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Season's Greetings



Councillor
Neil Payne

Chairman's Message

Aldenham Parish Council's (APC) Planning Committee continues to receive a large number of planning applications, on which to comment. Many involve the demolition of an existing smaller building and the replacement by a larger house. The current pleasant and verdant nature of Radlett is under constant pressure. In this respect, APC is working on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Radlett. As part of the consultation process, which is an integral element of the Plan, APC will be hosting a stall at the Winter Fair on Sunday 23 November. Councillors will be on hand to discuss planning issues, and whether these can be covered in the Plan. Everyone is invited to the Winter Fair, which has become a popular event in APC's calendar. I look

forward to seeing you there.

APC has been busy recently commenting on a number of consultation documents, issued by Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), in relation to the proposal to close waste recycling sites. The wide extent of objections concerning Allum Lane convinced HCC to drop this particular proposal.

More recently, APC has commented on HCC's consultation on the Review of County Council Funded Bus Services, which proposed the removal of funding for evening services on the 602 route. This would have an adverse effect on residents of the Parish. APC has also commented on the consultation by the Post Office on the proposed move of the Radlett branch from its current site to Budgens.

Consideration is currently being given to a number of possible projects in the Recreation Ground and the allotments, some of which are dependent on each

other. Estimates are being obtained and proposals will be considered in due course. The building of new toilet facilities in the Recreation Ground is being actively reviewed.

At its meeting on 21 October, APC agreed upon the need, as promoted by the Local Government Association, to encourage local residents to become more involved in the work of the Council. This is in the light of the fact that all Parish Councillors stand down in May next year at the end of their four year term. An election to elect new Councillors takes place on 7 May 2015. (see article on page 10.)

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all Councillors and the Council staff, to extend to all our readers Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year.

*Councillor Neil Payne
Chairman*



Neighbourhood Plan update



**CONSULTATION EVENT ON SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER,
2pm TO 6pm AT THE WINTER FAIR, THE RADLETT CENTRE**

I am pleased to tell you initial background research is now under way to provide Aldenham Parish Council (APC) with the basic data we can use to define a Neighbourhood Plan. We have an analysis of Census data for Radlett village from the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and are also analysing data from our own records of some of the previous years planning applications. Hopefully, this will point us to the problems and issues that we face and be evidence for the Government Inspector at the end of the process.

APC have now appointed an agency to help us with the communications and project planning process. The agency will make sure that we keep to timescales and do not miss out any steps in the process. There are

government grants available to help with this and APC will be looking to use this funding.

The first of these consultation events will take place at the Winter Fair, on Sunday 23 November at the Radlett Centre from 2pm-6pm. APC will have a stall in the foyer area and be on hand to talk about planning issues and how we can try to incorporate some of them into the Plan. We would like as many people as possible to come along and talk to us. The Neighbourhood Plan needs to represent the local communities views as well as our own.

It is worth pointing out that Neighbourhood Plans are not allowed to be negative. The Plan cannot say you want no development, and it cannot contradict anything that is in Hertsme's Strategic Plan. However,

the Plan can be much more specific about what sort of development is required, including the design criteria for homes and their surroundings, and also the type of housing that is needed for a diverse mix of the population.

APC are particularly concerned about the loss of bungalows and smaller homes in the village. We would like to know whether you think more of these are needed. Also, if you believe there is a need for more sheltered housing for the elderly as well as affordable homes for young families. Of course, when considering all these factors it is important to make sure the infrastructure is in place to adequately cope with any changes implemented.

Please spread the word about the Neighbourhood Plan consultation event to as many residents as possible. This is your time to be involved in the process, give your suggestions and observations and be part of this very important initiative for the future of Radlett Village.

Councillor Viv Charrett



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Thur 22
 The Tiger Who
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Thur 22 The Herschel Trio 8pm
Fri 23 Roy Chubby Brown 8pm
Sat 24 Virtuosi GUS Band 7.30pm
Sun 25 The Elvis Years 7.30pm
Wed 28 Teechers 8pm
Thur 29 Tony Stockwell 8pm
Sat 31 The Jewish Legends 4pm
 and 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

Sun 1 The Big Band 7.30pm
Thur 5 Big Girls Don't Cry 8pm
Sat 7 Stephen K Amos 7.30pm
Sun 8 Mark Maier's Comedy Night
 7.30pm
Fri 20 Handa's Surprise 10.30am,
 11.30am & 1.30pm
Sat 21 Rox Vox 7.30pm
Thur 26 David Starkey 8pm
Sat 28 Clare Teal 7.30pm

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Aldenhams Parish Council Winter Fair

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What's On...

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Friday 28 November at 3.15pm
St John's School Winter Fair

Saturday 29 November 12-3pm
Newberries School Christmas Fair.
 They will have Santa's Grotto, Secret Shop, Lucky Jam Jars, Chocolate Tombola and many other exciting stalls. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 30 November 6pm
Father Christmas (aka David Press) will be turning on his Christmas lights and a small firework display at 33 Battlers

Green Drive. Proceeds to the Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research Fund.

Saturday 6 December 12-3.00pm
Fair Field School Christmas Fair


Saturday 6 December at 8pm
The Phoenix Band's Annual Christmas Concert of fun and festive music for all the family will once again be held in Christ Church, Radlett. Tickets on the door (£6 adults, £4 concessions). Light refreshments on sale. All proceeds to the Keech Hospice (www.keech.org.uk)

Tuesday 16 to Tuesday 23 December
Radlett Jewish Community Chanukah services. Times to be announced.



Wednesday 17 December at 8.30 pm
Strictly A Success will be holding a **Christmas Concert** in the Vision Hall, Radlett. For tickets contact Di Harris on 07961 180210

Saturday 20 December 7 for 7.45pm
Radlett Choral Society **Radlett Choral Society** **Annual Christmas Concert** in Christ Church, Radlett. Ticket Office 01923 243545/226836. £12

Saturday 7 Feb 2015
 The next **Christian Aid Supper Quiz** will be held at the Vision Hall. Tickets available from Jeremy Newton 857230 or Valerie Worthy on 855068. £15 tables of 8.



Radlett coffee mornings for Macmillan Nurses

In Beech Avenue – Cathy Pole and Kathy Rose held their joint coffee morning at Kathy's house in Beech Avenue on Wednesday 24 between 10am and 2pm. Lots of lovely cakes were made by Cathy and Elizabeth Littlebury. Kathy provided coffee/tea and sandwiches.

Everyone who came was very generous and £161.50 was raised for the Macmillan charity by charging for coffee, cake and a raffle ticket. Cathy and Kathy would like to thank the 18 people that came, also a few people that couldn't come for their very kind and generous support.

In Loom Lane – Peggy Burrell has been

holding a Macmillan coffee morning at her home for a number of years and this year was no exception. On Thursday 18 September, 70 people came to support this event, they were charged £1 entrance fee which included a raffle ticket and with generous donations a whopping £604.10 was raised.

Cakes were made by Sylvia Bullwinkle, Pam Bailey, Mary Halsey and Peggy herself. Peggy would like to thank everyone who came and supported this event.

In Phillimore Court – On the official Macmillan Coffee morning day, Friday 26 September, Hazel Ward arranged a

lunch and afternoon tea for 58 guests. Live musical entertainment was held throughout the event and a total sum of £326.00 was raised for this very worthwhile cause.

Thanks go to Gwen Dancy, Rita Slade, June Gregg and Doreen Denton who made cakes and quiches, and to Hazel who provided a salad bar lunch.

In Newberries Avenue – Catherine Kilhams and Jeanette Taylor hosted their 16th Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26 September. They have been hosting them since 1998. These are now held in memory of their mothers, Ann Reith and Shirley Ross, who both sadly died of cancer. This year, with 40 guests, they raised £437.00. They are extremely grateful to all those who came to support them and look forward to welcoming even more of you next year.

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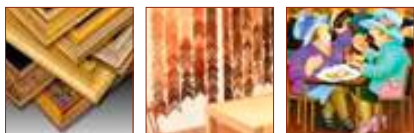
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Mitzie Green

‘Snowdrops’ by Mitzie Green

The cover painting is by Berkhamsted artist Mitzie Green. Mitzie’s paintings are eye-catching for their vibrant sense of colour and dynamic composition. She paints landscapes, townscapes, flowers and abstracts. She likes to work spontaneously and with free-flowing materials.

Mitzie is a keen gardener and maintains that painting what you know and love is the secret.

She has a Diploma in Stitched Textiles and a Degree in Painting and Printmaking from Hatfield University. She has held Solo Exhibitions and exhibited widely, including the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, The Mall Galleries, Aylesbury Museum, Obsidian, Russell Gallery, Bedford Street Gallery and many others.

Mitzie teaches watercolour painting at Berkhamsted, Missenden Abbey and Harpenden. She holds workshops in acrylics and mixed media. Her website is www.mitziegreen.co.uk.



Children from Newberries School

Growing across the generations

For the past two years children at Newberries School have been benefitting from the gardening know-how of the Radlett Horticultural Society.



Every Friday afternoon the 7 to 12 year olds have helped plant, water and pick an enormous variety of crops from their own allotment.

Led by Peter Hordern, chair of the RHS and Gaenor Morris, school governor, with assistance from parent helpers Janie Jackson-Spillman and Rachel Garelick, the children have grown everything from artichokes, electric daisies and purple carrots to runner beans and potatoes.

Peter says *“It’s great to see the enthusiasm the children have for Gardening Club, and to see their understanding of plants growing. They love checking on what’s happened in the allotment each week, looking for creepy crawlies in the compost bin and picking crops or potting up seedlings to take home each week.”*

The RHS has been helping St John’s Infant School with advice on setting up an allotment and with a £250 grant.

Gaenor Morris



The show must go on

As is often the case the preceding weeks of the Show were all doom and gloom. The weather had been too good and everything was too advanced. Appeals went forth and surprise surprise, members found that their predictions were a little extreme and they did have things to exhibit. In the end there were almost 500 exhibits, which came close to being a record.

Over the years the tea and cakes have become an important part of the show and we are indebted to Cheryl and Bob Clarke for organising them.

We have two shows a year – an evening show where the judge explains why he has given 1st prize to an exhibit, this will be on 24 June 2015 and our main show on 5 September 2015. If you are not a member and would like to be, you can join at the Society Store in Scrubbits Park Road on a Sunday morning. The store closes on 30 November 2014 and re-opens 1 February 2015.

Peter Breward

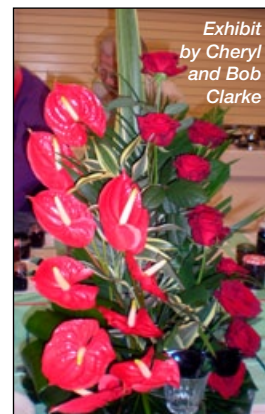


Exhibit by Cheryl and Bob Clarke

Radlett Festival

Grants awarded

The Festival directors have met to discuss applications for funds from various community groups.

At the time of going to print the following grants have been awarded:

- £489 to Fairfield School for the purchase of more drums for music performances.

- £400 to the Parish Council as a contribution to the costs of the Winter Fair
- £1200 (approx) to Phillimore Court for the purchase of some new chairs and tables for their common room
- £400 to the residents of Phillimore Court to provide a Christmas lunch
- £1200 to the U3A Astronomy Group for the purchase of a telescope, on the proviso that it can also be used (under supervision) for work with the local schools and Scouting movement.

Further grants may be awarded during the year, as suitable applications are agreed.

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Radlett Memories



Earlier this year I was involved in two projects which required looking for details of Radlett life from times gone past; firstly, details of the founding of Christ Church in 1864 and then help with the commemoration of the start of World War One in 1914. It was whilst I was researching the latter that I came across a piece entitled '*Radlett Memories*'. It was written in 1928 by Miss Hannah Louise Bedford, a lady

who came to Radlett in 1895 with her parents, a retired Vicar and his wife. Her mother insisted that their house be as close as possible to the Church and it was, in fact, built closer than even the Vicarage was at that time.

The house was called Oak Bank and it was on the site of the flats of the same name. When it was built for the Reverend Thomas Bedford in 1895, it

was the only building on that side of Watling Street – in fact many years were to pass before there any other buildings near it.

In her piece Miss Bedford recalled her first impressions of Radlett. She was probably the first resident to do so, although we have had several "*Reflections*" on the Radlett of older times written at later dates, two of which were displayed in Christ Church.

I make no apology for reproducing Miss Bedford's piece. It stands as a statement on the early days of our village and clearly describes the village at a time when it was still a rural, agricultural settlement.

Phillip Eastburn

"Radlett Memories" by Miss Hannah Louise Bedford (1847-1942). Written in 1928

"My first memory of Radlett seems to carry me back to the early dawn of time, visioning a tiny picturesque village of under five hundred inhabitants not long separated from the mother Church of Aldenham, very proud of finding self-expression in its own Church and the first Vicar, the Reverend Thomas Marsden, whose forceful personality a few of the older people in our village will still remember. To his energy we owe the school and later on the churchyard.

"In the early days of his ministry the children had to go far afield for their education and the dead were taken to Aldenham for burial. Ours was a purely agricultural population and hay our principal product. Most of the village folk found employment on the farms near the village or on one of the three estates of Aldenham Lodge, Newberries or Kendals Hall, the only large houses in the parish. Approached from the Elstree road the view one caught of the village was singularly pretty, a farm house crowning the top of the hill on the right, and on the left of the winding road a few cottages, some of which, including the quaint little Inn called the "Cat and Fiddle", still remain.

"Loom Lane at the corner below the Church was a real lane then, so narrow that it was impossible for two vehicles meeting each other to pass. One or other had to back into the nearest gateway. The Church beyond was not half its present

size, but was quite big enough for the needs of the population. There, Sunday after Sunday, gentle and simple gathered for worship with unfailing regularity and should anyone be missing from his or her appointed place for more than one Sunday the shepherd of the flock was fairly certain to be round to know if illness were the cause of the absence.

"In so small a community rich and poor were bound in the same bundle of life, and if one member suffered the others were ever ready to share and relieve that suffering. Beyond the Church the road was bordered by green fields on the one side and Newberries Park on the other until one came to the group of cottages set back from the road with a grass plot in front of them enclosed by railings. The Railway Inn, with cottages behind it called The Square, on Primrose Hill, are still there for passers-by to see, and after the road turned up to Aldenham came the blacksmith's shop, another little Inn – for Radlett never showed signs of going "dry" – the Post Office and the Radlett Stores, which had been just inaugurated, and these, with the flint cottages opposite the station and a few houses on the far side of the station on the Shenley Road, pretty well constituted the village.

"The roads which now map out the place in every direction were simply non-existent. Even Cross Path was true to its name, being simply a green track across fields. For recreation there was cricket

in the park in summer and of winter nights we gathered in the schoolroom where the local talent provided many a programme of song or recitation, varied occasionally by amateur acting. "Appallingly dull" I fancy someone says. Perish the thought. We enjoyed every minute of it and what can one wish for more? In 1898 building began in earnest and spread like wild-fire over all the place. Landowners parted with their estates. Roads cut up our green fields into building plots and houses sprang like mushrooms into growth until the village of long ago bids fair to become a suburb possessing all the conveniences of a town.

"But some of us remembering Radlett in its primitive simplicity and beauty cannot but give a wistful backward glance on the days that are no more. And yet the Radlett of today has infinitely greater capacities for good, and of leaving its mark upon the world, than the tiny village of one's memory, could the same spirit which animated it then live among us now making of us a people of one heart and mind.

"Many men, many minds, perhaps, but through the community there should run that spirit of kindness which makes the whole world kin, a vision maybe but not impossible of attainment. A service such as that which was held in our Church on armistice Sunday must surely be a foretaste of its fulfilment."

The Oakway

The Oakway shopping parade at the north end of Radlett village was built in 1924. There is a painted metal sign over every other shop depicting the date. The row of some twenty shops is architecturally significant with their mock Tudor oak framed facades. The shop floor areas are large and deep; they all have basements with flats above. Most of the flats are residential. In the inter-war days these shops flourished and attracted much of the trade previously carried out nearer the centre of the village. Today there is an interesting mix of specialist shops from restaurants, a quirky children's hairdresser, a florist, a photographic shop and a children's clothing shop among others. Parking has been improved and it is often easy to find a space.

In the centre of The Oakway Parade, and sited at the centre of the shops at first floor level, are two black shields (*pictured above*). One depicts Hertfordshire County Council's coat of arms of a single stag and the other depicts a heraldic coat of arms of the Manor of Radlett. In the late 1800's, if a location didn't have a formal coat of

arms then a Crested China Company, perhaps Goss or Arcadian, would create one for that area. The Manor of Radlett coat of arms, while making an attractive shield on the building, is not an adopted coat of arms. In fact there never was and never has been a Manor of Radlett. Aldenham Parish Council developed their own coat of arms in the late 1980's as shown on the top left hand side of the front cover of this magazine.

At the turn of the century, there was an increase in domestic tourism thanks to the growth of the railways and a general increase in wealth. Crested China Companies, having created a coat of arms for an area, manufactured

miniature china crested ornaments to sell as tourist gifts and mementos. The ornaments would reflect items symbolic and significant to the town or village to which it was attributed. The photos above show a small cottage, printed with the crest of the Manor of Radlett. It possibly depicts the majority of buildings in Radlett in the early 1900's. How times have changed!

Jan Adams

The Hertfordshire County Council coat of arms (left) and an heraldic shield of the Manor of Radlett (right)



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Free dog microchipping at Phillimore Recreation Ground

Dog walkers in Phillimore Recreation Ground took advantage of a free dog microchipping service offered by Dogs Trust when they visited the park on Wednesday 17 September. Hertsmere's Dog Warden, Lesley Lee, along with Hertfordshire Police's Dog Watch team, were also on hand to help the public with any dog related issues or problems. Microchipping enables dogs to be quickly identified and reunited with their owner, should a dog and owner become separated. Dog microchipping will soon be a legal obligation, and Dogs Trust offers free microchipping at participating vets. Visit www.chipmydog.org.uk or call 0330 123 0334 for details.

Aldenham Parish Council would like to thank Jeannie Ford and Jinny Moggridge of Dogs Trust, Hertsmere's Dog Warden Lesley Lee, PCSOs Tim Conway and Jackie Marchant for running this event.





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Forthcoming Committee Meetings December 2014 – February 2015

Contact the Parish
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times of meetings.

December

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| Mon 1 | Planning |
| Thurs 4 | Community Development |
| Fri 5 | Strategic Planning |
| Tues 9 | Finance & General Purposes |
| Fri 12 | APC office closed from midday |
| Mon 15 | Planning |
| Tues 16 | Full Council |
| Wed 24 | APC office closed 12-noon through to Friday 2 January 2015 |

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January

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| Mon 5 | Planning |
| Wed 14 | Parks and Open Spaces |
| Mon 19 | Planning |
| Tues 27 | Full Council |

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February

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| Mon 2 | Planning |
| Thurs 5 | Community Development |
| Mon 16 | Planning |
| Tues 24 | Full Council |

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Phillimore Recreation Ground Project

Background

Phillimore Recreation Ground off Gills Hill was acquired by Aldenhams Parish Council in the early 1900's from the Phillimore Estate. It consists of five distinct areas:

- The allotment area – accessed down a small lane (still owned by the Phillimore Estate) off Gills Hill Lane near St Johns School.
- Fir Spring Wood – a small wooded area at the rear of houses in The Pathway. These trees are managed by Aldenhams Parish Council (APC).
- The main recreation area, mainly grass, upon which there is an adult football pitch marked.
- The Radlett Bowls Club and Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). The Bowls Club has a pavilion and an eight rink bowls green (maintained by APC staff). In this area there is also hard standing upon which there is one tennis court and a football/basketball court. The depot of the APC Groundstaff is also located in this area.
- Children's Play Area – In 2009 through grants and APC funding, many of the pieces of equipment were replaced and new items bought. APC have also added various pieces in subsequent years and this year a catering van has been in operation selling refreshments.

Current situation

As previously reported the Pavilion (not the Bowls Club facility) has reached the end of its useful life and its future is being discussed.

In September 2014, the Council decided to look at Phillimore Recreation Ground as a whole and the Parks & Open Spaces Committee will be considering the following with a view to starting most of the works in Summer 2015.

- Demolish the Pavilion.
- Create a new entrance into the Bowls Green for maintenance vehicles (they currently enter via a bridge from the Pavilion).
- Replace the rink banks and pathway around the Bowls Green (at least 40 years old).
- Install a new water supply and tanks for use on the allotments.
- Consider either improving the existing allotment plots used by the Groundstaff or relocating the activities carried out there (growing plants for use across the Parish and storing green waste) to the existing compound and releasing the two plots for general use.
- Improve the allotment car park surface and possibly the entrance road.
- Improve the main car park area to try to increase the car parking provision available.
- Consider the installation of outdoor gym equipment.
- Consider replacing existing shelter.
- Improve the drainage of the main field.

These are large projects and one which the Council will not undertake lightly. We are currently obtaining indicative estimates for the various projects.

However, two areas have already been agreed:

- The provision of the new water supply to the allotments will happen over the winter months and the contractors have been told that this work must be completed by the 1 April 2015. This may mean access to the allotments will be restricted whilst contractors are on site.
- APC has sought estimates for the provision of a new toilet block in the recreation ground and associated sewage works. Again, as the pipework will be via the entrance from Gills Hill, this access road and the car park will be shut on occasions. We will advise residents and users when this is planned.

Funding

Once the estimates are in APC will consider the funding available. Some of this work will be funded from Section 106 monies. These are funds paid by developers to Hertsmere Borough Council towards the impact that their development has on the local area. The agreements on each development are specific for what the monies can be allocated to. APC will be negotiating with Hertsmere Borough Council to ensure that our projects meet these criteria. Other sources will be considered as well as APC's own capital funds.

If you want to let APC know your views, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01923 856433, e-mail:


manager@aldenham-pc.gov.uk,
councillors@aldenham-pc.gov.uk
or on our Facebook account.

Peter Evans
Parish Council Manager

New see-saw for Phillimore Recreation Ground

In August a new see-saw was installed in Phillimore Recreation Ground's children's play area. This new equipment replaced the existing see-saw, which was looking tired and required costly maintenance. This installation has been entirely funded through a grant from Hertfordshire County Council's Locality Budget Scheme. The see-saw has long been a popular piece of equipment with children and Aldenhams Parish Council would like to thank Hertfordshire County Councillor Caroline Clapper for this grant.



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you use some of the facilities and want to see them improved in the local parks, footpaths, planning or even local transport.

Aldenhams Parish Council owns or leases many of the open spaces in Radlett, Aldenhams & Letchmore Heath. It employs staff based in Phillimore Recreation Ground and on the first floor of the Radlett Centre. It has an excellent relationship with the other tiers of local

government at Hertsmere Borough and Hertfordshire County Councils, and through this partnership we are trying to improve the area.

While Councillors are unpaid, it can be a very rewarding and satisfying position.

If you wish to get more information either look at www.beacouncillor.org.uk or contact Peter Evans, Parish Council Manager on 01923 856433, or manager@aldenhams-pc.gov.uk.

Hertsmere Borough Council Christmas waste and recycling

1. Can I put wrapping paper in my blue box?

No. Wrapping paper is not good enough quality to recycle plus a lot of wrapping

paper has foil pieces or plastic in it which are difficult to separate. Please put wrapping paper in your black wheelie bin.

| What is it? ▼ | Where can I put it? ▶ | Brown Bin | Green Bin | Blue Box | Black Bin | Other |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|--|
| Advent Calendar – plastic insert | | ✓ | | | | |
| Advent Calendar – cardboard outer | | ✓ | | | | |
| Batteries | | | | | | Local tip/recycling banks |
| Baubles | | | | | ✓ | |
| Bubble wrap | | ✓ | | | | |
| Cardboard boxes | | ✓ | | | | |
| Cartons e.g. juice drinks, custard | | ✓ | | | | |
| Christmas catalogues | | | | ✓ | | |
| Christmas tree – fake | | | | | ✓ | |
| Christmas tree – real | | | ✓ | | | |
| Crackers | | | | | ✓ | |
| Crisp/sweet tubes e.g. Pringles/Jaffa Cakes | | ✓ | | | | |
| Electrical items – anything with a plug/batteries | | | | | | Local tip/recycling banks |
| Fairy lights | | | | | | Local tip/recycling banks |
| Flowers | | | ✓ | | | |
| Foil – dirty/greasy | | | | | ✓ | |
| Foil and foil containers – clean | | ✓ | | | | |
| Food scrapings | | | ✓ | | | |
| Glassware e.g. drinking glasses, vases, bowls | | | | | ✓ | |
| Greetings cards | | | | | ✓ | Or recycle at Marks & Spencer, Morrisons, or Sainsbury's |
| Holly/mistletoe | | | ✓ | | | |
| Jiffy bags | | | | | ✓ | |
| Kitchen towel | | | ✓ | | | |
| Paper napkins | | | ✓ | | | |
| Party poppers | | | | | ✓ | |
| Plastic pots, e.g. cream/yoghurts | | ✓ | | | | |
| Polystyrene packaging | | | | | ✓ | |
| Ribbon | | | | | ✓ | Or can you reuse it? |
| Sweet/biscuit tins e.g. Quality Street | | ✓ | | | | |
| Tinsel | | | | | ✓ | |
| Toys | | | | | ✓ | Or donate to a charity shop |
| Wrapping paper | | | | | ✓ | Or can you reuse it? |

2. Where can I put Christmas cards?

Please DO NOT put Christmas cards in your blue box or green bin. Christmas cards can be taken to most Marks & Spencers, Sainsbury's and Morrisons stores throughout January or to Newberries Car Park, Radlett from 5 January 2015.

- Newberries Car Park, Watling Street, Radlett, WD7 7JH

3. What should I do with any extra bags of waste or recycling that do not fit in my bins?

If you have any extra waste that doesn't fit in your black bin, or any recycling that doesn't fit in your green bin or blue box, you can take it to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) which can be found at:

- Allum Lane, Elstree (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat-Sun 9am-4pm)

They are open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. For more information please visit www.wasteaware.org.uk or call 0300 1234 051.

4. What can I do with my Christmas tree in the New Year?

Tree shredding will be available between 11am and 2pm on:

Thursday 8 January – Newberries Car Park, Watling Street, Radlett, WD7 7JH

5. What about other Christmas items, can they be recycled? (See table left)

Source: Hertsmere Borough Council





World War 1 Centenary

A centenary event to commemorate WWI was held at Letchmore Heath on the Village Green and at the War Memorial on Sunday 10 August 2014.

Twelve Gurkhas each having served in the British Army for many years attended, as did Pipers from Scottish Regiments. Other members, also from the British Army, brought an army obstacle course much to the delight of the children who climbed through the 50 foot construction. Face painting and Shetland pony rides on The Green were also hugely popular with the children.

In a marquee a large display of local WWI photos was featured together with memorabilia supplied by friends of organiser Brian Hyde.

Philip Eastburn, a local historian, read out WWI poems written by well-known war poets. George Gregory, a much decorated soldier of the Hertfordshire Regiment and formerly of Hilfield



Lane, Patchetts Green was especially remembered and tributes were paid to him; he died at the age of 96 years.

Brian Hyde Jnr and Paul Kemble ran two barbeques and other refreshments were available from the Three Horseshoes PH.

A Gurkha sword was donated and auctioned raising a total of £220. Donations came from Michael Jacobson, Caroline Clapper and others.

These generous donations enabled a cheque of £1500.00 to be presented to Colonel Kevin Fitzgerald in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

Brian Hyde

The editorial team of Around Radlett would like to acknowledge the contribution made by Brian Hyde of Roundbush Nursery who organised the arrangements for the Camp Brothers Memorial Service held on 20 September 1998. The article was featured in the Commemorative Supplement of edition 104.



Collecting newspapers



I have two sections to my newspaper collection. The first is the National Dailies including Sundays. The second is the Provincial Press.

Storage and display are problems. The collection is too big to allow but a few items at a time to be displayed. I select what I consider to be important events and have them framed. I have adopted 'a gallery approach' and framed items are changed at intervals. Currently items from the Great War and 'D' Day are hanging in the study commemorating their 100th and 70th anniversaries.

My interest in the National and Provincial Press began when I started to deliver newspapers in the mid 1950's. The National dailies were nearly all broadsheets, had far fewer pages and no colour. The Sundays had no magazines, sports, business or review sections and were much lighter than current issues.

Sometime in the 1960's my dad was refurbishing a bedroom and a fitted carpet replaced lino, underneath the lino were copies of the Derby Evening Telegraph from 28 June and 4 July 1939. I found them fascinating and my collecting had started.

My collection has a few items from the 18th century. The Daily Courant was the first English (London) daily paper established in 1701. A copy from 1717 is in the collection. 19th century issues include Waterloo, Trafalgar and the first Daily Mail, which appeared in 1896. 20th century items form the majority of the collection, which ends at the end of the 20th century. The intention has been to collect items that record the



Aldenharn Parish Council and the Around Radlett team would like to thank Roger for allowing them to use copies of his newspapers in past editions of Around Radlett and also in the recent WW1 commemorative display in the Harpenden Building Society window.

main events of the century.

The Provincial Press collection contains mainly items of significance to the individual paper such as first, last issues, anniversaries and other special occasions. The aim was to obtain a representative copy of the daily provincial press throughout England. Sadly the Provincial Press is in serious decline.

Anyone who may be interested in discussing newspapers is welcome to contact me on 01923 853872.

Roger Jordan



Music in



Phoenix Concert Band

Many of you will have heard the Phoenix Concert Band in July this year, when we opened the concert to celebrate 150 years of Christ Church, Radlett.

The Band is based here in Radlett and rehearses in the Vision Hall on Thursday evenings between 8pm and 10pm and was formed in 2002 specifically to give brass, woodwind and percussion players the opportunity to perform wind band music to a high standard.

It draws its members (about 25 and still growing) from the surrounding areas of Hertfordshire, London, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire, and has won awards at the National Concert Band Festival.

Our varied concert repertoire includes film music, songs from shows, classical transcriptions and marches and traditional songs. It also features

contemporary concert band music.

We have played in Shenley Walled Garden, at Fairfield School, Radlett, have given tea time concerts in the Reform Synagogue and we provided the music for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Radlett Centre in 2012. Each September we play at the huge Relay for Life fundraising event in Harrow, we hold a family and friends concert in the Vision Hall each summer and a Christmas concert in Christ Church in December. Last year we added busking in the centre of St Albans in December for a local charity.

We welcome enquiries

from brass, woodwind and percussion players. If you are around Grade 6/7/8+ standard, have some ensemble experience or otherwise feel you may be suited to a band that strives for a good standard of playing, contact our conductor Chris McGinity on 0208 8364 9862 or 07901 972855.

You can read more about the band on our website www.phoenixconcertband.co.uk and we are always willing to discuss ideas for concerts and events.

Our annual Christmas Concert this year will again be held in Christ Church, Radlett on Saturday December 6 2014 at 8pm – we look forward to seeing you there!

Liz Bissett



Shenley Walled Garden



Radlett Choral Society Celebrates Sixty Years

Christ Church

Radlett Choral Society

Radlett Choral Society is celebrating sixty years of performing to local audiences and those further afield.

The year has been marked by two major concerts. In April the choir performed a programme including Mozart's *Regina Coeli* and the Beethoven *Mass in C*. The soloists were Elizabeth Cragg, Deborah Miles-Johnson, Matthew Vine and Christopher Adams, accompanied by the Amadeus Orchestra and conducted by the society's new Musical Director, Alex Flood.

In June, the second celebratory concert was a shared venture between Radlett Choral Society and the Choeur de Louveciennes, the choir of Radlett's twin town, culminating in a joint performance of Vivaldi's rousing *Gloria*. The concert

was a high point in a weekend of activities involving the French choir, which included visits to Hampton Court and Cambridge. To cement the *entente cordiale*, Radlett Choral Society hosted a gala dinner for the combined choirs and guests.

The year also featured a performance of Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus* with the London Handel Consort.

The next event will be the annual Christmas Concert on Saturday 20 December 7pm for 7.45pm at Christ Church, Radlett.

If you enjoy singing and like a musical challenge, please contact the Membership Secretary on 01923 856742.

Claire Csonka



Gala Dinner

Tonic Choir

Bryan Kesselman and I started our first Tonic choir five years ago in Hatch End. After just two weeks it was full with 120 members. A second choir was formed in January 2010 and a third, in Radlett, followed in May 2011. Since then a fourth Tonic choir has opened in Totteridge. Today we have around 350 members.

We welcome singers aged 18+ irrespective of ability. There are no auditions and you don't have to be able to read music. Our repertoire is broad and includes musical theatre, world music, classical and opera.

The health benefits of singing are now well understood. It really does make you feel good, even if you are not a great singer.

Of particular importance to us is performing in interesting places. So far this has included the Royal Festival Hall and the RAF Museum in Hendon. We have also sung in shopping centres and outdoor festivals including the Radlett Festival.

Other highlights include singing for Her Majesty the Queen during the Jubilee tour and performing in front of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough in the



Voices for Hospices

Blenheim Palace

"Tonic is such a good name for our choir because after our Monday morning session, I always leave with a smile, having laughed, had fun and sung some great songs."

Barbara Hordern,
Tonic member

Great Court at Blenheim Palace. Last August we provided a choir to support Bushey's WW1 commemoration. It was a very moving event.

Our future plans include our own workshop with the BBC Singers next February and public concerts in March. We will again join with other choirs as part of Voices for Hospices next October.



The Radlett Festival

Our Radlett choir, which numbers about 60, meets on Monday mornings in the Vision Hall at Christ Church. All details can be found on our website, www.tonicchoir.co.uk, or by calling me on 07770 696454.

Philip Barnett
Choral Director

Strictly A Success



When Helen Lappert hit upon the idea of starting 'a cappella chorus' in her home village of Radlett, she could not have imagined that 56 enthusiastic singers would turn up for the launch in late September. "Although I already direct a ladies chorus in Amersham, my dream was to have a mixed chorus in my own town", she comments. Helen continues "It was fantastic to see so many people – some familiar faces from around the village – others from much further afield. My hope to attract confident singers was definitely achieved." The evening started with a lively warm up

– and then it was down to business – and the new potential chorus managed to learn a song which they then performed to a member of the Church staff who was 'blown away' by the 'amazing sound.'

Singers celebrated with a glass of Prosecco and there was a palpable sense of excitement as people signed up. One singer commented "it was amazing to see and hear what can be achieved in a couple of hours."

Since the launch, 45 singers have committed to weekly rehearsals and have already learnt three songs in four weeks. Remarkably, people are travelling from as far away as Wiltshire, and one accomplished singer who

travels from Beckenham commented that she is "absolutely loving it".

With a little trepidation and some ambition the group have committed to a debut concert for friends, family and anyone interested in joining up for next term. Helen comments "it is ambitious to have a concert after such a short time but everyone is enthusiastic and committed to working together to share our early achievements."

The concert will be on Wednesday 17 December at 8.30pm in Vision Hall, Radlett. For tickets or more information about the group, please contact Di Harris on 07961 180210 or info@strictlyacappella.com

Helen Lappert



Four local teenagers are currently working hard to raise funds to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Kirara-hama, Japan in 2015. The Elstree Jamboree Contingent is made up of three Scouts – Aaron, Jonathan and Niamh – and one Guide – Annabel. Between 28 July and 8 August 2015, they will be joining 3,500 Scouts and Guides from across the UK together with many others from around world in Japan. The Scouts and Guides from the UK are organised into Units consisting of 36 young people aged between 14-18 and 4 leaders. There are 75 units going from the UK, together with a range of adult volunteers who will help with the running of the Jamboree site and activities.

Each Jamboree participant has to raise approximately £3,200 to attend the Jamboree, some of which goes to help participants from poorer countries to attend. As part of their fundraising they have jointly and individually held



quizzes, organised walks, run tuck shops, held cake sales and also a photography competition for the under 18's of pictures from the local area. The best photo's have been used in a calendar which is available at a bargain price of £5. Copies will be available at local fairs, including the Radlett Winter Fair on 23 November, alternatively contact Helen Hawthorne on 01923 853283.

The World Scout Jamboree is a gathering of tens of thousands of Scouts and Guides from almost every country in the world who, for ten days, live together and experience each other's cultures.

The first World Scout Jamboree took place in London in 1920 and now usually takes place every four years. The theme of the 2015 Jamboree is 'Wa' meaning harmony, unity, friendship and peace.

Helen Hawthorne



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Aldenham and Bushey Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

There is an opportunity for residents of Radlett to hear what their local Community Safety Partnership is doing to improve the quality of life in their area.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 8 December 2014 at 7pm at Queens School in Bushey.

Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Cllr Charles Goldstein, commented: "These quarterly meetings provide an opportunity to update residents with the raft of work going on in the area to reduce crime, tackle disorder and improve the area generally. Just as importantly, the meetings enable residents to share their views and concerns, and to raise questions."

Sergeant Noel Buckley from the Bushey and Radlett Safer Neighbourhood Team, added: "We will give an overview on what we have been doing, often with other agencies, to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour."

Three new PCSOs have recently joined the Safer Neighbourhood Team –

PCSOs Jake Pike and Chris Hammond cover Bushey North and PCSO Callum Ellis covers Bushey Heath.

"They are here to help, so please get in touch with them* if you have any issues compromising your quality of life, including anti-social behaviour", added Sergeant Buckley.

Hertsmere's Community Safety Partnership comprises local organisations who work together to reduce crime and disorder to make the area an even safer place to live, work and visit. These include Hertfordshire Constabulary, Hertsmere Borough Council, Hertfordshire County Council, Affinity Sutton, Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service, Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Hertfordshire Probation Trust and NHS Hertfordshire.

The Partnership has developed a track record of working together to address community safety issues over the past few years. As well as statutory agencies, the CSP members also include representatives from housing groups,



local voluntary agencies, faith groups, youth groups and Neighbourhood Watch.

*You can call them on the non-emergency number 101 or contact them on their radios by dialling 01707 354192 – it is an automated service and you will need to say the name of the officer you wish to speak to. If the officer is not on duty, please leave a voicemail and they will call you back when they are next on duty.

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Thursday Lunch Club

The Rendevous Lunch Club closed its doors in April after more than 30 years providing Lunches and a meeting point for the elderly of the Parish. This was a great disappointment to guests who enjoyed their weekly get together. During the Summer months there was much discussion as to how the Club could continue, in what format and where. The initial problem was to find a new 'Chief' and we are fortunate that Anne Newton assisted by Judith Breward took on the role. We are now known as the THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB and come under the umbrella of Radlett and Aldenham Churches Together. Once again the United Free Church offered their hall and on 11th September the Lunch Club reopened and welcomed guests and volunteers old and new.

We have our maximum number of guests which is 25 and on any given Thursday we normally have 21/22 guests for a two course lunch and coffee which all enjoy and they thank the cooks every week for a lovely meal which makes all the preparation beforehand worthwhile.

We are also fortunate to have John and Derek who are always willing to assist with handing the plates of food to the guests at the tables, washing up and doing the 'heavy work' such as dismantling the tables and putting the chairs away at the end of the meal.

The first few weeks have gone well and it is as if it had never been away.

Anne Newton & Judith Breward

Residents enjoy holiday trips

Thirty eight residents from Phillimore Court and surrounding areas enjoyed a four day trip to Eastbourne staying at the Queen's Hotel in October this year.



They had such a good time that a 2015 trip has already been arranged. The date is 5 to 9 October 2015 staying at the Ullswater Hotel, Bournemouth. The cost is approximately £200 per person and includes bed, breakfast, evening meal and travel. Bookings, with a deposit, and further enquiries can be made to Hazel Ward on 01923 839118.

NEWS FROM SHENLEY PARK

We will be Wassailing our Orchard on Saturday 4 January; meet at the Chapel at 4pm. Wassailing is the blessing of the Orchard in the hope that we will enjoy a successful Apple Crop. Come and join in this fun family event, bring something to make a noise with and a torch. We do have some fireworks. The Wassail takes around 1 hour then we head back to the Chapel for apple juice and soup. We ask for a donation of £2 per head, booking not required but it does help us if you let us know you are coming.

We are running a Winter competition – What do you like most about Shenley Park? A photo, drawing or painting of no larger than A4 – together with a short piece of text please to Shenley Park Trust, The Bothy, Shenley Park, Shenley, Herts, WD7 9DW or info@shenleypark.co.uk. We are sorry but we will not be able to return entries.

All entries will be displayed at the Tea Room and on our website and on 1 March a winner shall be chosen from 3 categories: children under 8 year, children 8 and over and over

16's. Winners will receive tickets to every event we have in the Walled Garden next summer, which are; Wind in the Willows by Shooting Stars Theatre Company – Sun 28 June 11.30 & 2.30

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