee  
Member of the Communications Committee  
Representative on RAIFA ( Radlett and Aldenham International Friendship Association)

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## Forthcoming Committee Meetings From June – August 2013

### June

Mon 3	Planning
Thurs 6	Community Development
Fri 7	Strategic Planning
Tues 11	Finance and General purposes
Mon 17	Planning
Tues 25	Full Council

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office for times of meetings.

### July

Mon 1	Planning
Tues 2	Communications
Wed 10	Parks and Open Spaces
Mon 15	Planning
Tues 23	Full Council

### August

Mon 5	Planning
Mon 19	Planning
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Minutes from the Committee meetings are uploaded to the website once they have been approved and signed by the Chairman at the following committee.





# ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Chairman's Message



Councillor Ron Worthy  
Photo: Ken Morris Photography

In May 2015 all twelve members of Aldenhams Parish Council will be either retiring or offering themselves for re-election. We are now halfway through the current period of the Council and it is time to reflect on the last two years and what we should be trying to achieve in the remaining time.

Our inability to influence Hertsmere Borough Council in their decisions on planning has been unfortunate. We are in consultation with them

as to how the views of the Parish Council, and those of local residents, can be incorporated into the decision making process. It is our intention to retain Radlett as a pleasant and green environment, and to prevent back-garden and infill developments wherever possible.

All twelve Councillors work together to achieve the best results

for the Parish. It is a democratic Council and, although there are some schemes which the Council would like to see carried through, without the agreement of a majority of councillors they do not go ahead. We are all volunteers trying to take account of the needs of all residents. Consequently we will not be able to please all the people all the time. We hope that by working together we can be right most of the time.

Let us hope that in the next two years some of the schemes we have been working on will have been completed.

If you would be interested in putting your name forward for election in May 2015, please contact the Parish Council Manager on [clerk@aldenham.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@aldenham.gov.uk)

Councillor Ron Worthy  
Chairman  
Aldenhams Parish Council

## Volunteer of the Year Award 2013

Aldenhams Parish Council was pleased to award David Press of Battlers Green Drive, Radlett with the Volunteer of the Year Award 2013 for all his hard work within the community. David is a grandfather of 7 and has dedicated his spare time to helping the community since 1969, when he opened his family business, David Press & Son. He has raised since then a massive £16,500 for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research

with various fundraising events. David, who was also a volunteer fireman at Radlett, decorates his home every Christmas and raises money for the charity. David has been known as the 'Father Christmas of Radlett' holds annual fireworks displays on the 1 December and dresses up as Santa to hand sweets out at local schools and churches.



Councillor Ron Worthy presents David Press with the Volunteer of the Year 2013 award.



## Recruiting young people who want to make a difference



Radlett Youth Council is up and running and looking to attract more young people keen on improving the lives of other youngsters in the area.

Youth Councils give young people the opportunity to have their voice heard, have an impact on making decisions, make improvements in their area and meet like-minded youngsters.

Many of the current Youth Council are nearing the end of their time as committee members so we are now promoting the Youth Council in a bid to attract new members.

If you feel you have passion and commitment to make a positive contribution to the community then please contact Lucy Jackman on 01923 856433 for the future Youth Council dates, or go to [www.aldenham.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham.gov.uk)

**All 11 – 18 year olds welcome**

# Adventures in Electric Lady Land...

**When she finally hung up her car keys at 91, Radlett resident, Pamela Hill decided to join the Scooter Gang, with liberating results...**

**"A** certain eldritch foresight caused me, at 91, not young enough for the granny tax, to hand in my car just before Mr Cameron dreamed up his pending tolls, probable Chinese takeovers of roads and increased mania on motorways. The car, a beloved 1997 Clio, had never let me down except for rattling off its aged exhaust not long ago in the middle of Watling Street.

However, our public services are so bad here in Hertfordshire that everybody in these parts has a car; in fact, probably two. The result is that roads are lined with them on each side and one can drive down the middle, provided you don't meet somebody coming the other way.

This was not the reason why I decided to part with it. Mileage had to be so low the battery was not given a chance. When it failed the second day running, after two kindly men pushed it to start me off, I decided to give it to a patriotic concern, which knocks cars to bits on behalf of ambulance and fire services. I almost took it back when they only offered £60, saying it was too small. I should have thought this would make it more difficult to hit and raise the value, but no. Selling anything never pays.

So I decided to try a mobile scooter. A van arrived with several varieties

and I bought the one for millionaires. It is covered with what is cheerfully described as a silver shroud. Reversing, it makes a happy tooting noise. It won't go through the door, as there is no ramp, and waiting for planning permission was not on my agenda.

Instead, the flex goes out of the window from the charging battery, while you sit comfortably inside and watch the lights change from empty through medium to full. It takes eight hours, so you arrange your shopping trips in advance and hope it doesn't rain. If it does, there are various extras, but the only one I have bought is a folding walking stick, as the ordinary one doesn't fit. Whizzing along roads at 8mph or pavements at 4mph (I do not use kilometres as I detest the EU) is exciting so long as gloves are worn, otherwise your hands freeze. Parking is a dream as, even in Radlett, there is one space that no car can enter; other disabled ones are pirated. An astonishing amount of shopping can be slung here and there.

Disability is useful for taxi drivers, as they can apply for exemption from the congestion charge. Getting to London by train from here is hopeless and getting back is worse, so, for a conference, I risked £93 and took a taxi. However, my driver said he couldn't get them to waiver the charge, which costs £10. Having a disability badge on my 'shroud', I tried them myself by telephone.

In the end, I got through to the presumed



horse's mouth and was told I could not be considered unless I first paid £10. I said, 'I don't want to pay you £10. I want to get £10 back'

It didn't register and I don't yet know if the £10 is compulsory; no doubt it will be.

The chief awkwardness in using my 20 miles' worth is pavement access, on and off. The height of kerbs is not something one notices when driving a car, but it matters greatly on a powered scooter. Cars have a habit of parking exactly in the way of a dip and looking for the next uses up precious current. The all-time low would be to be stuck in the middle of nowhere, but one has to get used to not being there in the first place. Also, a puncture would be disastrous, so avoid sharp stones and broken glass. This sounds like advice given by the nanny state, long ago.

Regarding refunds from DVLA and insurance, nothing is ever paid back that has been paid in a fragment arrives, although it is possible to argue and obtain a further fragment. Insuring the scooter is only possible if it is locked in a garage, which doesn't leave much scope.

As for motoring companies, they keep the subscription, but will not assist a change from cars. However, in other ways, the change is a joy – and there are no petrol bills."

"Thank you" to 'The Lady' magazine and to Radlett resident Pamela Hill for permission to reproduce this article.

## SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME IN WATFORD

**SHOPMOBILITY** Watford loans manual and battery powered wheelchairs and scooters to anyone with a mobility problem, whether permanent or temporary, through accident, illness or age. It gives users great independence to do their own shopping, visit libraries, banks etc or for leisure. They can be used in Watford anywhere from Tesco's to the Town Hall. This is a free service but donations are appreciated to purchase new equipment.

Also, there is a long term loan scheme for manual wheelchairs, enabling people to take a chair or

scooters away for holidays or to use in their own home. There is charge of £2 per day for this service.

Opening hours are Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday's from 11 am to 5 pm.

To find the Shopmobility Scheme - drive on the one-way system in Watford to Church Car Park on your right, turn immediate left and the Shopmobility office is in front of you. You can just turn up or book beforehand on 01923 211020, or email [info@shopmobilitywatford.org](mailto:info@shopmobilitywatford.org) or see their web page on [www.shopmobilitywatford.org](http://www.shopmobilitywatford.org)



# Radlett Festival

This year's Radlett Festival will be on Sunday 9 June, at the Phillimore Recreation Ground from 12 noon to 4.30 pm. We have a very exciting programme of events for you with activities and shows for all the family.

By popular demand, this year we have the return of "Jive Pony", an amazing horse act with humour, incredible agility and fashion sense. They return to the Radlett Festival with their famous show. This year this will include a few skipping horses (yes with a very big rope!) , duo Roman riding and of course, their elastic gymnastic moves on top of cantering horses. Not forgetting an awful lot of mischief from the chief Jive Pony Glamorous Assistant! There will be two different shows at 12.50 and 3.30pm.

We have Martyn Dias as compère (AKA Elvis Shmelvis) who will be entertaining us alongside some singing and dancing, the ever popular Dog Show and the energetic Zumbaboyz from St Albans. There are also some terrific raffle prizes. The Horticultural Society will be running



Jive Pony in action

their children's scarecrow competition again this year, so we will expect to see some very creative entries. On the field we also have the Fun Fair, the Shaketastic bus, the Hari Krishna Ox Cart, food and drink stalls, licensed bar and stalls from local groups and societies.

This year we plan to do things slightly differently – the programme will be distributed to all homes in the Parish, free of charge well in advance. Entrance to the ground will be by ticket, either sold at the gate on the day, or bought in advance from Aitchisons. This ticket will include a raffle entry for you to fill in your details and pop into the raffle drum on the field for a chance to win one of the great prizes. The price of entry is £3 (£2.50 in advance) but under 18s are admitted free.

Make sure you have this date in your diaries and come along, join in the fun and have a great afternoon!

*Viv Charrett - Festival Chairman*

## The Dog Show

This year the Dog Show is being run by Wellpet Vets in association with Tomten Kennels and Cattery in Shenley. Please come along and register your dog before 2pm for entry into the Show. The classes are: a group for Retired Greyhounds, a class for Child Handlers and one each for the Prettiest Bitch and the most Handsome Boy Dog. Lots of prizes and rosettes.

Local celebrity Jilly Johnson will be on hand to award the prizes and vet Raymond Gee.



## Straw Bales

We buy quite a lot of straw bales for the field on the day, and at the end we are happy to sell these off to anyone who would like them. Ideal for pet bedding or spreading on your allotment. Price will be £2 per bale, and available from the information desk on the day.



## The Return Of The Scarecrows

The Scarecrows will be making a colourful and exuberant return to the Fayre this year for the Horticultural Society's Children's Scarecrow competition. *Please see the Horticultural Society article on page 3 for details.*

### WANTED - PAINTINGS, PHOTOS AND ARTICLES

The Communications Committee, responsible for compiling Around Radlett is always pleased to receive paintings, photographs and articles.

Please send them to:

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### WEBSITE

Please remember to visit the Aldenham Parish Council website at [www.aldenham.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham.gov.uk) for news on the local area and any events that are taking place.

### ADVERTISING

There is currently a waiting list for advertisements in Around Radlett. Should you wish to be added to the list please send your details to [APCComms@aldenham.gov.uk](mailto:APCComms@aldenham.gov.uk).

The cost for 2013 is £45 back page advertisement and £40 for an inside page advertisement.

# Aldenham House – Part One

The history of Aldenham House, now home to Haberdashers' Aske's Boys School, and its estates is long and, as may be imagined, fairly complicated.

The foundations of this once great estate lie in two separate estates, one known as Wigbournes and the other as Pennes. To complicate matters, Pennes at one time became known as Aldenham Hall which, along with Aldenham Place (next to Aldenham Church) has led to some considerable confusion over the years. None of these properties has ever had any connection with the Manor of Aldenham, although it is possible that Aldenham Place was one of the farms attached to the manor. Wigbournes may well be named after John Wykebourne, reeve of the abbot of Westminster, who was tenant in 1355, or William Wigbourne who held lands in Aldenham in 1497. Whilst their names lasted many years, their tenure did not, for in 1585 the messuage and lands called Wigbournes were sold to William Seres, son of the printer who had, in 1549, printed the first English edition of the Bible.

In 1614 the estate was inherited by Faith Sutton who married Henry Coghill, merchant, owner of several large estates in Hertfordshire whose roots could be traced back to the Norman Conquest. In 1632 he was Sheriff of Hertfordshire.

Let us now look at Pennes for a moment. Reginald de la Penne lived in the parish in the mid 13th century and he and his family remained on the land until 1485 when Humphrey Coningsby purchased the property following the death of Ralph de la Penne. The Coningsby's owned several large estates in Hertfordshire and the family remained owners until 1640, when FitzWilliam Coningsby, great-great grandson of Humphrey, sold the estate to Henry Coghill.

Thus, in 1640, Henry Coghill became the owner of two adjoining estates which both had over three hundred years of history.

So far we have not spoken of houses, only land, the descent of which is easier to follow. It would appear that when Humphrey Coningsby acquired Pennes in 1485, there was a modest farmhouse on the property which he turned into a substantial mansion surrounded by a

double moat. Similarly, the Wigbournes estate had no mansion until purchased by Henry Coghill who during the reign of Charles I built what was described by the historian Chauncy as "a fair house of brick", sometime between 1640 and 1649. The Coghill Coat of Arms was built into the pediment above the main entrance and is visible in some sketches of the house. Parts of the original mansion exist in today's house although regrettably the Coat of Arms has disappeared.



Henry Hucks Gibbs, circa 1840.

Henry took a close interest in the life of the people of Aldenham and in 1625 gave £30\* to the Church Wardens to build the Chequers Public House opposite the church "for the use of the poor". However, he was not so generous when it came to paying his taxes. In 1639 one of his horses was distrained for his failure to pay Ship Money. This had an unfortunate result, in that one of his servants, who tried to rescue the horse, was put into the Fleet Prison, thus he lost both his horse and a servant.

Faith Coghill died in 1670, leaving Wigbournes to their first-born son, also Henry, who also inherited Pennes following his father's death in 1672. Henry died in 1709 and left Pennes to his eldest son, Henry, and Wigbournes to his second son, Thomas. Henry's son, Henry, the fourth of that name, inherited Pennes in 1716 but he died unmarried in 1728, leaving the property

\*Equivalent to about £5,000 today using the retail price index

to his sister Sarah, who also inherited Wigbournes from her unmarried uncle, Thomas, when he died in 1734. In 1730 Sarah married Robert Hucks, brewer and MP for Abingdon, whose father, William, the King's Brewer, had a large estate at Clifton Hampden in Oxfordshire. William died in 1740, leaving Clifton Hampden to Robert and in 1743 he succeeded his father as King's Brewer. He died two years later at the age of 45 after a long illness.

Whilst ownership of Penne's Place and Wigbournes reverted to Sarah, his widow, their son, also Robert, took up residence in Wigbournes, by now renamed Aldenham House. He was also a brewer but did not, as far as the records show, become the King's Brewer, a soubriquet on which I am unable to throw any light. Several people through history have been referred to as such but nowhere have I found any details of to whom it was awarded or why.

Robert made several alterations to the house, including the library and some fine Sansovino windows on the east side. During this time of attention to Aldenham House, it would appear that Penne's Place was allowed to deteriorate for there is little or no mention of the property after 1728. By

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Aldenham House, circa 1850.

1815 it is referred to merely as a farm house and by 1870 there were only foundations remaining.

But back to the 1700s. Robert inherited Aldenham House and Penne's Place from his mother when she died in 1771, but despite also owning Clifton Hampden, Robert continued to enhance Aldenham House and a tablet on the wall of the stables records the improvements made in 1785. Unfortunately, he became ill and by 1803 he had been declared a lunatic by an order of the Lord Chancellor who appointed a Master of the Court of Chancery to administer his affairs.

He died unmarried in 1814 and the properties passed to his nieces, daughters of his late younger sister, Sarah, wife of Thomas Noyes. Niece Sarah inherited Penne's Place (by now in ruins) and Aldenham House and sister Anne inherited Clifton Hampden, in accordance with the will of Sarah Hucks, née Coghill, their grandmother.

The Noyes sisters had no need of the houses attached to these estates – they had been well looked after following the death of their father in 1797 and probably never visited Aldenham House during their lifetime.

The 1802 Enclosure Award shows that Robert Hucks owned 354 acres of land in and around Aldenham which had increased to 484 acres at the time of the 1839 Tithe Award, 105 acres of which in Radlett was being farmed by William Phillimore.

The two sisters were the last remaining descendants of the three families

Coghill, Sutton and Hucks all of which had at some time been owners of either or both Aldenham House and Pennes Place, which, probably in accordance with family rules of entail and inheritance, were bequeathed to George Henry Gibbs, a third cousin through William Hucks, their great grandfather, whose brother Joseph was George Henry Gibbs' great grandfather.

The Gibbs family, originating from Devon and tracing its roots back to Henry VIII, had an interesting, not to say chequered, history. George Gibbs was a surgeon in Exeter whose son, Vicary, (named for his mother's maiden name) had a classical education at Eton and King's College, Cambridge. Vicary had a disagreeable temper, a caustic tongue and, apparently, an unpleasant voice, attributes which would not seem to have suited him for his chosen profession – a Barrister at Law. Nonetheless, he was powerful in putting together evidence and gained a reputation for being a good, if acidulous, advocate, leading to his becoming Solicitor General for Pitt's government in 1805, Attorney General in 1807 and being appointed Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in 1814.

His brother, Antony, was more practical. He went into business as a wool merchant, then established himself in Spain, importing English cloth and exporting (back to Britain) Spanish fruit and wine. In 1784 he married Dorothea Hucks whose family was still in the business of brewing and it was their two sons, George (born 1785) and William (born 1790), who laid the basis for the Gibbs family fortune, by obtaining

a monopoly over Peruvian guano, starting in 1842. The Gibbs name was sufficiently well known in this business for an amusing, if unflattering, little verse to be on the lips of Londoners:-

"The House of Gibbs, that made their dubs By selling the turds of foreign birds"

Be that as it may, at the peak of their trade the brothers were moving over 200,000 tons a year to Britain alone, from which they made enough money to establish themselves as a Merchant Bank in the City of London, a bank that lasted until being swallowed up by HSBC in 1980.

George it was who inherited the Aldenham and Clifton Hampden estates from Anne & Sarah Noyes in 1842 but he had little time to enjoy them as he died later the same year, leaving his wealth to his son, Henry Hucks Gibbs. The house remained unoccupied until 1846 when Caroline, his widow, took up residence there. She died in 1850 after which it remained empty for nearly 20 years before their son, Henry Hucks Gibbs, decided to make it his home in 1868, perhaps encouraged to do so by the opening of the railway line from Bedford to London which passed through nearby Borehamwood and Radlett. He thoroughly restored the old building but did not at first make any alterations to it.

**In the next issue we will learn more about the Gibbs family and how the owner of Aldenham House became one of the richest men in England.**

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**U3A - 'The University of the Third Age - a unique national and exciting self-help educational, creative and leisure activity for people not in full time work'.**

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The inaugural meeting was held at Christ Church Hall with approximately 170 people attending. The vote to go ahead for a local branch was unanimous. The founding Chairman, Gerald Bernard, invited anyone who wished to have more involvement with the new group to stay behind after the meeting. A large number of people gathered and the 'sub-meeting' got off to an enthusiastic start, very quickly a steering committee was formed, consisting of two Vice Chairmen, Treasurer, Secretary, Interest Group Leader, Membership Secretary, Website Manager and so on.

The R&D U3A have 50 Interest Groups, with more being set up all the time and 514 members. If you wish to know more about Interest Groups contact Tricia Milne on [patricia.milne41@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.milne41@gmail.com). For Membership details contact Sandra Taylor on [sandra.taylor123@o2.co.uk](mailto:sandra.taylor123@o2.co.uk). There is also an Events Committee who work very hard to organise a wide range of outside activities for our members to participate and enjoy, ranging from Art Exhibitions to Hampton Court, Buckingham Palace and Theatre trips.



*The Great Gatehouse, Hampton Court*

Members are kept up-to-date with events and news with an UpDate each month. There is also a bi-monthly newsletter and do not forget to visit the website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/radlett>. For first-hand information, come and see us at our Tombola Stall at the Radlett Festival on Sunday 9 June 2013 at Phillimore Recreation Ground, 12 noon to 4.30 pm. A Committee Member will be on hand to answer any questions. (Offers of tombola prizes and/or to help staff the stall on the day of the Festival can be made to Sylvia at [sylvia.cohen@ntlworld.com](mailto:sylvia.cohen@ntlworld.com) or Nona at [nonaclarke@aol.com](mailto:nonaclarke@aol.com)).

## Aldenham Almshouses

Almshouses were charitable housing provided to enable people (typically elderly people who could no longer work to earn enough to pay rent) to live in a particular community. They were often targeted at the poor of a locality, at those from certain forms of previous employment, or their widows, and are generally maintained by a charity or the trustees of a bequest.

There are four Almshouses in our Parish. They are situated on the Watford Road, on the corner at Round Bush, and are two pairs of semi detached single storey cottages.

The original almshouses at Round Bush were founded by William Stuart in 1838 at a cost of £548.16.0 for the benefit of four aged or infirm couples. He also set up a fund to provide a £10 annual allowance to each occupier, with preference being given to labourers from the 'Aldenham Abbey' estate, provided that they were of 'good moral

character'.

The name Aldenham Abbey is misleading, in that it was fashionable in Victorian times to call large country houses 'Abbeys'. J. P. Morgan bought Aldenham Abbey and returned it to its original name of Wall Hall, which itself was a derivation of the name 'Wallehalle' because an earlier house on the site was owned by the Whalehale family in the 13/14th centuries. Morgan not only founded the bank, but was a one-time owner of the White Star Line, having his own suite on the Titanic, which of course he was never able to use.

The photo shows the original almshouses in about 1928, just prior



*The Aldenham Almshouse, circa 1928*

to demolition. J.P. Morgan had them rebuilt to a more realistic size in 1929. Visible in the foreground is the original road from the A41 to Radlett prior to the present bypass. The road then wound past the church and up part of Church Lane before diving off left again through High Cross.

*Graham Langford.  
Thanks to John Southey and research carried out by a student studying at Wall Hall in the 1990's.*



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It is easy to sign up to OWL messaging, just contact Angela Thomson by email at [at@thomsons.co.uk](mailto:at@thomsons.co.uk). Please give your name, postal address, and a contact telephone number and you will be added to the system. Anything crime related going on in the area and you will be kept in the loop. Also, if you are already part of a Neighbourhood Watch in your road but would like to receive OWL messages first hand direct to your inbox please follow the procedure above.

In addition, when Neighbourhood Watch started in Radlett some people

signed up to receive messages via the telephone which was the fastest messaging method available at the time. If this is the case but you would now prefer to be contacted by email please contact [at@thomsons.co.uk](mailto:at@thomsons.co.uk).

The more people that are aware of what's going on locally the more we can make Radlett a 'no go' for criminals. At present Radlett has a low crime rate. Let's keep it that way by pulling our community together! You don't need to attend meetings or patrol the streets! You can be a part of Neighbourhood Watch just by signing up to OWL!

## Local Police on Twitter

Did you know that you can follow our neighbourhood police on twitter – [www.twitter.com/radlettpolice](https://www.twitter.com/radlettpolice) and also see useful information at [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk)

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