



# Around Radlett

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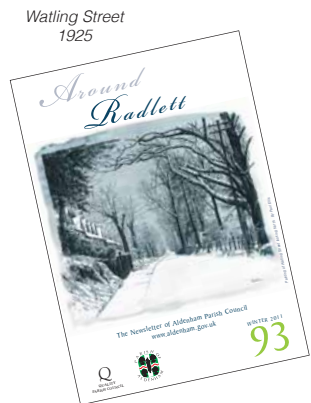
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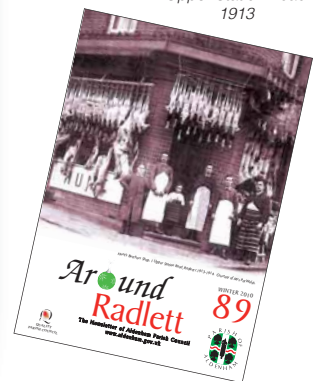
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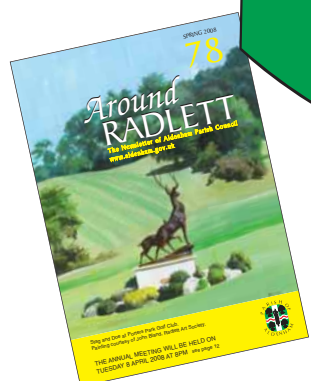
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Reservoir  
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# CONGRATULATIONS

## Chairman's Message



Councillor Neil Payne

I felt honoured to be elected Chairman of the Parish Council at the end of May, and I am writing to you in that capacity for the first time. I would like to acknowledge this special edition of "Around Radlett", being the 100th such issue, and take this opportunity to thank the publication team for its work.

Most importantly, I must pay tribute to my predecessor, Cllr Ron Worthy, who had served as Chairman with distinction for 7 years. The community owes Ron a debt of gratitude for his dedicated service.

I would like to congratulate Cllr. Gill Balen on the award of MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours. This was much deserved for the hard work she has put in over the years.

I am writing this in the middle of a heatwave. Notwithstanding, the plants and hanging baskets around Radlett look

marvellous, thanks to the efforts of our Groundstaff. Not only are most of us enjoying the good weather, but we are also celebrating the birth of a new Prince George.

The Parish Council was pleased that the Three Horseshoes pub in Letchmore Heath was listed as an Asset of Community Value by the Borough Council in May. Following notification that the current owners wish to dispose of the property, the Parish Council asked to be considered as a potential bidder in order to give the local community time to raise the necessary funds to bid for the pub.

At the July meeting, the Parish Council decided to register with the Borough Council its intention to commence the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the urban area of Radlett. In the meantime the steady stream of planning applications continues to be reviewed by the Parish Council's Planning Committee, which is working hard to protect the features of the Parish that make it so attractive a place to live in.

**Councillor Neil Payne**  
Chairman, Aldenham Parish Council

## 100 Editions on... how Around Radlett was launched

The idea to produce a quarterly Newsletter was put to Members of Aldenham Parish Council in December 1987 by the then Chairman, the late Douglas Hicks. By March 1988, the first Newsletter had been produced and delivered to all residents in the Parish of Aldenham.

On the front cover of the four page, black and white publication, Douglas Hicks said 'This publication satisfies a long felt personal ambition because of my awareness of the need to provide more information to residents about the Parish Council, how it fits in to the complex pattern of Local Government and the services it provides', he went on to say 'although the Parish

Council has very limited powers, it is perhaps the most democratic of the local authorities because members of the Council are well-known in the community and residents can express their views, complaints and sometimes, compliments on the environment in which they live, which a very healthy state of affairs'.

Further into the Newsletter he talked about 'hopes to start new Parish Complex, with modern hall, new library and offices for the Council and staff'. You may think he was writing about the Radlett Centre as we know it today but that is not the case. The chosen site during the late 1980's was the rear of the Radlett Village Institute, unfortunately there were very many hurdles to overcome and negotiations eventually failed. Shortly afterwards, 3 Aldenham Avenue came onto

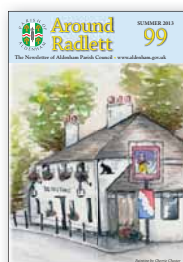
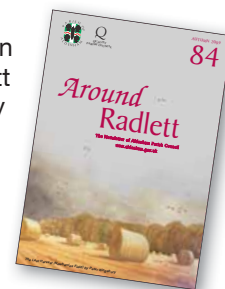
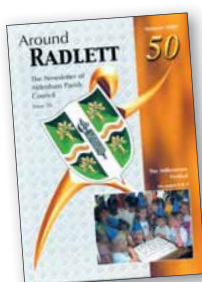
the market, and as 1 Aldenham Avenue was already owned by Aldenham Parish Council and Hertfordshire County Council in respect of the then library, this became an obvious alternative choice. The property was purchased, the two sites combined and the lengthy planning process began.

The first edition of Around Radlett was produced by Councillor Fred Whitham, printed by Hertsmeare Print Room and delivered by the Radlett Ecumenical Church Council and Road Stewards.

Aldenham Parish Council is indebted to Douglas Hicks for his vision and proud of their achievement not only producing 100 editions of Around Radlett but also the production of three Official Guides in 1994, 2000 and 2007. It is hoped that all residents have enjoyed receiving and reading these publications over the many years.

Distribution today is to over 4000 dwellings in the Parish of Aldenham, mostly via Dor2Dor, with the outlying areas hand delivered or by post.

**Jan Adams**







## History of the Parish Emblem

On 4 December 1894, the first meeting of Aldenham Parish Council took place at The Girls' Elementary School in Letchmore Heath (now a private dwelling) but it was not until 1983, some 96 years later that a Parish Emblem was created.

Why did it take so long? Firstly, to create a coat of arms is a costly and time consuming exercise, and the need to have one never arose until the Parish Council considered twinning with Gemeinde Lautertal in West Germany in the 1980's. The Mayor of Lautertal at the time, asked for details of our emblem in order to incorporate it in the twinning document and the process of designing an emblem began.

The Parish Council approached the College of Arms who asked for a fee of £2000 to prepare 'armorial bearings'; the Council were not prepared to authorise such an expenditure. A visit to the County Archivist followed, who put the Council in touch with a person

knowledgeable in coats of arms and for a fee of £60 the present emblem was designed.

The emblem itself – the green background and the four oak trees represent the rural nature of the Parish. The uprooted oak trees also form part of the coat of arms of the Thellussons, Lords Rendelsham, who from 1799 to 1896 were Lords of the Manor of Aldenham. The white line running horizontally through the centre of the emblem represents the Roman road of Watling Street which runs through the centre of Radlett but reputedly starts in Dover and leads up to Anglesey in North Wales. The black axe (or 'stave') is the Roman symbol of 'magisterial and civic dignity.' It also forms part of the Gibbs family coat of arms, who had long connections with the Parish of Aldenham and took the title of Lord Aldenham on being raised to peerage in 1896.

The red wavy bar represents Tykes



In 1996 the Parish Emblem was carved in wood and now hangs in the Douglas Hicks Room at the Radlett Centre. It was carved from a block of lime wood, gilded with 24 carat gold leaf and painted by a former local resident woodcarver, Alan Llewellyn who taught woodcarving at West Herts College. It was commissioned by Cynthia and Alex Hunt in memory of their parents, Derek and Stella Hunt, who were very active in Radlett. Stella was a Parish Councillor and at one time chaired the committee responsible for Around Radlett.

Anyone wishing to view the carved emblem can do so between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Please contact the Parish Council on 01923 856433 beforehand to ensure that the room is available and report to the council office on the 1st floor of the Radlett Centre.

Water. At one time it was an ancient mill stream (a 'leat' or 'lete') when the water was drained it became red (or 'rad'), hence the name Radlett. The white wavy bars represent the minor country roads crossing Radlett.

Jan Adams

## What's On Locally

**Thursday 9 September 7.30-8pm**  
**Radlett Art Society**  
presents *'The Artist as Reporter'* – British artists and the first world war.  
Lecturer: Jo Walton BA Dip Hist of Art Oxon.

**Thursday 24 October 7.30 for 8pm**  
*'The Art and Life of Modigliani'* – A flawed genius? Lecturer: Frank Woodgate BA MBCS ACIB

**Tuesday 12 November 12.30 for 1pm**  
*'Paul Gauguin - The Art and Career of this French Impressionist Painter'*.  
Lecturer: Ros Whyte. Admission Free to All. Light refreshments available in the Cafe from 12.00pm.

**theWI** **The Aldenham Women's Institute** welcomes visitors and new members.

They meet at the Aldenham Memorial Hall in Letchmore Heath every second Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm until 10pm. There will be a guest speaker giving a talk on each day.

**Tuesday 10 September** – 1000 Years of Hertfordshire

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

**Tuesday 8 October** – Wild Flowers of the Chilterns

**Tuesday 12 November** – The Globe Theatre

For queries please contact Diana Mitchelmore (Secretary) on 01923 251436.

**Wednesday 11 September 8pm**  
Vision Hall, Christ Church.  
Talk: 'Good Food or Deadly Poison' by Dr. Avic Hall

**Wednesday 23 October 8pm**  
Vision Hall, Christ Church.  
Talk: 'Lovely and Smelly' by Aubrey Barber of Hopleys

**Wednesday 13 November 7.30pm**  
Annual General Meeting and 8.00pm  
Talk: 'Behind the Scenes at Kew' by Peter Gusson

**Sunday 24 November 12 noon**  
Trading Store, Scrubbits Park  
Road closes for the winter break.  
Reopens Sunday 2 February 10.00am. Visit our website [www.radlettshortsoc.co.uk](http://www.radlettshortsoc.co.uk)



**Saturday 2 November 7.30pm**

**Radlett Support Group for the Peace Hospice**  
cordially invites you to a Quiz Night at the Vision Hall, Christ Church. Tickets £15 per person to include supper, bar, raffle and prizes for winners.

Come as a table of 8, or in smaller numbers to be seated.

Tickets and further info from Fiona 01923 856958. [turnerradlett@aol.com](mailto:turnerradlett@aol.com)

All proceeds in aid of the Peace Hospice.

**®** Sale of Christmas cards for various the radlett centre charities 8 November, 10am-3pm in the foyer of the Radlett Centre.



**Tuesday 19 – Saturday 23 November**

**Radlett Light Opera Society** presents Oklahoma! at The Radlett Centre.

Directed by Annie Hertler-Smith.

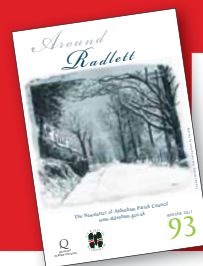
Musical Direction by Peter Allanson  
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**Edition 1 –  
March 1988.**  
The first  
edition of  
*Around  
Radlett*  
launched.



**Edition 81 – Winter 2008.**  
Government approves  
funding to accommodate  
12 carriage trains at  
Radlett Station. Campaign  
for a local Secondary  
School begins.



**Edition 93 –  
Winter 2011.**  
Harperbury  
Hospital  
renamed  
Kingsley Green.

# How much do we know about our Parish?

## Let's walk about and have a look



For a start, do you realise the influence of Tykeswater?

Before the railway arrived, Shenley Hill forded Tykeswater, and thus the flint cottages (now Click Studio) had windows and doors for a steep slope down - look at the door which is now bricked over. Then go into Newberries Car Park (bottle bank end) and you will see the remains of the old bridge to Newberries House, which became redundant when the railway was built - the Radlett Society has recently made this area into a little park. The reflections of the bridge are worth seeing.



Tykeswater runs from Aldenham Reservoir, which is said to have been built by French POWs in the Napoleonic Wars (1789-1816). It runs towards Radlett through the grounds of Aldenham House, where the Lord Aldenham of the time created Tykeswater Lakes with a very fine and ornate bridge on his drive to the Lodge at Allum Lane. All of the gardens

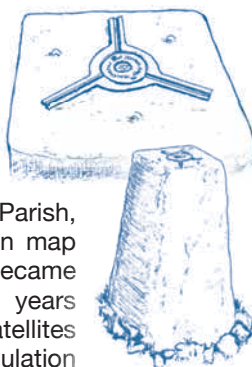
were rated as high as Kew Gardens until the rare shrubs and trees were sold by auction on the death of Vicary Gibbs (Lord Aldenham) in 1932. The BBC took over the estate in 1941 and the gardens were allowed to go wild - but there is still evidence of the original design (see Don Wratten's book *The History of Radlett and Aldenham* for this story). For us the lakes and the bridge are a beautiful relic of the past.

Tykeswater runs under Watling Street by Medburn Farm, now the entrance to Radlett Park Golf Club, and beside it, before the railway was built, ran Tykeswater Lane. This was a major highway, being a continuation of Butterfly Lane into Woodhall Farm, Shenley. The railway put paid to all traffic,

but the laying of a main sewer along it in the early 1900s blocked the land drains and some areas have been a quagmire ever since. Although footpath 63 is walkable it is worth looking at the Green Lane part, (Footpath 49 on the other side of Theobald Street), to imagine the carriage traffic of the time, back to Radlett. Tykeswater runs beside Newberries Car Park - one day we could make the stream and its banks into a lovely feature - along



Radlett Gardens before turning under the railway, it turns northwards to join the River Colne near Netherwylde Farm. Here we find the lovely Bridleways 20 and 22, running through the water meadows all the way to Otterspool close to the motorway. After passing Netherwylde, on top of the hill, on the left, is the only remaining 'Trig Point' in the Parish, erected for use in map making. It became redundant some years ago when satellites made Triangulation Points unnecessary.



In a thicket beside the path is the site of a Roman Villa which was excavated in the 1950s; there is little to be seen now. Shortly after this The Colne joins The Ver at the Pumping Station off Drop Lane and the walk from here to Munden over the water meadows is delightful.



Munden itself - or rather, the ford and footbridge - is our most photographed and painted beauty spot. Munden itself is the home of the Holland-Hibbert family, and is probably the largest private estate in the Parish owning 650 acres. Look at the walls - and the floor- of Aldenham

Church and you will see the plaques for the Holland-Hibbert family over many centuries.



Further along, the bridleway (at this stage it is called Crab Lane) leaves a loop in the River Colne close to Wall Hall. Beside the path is what looks like a spring which used to feed the fish ponds over which we now have a wooden bridge carrying Footpath 12. Until quite recently there was good water underneath the bridge: look further left and you can see the sluice gates that used to hold up the water.

Wall Hall itself has its own story, with Ice house and Granary barn - on mushroom stands to prevent rats from getting in - which are under Preservation Orders, as are all the trees and Abbey Wood itself.



On the way back from Wall Hall to join the main road close to Edge Grove, there is a thicket in the hedge covering up an unexplained tunnel under the road towards where the Manor of Aldenham used to be. Until a few years ago we thought that the steps only went down one storey, but further excavations showed another level below. In 1991 it was established that this was a water tank for the Manor of Aldenham. The excavations became dangerous, so it was filled in with little to see now.

The bridleway from Roundbush to Letchmore Heath over 'Factory Field' (where straw hats were once made in Major Geary's

factory), was the route for burial processions to Aldenham Church (Letchmore Heath having no church). For us the best way home is along Footpath 17 to Batlers Green Farm, passing the still visible Roman Wall remains on the left and the pond on the right.







**Edition 94 – Spring 2012.**  
A Beacon is lit in Salter's Field to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II 60 year reign.



**Edition 30 – June 1995.**  
Phase One of the new Radlett Centre is completed. Radlett Gardens are closed while Thames Water install a new sewer system.



**Edition 51 – Winter 2000.**  
The 150 year old lych gates stolen from St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham. Line Dancing begins at Radlett Youth & Community Centre.



We have indeed a lovely circle of Green Belt around us, and no less than 74 Definitive (i.e. can never be closed or diverted) paths in the civil Parish of Aldenham. We are surely unique in the perimeter of London to have fields all around us. This is entirely due to the tireless pressure of Aldenham Parish Council and the Radlett Society to prevent urban spread swallowing us

up. Every new building or road in our Green Belt is a loss of our heritage. Every time an agricultural building is sold for someone to live in but work somewhere else, we lose a bit of land. The farmhouse, stable block or cowshed, no longer needed but in the middle of a field, is worth a lot of money to a city worker. If we do not resist him, and vigilantly oppose his valid-sounding reasons, we will end up

**FIELDS  
ONCE LOST  
ARE LOST  
FOREVER**

contiguous with Garston on the west, Borehamwood on the south and Park Street on the north. If we wish to keep the Green Belt we shall have to fight for it and not just hope that some official will do the right thing!

*Article and drawings by Tony Jennings  
(Reproduced from the Parish Guide 2000)*

A map of the Definitive Footpaths in the Parish (£6) and a booklet titled Walks Around Radlett (£1) are available from Aldenham Parish Council office.

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**the radlett centre**

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## SEPTEMBER

### Art Exhibition

Ground Floor Gallery – Ben Shalom  
Apthorp Gallery – Simone Bloom  
Sun 1 Dancing Queen 7.30pm  
Sat 7 Peggy, Duke & Benny 7.30pm  
Mon 9 Blood Clinic 12pm-8pm  
Wed 11 Daniel Cainer's Jewish New Year Chronicles 8pm  
Mon 16 Children's Pantomime Auditions  
Wed 18 Jackson Live in Concert 8pm  
Thur 19 Art Society Lecture 8pm  
Sat 21 Pinocchio 1.30pm  
Sun 22 Barry Cryer: Twitter Titters 7.30pm  
Thur 26 Jack the Ripper – A 21st Century Investigation 8pm  
Sat 28 Dotty The Dragon 11.30am & 1.30pm

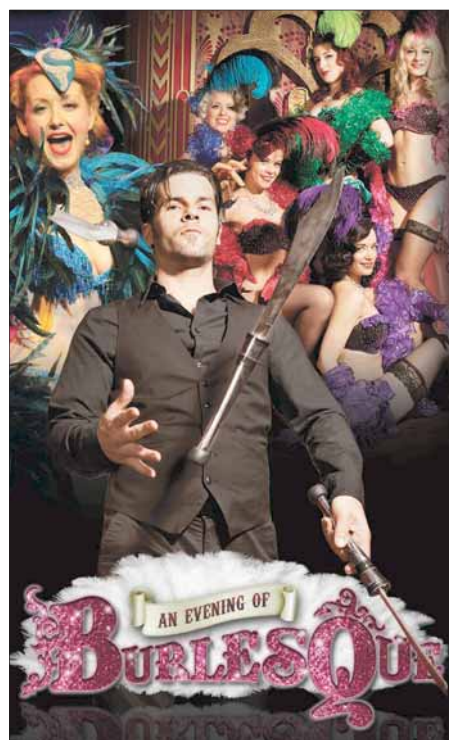
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### Art Exhibition

Ground Floor & Apthorp Galleries – Art Expo  
Tue 1 Robin Ince 8pm  
Thur 3 An Evening of Burlesque 8pm  
Sat 5 Derek Acorah – The Eternal Spirits Tour 8pm  
Sun 6 Chris Dean's Syd Lawrence Orchestra 7.30pm  
Tue 8 Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers 8pm



*Stick Man – October 11*



*An Evening of Burlesque – October 3 at 8pm*

Thur 10 David Copperfield 8pm  
Fri 11 Stick Man 1.30pm & 4.30pm  
Wed 16 19th Sat - Dracula Spectacula 7.45pm  
Sun 20 Art Fair 10am - 4pm  
Tue 22 Sacconi String Quartet 8pm  
Wed 23 Real Diamond 8pm  
Thur 24 Art Society Lecture 8pm  
Fri 25 Snooker Legends 7pm  
Sat 26 Vienna Festival Ballet's Snow White 2.30pm & 7.30pm  
Tue 29 Scrooge 11am & 2pm  
Wed 30 Sherlock Holmes – A Study in Fear! 8pm  
Thur 31 The Ghost Ship! 8pm

## NOVEMBER

### Art Exhibition

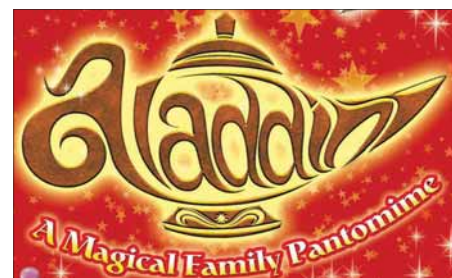
Ground Floor Gallery – Elstree Art Circle  
Apthorp Gallery – Jack Cooper  
Fri 1 Marty MacDonald's Farm 2pm  
Fri 1 An Audience with Nigel Farage 8pm  
Sat 2 The Jewish Legacy 7.30pm  
Sun 3 Clare Teal 7.30pm  
Thur 7 9th Sat – Grease 7.30pm & 2.30pm (Sat)  
Tue 12 Art Society Lecture 1pm  
Wed 13-Sat 16th Sat – The Anniversary 8pm  
Tue 19 – Sat 23 Oklahoma! 7.45pm & 2.30pm (Sat)  
Wed 27 Lara Melda – pianist 8pm  
Sat 30 Joe Longthorne 7.30pm



## DECEMBER

### Art Exhibition

Ground Floor Gallery – Malcolm Levison  
Apthorp Gallery – Lisa Harrold  
Sun 1 Mark Maier's Jewish Variety Show Already 7.30pm  
Sat 7 – Tue 31 Aladdin



*Aladdin – December 7-31. Oh yes it is!*

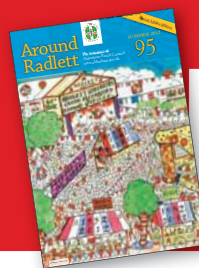




**Edition 74 – Winter 2006.** Local resident, John Graham becomes Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council.



**Edition 10 – June 1990.** Don Wratten launches his book 'The Book of Radlett and Aldenham'.



**Edition 95 – Summer 2012.** Special Jubilee Supplement.

# Radlett Festival

The committee would like to thank all the people who came to help on Sunday 9 June, and also all those who came to have fun and make the day special by just being there. Thanks also go to those who donated the many terrific raffle prizes, most of which have probably been consumed by now!

The Festival raised around £3500 this

year, which will go to local groups and good causes. If any local group has a need for funds for capital projects, please contact Viv before the end of September for an application form. All applications will be considered together in October.

Next year's Festival will be on Sunday June 8 2014. Get the date in your diaries now!

**Viv Charrett**  
Festival Chairman

*The Parish Council would like to thank the Festival Committee for all the organising and hard work they put in to create such a wonderful community event each year.*

**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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## St John the Baptist Church

### Flower Festival 21-23 June 2013

From his appointed place in the East Window of Aldenham Church, St. John the Baptist, its patron saint, looked approvingly over the festivities and, it may have been my imagination, but I thought at one point that I saw a suggestion of a smile on his face.

The occasion was our Patronal Festival, the annual celebration of his birthday, marked this year with a three-day Flower Festival.

Detailed planning over a period of months by the experienced organisers had produced truly spectacular results. The theme this time – Clubs, Societies and Groups – was a challenging one but proved to be well within the creative skills of the twenty-five designers who contributed. A few arrangements stood out from the crowd, but that is not to detract from the clever and artistic use of live flowers that was in evidence throughout the exhibits.



Some had allowed the beauty and colour of the blooms to speak for themselves, while others had made cunning use of 'props' to emphasize their chosen theme. The Sunday School had captured the festive spirit with their cleverly designed maypole. Bails flew from stumps delicately intertwined with white roses and aliums in Di Marsh's "Cricket Club". For Liz Cornelissen's "Twitchers", our elegant pillars had turned into a woodland haven for a variety of birds, whose songs shattered the silence of the building. Marcia Anisewski had converted our font into a tennis court for "The Tennis Club", (luckily no Baptisms were scheduled!) which was supported by beautifully crafted floral racquets, and even a hint of the impending Wimbledon with champagne and strawberries. A complete flower and vegetable garden had miraculously appeared on the Chancel steps in Cheryl and Bob Clark's ingenious and beautiful "Horticultural Society". Similar evidence of creative endeavour was everywhere to be seen.

Supporting the colourful spectacle in the Nave was an exhibition of arts and crafts in the Lady Chapel in which the hidden talents of many parishioners and supporters were finally disclosed.

There were paintings and drawings on a variety of subjects, delicate examples of knitting and even hand-built steam locomotives – all wonderful examples



of creativity of a different kind.

It was here that the one note of sadness entered the occasion. The exhibition was dedicated to the memory of its founder, the late Jean Stewart, and a floral representation of her famous "yellow beetle" which had survived from her Memorial Service, crowned this, her final planning.

Events of this kind usually have a purpose, and, as well as celebrating our Patron Saint, this one hoped to provide much needed funds for renovation work on the ancient and beautiful building that housed it. Equally significant however was the need to provide a spectacle that would bring pleasure to everyone who visited; and there is no doubt that the organisers and exhibitors achieved this ambition.

For three whole days the church's ancient walls echoed with laughter, companionship and community well-being. No wonder the Saint seemed to smile!

**John Meloy**





FOOTNOTE: Two hours after the event, the Captain of the aircraft, Flt Lt. Seb Davey, telephone me from Bristol to enquire "whether it (the flypast) was all right .....??" What a thoughtful and much appreciated PR gesture!!

## Radlett Classic Car Show

On an unusually warm and sunny day, the inaugural charity Radlett Classic Car Show was held on the field behind Christ Church, Watling Street on Saturday, 29th June. Organised in association with the Church and the U3A Wings and Wheels Study Groups of Radlett and Bushey Clubs, the free-to-enter event encouraged a spectacular line up of over 60 pristine iconic cars of all ages. More than 300 spectators also had the opportunity to enjoy refreshments provided by the Church's Hospitality Group throughout the day in addition to the attractions of the "4 String Ukelele Band" contributions during the afternoon, finishing off with three thrilling, low level overhead passes made by the Battle of Britain



Memorial Flight's C.47/Dakota (ZA 947) - whilst en route from RAF Coningsby to the RAF Museum, Hendon for a second display - before the close at 4 pm. The event raised £550 in donations, after all expenses, for distribution to Leukemia Research (£250), the Parkinsons Society (£250) and Christ Church's 150th Anniversary 2014 fund (£50).

*Brian Davis*



## Charity Dodge Ball Event

Sue Rolfe, Beaver Leader 1st Radlett organised an event to bring together all sections of the 1st Radlett Scout group, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, so boys aged between 6 - 15.

It was a fantastic event held at Phillimore park in the MUGA on Saturday afternoon, 18th May 2013. 32 boys joined together in mixed section teams of 5 /6 and all played each other before finishing with a final.

Medals were given to the winning team. At the end, the Leaders, Mums and Dads all took on the Scouts for a fun game. Parents stayed to watch

and help manage teams there was also a refreshment stand with drinks and homemade cakes, again run and donated by parents. Everyone had a great time and it was lovely bringing so many families together.

Together we raised £244.50 for the British Heart Foundation. It was such a fun afternoon, there was so much support from Leaders, parents and older ex Scouts. It was so lovely seeing boys of all ages, come together, have fun together and enjoy raising money for charity.

*Sue Farr*



## RADLETT Horticultural Society Mini Show

Our Mini Flower Show could be described as somewhere between a lighthearted social evening and the more serious stuff of competing against other gardeners in the 13 classes, ranging from flowers, vegetables, pot plants to soft fruits. Moreover, it is a chance to test members' judgements against the professional judge. Obviously we do not always agree!! With the Autumn in mind, the June Mini Show is, for those who wish, a precursor to exhibiting at our Autumn Flower Show (109 classes, including childrens') and is invaluable in giving tips on staging exhibits, the importance of abiding by the description of the class (for instance when is a rose a large flowered rose, a cluster of flowered roses or even a rambling rose. The terminology can be quite confusing for the uninitiated! We welcomed a record number of visitors as well as a remarkable entry of 82 exhibits (the highest for years) with over 50 participants.

*Anne Venediger*

**Winner of most points**

**Peter Hordern**

**Bill Woods Rose Bowl**

**Sandra Mackenzie**

**Best exhibit**

**Peter Cushion for his Hippeastrum**

**Best audience judging**

**Elizabeth Wackrow**





# ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## ALDENHAM EAST



### Councillor Gill Balen

Chairman of the Around Radlett Working Party  
Member of the Planning Committee  
Member of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee  
Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
*\*Trustee of the Gravel Allotments Trust*  
*\*Representative on Platt Subsidiary Foundation*



### Councillor Viv Charrett

Chairman of the Planning Committee  
Member of the Community Development Committee  
Member of the Around Radlett Working Party  
*\*Representative on Aldenham Alms Houses*



### Councillor Caroline Clapper

County Councillor of Herts County Council  
Borough Councillor of Hertsmere Borough Council



### Councillor Saleem Khawaja



### Councillor Neil Payne

Chairman of the Council  
Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee  
Member of the Planning Committee  
Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Trustee of the Radlett Centre Trust



### Councillor Ron Worthy

Vice Chairman of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee  
Member of the Planning Committee  
Member of the Community Development Committee  
Member of the Strategic Planning Committee  
Member of the Around Radlett Working Party  
*\*Representative on Platt Subsidiary Foundation*

## ALDENHAM WEST



### Councillor Tony Butwick

Chairman of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee  
Member of the Community Development Committee  
Member of the Around Radlett Working Party  
Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
*\*Representative on the Radlett Village Institute Management Committee*



### Councillor John Howley

Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Member of the Strategic Planning Committee  
Member of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee  
Member of the Community Development Committee  
*\*Representative on Radlett Village Institute Management Committee*  
*\*Representative on the Radlett Centre Trust*



### Councillor David Lambert

*Chairman of the Gravel Allotments Trust*  
Member of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee  
Member of the Planning Committee  
*\*Representative on Association to Contain Elstree Aerodrome*  
*\*Representative on Aldenham War Memorial Hall Trust*



### Councillor Estelle Samuelson

Chairman of the Community Development Committee  
Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee  
Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Member of the Around Radlett Working Party  
*\*Member of the Radlett and Bushey Community Safety Partnership*



### Councillor Garry Walton

Member of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee  
*Representative on the Aldenham Country Park Committee*



### Councillor Chris Wilkins

Vice Chairman of the Parish Council  
Vice Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Member of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee  
Member of the Community Development Committee  
Member of the Strategic Planning Committee  
Member of the Around Radlett Working Party  
*\*Representative on RAIFA (Radlett and Aldenham International Friendship Association)*

*\*Members of outside organisation*

## Parish Council Offices

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Parish Manager: Peter Evans  
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## Forthcoming Committee Meetings From September – November 2013

Contact the Parish  
Council office for  
times of meetings.

### September

Mon 2	Planning
Tues 3	Strategic Planning
Thurs 5	APC office closed
Tues 10	Finance and General Purposes
Wed 11	Parks and Open Spaces
Thurs 12	Community Development
Mon 16	Planning
Tues 24	Full Council

### October

Thurs 3	Community Development
Mon 7	Planning
Mon 21	Planning
Thurs 24	All Faiths
Tues 29	Full Council

Please see all dates, agendas and minutes for Council meetings on [www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

### November

Mon 4	Planning
Wed 13	Parks and Open Spaces
Mon 18	Planning
Tues 26	Full Council

Draft minutes from the Committee meetings are uploaded to the website once they have been approved by the full council.





# ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## What is a Parish Councillor?

Some of you may know, (others may not), that in our area we have three tiers of Local Government. The top tier is the County Council, based in Hertford mainly, which covers the whole of Hertfordshire and is responsible for education, social services, libraries, highways, road repairs, waste strategy and links to the local NHS. We here have one County Councillor to represent us (Caroline Clapper) who covers Watling Ward, which is the whole of the Parish of Aldenhams and Elstree.

The next level down is the Borough Council (Hertsmere) based at the Civic Offices in Borehamwood. Hertsmere is responsible for planning, collection of rubbish, local parks (except in The Parish of Aldenhams), leisure services and parking services. We have four Borough Councillors who are Caroline Clapper and Dan Griffin for Aldenhams West, and John Graham and Charles Goldstein for Aldenhams East. It is worth noting that County meetings tend to be in the daytimes and Borough ones in the evening, which means that Cllr Clapper can fulfil both roles.

The most local level of Local Government is the Parish Council. Our main areas of responsibility are to advise Hertsmere on residents' planning concerns (we are a Statutory Consultee, which means

Hertsmere Borough Council has to ask our opinion, but is not forced to agree with it), to publish Around Radlett and communicate regularly with residents via the website and the newsletter, and to tend to our parks and open spaces. The Parish owns many acres of land which need regular maintenance, the Phillimore Recreation Ground and children's play areas. We also arrange the Christmas lights and hanging baskets.

We have recently set up a Community Development committee, which has got the Youth Council started, and which is looking at supporting the more vulnerable groups of the population, both old and young, as well as working with the Police and PCSOs on providing distraction activities for youth to reduce the incidence of unruly behaviour and vandalism.

There are 12 Parish Councillors, drawn from local residents (listed in Around Radlett). Parish Councillors are elected every four years. They do not get paid, or have any expenses or any other way of benefitting financially from their posts. They choose to do this because they care about Radlett and want to contribute to keeping it a green and pleasant place to live and work. Many have lived here for very many years.

Most (but not all) are retired and have been employed in a wide variety of areas, ranging from the police, large industrial companies, the NHS, education, IT, and finance. We are not career politicians and are not looking for promotion or reward but do our utmost to serve all the people in the Parish. We take it to heart when some residents criticise our actions or our motives without accurate information. All our meetings are open to public scrutiny, are well-advertised on our boards, on our web site and in Around Radlett.

Therefore, if there is something we are doing that you are unhappy with, please come along, get involved and express your views in a positive, constructive way. We are always delighted to receive offers of help and welcome anyone volunteering their time or expertise.

*Councillor Viv Charrett*

## Councillor Gill Balen MBE

We would like to offer our many congratulations to Gill for being awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Gill, who has been a Parish Councillor for the past eight years and the Editor of Around Radlett, was given the award for voluntary services to health and the community in the West Herts area since her retirement as a hospital pharmacist in 2000.

During the past thirteen years Gill has worked for The Patients Association Helpline, the Watford General Hospital's Patient Advice and Liaison Service, was a founding member of the Red House Patients Group, of which she chaired for the past six years. Recently, Gill was

appointed chairman of West Herts Hospital Trust's Patients Panel that covers hospitals in Watford, Hemel Hempstead and St Albans.

Locally, as well as her work as a Parish Councillor representing Aldenhams East, she has been a governor at Newberries School, founded the Interfaith Group in Radlett and also volunteers for the Radlett, Elstree, Borehamwood and Shenley 'Talking Newspaper' which produces weekly recordings for visually impaired residents.

Well done Gill – you deserve it.

*Jan Adams*



## Calling all 11 – 18 year olds

- Do you live in Radlett, Aldenhams or Letchmore Heath?
- Do you want your voice heard about local issues that affect you and have the power to change these?
- Help organise fun events for the community

Then come along and be part of the

## ALDENHAM PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL

To find out more about this please forward your name and contact details to

[community@aldenhams-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community@aldenhams-pc.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01923 856433





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## Aldenhams Parish Council Accounts 2012 - 13

Aldenhams Parish Council is required by statute to publish its annual accounts for the previous financial year.

These accounts are audited both internally by a company called Auditing Solutions Ltd, and externally for the Audit Commission by BDO Stoy Hayward. These are the final audited accounts from the external auditor who gave the Council an un-qualified report for the second year running.

### Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2013

2011-12	Income		2012-13
545,044	Precept	Note 1	550,494
10,694	Agency Services	Note 2	9,247
3,691	Bank interest		5,506
30,962	Grants – other	Note 3	5,300
9,263	Fees from Council owned properties	Note 4	7,326
6,268	Youth & Sports	Note 4	6,495
2,892	Newsletter	Note 5	2,499
1,471	Miscellaneous		965
<b>610,285</b>	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>587,832</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>		
203,683	Administration	Note 6	158,130
1,459	Section 137 payments	Note 7	1,068
128,426	Other grants	Note 7	126,000
29,273	Capital Spending	Note 8	74,991
188,736	Parks & Open Spaces	Note 9	207,890
3,244	Youth Club		0
12,669	Newsletter	Note 5	25,151
8,511	Newberries Car Park subsidy	Note 10	8,511
2,342	Community Development	Note 11	10,206
1,751	Miscellaneous		2,277
<b>580,094</b>	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>614,224</b>
	<b>Funds balance represented by:</b>		
492,472	Balance brought forward as at 1st April 2012		522,663
30,191	Excess of income over expenditure for the year		
	Excess of expenditure over income		-26,392
<b>522,663</b>	<b>Balance carried forward as at 31st March 2013</b>		<b>496,271</b>

### The reserves currently held by the Council are shown as follows:

General Reserves .....	£164,013
Earmarked Reserves – (for certain Council projects).....	£143,813
Capital Reserves – (which can only be used on capital projects).....	£188,445

**Note 1 – Precept** : this is the amount of your Council Tax that is allocated to Aldenhams Parish Council.

**Note 2 – Agency Services** : represents income received from Radlett Centre Trust to provide accountancy & secretarial services.

**Note 3 – Grants other** : This is monies received from HertsmereBC & HertsCC ward councillors who have paid towards new benches in the parks at Radlett & Aldenhams, and the youth event and Winter Fair.

**Note 4 – Fees from Council owned properties/Youth & Sports** : Income derived from the hire of the allotments, football pitches/bowls club and for use of council land for filming.

**Note 5 – Newsletter** : Advertising income generated by 'Around Radlett' and the production costs associated with the four issues per year. Also this year we have included the administrator costs.

**Note 6 – Administration** : Planning, Accounts and management staff costs and other overheads.

**Note 7 – Grants** : Paid to groups to provide entertainment, (mainly the Radlett Centre Trust) and counselling services in the parish. Other grants (known as section 137 grants) are made to some local groups to enable them to continue their good work.

**Note 8 – Capital Spending** : Projects this year include Depot fencing, Arial Runway, concrete hard-standing for mobile café provision in Phillimore Rec, and a new vehicle for the Groundstaff.

**Note 9 – Parks & Open Spaces** : All costs associated with maintaining the open spaces owned/leased by the Council, including administration, repairs and maintenance.

**Note 10 – Transportation** : This is the parking subsidy paid to Hertsmere Borough Council to provide the first hour free facility in the Car Park behind the shops on Watling Street.

**Note 11 – Community Development** : All costs associated with engaging with the community such as website, administration, winter fair and other community events.





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## Statement on the Accounts

I hope you have found this summary useful. If you have any queries or wish to see the actual accounts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Precept

As I stated above these figures are for the previous financial year. In 2012 Central Government decided to withdraw the subsidy it gave billing authorities such as Hertsmere Borough Council in order to reduce the Council Tax burden on low income households. As a result the total monies required by Aldenhams Parish Council (known as the precept) had to be collected from less households, or the monies reduced (which would have been approximately £19,000).

Fortunately this year Hertsmere Borough Council gave a grant of £19,000+ to the Council so that the precept could stay at £550,494.

Aldenhams Parish Council's Strategic Planning Committee have put together a business plan for the next five years, and based upon that it is likely that for the foreseeable future there will be a need to increase the precept between 1-2% each year just to keep up with the ever increasing basic costs.

However, this will be considered by the Full Council each year, as recommendations from the Committee are only a guideline.

*Peter Evans*  
*Parish Council Manager*

## Support your local shops

The government is trying to encourage us to reduce the amount of unnecessary car travel. You may also notice that many shops have been closing down along Watling Street. With this in mind we ask that you support local businesses and shop locally.

Are you aware that Aldenhams Parish Council pay Hertsmere Borough Council £12,500 a year to allow you one free hour in Newberries Car park (Behind Budgens) Please take advantage of this and help our village remain a great place to live.

## Best Wishes to Kathy Clague

We have said goodbye recently to our Accounts Officer, Kathy Clague, who has left us to launch herself into her retirement. After 20 years of hard graft in the Aldenhams Parish Office she has stepped out for the sunnier climes of not getting up to the sound of the alarm clock every morning. Can't be bad. She was a great girl to work with (and not just because she paid our wages) and we are missing her already.

She was the 'go to' colleague if you needed help with technology. Ever had a what the heck is a modem processor hard drive soft drive icon moment? Kathy knew. She took to it like a teenager. Her 'home' was a side office near the photocopier and people would go to extremes to have her help with their copying. I have known them to creep, SAS style, beneath the radar of the Aldenhams Parish Council window to get Kathy's help and to avoid the other 'happy to help you' faces on the other side. Kathy would put them straight in a moment and they went away satisfied. On one occasion she was not there and we seized the moment to win them over away from her. Of course it wasn't a simple job but after dissecting the

contents of the manual and experimenting we nailed it! We stood there smug faced - mission accomplished. As they walked away they turned to say 'Tell Kathy we missed her'. Oh. Ok different tactics may be required - artisan coffee with optional syrup and 'quality' biscuits (the sort wrapped in twists of coloured paper) may be the answer.

That talent aside Kathy was a great person to work with. She had a razor sharp wit you could shave your legs on. On a serious note we respected her. She had a meticulous attitude to work and would give help with any problem.

For Kathy her new life will be touring Britain and Europe in her motorhome with husband Joe - exactly the stuff of retirement dreams.

As for us at Aldenhams Parish Council, payday is looming so please 'Kathy come home'.

*Paula Paley*



## New contact and website address for Aldenhams Parish Council

The government department that allocate the '.gov' addresses to local councils have decided a new policy. They wish to include within the address a description of the council that is using the '.gov' domain.

Therefore they have approached Aldenhams Parish Council and stated that as from 1st July 2013 the current email and website address must change.

The existing addresses will still be valid for a period of 3 months, after which they will no longer be available.

### Please update our details to :

*New Website address:*  
**[www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)**

*Peter Evans - Parish Council Manager:*  
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*Claire Fletcher - Parks and Open Spaces:* **[Parks@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Parks@aldenham-pc.gov.uk)**

*Lucy Jackman - Community Development Officer (Events, Around Radlett, Youth Council, Community Development):*  
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*Paula Paley - Admin and Planning:*  
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*Monika Duong - Accounts:*  
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*Councillors:*  
**[councillors@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:councillors@aldenham-pc.gov.uk)**

We welcome a new Accounts Officer Monika Duong who we hope will be very happy here with us at Aldenhams Parish Council.



**Edition 16 – December 1991. Radlett Station under threat to close Sunday service. Local residents sign petition and British Rail concede.**



**Edition 36 – Winter 1999. Radlett Lawn Tennis Club wins Hertfordshire Ladies County Championship for the second year.**

## Aldenham House – Part Two

It is 1868 and Henry Hucks Gibbs has recently decided to make Aldenham House his principal residence.

It was Henry who had been instrumental in moving the family business into banking (in those days a respectable profession!) and his expertise in monetary matters was recognized by his appointment as a Director of the Bank of England, a post he held from 1853 until 1901; he was also Governor of the Bank of England from 1875 to 1877. In 1891 he became a Member of Parliament for the City of London and was reputed to be one of the four richest men in England. He was ennobled in 1896 for his services to the government and banking.

In 1845 he married Louise Adams, whose mother, the Hon. Mary Ann was granddaughter of Charles Cokayne, Viscount Cullen. Ten years later Henry's sister, Mary, married his wife's brother, George Adams, who later changed his surname to Cokayne. The Cokayne name was important to the Gibbs family and Henry and Louise added that name to that of their third son, Herbert, who later became Baron Hunsdon. Tradition being important to the family, their third son was named after the fiery lawyer great uncle, Vicary.

In 1880, Henry made several substantial alterations to the house and park. He added the clock tower (much



*Aldenham House as it is today.*

to the dismay of Nicholas Pevsner, who described it as "incongruous"), converted some of the old rooms for more modern (for 1880) use and created a new room with mezzanine floor above.

Externally, he transformed the park. The road from Letchmore Heath to Elstree ran close to the front of the house and Grubbs Lane, which linked it to Watling Street, was also near to the north side. He re-routed both roads which entailed demolition of the old pub, The Wrestlers, and enabled him to include within the property boundaries the ruins of Penne's Place.

He built a new pub called The Battleaxes which was named from the Gibbs family coat of arms. The new road to Watling Street was called New Grubbs Lane but the locals apparently objected to this and referred to it as Butterfly Lane, a name which was eventually adopted officially.

Two years before this, in 1878, he had purchased the Advowson of Aldenham Church, which gave him the right to appoint the Vicar of that church, and in 1884, when the position fell vacant, he appointed his fourth son, Kenneth, as Vicar, a position he held until 1913 when he was made Arch Deacon of St Albans, where he was formally known as The Venerable and Honourable Kenneth Gibbs.

In 1887 Gibbs celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria by organizing a "Programme of Sports" to be held on Saturday 2nd July in the grounds of Aldenham House. It was to be a fun day for everyone, followed by tea. Among the 16 events were an Egg & Spoon Race for Women over 50, a grinning match and a blindfold race

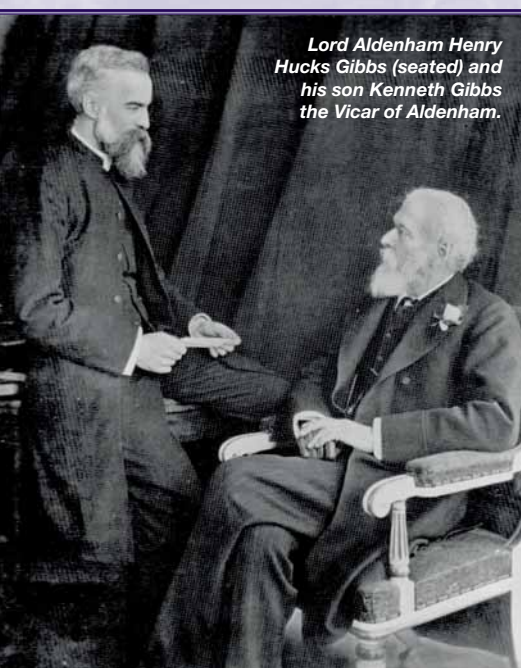


with wheelbarrows.

Henry Hucks Gibbs, 1st Baron Aldenham, was an energetic man and had many interests outside his business and home. In addition to being an MP he was chairman of the Conservative Association and patron of Keble College, Oxford. He died in 1907 and was succeeded in the title by his eldest son, Alban, who became the 2nd Baron Aldenham and made Clifton Hampden his home. Aldenham House was occupied by Henry's second son, Vicary. Vicary had worked with his father to create gardens of outstanding variety and beauty and now he had free rein to take this interest even further. Ably assisted by head gardener Edwin Beckett and nearly 100 under-gardeners, Vicary created a garden to rival that of Kew. Their ambition was to create a park containing a specimen of every tree grown in the western hemisphere, a target which they believed they achieved and which has never been disputed. The trees were accompanied by shrubs, plants and flowers of every colour, hue and variety. A border of Michaelmas Daisies was 150 yards long and 15 yards wide.

Such magnificent gardens required an appropriately grand approach and Vicary installed the gates which we still see today in Butterfly Lane.

Vicary's interests were not limited to gardening. He was a classical scholar and with his uncle, George Cokayne, he was instrumental in researching and preparing for publication the 14 volumes of *The Complete Peerage*,



*Lord Aldenham Henry Hucks Gibbs (seated) and his son Kenneth Gibbs the Vicar of Aldenham.*





**Edition 96 –  
Autumn 2012.  
Radlett Youth  
Council one  
year on.**



**Edition 23 –  
September 1993.  
Extension to Red  
House Surgery  
is completed.**

which charted every noble from 1066 to 1900. It was a monumental piece of work of invaluable assistance to historians and genealogists; I have made use of it during the preparation of this article.

Interest in the gardens was world-wide and in 1930 a landing strip for light aircraft was provided nearby for affluent visitors. Vicary Gibbs died unmarried in 1932, and the house stood empty for a while before being leased to a syndicate headed by Captain William Watkins who converted it into a country club and residential health resort. The availability of a landing strip ensured that Aldenham House became a magnet for high society with its polo field, nine-hole golf course and tennis and squash courts, although the proximity of high tension cables prevented the Air Ministry from issuing an unrestricted licence to the operators of the airfield. On expiry the temporary licence was regularly renewed but each time repeating the view that because of the high tension cables it was not licensed for flying instruction.

Despite this restriction the airfield (in those days known as Aldenham Aerodrome) flourished. Some five years after it was first used, it was officially opened in 1935 and an "Opening Garden Party" was organised by the Aldenham House Club in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

More than 30 aircraft visited the aerodrome during the afternoon, there was an "aerial pageant" arranged by Aircraft Exchange & Mart (operators of the airfield) and a pony gymkhana, which was held within the precincts of the aerodrome.

By 1939 the fortunes of the club had waned, although there was a flourishing flying club based on the landing strip, which was used from 1940 onwards for the repair of damaged aircraft, the facilities having been requisitioned by the Air Ministry. At that time it was known as Aldenham airfield and it had two grass strips. In 1942 the Ministry laid a 1,050 yard concrete runway to enable Wellington bombers to be flown in and modified/repaired there.

Aldenham House was also requisitioned and became the home of the BBC Latin American department. By the end of the war Vicary Gibbs's beautiful gardens had become so neglected that they were beyond economical restoration. The BBC remained there until 1951 with a view to making it a permanent headquarters for the Overseas Service, but when Caversham Park in Reading became available, the estate was put up for sale, being purchased by The Haberdashers Company for a school they proposed to bring there as a replacement for the premises at Cricklewood, which they had outgrown.

Lord Aldenham has long since ceased to live at Aldenham House but he still retains substantial land in and around Aldenham, Elstree and Radlett.

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### **WANTED - PAINTINGS, PHOTOS AND ARTICLES**

The Working Party responsible for compiling *Around Radlett* is always pleased to receive paintings, photographs and articles.

Please send them to:

**APCComms@aldenham.gov.uk**



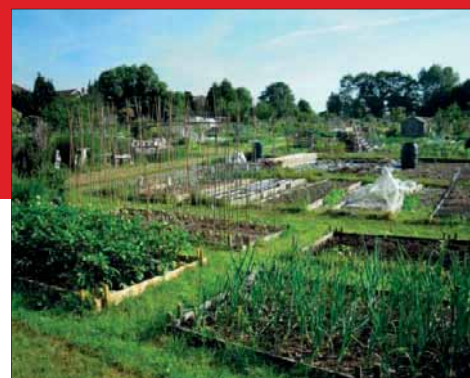
### **WEBSITE**

Please remember to visit the Aldenham Parish Council website at [www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.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 per issue.



*Aldenham Parish Council's allotment site in Radlett*

## **Allotments**

Such is the demand for allotments nationally, with waiting lists being measured in terms of years not being uncommon, that it may surprise readers to learn that there are currently vacant plots here in the Parish of Aldenham.

The Council own and manage an allotment site on land adjacent to Phillimore Recreation Ground, Radlett, and anyone who lives within the Parish of Aldenham is eligible to rent a plot. The rent compares favourably to other allotment sites, with the annual rent for a full plot being £30, whilst for a half plot it is £15.

Allotment gardening is a great way to get out in the fresh air and to get active whilst growing your own vegetables and fruit. Some plot holders enjoy the social aspects of allotment gardening too, swapping tips and ideas with other plot holders. So if you are a resident within the Parish of Aldenham, and you are interested in renting an allotment garden, please contact the Parks and Open Spaces Officer on 01923 856433 for further information or email [parks@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parks@aldenham-pc.gov.uk).

*Claire Fletcher*

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7 The Avenue, Radlett  
Telephone and Fax  
01923 855007





**Edition 82 – Spring 2009.** Police Surgery begins at the Radlett Centre with Pc Tuck and PCSO's Ian Boyd and Rob McWilliams.



**Edition 33 – Spring 1996.** The new Radlett Centre opens its doors.



**Edition 56 – Summer 2002.** Golden Jubilee celebrations held in Watling Street.

## National Garden Scheme Open Day at the Allotments

For the second year running the allotments at Phillimore Recreation Ground were open to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme Open Day. The combined efforts of the BBQ, the entrance money, the teas, the produce and plant stall, and last but not least the welly throwing competition raised a mammoth £1484.27 which has already been sent to the National Garden Scheme in aid of their charities. We entertained nearly 300 paying visitors plus children and allotment holders which makes a total of 430 attendees. Last year there were 255 paying guests so a creditable increase.

Thanks to all allotment holders that attended and made visitors welcome.

**Peter Hordern**  
Chairman, Radlett Horticultural Society



Paul Balen receiving the Centenary Cup for the Best Mini Allotment from John Rickards, President of the Radlett Horticultural Society.



Above: Visitors inspect the produce from the allotments with the proud growers providing tips.  
Left: The produce stall did a thriving trade.

## Hanging baskets, flower beds and Lauteral Green



Once again the hanging baskets that adorn Watling Street, the Radlett Centre and the also the flower beds at the entrance to the Centre, have been much admired and commented on by visitors and residents. We must not forget the beautiful blooms on our two 'dialects' sited in Lautertal Green (the area on the east side of Radlett towards Park Street).

Our thanks go to Aldenham Parish Council's Grounds Staff for all the care they take and for their endless watering during this particularly dry summer. Under the direction of the Head of Grounds Maintenance Fred Hills, they are Ian Gray, Gary Hall, Danny Wells, Liam Tomkins and Neil Hudson – thank you all.

Jan Adams

## Changes to recycling cardboard

From 15 July, Hertsmere have been asking residents to put cardboard in their brown bin or black box along with glass, cartons, plastic and cans, instead of their green bin. The reason for the change is because the contents of green bins is used to make compost but things like sticky tape, labels and staples, which were often left on cardboard, were contaminating loads.

Environment Portfolio Holder Cllr Jean Heywood said: "The change in recycling cardboard will help us recycle even more. By taking cardboard out of the compost mix in the green bin, we will reduce contamination, improve the quality of compost which is spread

on local farmland. All this is better for the environment as the extra cost of landfilling contaminated compost loads had a knock-on effect on council tax."

Please continue to use your green bin for food and garden waste but leave out cardboard. You can put all food in your green bin – cooked or raw including meat, fish, bones, shells, fruit, veg, dairy and any leftover scrapings. You can also put in brown paper/paper bags, shredded paper used for animal bedding and food wrapped in newspaper. Any other paper should go in your blue box please. [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/cardboard](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/cardboard) or call 020 8207 7480.

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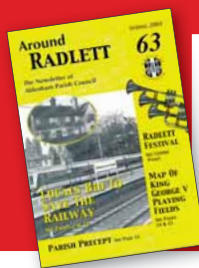




**Edition 17 – March 1992.**  
History of the two VC's named on Radlett War Memorial.



**Edition 97 – Winter 2012.** Olympic Gold Medallist switches on the Christmas Lights.



**Edition 63 – Spring 2004.** Proposed developments at former Peugeot Garage, Roundbush and former Wall Hall College at Aldenham are detailed.

# Limitless

## The Radlett Youth & Family Festival

Aldenham Parish Council in Partnership with Affinity Sutton and Hertsmere Borough Council organised a Youth event in Phillimore Recreation Ground on the afternoon of Saturday 10th August.

This was free fun family event, for all to attend. It was part of the APC Community Engagement Strategy and was aimed this time at the Youth. As part of this we were able to

- Find out what the youth thought of the area.
- Get any ideas that the youth have to make this a nicer area for them to live
- Get ideas in what they would like to see in a Youth Room if one was developed in the refurbishment of the current Pavillion.

A little nervous about the changeable weather, we couldn't have asked for better, the beautiful sunshine brought over 400 residents out in force.

Activities on the day included laser quaser, climbing walls, gladiator

jousting, surf simulators, facepainting, Zumba session, open mic, Peppa Pig, Fireman Sam and bouncy castles.

We were joined by Child UK organised the Community Games, Sure Start Children's Centre had plenty of games for the under 8's, Youth Connexions offered advice to kids and Hertsmere Borough Council ran taster sessions of their 'Us Girls Campaign'.

Watford FC held mini training sessions, and Tennis Coach Guy Thomas ran fun coaching sessions for all.

Aldenham Parish Council and Affinity Sutton had questionnaires available to residents to get their views on the area and all were entered into a draw to win many exciting prizes including a 7in Tablet.



Photo: Clive Glover



The main stars of the day were without doubt the incredible IMD Legion. Aged between the ages of 8-17, put on 3 shows and wowed the audiences with their unbelievable backflips and outstanding dance routines.

We would like to thank all the came on the day and helped make it such a success, and to all the local companies who helped sponsor the event such as the Radlett Festival, Affinity Sutton and Hertsmere Borough Council.

Lucy Jackman



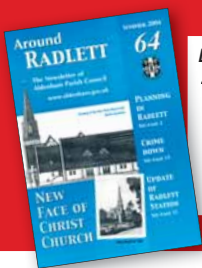
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Sportsday  
racers kept  
all ages  
entertained.

Right: Lucy  
Jackman and  
Earl Newman  
with IMD.

Left: IMD  
joined in with  
Zumba.







**Edition 64 – Summer 2004.** The Bhaktivadanta Manor home of the Hare Krishn Temple plant 6000 trees. Work to improve the Post Office garden begin.



**Edition 78 – Spring 2008.** Aldenham Parish Council tackles Anti Social Parking.



**Edition 37 – Spring 1997.** The Bus Pass scheme begins. Citizen's Advice Bureau begin sessions at the Radlett Centre.



## The Radlett Society and Green Belt Association

The Radlett Society and Green Belt Association is delighted to contribute a few words to the 100th Edition of Around Radlett; the Parish Council does an excellent job in producing this Newsletter.

Being a Civic Society, we are an independent, non-political Charity supported by volunteers with a passion for the district. This means mostly Radlett, but we also represent residents throughout the Civil Parish of Aldenham.

Our primary interests are in protecting the Green Belt and monitoring planning applications, but we also have representatives covering:-

- Local Rights-of-Way, [Footpaths & Bridleways];
- Highways & Traffic;
- Conservation Areas;
- Aldenham Country Park;
- Trees;
- Crime Prevention and
- any other civic matters that from time-to-time might concern local residents.

The Society is a member of Civic Voice, a national organisation of similar groups in England that lobbies Government on town planning issues.

Regionally, we regularly meet with residents from other towns ranging from Oxford to Bishops Stortford, Hitchin to High Wycombe. We are in close touch with the Civic Societies in St.Albans and Elstree & Borehamwood.

We supported the campaigns run by STRiFE [against Helioslough's scheme to construct an enormous Strategic Rail Freight Interchange on the green belt site of the former Radlett Airfield] and WInG [against E.ON's bid to build a waste-to-energy incinerator in Harper Lane]

Two years ago, we updated, re-drafted

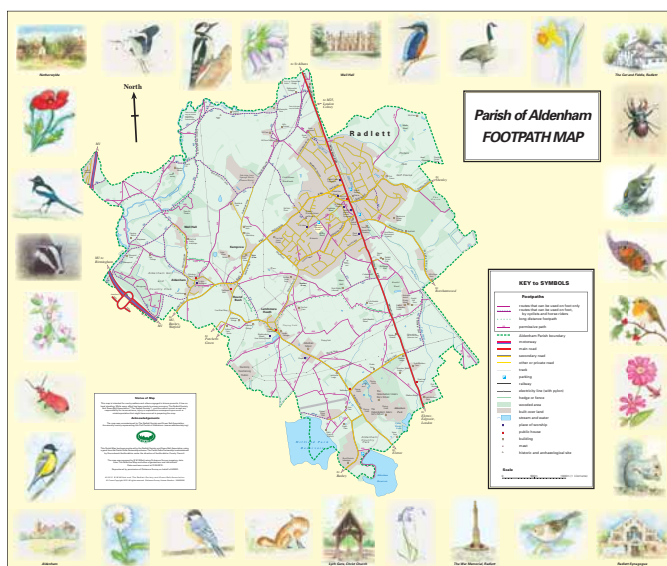
and published our Footpath Map of Aldenham. You will shortly see this incorporated on a new Information Board [see picture below] situated in the gardens in Watling Street next to Barclays Bank, Radlett

In Radlett, our members are familiar with every road, alleyway and street. On reviewing planning applications we know and respond if over-development of sites is threatened. We are always keen to retain as much as possible of the local character and feeling of space afforded by generous plots. Without our voice, supported by the Parish Council, many property developers and

estate agents would squeeze more and more houses in less and less space with almost complete disregard for factors such as the impact on the street scene, housing mix, privacy and back-garden development [now thankfully outlawed by Hertsmere's planners].

If you care about any of this, please let us know - we are keen to hear from you! Please contact me at [rsgba@o2.co.uk](mailto:rsgba@o2.co.uk) or 01923 855139 or use the contact form on our web-site: [www.radlettsociety.org](http://www.radlettsociety.org).

**Graham Taylor**  
Chairman



## Winter Fair 2013

The sun may be shining and we are still sitting out in our gardens but plans are already being made for the Radlett 2013 Winter Fair.

Please keep Sunday 1st December clear in your diaries for more festive fun and maybe a special guest will be making an appearance.

If you would like a stall at the Winter Fair please call Lucy Jackman on 01923 856433 or contact by email [community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk)



Last years Winter Fayre fun saw crowds entertained with a selection of stalls.



Last years celebrity guest was Olympic boxer Anthony Joshua who turned on the Christmas lights.



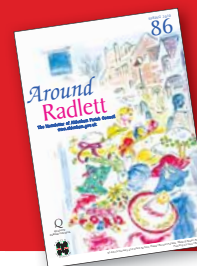




*Edition 89 –  
Winter 2010.  
A proposed  
incinerator on  
the borders of  
Radlett.*



*Edition 18 – June 1992.  
The Sporty and Art  
Bus goes to Phillimore  
Recreation Ground  
for one week in  
August.*



*Edition 86 –  
Spring 2010.  
Launch of the  
Footpaths  
Booklet.*

## A history of Rotary International and The Rotary Club of Radlett

The annual Radlett Rotary Club Fun Run was held on Bank Holiday Monday 6 May.

230 runners entered the 1.5 km and 5km, five fields fun run, held at Tabard Rugby and Radlett Cricket Club Sports Grounds, in aid of Crohn's & Colitis UK, sponsored by Nagler Simmons, Chartered Accountants of Radlett, which raised in excess of £1,400.00, for the Crohn's & Colitis Charity and we were indebted to everyone's support.

People ask, what exactly does Rotary and the Rotary Club of Radlett do? In an effort to give some answers, "Rotary is an organisation of Business and Professional persons united in the one goal - The Betterment of All Mankind".

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Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

In the last 108 years Rotary is now a worldwide organisation with over 1.2 million Rotarians belonging to over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

The Rotary Club of Radlett was first chartered in 1977, expanding the Rotary motto of Service Above Self. The Club meets every Monday lunchtime at the Radlett Masonic Hall, The Rose Walk, Radlett, WD7 8HX at 12:30 for 1pm. A meal is served at the meetings, with most meetings having a speaker either from the local community or from a project that the Rotary Club is planning to support. Once a month, there is a business meeting to deal with matters arising from the projects.

Visitors are always welcome and if you would like an invitation to visit, or more information, please contact secretary@radlettrotary.org.uk or visit [www.radlettrotary.org.uk](http://www.radlettrotary.org.uk)

*Tony Alexander*

## Harperbury Free School

On 23 May this year the Department for Education gave approval for a new secondary school to be established for Radlett, Shenley, London Colney and surrounding areas. This came after a two year campaign and formal application in January this year by a group of local parents and teachers brought together by Radlett resident Clive Glover.

Harperbury Free School will open its doors to the first 120 Year 7 students in September 2014. It is expected to be located within the grounds of the former Harperbury Hospital off Harper Lane, just outside Radlett although this is subject to negotiations over the purchase of the site from the Department of Health.

As a Free School, Harperbury will be a non-selective State secondary school for students who live primarily in the Parishes of Aldenham, London Colney, Shenley and St Stephen's, and the Cowley Hill and Brookmeadow Wards of Borehamwood. We expect most of our students will live within a three mile radius from Harperbury and many will be able to walk or cycle there from home.

Additionally, existing public bus routes pass the site from Radlett, Shenley, London Colney and Borehamwood.

Students will study all the traditional academic, arts and sports you would expect to find in a secondary school and there will be high expectations of academic rigour and success at every stage. Our vision is of a school with outstanding exam results to which parents are eager to send their children because of its deserved reputation for academic rigour. We believe we can deliver excellent academic results through an innovative and enterprising curriculum.

Applications for places starting in September 2014 will be made from 1 September this year using a Harperbury application form (available from our

website or at our Open Days), rather than through Hertfordshire County Council's applications system (through which you can also apply for up to four other schools). Our first students will be those who have just started in Year 6 at Primary school this September. We will notify you if we are offering you a place on 3 March 2014, the same day as Hertfordshire County Council will offer you a place at another school, so giving you two first choices!

Harperbury Free School will be running Open Days at Fairways Hall, Borehamwood (Saturday 28 September 10 am to noon), The Chapel, Shenley Park (Monday 30 September 6 to 9pm) and London Colney Community Centre, London Colney (Wednesday 2 October 6 to 9pm).

More details on our website [www.harperbury.org.uk](http://www.harperbury.org.uk)

*Clive Glover*

**Harperbury Free School**  
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School do you want for your children?







**Edition 45 – Spring 1999.** Radlett United Synagogue, formerly Radlett Hall, renamed 'The Pater Hall'.



**Edition 79 – Summer 2008.** A history of Radlett Cricket Club and their involvement with Middlesex 2nd XI and MCC Young Cricketers.



**Edition 50 – Autumn 2000.** Local Millennium Festival held with thirty separate events taking place. 1000 copies of a 'Year 2000' calendar depicting local scenes are sold.

# The George Harrison Garden officially opened

The George Harrison Memorial Garden was officially opened on Saturday 25th May, with Olivia Harrison, friends, local faith leaders, devotees and television presenters Monty Don and Peter Owen-Jones.

When George passed away on 29th November 2001, the Manor resolved to create a quiet garden in his memory. The shady woodland dell behind the main building was chosen because of George's fondness for the site. The Garden is a place set aside for prayer and contemplation to commemorate the friendship between George and the devotees.

The opening began with a sitar recital, played from the centre of the garden. The ambiance from the recital brought calm to the guests facilitating a deeper connection with the garden. Then from the main decking area spanned by the lyric of George: 'Awaken and See', Olivia shared some inspiring words. *"I am grateful to the devotees for honouring George in the form of a garden. A manifestation in the material world of which he would be very proud."*

*"George was not a perfectionist, but he did have the ability to see the potential in gardens, and he did see potential in this dell. Admittedly the creation of this garden has stopped and started a few times, but that just reflects life and the stages we go through in our own journeys."*

Monty Don, presenter of the BBC's 'Gardeners' World' series then spoke about often being approached for solutions to the challenges faced in gardening, in answer to which he believed the ultimate solution was 'love', you have to love your garden. *"I am delighted and honoured to open the garden so that the public will be able to share George's great love of gardening and deep spirituality."*



Speaking on the theme of the garden, Gauri das added: *"There is a deep spirituality in the lyrics of George Harrison, some through metaphor and others more direct. For us it is a tremendous honour that garden is opened on the 40th Anniversary of Bhaktivedanta Manor."*

With the short speeches complete a tour of the garden began. As the guests arrived at each step, the words of the song in which George had expressed the related sentiments, were read by representatives of different faiths.

When the journey was completed Peter Owen Jones, presenter of the BBC documentary series 'Around the World in Eighty Faiths', led everyone in a silent

meditation. He encourage that those gathered should all 'stop and listen' to the garden.

Yvonne Innes, the garden's designer, wrote: *"Some of the plants George particularly loved were maples, birch, ferns, grasses, and perennials such as Japanese anemones. Here we have tried to echo George's planting, using drifts of many of the varieties used at Friar Park. We hope that it will show that George had an eye for planning as much as an ear for music and that the dell garden will become a place of meditation as well as inspiration."*

Paul and Gill Balen represented the Radlett Horticultural Society who had sponsored the weeping atlas cedar tree.

A special thanks to Sripati das, Ranchor Prime and Richard Sneesby, who worked with Gauri das over many years to see the garden to completion

*Gauri das*

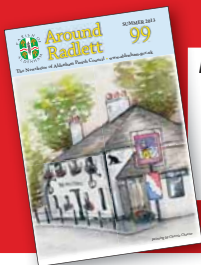
## Bhaktivedanta Manor

The Manor estate was sold to George Harrison of the Beatles in 1973. It was not for his private use but as a gift to ISKCON; the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. The property, which at that time included 17 acres of land, was renamed "Bhaktivedanta Manor" after the Society's founder. ISKCON is part of an important and distinctive tradition of devotional faith which began in the sixteenth century with Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. It participates in a much older culture dating back thousands of years, and embraces the timeless, non-sectarian values of sanatana-dharma (or the eternal religion) as found in the Vedic scriptures. Today ISKCON has over 300 temples worldwide, the most significant being in the religion's homeland of India. Bhaktivedanta Manor however is one of the most significant centres in the West and is recognised a major place of Hindu worship and hub of education and cultural activity.

New Gokul is Bhaktivedanta Manor's dairy farm. Some of the cows give milk, some who are working oxen, and some are retired or in their childhood. Unlike most commercial farms we don't slaughter any of our cows, bulls or calves, regardless of whether they give us milk or not.



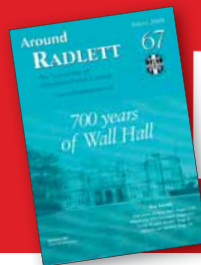




Edition 99 –  
Summer 2013.  
Radlett and  
District U3A  
celebrate their  
1st birthday.



Edition 20 – December  
1992. Woodland Lodge,  
Scrubbits Park Road,  
new Guides HQ, opening  
ceremony performed by  
John Leslie of Blue Peter.



Edition 67 –  
Spring 2005. New  
Parish Centre for  
St Anthony's RC  
Church.

# Radlett & Elstree Neighbourhood Policing Team



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## Alterations to the Safe Neighbourhood Team and meetings

Hertsmer's Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meetings are changing as a result of the alterations to the police Safer Neighbourhood Team boundaries.

The Radlett and Bushey CSP meetings will now be merged, with the next one being on Tuesday, September 17 at 7pm at Queens' School in Aldenham Road, with a new Chair and Vice Chair being elected that evening.

CSP meetings give residents the opportunity to hear from local agencies about crime and disorder issues in the area and how they are being tackled.

For more information please contact:  
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Website address:  
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http://snt.herts.police.uk/aCMS/  
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This link gives the current details for the Safer Neighbourhood Teams for Hertsmer – which you might find useful.

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