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The Red Lion, Radlett c1890.



Councillor
Neil Payne

Chairman's Message

The past few months have seen a steady stream of planning applications which have been reviewed by the Parish Council's Planning Committee. A number related to the demolition of existing buildings (including bungalows) and the building of, normally, large replacement houses. Other applications have involved back garden development. The Parish Council is seriously concerned about planning applications that give rise to overdevelopment of the local environment. In this context, we hope that we will soon receive approval from Hertsmere Borough Council to proceed with the process of preparing

a Neighbourhood Plan for Radlett.

At the Phillimore Recreation Ground, the proposed screening of hedges and trees outside the Depot is about to take place, which should ameliorate the present views of the Depot. In the meantime, I can confirm that the Parish Council is giving careful consideration to the need to refurbish the Pavilion.

In Radlett Gardens, in the centre of the village, Hertsmere Borough Council have demolished the former public toilets in order to build a cafe. Work is proceeding rather slowly, on a start/stop basis.

In the recent severe storm in October, the Council fortunately only lost a few trees, partly reflecting the substantial work done in recent years to survey the

Council's trees and take appropriate action arising from the survey.

The Parish Council facilitated a meeting of shopkeepers in August. Despite the comparatively few attendees, some important issues were discussed for future consideration. It is hoped that more shopkeepers will attend the next meeting in November.

We still await, with concern, the outcome of the Strategic Rail Freight Depot planning application.

On a happier note, may I take this opportunity to extend to all our readers, on behalf of all Parish Councillors and the Council staff, our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

*Councillor Neil Payne
Chairman, Aldenham Parish Council*

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The Red Lion, Radlett c1890, by kind permission of Joan Oakes Monger. The artist is unknown.

What's On Locally

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

Sunday 24 November 11am-2pm

LEUKAEMIA & LYMPHOMA RESEARCH You are invite to a **Christmas Bazaar** at The Phillimore Centre, Battlers Green Drive, Radlett from 11am to 2pm. Bric-a-Brac, Christmas Cards, Tombola and much more.

For information contact Edie Oakley on 01923 857570.

Saturday 30 November 7.30pm

On behalf of St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham:

Variety Music Hall and Supper at St John's Church, Gills Hill Lane, Radlett. Everyone welcome

Ticket price £15.00 to include supper.

Contact Julia Beynon 01923 857017 or email juliabeynon@ntlworld.com

Sunday 1 December 5pm

Turning on Christmas Lights and Fireworks. Father Christmas (*aka David Press*) will be turning on his Christmas Lights at 33 Battlers Greens Drive. This will be followed by Fireworks. Everyone is welcome.

All proceeds go to the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Fund.

Thursday 5 December 8pm

Charity Concert at Christ Church, Radlett

The Phoenix Concert Band will play a medley of popular and seasonal music in Christ Church, Radlett, on Thursday 5 December.

Tickets on the door (£6 adults, £4 concessions). Light refreshments will be on sale during the interval.

All proceeds will go to the St Francis Hospice, Berkhamsted. We look forward to seeing you there!

Monday 9 December 10am



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

The Radlett and District U3A are celebrating Christmas in style at The Bushey Police Sports and Social Club featuring 'Christmas Music and Favourite Songs' by the Amersham Capella Chorus, Quiz and Raffle.

Prospective members are welcome – please contact Sandra Taylor at sandra.taylor123@o2.co.uk



Wednesday 11 December 7 for 7.30pm



Rotary Carol Concert at Christ Church, Radlett.

Featuring students from Fairfield School, the organist at Christ Church with performances from Nigel Rogers and Julia Beynon. Interval at 9pm with mince pies and mulled wine.

Saturday 14 December 10.30am to 12 noon

Christmas Coffee Morning at St. John the Baptist, Aldenham.

Saturday 14 December 2013

Radlett Choral Society Christmas Concert

Our traditional Christmas Concert 'Carols for Choir & Audience' will be at Christ Church, Radlett.

Box Office 01923 226836 or 01923 243545

St John the Baptist Events

Sunday 15 December 2013 10.30am
A re-dedication service in memory of HMS Aldenham – for the history of HMS Aldenham see page 7

Sunday 22 December 6.30pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24 December, Christmas Eve, 4pm Christingle Service.



Aldenham Parish Council Winter Fair

Sunday 1 December 2-5pm
at the Radlett Centre

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Aladdin: A Magical Family Panto - 7-31 December

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 to Tue 31 – **Aladdin: A Magical Family Pantomime**



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JANUARY

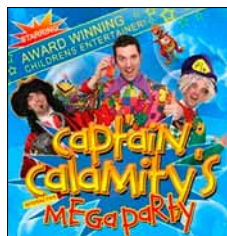
Art Exhibition

Ground Floor & Apthorp Galleries – Art Expo

Sun 12 The Big Band 7.30pm

Sat 18 –

Captain Calamity's Mega Party! 11am, 1.30pm, 4pm



Mon 20 Tony Stockwell 8pm

Tue 21 Radlett Music Club. Students from Purcell School 8pm

Thur 24 Art Society Lecture 8pm

Sat 25 The Elvis Years 7.30pm

Sun 26 The Magnificent Music Hall 3pm

Wed 29 Dinosaur Zoo 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Thur 30 Dinosaur Zoo 11am & 4.30pm



Swing at the Cotton Club - 22 February at 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

Art Exhibition

Ground Floor Gallery – Eva Edery

Apthorp Gallery – Amy McCaffrey

Sun 2 Masters of the House 7.30pm

Fri 7 Stephen K Amos 8pm

Sat 8 Aesop's Fables 11.30am. 2pm

Sat 8 Brian Sewell 8pm

Thur 13 Beatlemania 8pm

Sat 22 **Swinging at the Cotton Club 7.30pm**

Wed 26 Fascinating Aida 8pm

Thur 27 David Starkey: The Tudors 8pm

Fri 28 What the Ladybird Heard 1.30pm, 4.30pm

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Radlett Girl is a Princess for a Weekend!

Olivia Salmon from Radlett became a Princess for a weekend in September. She travelled to Radlett's twin town of Louveciennes, near Versailles in France, to accompany the local Queen at the annual Festival of Flowers. Each year the Festival includes a parade of floats decorated with thousands of fresh flowers parading through the centre of this historic town. It was home to the Impressionist painters, artisans and gardeners who maintained the nearby Palace of Versailles.

Olivia was accompanied by Princesses from other twin towns of Meersberg in Germany and Vama in Romania.

Chairman of Radlett's Town Twinning association, Clive Glover, who also visited Louveciennes for the event, said "The whole weekend was a fantastic display of the local community spirit with events such as a giant Lotto game, classic car event and a magnificent firework display as well as the parade. We all felt privileged to be invited to this event."

Clive Glover



Left to Right: 'Princess' Olivia Salmon, 'Princess' Marie Langemann of Meersberg, the 'Queen of Flowers' Adèle Charron of Louveciennes, and 'Princess' Irena Culesca of Vama.



Radlett Horticultural Society

Like many horticultural societies in Hertfordshire, Radlett runs a trading store which offers members the chance to buy a wide range of garden supplies at competitive prices.

The first store began its life in a small shed on the allotments, but things evolved and the premises changed to a concrete air raid shelter with no heating or lighting in Scrubbits Square.

In 1960 came a transformation, when a member spotted an advertisement 'GARAGE FOR SALE' in a shop window. Relishing an opportunity for advancement, this double garage was duly purchased for the sum of around £15,



and reassembled in Scrubbits Park Road! And there it still stands today, having the odd facelift from time to time. The "hut", as it is often fondly called, is run by a team of volunteers masterminded by David Bagon. It opens every Sunday from 10am

to 12 noon, apart from a winter break (24 November to 2 February 2014). New members on the rota are more than welcome.

Autumn flower shows have always been one of the most popular events on our calendar and this year's successful staging at Vision Hall was no exception. Our show schedules date back to 1941 in fact - although we do know that our society was in existence by 1903 (with breaks in WWI and WW2). So we are quite old really!

Family membership is £6 for 3 years and is due this autumn. You can approach your road steward or visit www.radletthortsoc.co.uk for details of our many activities.

Anne Venediger



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

Radlett Music Club's 77th Season



The award winning She'koyokh-Klezmer Group is regarded by many as today's best Klezmer and Balkan music band and play on Tuesday 25 February.

The 77th season of The Radlett Music Club, a registered charity, is well under way with three exciting concerts still to come at The Radlett Centre in the New Year.

On Tuesday 21 January, a concert will be given by students from The Purcell School featuring a varied programme of classical pieces. This is Britain's oldest specialist music school and its students feature regularly in the finals of the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition. Many previous pupils have

gone on to have successful careers, either as soloists or to play in leading professional orchestras. The concert starts at 8pm, tickets are £10.00, available in advance, or at the door.

Our concert given by The She'koyokh-Klezmer Group on Tuesday 25 February is likely to have strong local appeal. This award winning group is regarded by many as today's best Klezmer and Balkan music band. The evening will be a multilingual exploration of songs from the Baltic to the Black Sea and

Klezmer instrumentals and folk tunes from Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia. The concert starts at 8pm and tickets are £17.00. Reserved seating will apply at this concert. Advance booking at the box office is strongly recommended for what should prove to be a lively evening.

On Wednesday 19 March the Club presents its first chamber orchestra concert in recent times. Ten members of The Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Europe will play concertos by Vivaldi, Bach and Albinoni together with pieces by Holst, Faure and Grieg. The orchestra regularly performs at leading concert halls and festivals throughout continental Europe. The concert starts at 8pm and tickets are £14.00 in advance, or at the door.

The Club is aided by the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust and, with the exception of the Klezmer concert in February, is pleased to offer free admission to young people aged 8 to 25 years of age. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Further details about the Club and these concerts are on our website www.radlett-music-club.co.uk where there is a link to the Radlett Centre box office.

Michael Stockbridge



The Men's Probus Club of Radlett



In July this year the Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary in fine style. The usual monthly lunch was held, for the first time, at the Shenley

Cricket Centre. It was a glorious summer's day, which allowed members to enjoy the attractive cricket club and ground at their best.

Fifty six members attended and were served with champagne followed by a splendid three course lunch. Outgoing president, Chris Wilkins, referred to the early days of the club and welcomed the surviving past presidents who were in attendance. After enjoying a 30th birthday cake, made and decorated

in the Club's colours by Di Johnston, the members were treated to a highly amusing and wide-ranging speech by Dominic Ingram. Dominic, mine host at The Cat and Fiddle, talked in particular about The Cat and cricket and gave an enthralled audience many anecdotes.

The lunch followed the Club's annual general meeting, at which Chris Wilkins handed over the presidency to Allan Johnston. In his outgoing review of the year, Chris referred to the many enjoyable events of the previous twelve months. These included the monthly lunches, the monthly walks and pub lunches, the annual dinner with our ladies, the joint lunch with Rotary, the outing to the naval dockyards at Chatham and the theatre trip. He also



referred to the forthcoming trip to Blenheim Palace.

The Probus Club of Radlett is a social, non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit-making organisation. Membership is open to professional and business men aged 60 and over (flexible!) and resident in Radlett and surrounding areas who have fully or partially retired from their normal business or profession. Our current membership is 80. If you are interested in joining the Club please contact our current president, Allan Johnston on 01923 856758.

Chris Wilkins



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| Thursday | 28-Nov-13 |
| Friday | 29-Nov-13 |
| Saturday | 30-Nov-13 |
| Sunday | 01-Dec-13 |
| Monday | 02-Dec-13 |
| Tuesday | 03-Dec-13 |
| Wednesday | 04-Dec-13 |

Beagles and Beagle Close

It is often thought that the Aldenham Harriers pack were kennelled with a gentleman named Charles Young, as 'kennel master', but that is not the case. In the 1930's, Charles lived in Beagle Cottage at 86 Loom Lane, which is where Beagle Close lies today and the dogs he looked after were Beagle's not Fox Hounds.

The kennels were in a large rectangular area where New Road joins Watford Road on the west side of New Road, on the opposite side of the road to Fairfield School (which had not yet been built).

The area of land on which the kennels were built were bounded to the east by New Road, to the north by Watford Road, and on the other two sides in the field by two rows of poplar trees (which are still there today). The bus stop was listed in the timetables as "The Kennels".

Owned by JP Morgan (who owned Wall Hall at that time) they were known as the 'West Herts Beagles' and hunted hares while huntsmen followed on foot.

Jan Adams

(with information from John Southey)

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HMS Aldenham



HMS Aldenham was sunk by a naval mine in the Adriatic Sea off Pag Island on 14 December 1944. Each year the Aldenham Branch of the Royal Naval Association hold a Service of Remembrance at St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham on the Sunday nearest to that date.

In the church there is a Roll of Honour, a stained glass window depicting HMS Aldenham and a White Ensign. The Roll of Honour and the White Ensign have been recently moved to a position by the stained glass window. The service this year on Sunday 15 December will be a re-dedication.

HMS Aldenham was commissioned by the Royal Navy in July 1940. It seems that although she had a short life it was indeed a busy one; she was deployed to convoy escort duty, circumnavigated Africa, and joined the Mediterranean Fleet escorting convoys between

Alexandria, Malta and Tobruk. She took part in the Allied invasion of Sicily, landings at Salerno and Anzio, the Dodecanese Campaign and Operation Dragoon before being assigned to the Adriatic Campaign.

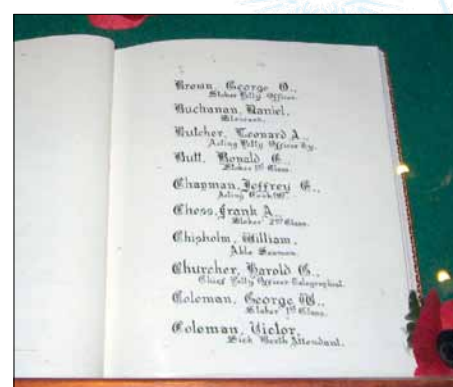
On that fateful day on 14 December 1944 when she struck a mine, 63 men and officers were rescued from the sea, 126 crewmen died. The wreck was discovered in 1999-2000, it is now a War Grave. Aldenham was the last Royal Navy destroyer lost in World War II.

HMS Aldenham was a 'Hunt Class' destroyer, as with all other vessels of her type, she was named after a fox hunt, in her case the Aldenham Hunt or the Aldenham Harriers as they later became known.

*Jan Adams
(with advice from John Southey)*



Stained glass window at St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham. Photo John Southey.



*The HMS Aldenham Roll of Honour.
Photo John Southey*

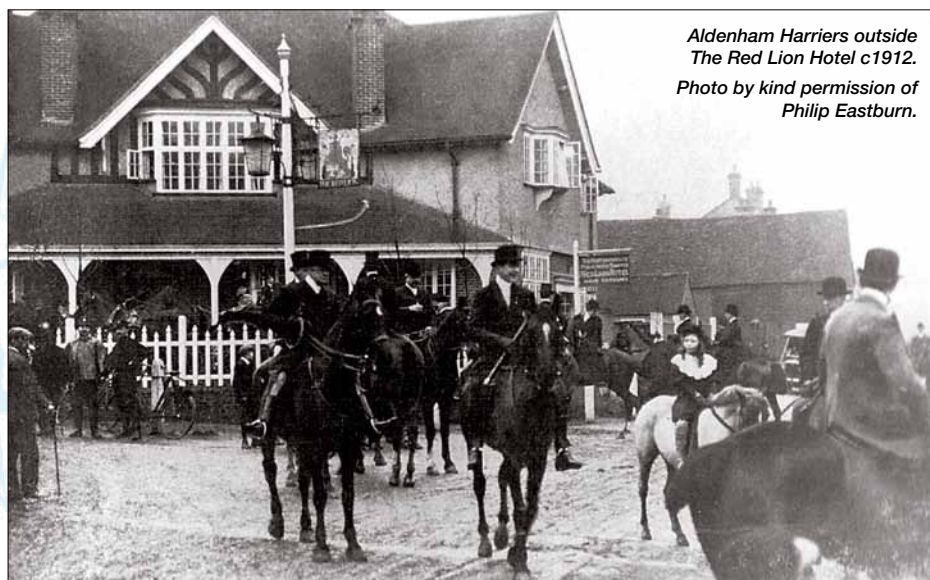
Aldenham Hunt/Aldenham Harriers

A pack hunting with harriers was formed in Elstree by George Gibbs, a cousin of the First Lord Aldenham, in 1877.

George lived in Deacon's Hill House (the property that gave its name to the road which was built by Gibbs) and was Master of the Hunt. He died after a

hunting accident in 1881 and the pack was taken over by his cousin, Herbert Gibbs, who took over as Master and moved the pack to Aldenham House.

Herbert Gibbs was the son of Henry Hucks Gibbs and brother of Vicary Gibbs and Rev Kenneth Gibbs.



*Aldenham Harriers outside
The Red Lion Hotel c1912.
Photo by kind permission of
Philip Eastburn.*

In 1885 Herbert resigned as Master and "presented the hounds to the Country" which was the way they expressed it when a private pack, which was open only to friends of the Master, became a subscription pack open to anyone.

It was at this time that the pack became known as The Aldenham Harriers and the kennels were moved from Aldenham House to a farm at Kemprow.

The pack has not always resided in Aldenham, moving to other locations when led by new Masters. Bushey, St Stephens and Shenley feature in the list of locations of the kennels. In 1922 they moved to Prospect Road, St Albans, where they remained until 1947. It is perhaps at this time that they became kennelled in Loom Lane, Radlett with Charles Young as the "kennel master". He lived at Beagle Cottage, No. 86 Loom Lane, which is where Beagle Close lies today.

*Jan Adams
(general notes extracted from the Brief
History by John Rivaz c1990)*



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*Representative on RAIFA (Radlett and Aldenham International Friendship Association)

*Members of outside organisation

Forthcoming Committee Meetings December 2013 – February 2014

Contact the Parish
Council office for
times of meetings.

December

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| Mon 2 | Planning |
| Thurs 5 | Community Development |
| Fri 6 | Strategic Planning |
| Tues 10 | Finance and General Purposes |
| Mon 16 | Planning |
| Tues 17 | Full Council |

Tues 24 (12 noon) to Thurs 2 January – Office Closed.
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Please see all dates, agendas and minutes for Council meetings on www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk

January

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| Wed 8 | Parks and Open Spaces |
| Mon 13 | Planning |
| Mon 27 | Planning |
| Tues 28 | Full Council |

February

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| Mon 3 | Planning |
| Thurs 6 | Community Development |
| Mon 17 | Planning |
| Tues 25 | Full Council |

The Annual Parish Meeting, at The Radlett Centre, will be taking place on Monday 10 March 2014 at 8pm. Please keep this date free in your diary as it is your opportunity to raise questions, and find out what your Council does for you.

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



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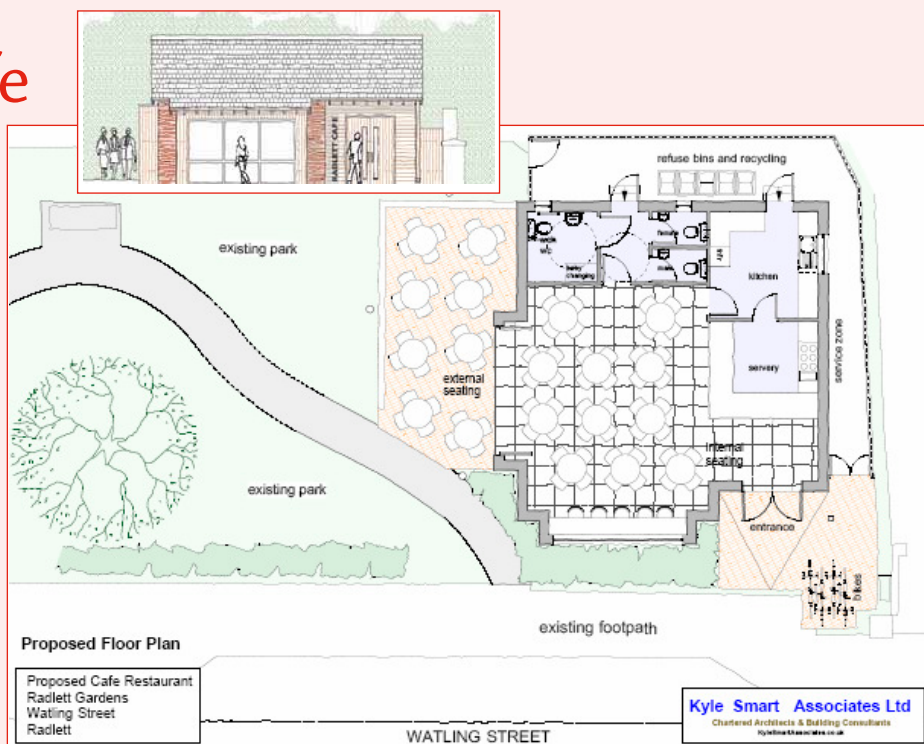
New Radlett Cafe

Most of you by now will have seen the demolition of the old, derelict toilets in the Radlett Gardens next to Barclays Bank. By the time you read this the new building should be going up.

This land belongs to Hertsmere Borough Council and they are building a new cafe there which should be completed in the spring, probably March. The cafe will include toilets which can be used by the public. It will have a pleasant outside terrace for sitting on in good weather, looking out over the gardens.

We understand that negotiations are advanced with an operator and Hertsmere want someone who has operated a café in a park-like environment. Watch this space!

Viv Charrett



Update on the Trees in Phillimore Recreation Ground

Aldenhams Parish Council have been discussing the replacement of the trees that had to be cut down in Phillimore Recreation Ground over the last year.

Rather than just replace like for like we have targeted the most effective positions for these trees giving the best overall effect. To start with hedges and trees will be erected in front of the depot containing the vehicles and gardening equipment so that this will be shielded from general view. This will be happening shortly, and will be followed by selective replacement of trees in the rest of the recreation ground subject to ground conditions and finance. We are conscious of the value of the general look of the grounds and the position of the new trees has been discussed at length and general agreement reached.

Further details can be obtained by contacting Claire Fletcher in the council offices.

Highways Fault Reporting

Just a reminder about the Highways Fault reporting system. Due to cost constraints, there are now fewer Hertfordshire County Council Highways staff driving around the area looking for faults in the road system. So it is more incumbent upon all of us as individuals to look out for faults and report them.

The website address is:
www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/highways/hhonline/services/hfr.

This is an automated system feeds the information straight to the requisite

department for attention. It is quite useful to save this as a bookmark on your internet explorer so it is easy to find when you need it.

Faults included in this system are POT HOLES, STREETLIGHTS and GRASS VERGES. If you are reporting a pot hole, you will be asked where it is situated, including the post code, how deep and wide it is. This will determine the level of urgency in the response.

Street lighting is targeted to be replaced within 20 working days.

Viv Charrett



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Festival Picnic Benches in Children's Play Area

If you go into the children's play area at Phillimore Recreation Ground you will see some new additions there. Two brightly coloured picnic benches, placed at the Gills Hollow end, allow families to have lunch and picnics there without having to sit on wet grass.

The tables are bright red and yellow, to link in to the bright colours of the play equipment and we hope that they will be very well used.

They were provided from funds from the Radlett Festival Committee and have a plaque to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



Planning Update

There has been a recent request from the developers to give a name to the small development of new houses at 75-79 Loom Lane; to be called Loom Gate. The Parish Council is against this suggestion, preferring to designate the houses in the back land development as "A" e.g. 75A. This would make it much easier to locate the houses and reduce the naming confusion of small developments.

Earlier this year Hertsmeire issued some new guidelines for development which included stronger resistance to back garden development. The Parish Council strongly support this and hope that the Planning Inspectorate (who can overrule a Borough Council decision on Appeal) will uphold Hertsmeire's resistance to this and not overrule it.

On this subject, we understand that the Willow Way proposed development will not now be taking place and we are delighted with this result. We are also delighted with the Inspector's decision to uphold the planning refusal for the flats at Christchurch Crescent.

The Parish Council planning committee has recently held a joint meeting with staff from Hertsmeire's planning team. This was helpful in that we all gained

a better understanding of each other's issues and problems.

In planning terms, the recent Localism Act has taken away some of the local authorities' abilities to refuse applications, as the government sees housing development as a way to kick start the economy. So it is much more difficult to resist planning applications now; the reasons have to be very robust in order to succeed and the Appeals Inspectors are not allowed to consider the volume of local objections.

The Parish Council's proposal to create a Neighbourhood Plan is one of the few ways of legally having more of a say in planning matters. There will be many things that we are not allowed to resist in this plan, but with careful wording we should be able to direct some development in a more acceptable direction to our parishioners. The Localism Act specifically makes allowance for this, and we would be remiss if we rejected the opportunity to take advantage of it.

Where developers exceed their planning permissions and appear to be building outside the plans, the Parish Council works with local residents to bring this to the attention of the Planning Enforcement team at Hertsmeire, as has been the case with Hawthorne Road.

The Parish Council will continue to support local residents in their fight against inappropriate developments in the Parish of Aldenham, and will support local protest groups on single issues. However any successful resistance to such a development must be made on robust planning law grounds and not be "emotive" as this will not be allowed to be considered. Unfortunately the fact that many residents do not like something is not sufficient to get it overturned. We would recommend strongly that detail such as individual planning regulations are quoted in as much detail as possible in order to give your objections the best chance of success. It is also worth involving the Borough Councillors in your discussions. They can help with advice on good planning grounds for refusal, and can also take the role of Community Advocate and are allowed to speak for 5 minutes at the Hertsmeire Planning committee on your behalf, as well as the three minutes allocated for a member of the public.

Viv Charrett
Chair Planning Committee

Aldenham Parish Council are looking for nominations for the 2014 'Local Volunteer of the Year' Award

Local organisations, charities and individual people are requested to nominate someone who they feel would qualify for the Local Volunteer of the Year Award.

Who Would Qualify?

The award would be presented to a person who has shown true dedication, perhaps carrying out essential, but not necessarily inspiring work with little thanks or obvious reward.

The volunteer work must have been carried out within the Parish of Aldenham ie Letchmore Heath, Radlett, Aldenham and surrounding areas.

The person must live in the Parish of Aldenham.

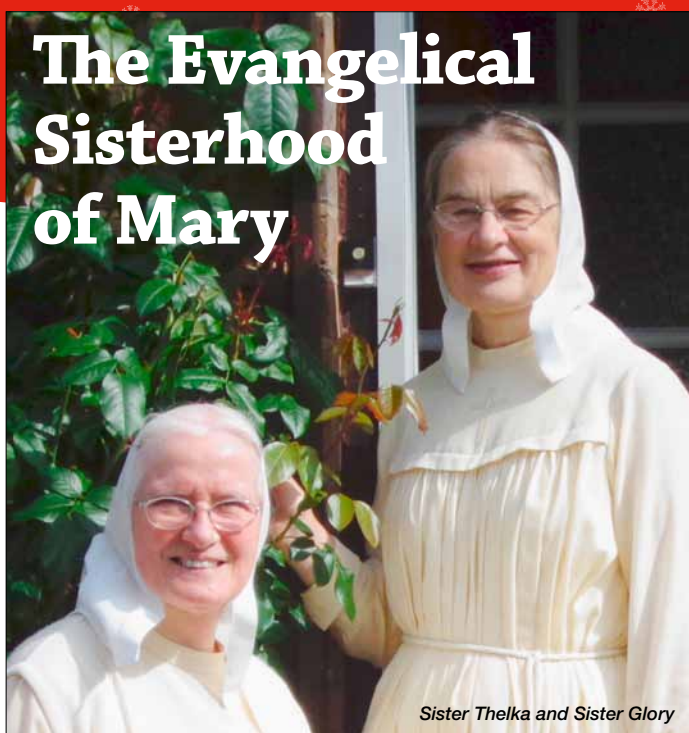
A nomination form is available from: Aldenham Parish Council Offices, The Radlett Centre, 1 Aldenham Avenue, Radlett, WD7 8HL. Telephone 01923 856433.

The closing date is 31 January 2014.

A panel of judges is set up and the presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 10 March at 8pm to be held at The Radlett Centre

Lucy Jackman
Community Development Officer
Aldenham Parish Council

The Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary



Sister Thelka and Sister Glory



In 1947, under the leadership of Mother Basilea Schlink and Mother Martyria Madauss, the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary was

Many of you will have seen these two ladies (pictured above) in Radlett, dressed in their habits of beige and white and wondered about them. You will always see them smiling, more than happy to talk to you, calm and serene. However, the beginnings of their Sisterhood did not start in such a happy and calm way.

Their story begins in September 1944, in the town of Darmstadt, near Frankfurt in Germany. For years two ladies, who later became the founders of the Sisterhood, had been praying for revival of the girls' Bible Study groups they had led. Their prayers were answered, far differently than they had expected; bombing by the RAF took place leaving 12,000 dead. As a result the girls were moved to bring sin into the light and receive forgiveness. *'Where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation'* (Martin Luther).

founded. The area of land on which they now live is called Kanaan after the biblical Canaan.

The Sisterhood works tirelessly to bring peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, and to break the vicious circle of hatred and bitterness around the world, especially towards the Jewish people who suffered immeasurably under Nazi atrocities. They support victims of the holocaust and their families and oppose anti-Semitism.

Today, as an interdenominational community, established within the framework of the Protestant Church in Germany, they have formed warm bonds of fellowship with Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Coptic believers. Since 1963 they have become an international community including sisters from 18 different nations, and with branches in 13 different countries including Israel, Australia, Canada, Japan and the USA.

In 1967 a couple, who lived in a house in Gills Hill Lane, visited Darmstadt. Impacted by the message they invited two Sisters to come to Radlett to share about repentance, reconciliation and love for Jesus in the U.K. They offered them a room in their home. Two years later, the family decided to move and the house was offered to the Sisterhood at market price. Without any appeal for funds, gifts came in from friends and the exact money needed was raised. Following the way of faith they have never lacked anything during the past 45 years; for the printing of their literature, postage, copying DVDs and CDs, or for housekeeping and maintenance. They have seen God answer prayer in amazing ways.

In the garden is a hall named The King's

Hall, which they use for Open Days several times a year, and 'Away Days' for Church Groups. The Sisters attend Church either at Christ Church or St John's on Sundays, and also meetings of the Council of Christians and Jews. Twice a year they send out a newsletter to about 1400 people and receive many requests for the Kanaan literature. They are happy to fill the hands of those reaching out to prisoners, the homeless, shut-ins and to young people. One of their smallest tools are bookmarks with words by their founder Mother Basilea, now published in the 95th language – Tikuna (the language of an Amazon tribe).

At the end of their garden is a prayer garden. It is a very peaceful, winding walkway, beautifully planted with lovely shrubs and flowers. At each bend you will see a monument and an appropriately inscribed fibre-glass plaque. Plaques, inscribed with a verse of a Psalm, are dotted around the country at places where there is a beautiful view, some 200 in total. The Sisters call them 'silent missionaries'. One such plaque is at Beachy Head, in an area well known for suicides, their strategically placed plaque has had a proven success rate in saving potential suicide victims.

For more information about the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary please visit their website at www.kanaan.org and click on the small Union Jack for the British Branch.

Jan Adams
(with advice from the Sisters)



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Hilfield Castle

It will come as no surprise to learn that the land upon which the house sits was at one time owned by the Abbots of Westminster Abbey, along with much other land in and around Aldenham. It came to Ralph Stepney, along with the Manor of Aldenham, following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539 and a few years later Stepney sold some land to Richard Sly.

Richard built a house there for his son who married in 1586. It must have been a somewhat elaborate house as it quickly became known as Sly's Castle, a name that remained attached to the property for the next two hundred years.

In the late 1600s the property was owned by a Mr Finch and a dinner held at the house to mark Visitation Day at nearby Aldenham School is noted in the records of the school. Mr Finch was related to the Katherine Finch who married brewer John Charrington, son of the then Vicar of Aldenham, who founded Charringtons Brewery.

Nothing of note happened at Sly's Castle until 1795 when the Hon. George Villiers, third son of the 1st Earl of Clarendon, decided to move into the area. History does not tell us whether there was still a house standing there, but if there was, Villiers had it pulled down and erected a house which was later described as "a Magnificent Gothic Mansion of the most chaste and correct Taste". It was popular at the time either to have a property that had previously had some connection with an abbey or one that had the appearance of a castle.

George hedged his bets. Part of the house was given an ecclesiastical character by the incorporation of large, traceried windows and a short tower, while the remainder of the house has the traditional castellation which one



Hilfield Castle today

associates with a castle.

Perhaps to show that he was above the whims of fashion, he called his house neither Castle nor Abbey, but Hilfield Lodge.

As well as the house and immediate grounds, George Villiers bought up the land and estates of nearby properties including Piggotts Manor (now Bhaktivedanta Manor) in Letchmore Heath, Delrow House, 53 acres of farmland at Batlers Green and much else besides.

He was not an idle man; he had been appointed a Groom of the Bedchamber to King George III and was in 1792 appointed Paymaster of Marines, a prestigious post that paid a salary of £1,000 a year (approx. £80,000 today.)

He had been brought up at The Grove in Watford, a property by now owned by his brother who inherited it (and the title) on the death of their father in 1786, and although Hilfield Lodge was a substantial house, he perhaps felt that his station demanded better accommodation.

Less than 10 years after building Hilfield, in 1804 Villiers spoke to James Wyatt, a rival of Robert Adam in popularity and style, who was carrying out major renovations at Windsor Castle and Kew Palace. Through his royal connections he was able to arrange for Wyatt to renovate Cranbourne Lodge in Windsor Great Park for him to move into.

At what point it all became too much for him we don't know, but George

was living beyond his means. He had a position to keep up but despite his not unreasonable salary, he ran out of cash. Spectacularly. In 1809 a Writ was issued Under the Seal of the Court of Exchequer, in which it was declared that:

"...the Hon. George Villiers late Paymaster and Inspector of our Royal Marine Forces ... is on the day of taking the Inquisition justly and truly indebted to us in the sum of £264,507 of lawful money..."

£264,507 is roughly £18m in today's money. Talk about dipping your fingers in the till!

The upshot, you will not be surprised to learn, was that all of his assets were seized to be sold at public auction.

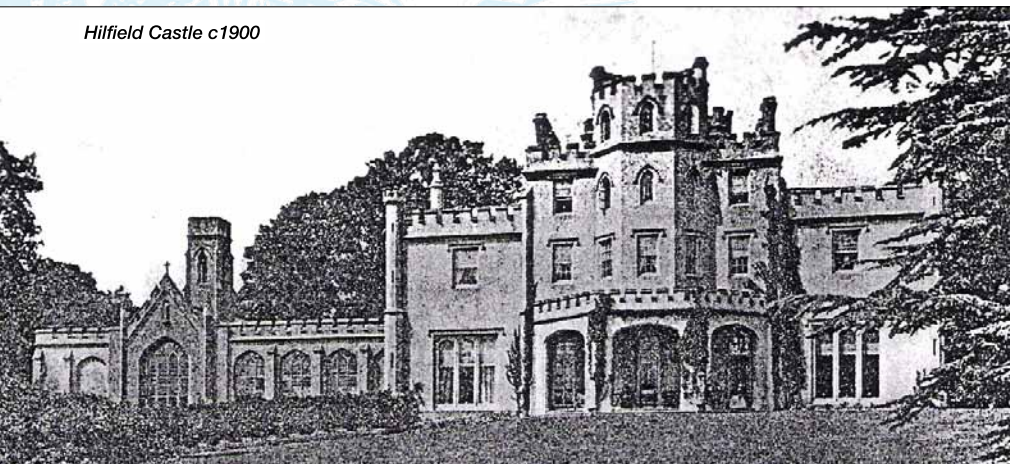
He was not well thought of even before this happened. His architect, James Wyatt, described him as *"the Horrible G Villiers who used me ill"*, whilst his attempts (in 1802) to reduce the benefits of those in the Letchmore Heath Workhouse (to the enrichment of his own resources) resulted in the responsibility being taken over by the Aldenham Church Vestry.

It is not known what happened to him but he is unlikely ever again to have been received in Social Circles.

Hilfield was bought by John Fam Timins, a Captain in the East India Company, and remained in his family until 1906 when it was sold to Lord Aldenham. Today it is owned by the Jefferis family.


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Hilfield Castle c1900



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Blind (and partially sighted) feel on top of the world

The picture on the right shows members of The Visually Impaired Club (the VIC), the sister organisation of the Radlett, Elstree, Borehamwood and Shenley Talking Newspaper (REBS TN), with a monster globe made by leader Sasha Capocci. Sasha has spent 27 years stimulating her son Michael who has been totally blind from birth and is always producing new activities for club members, recently she brought this globe to the club. Each country is covered in a different food such as varieties of rice or pearl barley or split peas. The different textures enable blind people to feel the shape of a country and attempt to identify it.

The Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Paul Morris OBE, attended this year's recent AGM and congratulated the volunteers on the excellent work being done. He spoke about his own experiences with his father who gradually lost his sight in later life. He added that he wished his father had been able to keep up to date with local news. Unfortunately, there was no Talking Newspaper in his area.

At the AGM, David Clout, Chairman, stressed the need for sighted people to make sure visually impaired relatives, friends or neighbours are aware of the



talking newspaper which is sent free to listeners who also receive their own playback device called a boom box.

The Talking Newspaper records every Thursday evening and sends a USB memory stick with 30 minutes of news from the Watford Observer and the Borehamwood Times, they also record thirty minutes of magazine articles, these are delivered to thirty five blind and partially sighted listeners.

There is a continuing need for additional editors, controllers, copiers and readers. For further information about either the Talking Newspaper or the Visually Impaired Club please phone David Clout on 01923 854403.

David Clout



(Left to right)
Sally Wallis,
Gina Silverstone,
Tina Shillito,
Anne Bashford

Over £500 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support

On 27 September Beaver Travel took part in the Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning', with their sales team baking a mouth watering selection of cakes.

Delicious offerings included Lemon Drizzle cake, Carrot Fruit & Nut cake, Victoria Sponge, Butterfly cakes, Banana cake, chocolate éclairs and Bakewell tarts.

A steady stream of customers popped in for a chat and refreshments throughout the morning and generously donated a total of £260.

The morning was such a success that Beaver Travel now plan to make this an annual fund raising event.

The 'icing on the cake' was that on the following Monday, Barclays Bank in Radlett held a similar Macmillan event with Barclays Head Office additionally offering to match all donations received by their Radlett branch. Beaver Travel therefore took the opportunity to add their own collection to Barclays fund raising efforts, thereby doubling the amount they raised for Macmillan.

Gary Green

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Other Macmillan Coffee Morning events were held in Radlett at the homes of Catherine Kilhams in Williams Way, Peggy Burrell in Loom Lane, Adele Rose in Beech Avenue and at Phillimore Court.

If you are planning a Macmillan Coffee Morning in 2014, to raise funds for this very worthwhile cause, then please let the Around Radlett team know and we will advertise your event in our September 2014 edition'



Bishop joins 60th anniversary celebrations

The celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of St John's Church was held on Sunday 15 September 2013 with church members and friends from other churches in Radlett, Shenley and Aldenham attending.



Edie Oakley cutting the cake at St John's Church 60th anniversary.

The service was led by the Team Rector, Rev'd Javid Iqbal and the communion service was led by the Bishop of Hertford, Rt Rev'd Paul Bayes.

St John's Church was the idea of the then vicar of Radlett, Rev'd Kenneth Blackburn, who recognised that the growing population on the new Battlers Green Estate not only needed their own place of worship but also social facilities. St John's is not a traditional church building, the religious side has an altar that is hidden by a partition Monday to Saturday, the main part of the building is a multi-purpose hall with a stage.

Many of the early members had served in the Second



Bishop Paul Bayes, Bishop of Hertford, at the 60th Anniversary Service at St John's Church

World War and with television being in its infancy, they organized shows, plays, whist drives, dances and Gang Shows. The hall was frequently packed with happy people and the dream that Rev'd Blackburn had envisaged became reality. With the passage of time only one founder member of the church was present; Mrs Edie Oakley, pictured here cutting the 60th Anniversary cake. Edie was a young mother in 1953 and remembers how valuable St John's was to the new villagers on the new Battlers Green Estate who

were enjoying the new era of peace.

A lunch followed the service with the toast to St John's being proposed by the Rural Dean of St Albans, Rev'd David Ridgeway, who 20 years ago had been Priest in Charge at St John's as a curate. He said that his time at St John's had been important and memorable, he wished the church well for years to come and hoped to return for the 75th Anniversary.

David Clout

Aldenham and Bushey Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meetings

There is a local group that meets regularly to talk about community safety issues in your area.

Representatives from the CSP – which include the council, police, fire, housing associations, borough and county councillors – meet with local people to discuss topics such as:

- Anti-social behaviour
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- Fire safety
- Community safety initiatives
- Issues of local concern

The group meets four times a year and is open to any local resident or interested party in Aldenham and Bushey. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 December 2013 at 7pm at Queens School, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

If you would like to get involved and

make a difference in your area please contact the council on 020 8207 7801, email partnership.support@hertsmere.gov.uk or visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk/csp

Please come along – we welcome your views and support

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Watling Street

We are going to travel back in time to Roman Britain in 100-200 AD and beyond, and look at the route of Watling Street; the most important Roman road that runs East to West across Great Britain.

We begin our journey in Dover where Watling Street starts (or perhaps in the original Roman port of Richborough near Sandwich until its harbour silted up). We travel north-east through Canterbury *Cantiacorum* on the A2 to London *Londinium* crossing Westminster Bridge. Founded in 43 AD, *Londinium* was originally a fort. Westminster Bridge was constructed at a suitable point on the Thames, using islands in the river. *Londinium* had many fine stone municipal buildings, including a governor's palace, theatres and temples. The streets were mainly paved. As a result of its significance *Londinium* achieved provincial capital status in 190 AD.

We then travel along the A5 towards our home town of Radlett, at this point we have travelled 95 miles from Dover. We go onto St Albans *Verulamium*, through Dunstable *Durocbrivis* and onto Wroxeter *Vircomium*, where the river Severn crosses, we have now travelled 230 miles.

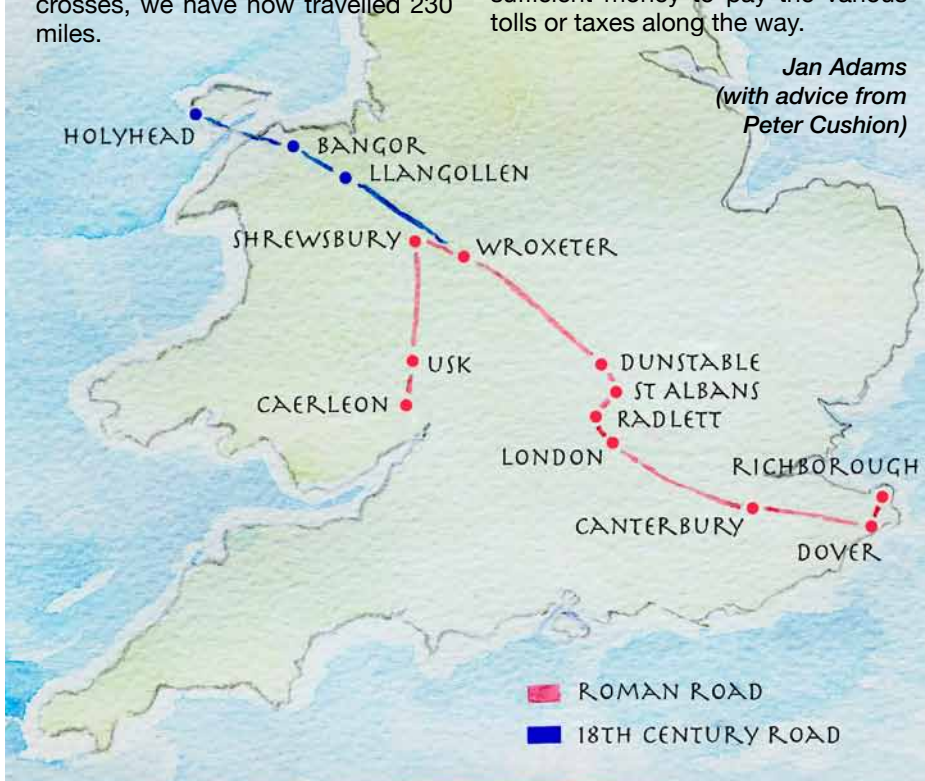
We arrive at Usk *Burrium* and at this point the road changes from Watling Street to Stone Street. We travel on to Caerleon *Iscia Silurum* where our Roman story finishes. We have now travelled 345 miles (276 on Watling Street and 69 miles on Stone Street).

Back on Watling Street in Wroxeter, our story changes in the eighteenth century. As part of the A5 turnpike, or toll road, the road from Wroxeter was extended along its current route to north Wales, through Llangollen and Bangor, terminating at Holyhead in Anglesey. The route from Wroxeter to Holyhead is some 105 miles in distance making a total of 335 miles from Dover.

In Roman times our journey on foot from Dover to Holyhead would take about 14 days, assuming we walked eight hours a day and travelled an average of 24-25 miles per day. If we travelled by wagon or cart it could be as slow as eight miles a day.

Travelling along our journey we would make overnight stops at a way station (or *mansios*) where basic hostel-like accommodation was provided. If we were upper class we would find better accommodation and choose a *tabernae*, equivalent today of an off route Michelin starred hotel. Travellers also needed sufficient money to pay the various tolls or taxes along the way.

Jan Adams
(with advice from
Peter Cushion)



Danelaw

"Remember Remember the Fifth of November" subtitled "The History of Britain in Bite-Sized Chunks", by Judy Parkinson, tells us the following.

In 865 A.D. a huge army of Norwegian and Danish Vikings seized Scottish and Irish coastal areas and most of northern and eastern England. Moves to the south and west, however, were successfully blocked by Alfred, King of Wessex, who negotiated the division of England between himself and the Danish king, the latter retaining the part to the north and east of Watling Street, which ran from the south east up to Holyhead, near Liverpool. This became known as the Danelaw, where Vikings settled as farmers, traders or craftsmen.

So, for a local relevance here, those of us who live in Aldenham East would have been under the Danelaw, and those in Aldenham West, under the King of Wessex. Watling Street would probably have been a frontier post!

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