

# 150 years of the railway

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# Chairman's Message

This is my first report as Chairman of the Parish Council, and I would like to offer massive thanks to my predecessor, Neil Payne,

*Councillor* for his years of service to *Viv Charrett* the Parish of Aldenham and his hard work as Chairman of the Council. He will be a very hard act to follow!

In February I represented the Council at a memorial service at St. John the Baptist church in Aldenham for 2nd Lieutenant Peter Kent, of the Royal Flying Corps. He grew up in Letchmore Heath and was killed 100 years ago over enemy lines in France at the tender age of 19, very close to the end of the war. It was a very moving service and a very fitting tribute to such a young man, who was one of our own. (see page 13 for full article).

The Newberries Car Park discussion continues. Many of you will have heard Borough Councillor Paul Morris speaking at the Annual Parish Meeting about the process he has chaired to gain views from a wide cross section of residents and local businesses. This is now available in the public domain and is with Hertsmere's officers to come up with a workable solution to the priority list of proposals. We await their output with interest. I would also like to thank those of you who came to the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May for your attention and input.

A working group is being put together to come up with ideas and designs to

improve the Radlett Gardens, next to Barclays Bank. The recently published "Open Spaces Strategy" states that this area is a "green lung" in the centre of Radlett. The raised beds are looking very tired, the water features have not worked for some time and the gazebo was demolished by vandals. So, we will be looking for ideas to make this a pleasant area in which to relax and will be asking for help from residents with ideas in the next few months. A new mobile phone mast (EE) is planned to be in the corner by Daisy's, and income from this will help with the redesign. Whatever may or may not happen with the petrol station will also have an impact on what is decided, so this will also need to be considered.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group met in May and expressed their concerns that HBC were taking a long time to fulfil their obligations in checking through the plan before it can be passed to the next stage. It was agreed not to wait until the next stage of the government's National Planning Policy Framework is published, but to push ahead as quickly as possible, and thus we have organised an independent inspector's Health Check, to speed up the process.

Some of you will be aware that we have had some problems with the implementation of the access road down to the allotments. We are now working together with Hertsmere and their surveyors to come up with a best value, and most appropriate solution, and hope that this will come to fruition by the autumn. On the May 7th Bank Holiday was the very popular



the very popular *DENR*<sup>1</sup> Rotary Club's Fun Run with a children's course of 1.5K and a longer course of 5K. It was a really hot day so many congratulations to all those who took part. It seemed like half the village was out there in their running gear. Big thanks must go to Simon Pyzer and his Rotary team of helpers, who were organising this for the 11th year, for the very efficient organisation and making it such a happy event. Also to a team from Mencap who kept everyone hydrated with cold drinks and were the beneficiaries of some of the funds raised.

By the time this is published, the colourful hanging baskets should be up in the village. I think you will all agree that the groundstaff do a brilliant job getting these installed and maintained, and I look forward to a colourful, sunny summer!

Viv Charrett Chairman Aldenham Parish Council

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



## The painting of on the front cover of this edition is by Christopher Langdon

The "Around Radlett" Team would like to thank local artist Christopher Langdon for allowing his painting to be featured on the front cover of this edition. The painting is of a typical express passenger train from St Pancras to Scotland in the 1950's. Trains like this ran through Radlett daily until the end of the steam in the 1960's. See page 7 for more details on '150 Years of Radlett Station'.

# What's On...



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

## Tuesday 19th June 2.00pm

www.radlett-music-club.co.uk

Radlett Club. Music Radlet Music Club demonstration by Rekha Naidoo entitled "Travel through Floral Eyes" at St. John's Church, Gills Hill Lane, visitors welcome. £6.00. For more information contact 01923-857736.

#### ..... Saturday 23rd June 3.00pm to 5.00pm

1st Radlett Scout Group. A Great Get Together community picnic will be hosted by 1st Radlett Scout Group at Kent Lodge, Scrubbitts Park Road. Look out for posters nearer the time. These events are inspired by Jo Cox MP vision for communities working together, more details available at www. greatgettogether.org

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## Sunday 24th June

Radlett Art Society visit to Petworth House (NT). Visit can be booked via booking forms on website www.radlett-art-society.co.uk.

## Saturday 30th June 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Aldenham Parish Council Radlett Youth Council Sport's Dav at Phillimore Recreation Ground. (see flyer on page 9) 

## Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm



RADLETT Museum. St. John's Church, Gills Hill Lane. Bob Redman presents a talk on the 150th

anniversary of the railway and the part Radlett played. Refreshments available. Entrance £5.00. For more details contact Laura@dor2dor.com.

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#### Sunday 8th July



Radlett Horticultural Society. Garden walkabout. Members Only

## Monday 9th to Friday 20th July

Radlett and District Museum. Harpenden Building Society window displays photographs and memorabilia to commemorate 150 years of Radlett station. .....

#### Tuesday 10th July 7.30pm

Aldenham Women's Institute, INSPIRING WOMEN Aldenham Prep School, Aldenham Road, Elstree, WD6 3AJ. Fire safety talk with raffle, second hand bookstall and refreshments.

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#### **Thursday 12th July**

Radlett Horticultural Society. Day trip to Stamford and Easton Walled Garden. For further details visit www.radletthortsoc. co.uk. Members only. 

## Saturday 14th July

St. Albans Bach Choir presents Mendelssohn's "Elijah". Tickets are available from £30 down to just £12 and can be booked in person at St Albans Cathedral gift shop or by phoning 01727 890290.

## Sunday 15th July at 10.30am

Stuart Nagler from the Radlett & District Museum will be doing a walk during the summer pointing out many historic features and history of this famous road. Meet outside the Radlett Synagogue opposite the Oakway parade-£5 per person going to the Museum funds.

Register with Stuart on r.nagler@ btinternet.com .....

#### Tuesday 17th July 2.00pm

Radlett Flower Club. A demonstration by Morag Bennett at St. John's Church, Gills Hill Lane. Visitors welcome. £6.00. For more information contact 01923-857736. www.radlett-music-club.co.uk. .....

#### Saturday 21st July 6.30pm

St. John the Baptist Church, Aldenham. Music for a Summer Evening. Tickets £18 to include pre-performance drinks and supper in the interval. Drinks will be served at 6.30pm in the church and the programme which will consist of vocal and instrumental pieces, starting at 7pm. .....

#### Wednesday 1st August 3.00 – 5.30pm

Radlett Horticultural Society, Vision Hall Badlett Vision Hall, Radlett. Autumn Show. .....

## Wednesday 1st August 8.00pm



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Garden". .....

Thursday 9th August 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Radlett Art Society lecture. Sir Thomas Brock, London's Forgotten Sculptor – lecturer Dr. John Sankey, CMG PhD at the Radlett Centre. Can be booked at the door. 

#### Thursday 9th August

Radlett Horticultural Society. Day trip to Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens and Colton Manor Gardens. For further details visit www. radletthortsoc.co.uk. Members only

## Sunday 12th August

Radlett Art Society visit to Greenwich including the Queen's House and the National Maritime Museum. Visits can booked via the booking form on the website www.radlett-art-society. co.uk.

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#### Tuesday 14th August 7.30pm



Aldenham Women's Institute, Aldenham Prep School, Aldenham Road, Elstree, WD6 3AJ. Trip to Watford Museum.

### Thursday 6th September 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Radlett Art Society lecture. The Wild Beasts of 1905 - Fauve and French Impressionist - lecturer Frank Woodgate BA at the Radlett Centre. Tickets can be brought at the box office.

#### Sunday 9th September

Radlett Art Society visit to Firle Place, a country house in W. Sussex that dates from the time of Henry VIII. There will be a stop in nearby Lewes for lunch. Visits

can booked via the booking form on the website www.radlett-art-society.co.uk. 

## Tuesday 11th September 7.30pm



Aldenham Women's Institute, Aldenham Prep School, Aldenham Road, Elstree, WD6 3AJ. Talk

entitled "Behind Closed Doors - The Life of a House Clearer" with raffle, second hand bookstall and refreshements.

#### ..... Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th September

Aldenham Art Festival. St. John the Baptist Church, Aldenham. www. aldenhamartfestival.org.uk (see flyer on page 14)

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#### Tuesday 18th September 2.00pm

Radlett Flower Club. A demonstration by Janice Swan entitled "Designs for All Occasions" at St. John's Church, Gills Hill Lane. Visitors welcome. £6.00. For more information contact 01923-857736.



Sunday 23rd to Wednesday 26th September

Radlett Art Society holiday to Harrogate in Yorkshire to visit Chatsworth House, Castle Howard, Beningborough Hall and Salts Mill. Visits can booked via the booking form on the website www.radlett-art-society.co.uk.

..... Thursday 4th October 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Radlett Art Society lecture. Top 20 Masterpieces in Tate Modern and Tate Britain - lecturer Linda Casey at the Radlett Centre. Can be booked at the box office.

..... Tuesday 9th - Saturday 13th October at 7.30pm plus 2.30pm matinee on

**Saturday** Radlett Musical Theatre Company performance of Sound of Music at the Radlett Centre. Tickets available from www.radlettcentre.co.uk or by caling 01923-859291.

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## Tuesday 16th October 2.00pm

Radlett Flower Club. A demonstration by Jane Ellis at St. John's Church, Gills Hill Lane. Visitors welcome. £6.00. For more information contact 01923-857736.

## Sunday 21st October

Radlett Art Society visit to The Ashmolean, the University of Oxford's museum of art and archaeology, founded in 1683. Visits can booked via the booking form on the website www.radlettart-society.co.uk.

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#### **Tuesday 23rd October**

Radlett Music Club concert. Jayson Gillham, piano concert at the Radlett Centre. Tickets £15 from the box office. Further details: www.radlett-music-club. co.uk

# the radlett **centre** BOX OFFICE: 01923 859291 www.radlettcentre.co.uk



7 Sat - 10 Tues	Radlett Art Society Annual Exhibition
12 Thurs	Marty Wilde 7.30pm
13 Fri	Rock for Heroes 7.30pm
14 Sat	Bratislava Hot Serenaders 8pm
19 Thur–21 Sat	Grease 7.30pm (& 2.30pm Sat)
22 Sun	Bring the Heat 7pm
25 Weds	Ivor Dembina 7.30pm
26 Thurs	Embraceable Ella 7.30pm
30 Mon	3rd Fri – Musical Theatre Workshop

## AUGUST

JULY

9 Thurs 13 Mon

Art Society Lecture 8pm The Gruffalo's Child 1.30pm 14 Tue-16 Thur The Gruffalo's Child 10.30am & 1.30pm 20 Mon- 24 Fri Musical Theatre Workshop

## **SEPTEMBER**

1 Sat	Strictly Nashville 7.30pm
6 Thurs	Art Society Lecture 8pm
8 Sat	Rock 'n' Roll Paradise 7.30pm
17 Mon	Blood Clinic
22 Sat	Nick Ross Orchestra 7.30pm
24 Mon	Children's Panto Auditions
26 Weds	The Dreamboys 7.30pm
28 Fri	Whitney 7.30pm
29 Sat	Tenors UnLimited 6pm
30 Sun	Buddy Holly & the Cricketers 7.30pm

## **OCTOBER**

3 Weds	Psychic Sally 7.30pm
5 Fri	How to Hide a Lion 12.30pm & 2.30pm
5 Fri	Jon Culshaw & Bill Dare 7.30pm
6 Sat	Frankie's Guys 7.30pm
15 Mon	Tottenham Legends 7.30pm
17 Weds	The Three Degrees
19 Fri	Tabby McTat 1.30pm & 4.30pm
20 Sat	Tabby McTat 11am & 1.30pm
20 Sat	Pasedena Roof Orchestra 7.30pm
26 Fri	The Little Mix Experience 6pm
27 Sat	Beyond the Barricade 7.30pm

**RADLETT AND DISTRICT MUSEUM** FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS OF **EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, FUTURE EXHIBITIONS** AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED go to info@radlettmuseum.com

## The Millennium Plaque

As you walk up the steps toward the entrance of the Radlett Centre, you will notice that the plaque marking the spot where a time capsule was buried in 2000 has been replaced.

## Newberries School Need Governors

Newberries School in Radlett are looking for new Governors. If you would like an informal chat about the work of a Governor as well as more information about Newberries School, please contact Lucy Selby on

lucyjselby@googlemail.com

# Apprenticeship Schemes

Not all young people want to stay at school and go to 6th form and perhaps eventually to college or university. The government states that all young people must stay in some form of west Hertfordshire education until their 18th birthday. Is perhaps an apprenticeship scheme the way forward for many youngsters? It seems the opportunities available are endless.

The government backed apprenticeship scheme, is not only addressing the existing skill shortages the country is currently experiencing, but it is offering a way forward for many 16 to 24 year olds who want to get into the workplace early, start earning their own money and develop skills and qualifications at the same time. Some fifty national universities, most local authorities and the NHS offer apprenticeship schemes.

A Hertfordshire Apprenticeship Programme has been set up backed by Hertfordshire County Council. Currently in Radlett, HOB Salons offers apprenticeships to those between 16 and 24 years.

See the websites of gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship and the traineeship scheme with higher education possibilities attached at gov.uk/find-traineeship.

To find out more about apprenticeships, traineeships and cadet schemes in the NHS go to www.healthcarers.nhs. uk or look on the NHS Jobs web-site.

For information from West Herts Hospital Trust go to www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk

# HOME LEARNING BAGS

Home Learning Bags are designed to be completed with the parent and child together in the home to support their early education.

## WHO CAN USE A HOME LEARNING BAG?

It is aimed towards children who are eligible for 2 year funding but may not be using their 15 hour entitlement in a nursery or pre-school. Schools and Setting Co-ordinators, Outreach Staff and partners may also identify families that would benefit from this programme.

## **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

With the parent's permission, a member of staff will come into the home once a week to explain the purpose of the bag with the parent and child. The bag is then kept to play with until the next visit. A simple assessment will be completed before and after to track a child's progress.

## **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?**

The home visit will take about 30 minutes each time. The family is encouraged to keep each bag for at least a week and to use 5-7 bags in total.

## WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN?

Rise and Shine | Time to Eat | Helping Hands | Time to Play | Story Sack | Let's Explore | Night, Night - Sleep Tight

To find out more information about the Home Learning Bags please visit the website at: www.hertsmerechildren.co.uk or contact the Schools & Settings Co-ordinator at your local Children's Centre.

# HAPPY 2nd BIRTHDAY TEATRO

Sue, Robert and all the fabulous team at Teatro are thrilled to be celebrating their two year anniversary at The Radlett Centre. Since launching in 2016 the restaurant has increased its capacity to seat 70 and thankfully can be found full most lunchtimes! The success and excellent reputation of the restaurant is not only been down to hard work but the desire to continually use fresh and the best available ingredients. Teatro takes their food offering very seriously offering a great breakfast and lunch menu that includes weekly changing seasonal chefs specials and promotional offers. Teatro at The Radlett Centre is open from 10.00am Monday through to Saturday until 5.00pm for breakfasts and lunches. In addition the fully licensed bar which also serves snacks and hot drinks is also open for every evening theatre performance.







## A WANDER THROUGH THE HISTORY OF HIGH **CROSS AND KEMPROW**

#### Kemprow was originally an ancient road from Aldenham Church to Saint Albans. It is likely that it has been in use for as long as 1000 years.

Although St John the Baptist Church in Aldenham is 750 years old, there was probably a Saxon Church on the site before. Kemprow was originally a narrow lane with grass verges, high hedges and trees; some of which almost made a lovely green tunnel. It is only in the past fifty years that it has been a tarmac road. There was great excitement when a huge steamroller came to finish the job of laying the gravel and tarmac.

High Cross was so named in 1256 when the gallows were erected. These were used for about 200 years. About 500 years ago an area of land called Kempys Croft occupied the triangle from Kemprow to High Cross and along part of Radlett Road. This covered about two acres and is mentioned in the Court Roll of 1526. This land was developed soon after 1893 when land changed ownership.



Kemprow c1910. The medieval gallows erected jointly by the Abbots of Westminster and St Albans were near this site. Note The coal-duty marker post donating the then Parish boundary and the point at which duty on coal bring brought into the London area becoming payable.

The first plot fronting the Radlett Road (B462) was sold to a local builder who built what is now called The White House. The next plot was sold to the blacksmith family of Inwoods who built two cottages and a forge. On the triangle of land at the point of High Cross is a house now called High Point. It was built as a wedding present to a godchild.

The remaining plots in Kemprow were developed with three pairs of semi-detached houses in about 1906. Until this development there were only few houses in Kemprow. Three Tudor cottages and an adjoining house. Also, a brick house called Arline Cottage and a terrace of three called Flint Cottages. Further down the lane was Kemprow Farm where the hangman's cottage was and a Tudor cottage called The Nook, once owned by Amos Young the gamekeeper.

Model Farm was built as a home farm for Edge Grove at the beginning of the 20th century. In 1935 Edge Grove became a boy's prep school and continues as a flourishing school for boys and girls, maintaining the high standard of politeness, confidence and outstanding academic achievement.

Both of us remember the thrill of sitting or standing on our front gates and waiting for a car or van to come by. Memories are still vivid of the excitement of waiting for a tractor to come down Kemprow, probably we knew everybody passing by, sometimes it seemed like ages and that was when the main road came round High Cross. It was rerouted to its present location in 1966.

There has been very little change to High Cross and Kemprow in the past 60 years. The milk churn lorry no longer goes down to Blackbirds Farm but it continues to be a thriving farm, diversifying as so many farms have to.

I make no apologies for including a charming little story I used in a previous article - Daisy Hill, who as a teenager worked as parlour maid at Edge Grove, told me of being held by the waist and swung round by 'the master' when he heard the news of the Armistice in 1918. Between us, the Lines family and the Pochin family have lived at High Cross and Kemprow for a combined 177 years and we both continue to happily do so.

## **Tim Lines and Sally Pochin**

# A VERY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR EDIE

Oakley when she received a Civic Award from the Mayor of Hertsmere Councillor Charles Goldstein. The award was presented at a dinner held in April at Elstree Studios.

Edie was born in Station Road in 1919 and has lived in Radlett all her life. At the age of 98 years she is the oldest volunteer for a national charity in the UK.

The charity Edie supports is Bloodwise formerly Leukaemia Research. Her fundraising began 57 years ago, with her husband Laurie, following the loss of their son John to Leukaemia in 1959.

Edie and her helpers through jumble sales, Christmas fairs, garden parties and sales of Bloodwise Christmas cards and gifts have raised over £227,000. Also, Dave Press, of 33 Battlers Green Drive, has for many years, decked his house and garden with a fabulous display of Christmas lights and raising for Bloodwise, formerly Leukaemia Research. decorations, all proceeds raised go to Bloodwise.

A well-deserved standing ovation was given to Mrs Edie Edie said 'Although advancements have been made in Leukaemia Research, they always talk about 'long term

remission', never 'cure' but I am sure one day they will'.

Edie Oakley, aged 98 years receives a Civic Award from the Councillor Mayor, Goldstein, Charles in recognition of 57 years of dedicated and tireless fund



## Radlett Station is 150 years' old in July this year. The Radlett and District Museum will be holding an exhibition in the Harpenden Building Society window from 9th to 20th July.

# CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF RADLETT STATION 13 JULY 1868

In the mid 1800's, the Midland Railway Company, based in Derby, operated throughout the East Midlands and as far south as Bedford. They were a well-established and ambitious company whose aim was to achieve their own link to London. Through their determination an Act of Parliament in 1863 gave them permission to run their line from Bedford to the new London prestigious terminal of St Pancras.

Their chosen route included the towns of Harpenden, the Cathedral city of St Albans and the little known and small villages of Radlett and Elstree and onto Kentish Town and finally to St Pancras.

Why would a village, whose population census of 1871 tells us there was 443 people living in 88 houses in Radlett need a station? Perhaps it was because Radlett was built on cross roads with links to Shenley, Watford and St Albans. Local people mainly worked the land on the large estates of Wall Hall, Kendalls and Aldenham Lodge, their produce needed to be transported to markets and restaurants.

Additionally, local minerals of lime and excavations in Shenley Hill and Cobden Hill needed to be transported. Local residents using Radlett station to commute to London was minimal.

However, the line and station at Radlett was constructed. The route selected ran naturally alongside the valley of Tykeswater. Aldenham was the name originally chosen for the station due to the population of Aldenham being larger than Radlett however due to public pressure the name Radlett was finally agreed.

The Victorians, who did a very good job in terms of planning



The Radlett Station Staff in 1917

for the future, laid the foundations for a four-track railway system but only two tracks were initially laid. It was another 35 years before the 3rd and 4th lines were added.

The station was well equipped with coal sidings, a goods dept, water tower with pumping machinery and a luggage bay thought to be on the site of the now mini cab company.

Did the creation of Radlett Station put Radlett on the map? Local historians say it did not, as its significance only became important in the late 1890's when the owners of two large estates, Kendal's and Aldenham Lodge, decided to sell off parts of their land for residential development.

Today, we have roughly 10,000 residents in some 3750 dwellings. Many people choose to live in Radlett and the wider Parish of Aldenham ie Letchmore Heath, Aldeham and Roundbush because of the easy commute to London and easy access to our local high achieving schools. However, the question still remains was Radlett put on the map because of the railway?

# **FIVE FIELDS FUN RUN - 7 MAY 2018**

The 11th Radlett Rotary Fun Run took place on Bank Holiday Monday 7 May in Radlett.

The weather was brilliantly sunny and numbers were good with just over 300 runners in total, a little down on last year. In addition to the runners there was a great crowd of spectators to cheer the runners on and refreshments were available from the Cricket Club. Over £3,000 was raised to be shared between Rotary charities and the associated charity, Hertsmere Mencap.

There isn't enough space here for all the results, but the first boy past the post in the 1.5 km event was Alex Goldsmith in 7 minutes and the first girl was Megan Sutherland in 7 minutes and 57 seconds. In the 5 km event the fastest man was Tom Mann in 17 minutes and 10 seconds. The fastest woman was Kat Alpe in 20 minutes and 22 seconds. The under 12 girl's trophy was won by Megan Finch and the under 16's by Deborah Green and the corresponding boys' trophies by Oscar Walsh and Robert Gardiner. The team trophy was won by the Scrubbitts Wood Community Team consisting of Brad Gorton, Julian Hancock, Rudi Keyser and Tim Smith.

Full results have been posted onto our sponsor's website found at www.naglersimmons.co.uk. Photos of the event

are also accessible from the same site.

Thanks are due to Radlett Cricket Club for hosting the event, Aldenham Parish Council for their support, and to the marshalls, and all those who helped with the event. Thanks also to the Mayor Councillor Charles Goldstein and to Councillor Viv Charrett, Chairman of Aldenham Parish Council for their help in presenting the medals and trophies.

Please make a note in your diaries for next year's event! Same time and place, on Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May 2019.





# ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillor Lee Wood - cllr. lee.wood@aldenham-pc.gov.uk. Member of the Planning Committee Member of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee

\*Members of outside organisation

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Monday to Friday 10am-2.30pm Peter Evans manager@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Outside these hours, in case of emergency please contact 07833 251 115.

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For Monika Duong, Accounts Officer accounts@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

For Paula Paley, Planning Officer - planning@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

For Manisha Kotecha, Parks and Open Spaces Officer - parks@ aldenham-pc.gov.uk

For Claire Larkin, Community Development and Engagement Officer (also events/social media/website and anything relating to 'Around Radlett') - community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk



## Oliver Dowden, MP for Hertsmere

Your local MP Oliver Dowden holds regular surgeries around the constituency. If you would like to arrange an appointment then please call 020 7219 6239 or

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## ALDENHAM WEST



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Councillor Chris Wilkins - cllr. chris.wilkins@aldenham-pc.gov.uk. Member of the Around Radlett Working Party \*Radlett Village Member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Institute Member of Parks and Open Spaces Committee Member of Community Development Committee Member of Pegmire Lane/Summerhouse Lane Working Party

Contact the Parish Council office for

times of meetings.

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## Forthcoming Committee Meetings July 2018 – October 2018

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Councillor Charles Goldstein cllr.goldstein@hertsmere.gov.uk

Aldenham West Councillor David Lambert

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Aldenham Parish Council will once again be providing its free summer-time activities at Phillimore Recreation Ground in Radlett every Tuesday morning throughout August from 10.00 – 12.00pm. There will be the hugely popular "Messy Play" provided by Hertmere Children's Centres for the 0-5 year olds and a varied programme for children from 6-12 will also be available. Please check the website and social media a little nearer to the time for more information about these events.



## Neil Payne retires as Chairman

Many of you will now be aware that Neil Payne, who has served the local community

in many ways over the last 45 years, is retiring as chairman of the Parish Council. He and his wife Linda will be moving north to live nearer their daughter for two - way support to and from her and her family. He will still continue to be involved for the next year, but from a greater distance.

Neil has been very active in local affairs over this whole period of time. Many of you may not be aware quite how much he has done locally, so here is a brief summary of some of his positions:

- Aldenham Parish Councillor 1991 to 1995
- Member of the Platt Subsidiary Foundation 1991 to '96, and '98 to date, and Chairman for 14 years.
- Hertsmere Borough Councillor 1999 to 2007, and Leader of the Council from 2001 to 2006.
- Member of the Board of the Radlett Centre Trust 1995 to date, and Vice Chairman from 2008 to 2013.
- Aldenham Parish Councillor 2008 to date, and Chairman from 2013 to 2018.
- Also an active member of the Conservative Party for over 50 years.

We will still be seeing him quite regularly in Radlett. On behalf of us all, I would like to thank him for his years of service to Hertsmere and to Radlett in particular.

**Viv Charrett** 

# **Call for New Councillors**

In May 2019 there will be local elections and all current councillors will up for re-election. Some councillors will be retiring, so there will be some vacancies. We will be looking for people to, initially, express an interest in serving as a councillor. If you think you might be interested, please contact Peter Evans, the Parish Council Manager (01923 856433) who can talk through what is involved in more detail with you.

The role of a councillor is entirely voluntary, no remuneration is involved. It is an ideal way to find out more about what is happening in the area and have a significant degree of influence on local policies. It is also an opportunity to give something back to the community by bringing whatever expertise you personally have, to the benefit of the whole area.



# **Newberries Car Park**

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr. Paul Morris gave a presentation on the current status of the Newberries Car Park project. Further information can be accessed on www.hertsmere. gov.uk.

**Viv Charrett** 

# The best time to cut your hedge

The hedge-growing season is usually March to October but it makes sense not to cut hedges while the birds are nesting ie March to July. It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to 'intentionally take, damage or destroy any nest while it is in use or being built'.

If you are unsure if birds are nesting take time to observe them as they fly in and out of hedgerows and occasionally peer in to see what is happening before you get out your shears or hedge-trimmers.

# WORRIED ABOUT FLIES AND MAGGOTS IN YOUR WHEELIE BIN

As we approach midsummer and the weather heats up what to do with our food waste becomes a problem. Flies are usually attracted to meat and fish and don't usually bother with left over vegetables, peelings and fruit but you can't be sure.

If you put your recycling food liner into your green bin you can be pretty sure that sooner or later flies will break through the liner and within a day or so you will be left with hundreds of maggots. They are not easy to get rid of. If you use pesticides the bin men will not empty your bin.

Perhaps a solution:

Put your food waste in a recycling bag and freeze it until the day before the bin men are due and then put it/them in your green bin.



The Radlett Horticultural Society's annual plant sale was held at the Scout Headquarters, Scrubbitts Park Road on 5 May. Once again it was a very successful event with a great range of fantastic plants available at ridiculously cheap prices drawing the crowds! If you would like to know more about this thriving local society please visit the website www.radletthortsoc.co.uk.

AFTER 100 YEARS 1st RADLETT SCOUT TROOP WILL CLOSE IN JULY IF NO ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOUND

In June 2019, the 1st Radlett Scout Group were planning to celebrate 100 years since its formation by hosting a monster party. All this now has to put on hold unless volunteers can be found.

1st Radlett Scout Troop is set to close at the end of the summer term unless more adult volunteers are found to continue leading the group of 10-14 year olds.

The Scout Troop is part of 1st Radlett Scout Group who also have a Beaver Colony and Cub Pack and next year will celebrate the centenary of the Scouts registration with the Scout Association in May 1919. It is believed that there were Scouts meeting in Radlett prior to the 1st World War but no documentation can be found to prove this. It will therefore be a shame if the troop will not continue into the centenary year.

The group is part of the Scout Association which helps children and young adults reach their full potential. Scouts develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world.

More volunteers are also needed for the Beaver colony and Cub pack. Each section meets weekly at the Group's own headquarters Kent Lodge in Scrubbitts Park Road, Radlett.

The more volunteers there are means the roles can be divided between them, so less pressure on one or two individual(s), and all volunteers receive training.

If anyone is interested in finding out more, they can contact 1st Radlett Scout Group on info@1stradlettscouts. org.uk. Previous experience is not necessary as full training will be given.

## **Radlett Gymnastics Club Success**

On Sunday 4th March, 45 gymnasts from Radlett Gym Club travelled to Ware to compete in the Affinity Invitational, a floor and trampette competition aimed at general gymnasts who only train a few hours a week. This was the first gymnastics competition ever for the majority of our gymnasts, and they did us proud. Overall we had a very successful day, coming away with 6 Gold Medals, 5 Silvers and 6 Bronzes, as well as many 4th place finishes.

In the Bronze category, Radlett's gymnasts did a fantastic job, taking 12 medals between them, including 5 golds, 3 silvers and 4 bronzes! In the Silver category, we came away with 1 silver and a bronze, in a very tough round of competition. In the Gold category, Radlett earned a gold, a bronze and a silver medal, in yet another challenging round.

Head Coach Helene and coaches Philippa and Jenny were thrilled by the results and performances from all gymnasts, especially as they missed their final week of training due to the snow and class cancellations. Well done to all who took part!"

Radlett Gym Club runs three evenings a week at Fairfield and has a breakfast club at St John's two days a week for pupils at Fairfield and St John's. On Fridays they run a class where everyone is welcome. For more information on classes and spaces, please email radlettgymclub@gmail.com Jenny Hersh





## **Purple Crocuses**

In Spring the two planters either side of the entrance to the Radlett Centre were full of purple crocuses. These bulbs were planted to highlight the Rotary Club efforts to eradicate polio worldwide and were supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and others.

Around the world polio has been largely eradicated by 99% with only three countries left where the disease has not been eliminated.

**Roger Housechild** 

Painting of Crocuses by Adam Lewis

## **County Councillor Caroline Clapper visits Girlguiding Radlett's Vote 100 Event**

Vote 100 marks the centenary of the Representation of the People Act 1918, which gave all men and some women the vote for the first time. Throughout 2018 Girlguiding are celebrating the impact of the suffrage movement – the pioneering women who campaigned for women's right to representation and democratic equality.

Girlguiding Radlett District staged a celebration of 100 years of women's votes in Radlett Village Centre on Saturday 9th June. Local Councillor Caroline Clapper joined the young people who have been exploring the acts of the suffragettes during their unit meetings. Caroline told us "This was an absolutely fantastic event. I felt very proud to be standing shoulder to shoulder with the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows and to see the tremendous support the girls received from the local community. It is so crucial for these young ladies to know about the women who fought so valiantly for the vote 100 years ago, and to understand the difference they made, for future generations, on behalf of all women."



Girls displayed the banners they had made; heard stories of courageous, inspirational and influential women; and tried their hand at the Parliament EqualiTeas board game exploring women's rights, suffrage and current issues facing girls and women. Some extremely willing members were 'chained' to the village railings in recognition of the women who had campaigned 100 years before them.

Girlguiding Radlett District also asked members of the local community make a simple craft poppy to add to their display in Tykeswater later this year to mark 100 years of the end of the First World War. We have been growing the display for some years now and this year we are hoping to involve the community in making a very large display of 1000 poppies so if you can help in anyway, please contact us at www.girlguiding.org.uk

RADLETT BOWLS CLUB

Right in the heart of our village of Radlett, in the Phillimore Recreation Ground, Radlett Bowls Club's 2018 season is now well under way. If you walk down the path from Gills Hill Lane you will often see and hear members playing there. The Club has over 70 members, both ladies and gentlemen, and is always seeking new members. It is an extremely friendly Club playing its games and matches against other Bowls Clubs and organising its own internal competitions. They have many couples who play together, also many single members all of whom regularly come up for 'Rollups' during the summer months. We also have an open day on Sunday 1st July. If you are at all interested in learning to bowl RBC offers free coaching, with qualified coaches, to all over the age of 18, with all equipment provided for this. Please do contact them at radlett. secretary@gmail.com John or Tilsiter on 01923 853231 for more information.

Nicola Day - District Secretary 01923 857750



# Dr. Michael Ingram runs Marathon and Wins 50th Medal

when my robustly built son-in-law sent me a good luck card when I was about to run my thirtieth marathon, his glib promise to run my 50th with me set me racing towards my target.

That is how, on 22nd April this year I happened to be embarking on a very special run in, what must be the world's greatest marathon joined by, not just the rashly promising Simon, but my son Harry and other son in-law James.

The day started well. At Radlett station I met the first baby that I had looked after since becoming a Radlett GP and now he too was running the London Marathon!

Perhaps it was the pleasure of running with my family, or perhaps because it was my 50th, but this year's marathon was the best ever. Yes the heat took its toll, it was exhausting for runners and I have never seen so many walking the course or the St Johns Ambulance so incredibly busy with casualties.

However, the sun had a much more positive effect. The streets were packed with 800,000 people supporting you, just you it seems. A 26 miles carnival of happiness, generosity, comraderie and cheer. For the last aching, sapping, torturing 5 Miles it is just a wall of motivating sound. It must be like running onto the pitch at Wembley in the cup final.

Crossing the finish line was, as ever, a massive high and relief and doing so with my son-in-law made it even better. That 50th medal was hard won.

Perhaps the sun and heat had other effects. I cannot recall passers-by applauding as you walked the streets of London on the way home or fellow runners shaking hand as they passed you. The whole of London was celebrating, from tube workers to tourists.

What is just as incredible is the support I have had in my charity fundraising over the years not just from primarily patients but

There are certain challenges that are just too tempting. So also family and friends. A rough estimate must be well over £150,000 in my 21 years of running London. Let alone the messages of support.

> It's great that we have raised £15,000 for The Samaritans so far and donations are still coming in via www.justgiving. com/50kfor50

> As to the future - well as I have learnt in my profession, you can never believe an addict when they promise to give up ...

## **Michael Ingram**



Simon son-in-law, Michael Ingram, son Harry, son-in-law James

## THIS GIRL CAN CAMPAIGN

In a bid to raise the profile of Womens rugby and support the campaign, Tabard Rugby club, Radlett is calling all women and girls to join them for two very special events.

This Girl Can #thisgirlcan is a national campaign to get women and girls moving, regardless of shape, size or ability, an ethos Tabard endorses. During the week commencing 18th June Tabard Rugby club are hosting a pre season touch rugby session for ladies young and old to test the great game on Wednesday 20th June from 7pm - no experience necessary. If you want to come and join the fun contact laurajopearce@hotmail.com or 07793809586.

Tabard has 2 men's teams, a women's team and a strong minis and juniors section, offering tag and contact rugby from 5 years up. The club has excellent facilities, with two full sized, one of which is floodlit and two half sized pitches, great changing facilities and a recently refurbed clubhouse in Radlett. Currently there is an emphasis at the club to find team mates for the three budding girls

who play mixed under 10's. 'I love rugby' says Gracie Gilbert Under 10's player. 'I love running and tackling the boys, we play lots of matches and festivals but as we get older we separate from mixed rugby and I'm really excited to play with more girls. Girls should play rugby because it really is a great sport'. Due to rugby rules girls no longer play mixed rugby from the age of 12.

The club are hosting a taster rugby session for girls school years 5 to 7 on Saturday 23rd June from 3pm. The session will be led by a professional coach and will be enjoyable and inclusive for all who attend. The session will close with a BBQ and promises to be great fun.

So whatever your age (over 10) or ability and whatever your skill level rugby offers inclusiveness, team work, respect, fitness and most of all fun. For more details contact Laura-Jo Pearce on laurajopearce@hotmail.com or 07793 809586. Tabard Rugby club is on Cobden Hill, Radlett, WD7 7JN



**COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE FOR 2ND LT PETER KENT RFC** 

14 September 1898 – 6 February 1918 held at ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALDENHAM on 11 FEBRUARY 2018

A memorial plaque (see photo below) hangs on the south wall of St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham. It is dedicated to Second Lieutenant Peter Kent, Royal Flying Corps, who died in action in 1918. Who was Peter Kent? Who would remember the bravery and sacrifice of this young man 100 years after his death in WW1?

For fourteen months painstaking research was carried

out by а small team led by Stan Robinson h w 0 organised the ceremonial church and service and Mike Peaker who led the historical research



team. Their dedicated hard work culminated in a moving service of commemoration, almost 100 years to the day that Lt Kent's Sopwith Camel aircraft was shot down close to Amiens on 6 February 1918.

The service was attended by members of the Naval and Military Bible Society, members of the No 3 Squadron Royal Air Force, the Royal British Legion and local Sea and Air Cadet units. In his address, Viscount the Lord Trenchard reminded the congregation that the commemorative service was not only to remember this gallant young pilot, but also that 2018 is the centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force, and to remember the Armistice that declared the end of 'The War to end all Wars'.

Lt Peter Kent was a local boy, born in Letchmore Heath on 14 September 1898. The Kent family home was at Aldenham Cottage on the western edge of Letchmore Heath. Peter's first school was Bengeo College in Hertford. He then followed his father and brother as pupils of Clifton College, Bristol. Peter left Clifton in July 1915 with average academic achievements.



In September 1916 he applied to join an Officer Training Unit with a view to obtaining a commission in the Royal Flying Corps. At this time military aviation was developing rapidly and had probably captured his imagination. Added to which, the Royal Flying Corps had requisitioned land at Shenley early in 1916 and gradually it expanded into a training aerodrome. 56 Squadron were based there from July 1916 to April 1917. It seems that Peter may have begun his full training at Farnborough in March 1917.



2nd Lt Peter Kent RFC

The Kent family held a memorial service in St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham on 15 March 1918. The Order of Service contains a Latin quotation from a poem by Sir Henry Newbolt c1881.

## "Who in a land far away Who died before his time But a soldier, but for his country"

This photo below shows Peter Kent's Next of Kin Memorial



More details of Peter Kent's life and death can be found in a book resting beneath the memorial plaque in Aldenham Church.

> Jan Adams Adapted from a researched report by Stan Robinson

# Aldenham Art Festival

After the very successful inaugural Aldenham Art Festival in September 2017 the Festival will be back this September with an even bigger collection of original art work by local artists and others drawn from far and wide. Last year over 70 artists contributed to the show which attracted over 200 people to the Preview night alone. It filled this gem of an ancient church with high quality framed and unframed original works of art. As an artistic exhibition space the church building is uplifting for viewing the creative work of so many talented artists and socially a marvellous ambience for appreciating the fruits of their labours. In practical terms it is a fund raising event to contribute to the fabric fund of this ancient building. Last year the sale of artwork raised £4 k which included many bargains at affordable prices. So put the dates in your diaries and come, look, browse, and buy if you are inspired by what is on offer. The Preview evening will be a day earlier this year on Thursday 13 September which will allow an additional day for viewing on Friday before the weekend. Once again we are greatly indebted to the sponsorship of Aldenham Golf and Country Club which makes this a great community event.

**Richard Wheeler** 

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The organisation was started by Julian Bishopp with the support of fellow Round Tablers.

For 32 years the weekly recordings were sent to listeners on audio cassettes but in 2010 the organisation started to use USB memory sticks and provided each listener with a playback box/boom box.

For many years the recordings were made in the vestry of the chapel of Shenley Hospital but today we have a dedicated studio in the Village Institute.

Each recording has about 30 minutes of local news and about 30 minutes of magazine articles.

There is no cost to a listener and that includes free postage for the return of the memory sticks.

We run on the help of 50 plus volunteers, readers, editors, controllers and copiers.

We thank councillors on the borough council for their support in providing grants to the organisation.

We thank the local sorting office and its postal staff for looking after us.

We know there are more visually impaired members of the community than we have listeners, so please bring our service to the attention of anyone you know who might benefit from receiving our weekly recording and then contact me.

David Clout, 01923 854403, david.clout@btinternet.com

## **RED HOUSE PATIENTS GROUP**

There was a good turnout for the Red House Patients Group AGM recently and the speaker was the Hertsmere MP Oliver Dowden who gave his views on The Future of the NHS followed by questions and comments.

The new committee members elected were Stuart Nagler, Natalie Sussman, Shirley Bury, Peter Court, Susan Deacon, Helen Deitch, Hannah Gottlieb, Jeff Land, Miriam Moore, S.Kumara-Moorth, and Gill Rogers representing the three surgeries of the practice in Radlett, Shenley and Park Street.

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We run beat surgeries in Radlett Library and mobile 'beat surgeries' every month to discuss crime related concerns with residents.

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We have launched a update of crimes that have happened recently



in Radlett called "the Radlett Round up" visit www.owl.co.uk to receive sign up to OWL

If you have any local policing issues you would like to raise with us, please contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team by email at sntbusheyandradlett@herts.pnn.police.uk

## PCSO Tim Conway

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