



# Around Radlett

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Councillor  
Neil Payne

## Chairman's Message

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 9 March, with a large number of residents attending. The presentation by our consultant, Clare Wright, on the Neighbourhood Plan for Radlett, attracted significant interest, with many questions being put to the speaker. Residents also raised other queries relating to the activities of the Parish Council and the principal authorities.

The results of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation exercise were most encouraging, with approximately 850 questionnaires being returned, which is considered to be a good response. As the vast majority of questionnaires received had been completed by long-term residents, the steering group responsible for the Plan is proposing to encourage those who have moved to Radlett in the recent past to complete it, probably on an online basis. Task groups are being set up to undertake further research and discussion concerning the major themes identified for possible inclusion in the Plan.

Unfortunately, in March, the High

Court dismissed the case brought by St. Albans City & District Council concerning the proposed rail freight depot. Hertfordshire County Council has still to decide whether the land that it owns, representing approximately one-third of the total site required for the depot, will be sold to the developers.

The Council agreed in March that it would participate in a pilot project being organised by the county council. The project covers the regulations and, if necessary, the removal of "A" boards on the public highway. The involvement of the Parish Council should ensure that local outlets can continue to promote their businesses while, at the same time, minimising the inconvenience to pedestrians – particularly the less able and those with prams and push chairs.

We are pleased to have, once again, a

refreshment kiosk in the children's play area of the Recreation Ground.

On 7 May, there will be elections for Aldenham Parish Council, at the same time as the forthcoming General Election and also Borough Council elections. I would like to put on record my thanks to all Councillors who have held office over the past four years, in terms of their contribution to the local community. In particular, I would like to mention two by name, John Howley and Ron Worthy, both of whom have served on the Parish Council for many years and also both acted as Chairman of the Council. Our grateful thanks go to them both.

Councillor Neil Payne  
Chairman  
Aldenham Parish Council



### 'Sunflowers' by Mitzie Green

The painting on the front cover of this edition is 'Sunflowers' by Mitzie Green. Mitzie loves painting sunflowers and has painted over thirty, both in watercolour and acrylics in her recognisable loose style with vibrant colours. Mitzie will be giving a workshop on 17 July and anyone interested can contact her on [artist.mitziegreen@gmail.com](mailto:artist.mitziegreen@gmail.com).

For further information about Mitzie's art see [www.mitziegreen.co.uk](http://www.mitziegreen.co.uk).

Around Radlett would be very grateful to receive any paintings of local scenes, please contact [parks@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parks@aldenham-pc.gov.uk).

## What's On...

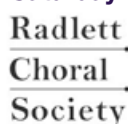
Remember to check the Aldenham Parish Council website for all up to date events and meetings  
[www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

### Tuesday 9 June at 7.30pm



**Aldenham Women's Institute** There will be a talk entitled 'Where the Wild Things Are' from the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust at the Aldenham Memorial Hall, Grange Lane, Letchmore Heath, WD25 8DY.

### Saturday 13 June at 7.30pm



**Radlett Choral Society** Music for a summer evening with desserts served in the interval! Soloist Greg Tassell. Accompanist Nigel Stansfield. Conductor Alex Flood at

The Muse, Watford School of Music, Watford Grammar School for Boys, Rickmansworth Road, Watford WD18 7JA. Tickets £12 from Box Office on **01923 226836** or at the door.

### Thursday 18 June at 7.30pm for 8pm



**Radlett Art Society** There will be a lecture at the Radlett Centre entitled "The Turner Prize Explained" by Frank Woodgate, BA.

### Sunday 28 June at 2-5pm



**Radlett Youth Council Cycle Event**  
See page 11 for details.

### Saturday 4 to Saturday 11 July

**Radlett Art Society** will be holding their forty-ninth annual Art Exhibition at the Radlett Centre. There will be over 300

paintings, three dimensional works and original cards for sale, plus many art books at greatly reduced prices. The John Aphorpe Award will be awarded for the best most promising paintings.

[www.radlett-art-society.co.uk](http://www.radlett-art-society.co.uk)

### Sunday 5 July at 2-5pm

**Allotment Open Day** The Allotments, Gills Hill Lane, Radlett. Organised by the Radlett Horticultural Society in conjunction with



the National Gardens Scheme. Visitors will see well-established allotments with a wide selection of vegetables, fruit and flowers including specialist sweet peas. Fresh produce will be for sale and afternoon tea available. All proceeds to NGS charities. Entrance £3.



Stick Man – A fantastick show for all branches of the family tree! 17 June.



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#### JUNE

**Thur 4** Persuasion 8pm  
**Sat 6** Swing 'n' Sinatra 7.30pm  
**Wed 17** Stick Man 1.30pm & 4.30pm  
**Thur 18** Art Society Lecture 8pm  
**Sat 20** Dreaming of Kate 7.30pm

#### JULY

**Sat 4 – Sat 11** Radlett Art Society Annual Exhibition  
**Sun 12** Bratislava Hot Serenaders 7.30pm

Left: Extraordinary singer and performer Maaïke Breijman brings the music and dance of Kate Bush to Radlett on 20 June.

Right: The Bratislava Hot Serenaders are a seventeen piece band recreating early swing and dance music, getting standing ovations everywhere. They swing by Radlett on 12 July.



Join CBeebies star Tree Fu Tom as he takes to the stage in his first nationwide 'live' tour!

**Thur 16** – Buggy Malone 7.30pm &  
**Sat 18** 2.30pm Sat matinee  
**Sun 19** The Neil Diamond Story 7.30pm  
**Mon 27** – Musical Theatre Workshop  
**Fri 31**  
**AUGUST**  
**Tues 4** Tree Fu Tom 1pm & 3.30pm  
**Weds 5** Tree Fu Tom 11am  
**Mon 17** – Musical Theatre Workshop  
**Fri 21**  
**Fri 28** Ben & Holly 4pm  
**Sat 29** Ben & Holly 10am, 1pm & 4pm



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**Tuesday 14 July at 7.30pm**

**Aldenhams Women's Institute** There will be a talk entitled 'The Wives of Henry VIII' at the Aldenhams Memorial Hall, Grange Lane, Letchmore Heath, Herts WD25 8DY.

**Saturday 8 August at 11am to 5pm**

**Radlett Men's Club** will be holding a **Summer Fair** for the children of Radlett, raising money for local charities, in the grounds of the Radlett Village Institute, 413 Watling Street WD7 7JG. With a bouncy castle, bungee run, gladiator jousting, barbecue and face painting.

**Tuesday 11 August at 7.30pm**

**Aldenhams Women's Institute** There will be a talk entitled 'Thro' the Jewish Year' at the Aldenhams Memorial Hall, Grange Lane, Letchmore Heath, Herts WD25 8DY.

Date for your diaries:  
**SATURDAY 22 AUGUST**

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**FURTHER DETAILS COMING SOON**



Members of the Radlett and District U3A in Phillimore Recreation Ground. Photograph by Simon Pyzer.



The eclipse viewed in Runcorn, Cheshire by Rox Widnes.

## Solar Eclipse

"Millions of people in the UK and northern Europe glimpsed the best solar eclipse in years" says the BBC – see <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-31965456>. Unfortunately not in Radlett!!

The photograph above shows members

of the Radlett and District



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A who assembled bright and early in Phillimore Recreation Ground on Friday 20 March to watch this historic occasion. They donned special eclipse glasses and had ready assembled and waiting their high-powered telescope fitted with a special sun filter, but only

saw clouds and more clouds, no sign of the eclipse.

The circular photo shows what we could have/should have seen. What a disappointment!

We have arranged to get together again, same place, on 12 August 2026, late afternoon, for the next eclipse and I look forward to meeting up again then!

Simon Pyzer



## Radlett Cricket Club



Radlett Cricket Club had the most successful season in our history last year, winning ten trophies for our senior men's teams, women's teams and young

players' teams, and has a full league fixture list in 2015. Mid-week fixtures include matches for the Australian Crusaders, Queen's Park CC from Trinidad during their UK tour and, as part of our unique fifteen year partnership with Middlesex County Cricket Club, most of their 2nd XI matches. We are also very pleased to announce that we are hosting the following Middlesex 1st XI match:

**FRIDAY 31 JULY 2015**

**MIDDLESEX CCC vs KENT CCC**

at

**COBDEN HILL, RADLETT, WD7 7HS**

Gates open at 10.00am

Match starts at 11.30am

Tickets for this Royal London One-Day Cup match at Radlett CC can be bought in advance and will be available to purchase online soon from the Middlesex CCC website [www.middlesexccc.com](http://www.middlesexccc.com)

Type Price

Adults £18 in advance / £20 on day

O65's £10

U16's £5

Parking on Salter's Field £3 Middlesex members/£5 non-members.

Middlesex Full Members have FREE ENTRY to the match on production of their membership card.

Radlett members: Please check the club website for more details - [www.radlettcc.com](http://www.radlettcc.com)

## Use of the Telescope

The Solar Eclipse event was organised by the Astronomy Group who are part of the Radlett and District U3A. The group, under the leadership of Simon Pyzer, would like to thank the Radlett Festival Committee for donating funding for the telescope. A clause was added stating the telescope should also be made available for use by other local groups including schools, scouts/guides etc. They are very pleased to do this and any group wishing to use the telescope should contact Simon Pyzer on [simonpyzer@btinternet.com](mailto:simonpyzer@btinternet.com) or by telephone 0192 3854 978.

For more information about the Radlett & District U3A groups visit [www.u3asites.org.uk](http://www.u3asites.org.uk)

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## Blooming Daffodils at Aldenham Green

## Radlett Festival The Future...

Since the last edition of Around Radlett, Paul Howard, who runs the Radlett Men's Club, has come forward and offered to take over the running of the Festival. This is a great offer, and will mean that the Festival can continue into the future. There is no time to arrange one for this year, but Paul is planning to start up again in time to run the Festival in June 2016.

He will be looking for a team of helpers, so please contact him if you feel you are able. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Paul on **07979 101865** or email **paulhoward74@hotmail.co.uk**

### Final donations from the Festival funds for this year have been as follows:

Fairfield School .....	£401
<i>(purchase of drums)</i>	
Phillimore Court .....	£1265
<i>(new tables and chairs for common room)</i>	
Phillimore Court .....	£400
<i>(Christmas lunch)</i>	
Aldenham Parish Council .....	£400
<i>(contribution to Winter Fair)</i>	
U3A Astronomy Group .....	£1200
<i>(purchase of telescope)</i>	
Radlett Guides visit .....	£1000
<i>to Switzerland</i>	
<i>(to offset exchange rate changes)</i>	
Total.....	£4666

It is worth noting that over the ten years of operation of the Radlett Festival, a total sum of £46,400 has been donated to local worthy causes from the proceeds of the event. There are still some funds available should local groups wish to apply.

Thank you all for coming along each year and making these donations possible.

*Viv Charrett*

On a cold and wet Sunday afternoon in November, a multi-faith group of over fifty volunteers met at Aldenham Green to plant daffodils as part of the Mitzvah Day activities. The event was organised by Lewis Osbourne and was a joint venture with St. John the Baptist Church, Christchurch, Bhaktivedanta Manor, Radlett Reform Synagogue and Radlett United Synagogue. The group included Councillor Martin Worster, Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere, and his wife, Peter Hordern, Chairman of the Radlett Horticultural Society,

obtained the bulbs at a much-reduced cost, courtesy of Aylett Nurseries, and organised the planting. The efforts of the volunteers were rewarded by an enjoyable afternoon, despite the weather, and with tea and cakes provided by the Reverend Robert Fletcher and his team in the church.

The above photograph of the resulting "host of golden daffodils" was taken at the end of March. Hopefully this lovely display will now reappear on the Green every spring.

*Councillor Chris Wilkins*



## Hertsmere Civic Award

I was very delighted, honoured and most surprised to be nominated for a Hertsmere Civic Award for "work undertaken for the benefit of the residents of the Borough", which was in recognition of my chairmanship of the Radlett Festival. Councillor Caroline Clapper nominated me and the awards were presented at the Civic Dinner at Elstree Studios in March.

It was a wonderful evening, and as well as the award certificate, I received a beautiful crystal plinth with a large crystal diamond on top, which now has pride of place on my mantelpiece. I feel that this should really be shared with all the members



*Councillor Viv Charrett, being presented with her award by The Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Carey Keates.*

of the committee as they all worked so hard for the last ten years to make this event possible, and I would like to thank them all for their enormous contributions over that time.

*Councillor Viv Charrett*

## The Harpenden Building Society window display



What better way to advertise your local and/or national event than to 'dress' the window of the Harpenden Building Society appropriately.

Under the direction of Pauline Wright, the ladies at the Harpenden BS have welcomed local societies and national organisations that wish to advertise their events for many years. Set in the centre of Radlett's village it is an ideal way to advertise your event. Passers-by, together with those waiting at the bus stop, are used to seeing attractive and elaborate displays in the window and very frequently stop to admire them, and hopefully make a note of any forthcoming

events.

Past local advertisers include The Radlett Society, Radlett Players, Radlett Light Opera Society, Radlett Festival, Aldenham Parish Council, The Radlett Centre, Radlett Art Society, Churches and Synagogues to name but a few. National events include the National Life Boats and Christian Aid. The list is endless and all are welcome. Those wishing to use the window should do so as soon as their dates are known. Initially, call in to the Harpenden BS or telephone 01923 854457 to check availability, followed by a letter of confirmation or an email to Pauline at [pwright@harpendenbs.co.uk](mailto:pwright@harpendenbs.co.uk).

# Former Workhouse in Aldenham Village

(now Red Lion Cottages)

Today, it is hard to imagine the plight of those very poor people who were forced to enter the dreaded workhouse. Without a home, income, often sick and with young and old people to care for the workhouse was the only alternative to homelessness. There was no benefit system or free health service. If you were unable to work through illness, disability, old age or perhaps you were a child without parents or family to care for you, then you had very little choice.

In 1725, an Act of Parliament first enabled parishes to create workhouses. Soon afterwards and according to the 1725 edition of *'An Account of Several Workhouses'*, a small workhouse was built in Aldenham to the north of St. John the Baptist Church and adjoining the now demolished Chequers Inn. Although some articles state this, it was not so. The original building was on land on the opposite side of the road. The new workhouse was built in its back yard. The Chequers Inn was not demolished, parts of it are now the Aldenham Social Club.

A 1777 report records workhouses existed in areas of Hertfordshire including Watford, Abbots (Langley), Rickmansworth and Aldenham, where thirty 'residents' are listed. The Aldenham Workhouse was a small but long building divided in two, half accommodated the men and the other half the women. We can assume the children were housed with the women.

In around 1782 the workhouse building was superseded by a larger building that was erected on part of the yard and garden belonging to the smaller one. A census taken in 1791 shows that a child as young as four years and a woman aged over eighty years were among the inhabitants of Aldenham Workhouse. Each person listed was given the status 'pauper'.

The workhouse remained in use

The inventory below shows the starkness of the workhouse:

## WOMEN'S ROOM

THREE SACKING BOTTOM  
BEDSTEADS  
ONE BEDSTEAD  
FOUR FEATHER BEDS  
FOUR BOLSTERS  
FIVE BLANKETS  
ONE CHEST OF DRAWERS  
ONE OAK CHEST  
TWO DEAL BOXES  
TWO CHAIRS AND TWO STOOLS

## THE 'PARLOUR'

ONE DEAL TABLE AND FORM  
ONE RUSH BOTTOM CHAIR  
ONE PAIR BELLAWS  
ONE FIRE SHOVEL  
A HANGING IRON AND TRIVET  
ONE COPPER DRINKING SET  
SIX STONE PLATES  
EIGHTEEN TRENCHERS  
(A PLATE OR PLATTER)  
SIX WOODEN BOWLS

until the new Poor Law of 1835. The premises were then acquired by William Stuart, the owner of Aldenham Abbey (Wall Hall), who converted into an inn known as the Red Lion Inn. The venture proved unsuccessful and it closed in 1845. The building was then converted

into a terrace of nine cottages each let for a rent not exceeding £4 per annum. Subsequently, it became a terrace of four cottages, they still stand today and are known as Red Lion Cottages.

Jan Adams  
with advice from Philip Eastburn

## Celebrating Patient Feedback

### West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS

NHS Trust

A new 'Ward of the Month' scheme has been launched across Watford, Hemel Hempstead and St. Albans Hospitals to reward those receiving the best feedback from their patients. This feedback is taken from the National Friends and Family Test and the new iWantGreatCare initiative. It asks for feedback from patients, both inpatient and outpatient, on matters such as the care given, level of information received, cleanliness of the ward and/or outpatient unit and friendliness of staff.

Staff in the winning areas receive a certificate from the Chief Nurse, Professor Tracey Carter who said "we are absolutely delighted with the rate of response and currently receiving 1200 patient comments every week.

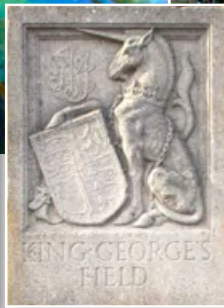
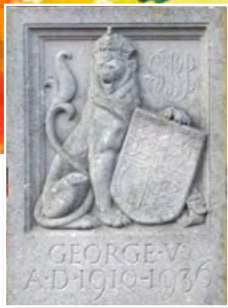


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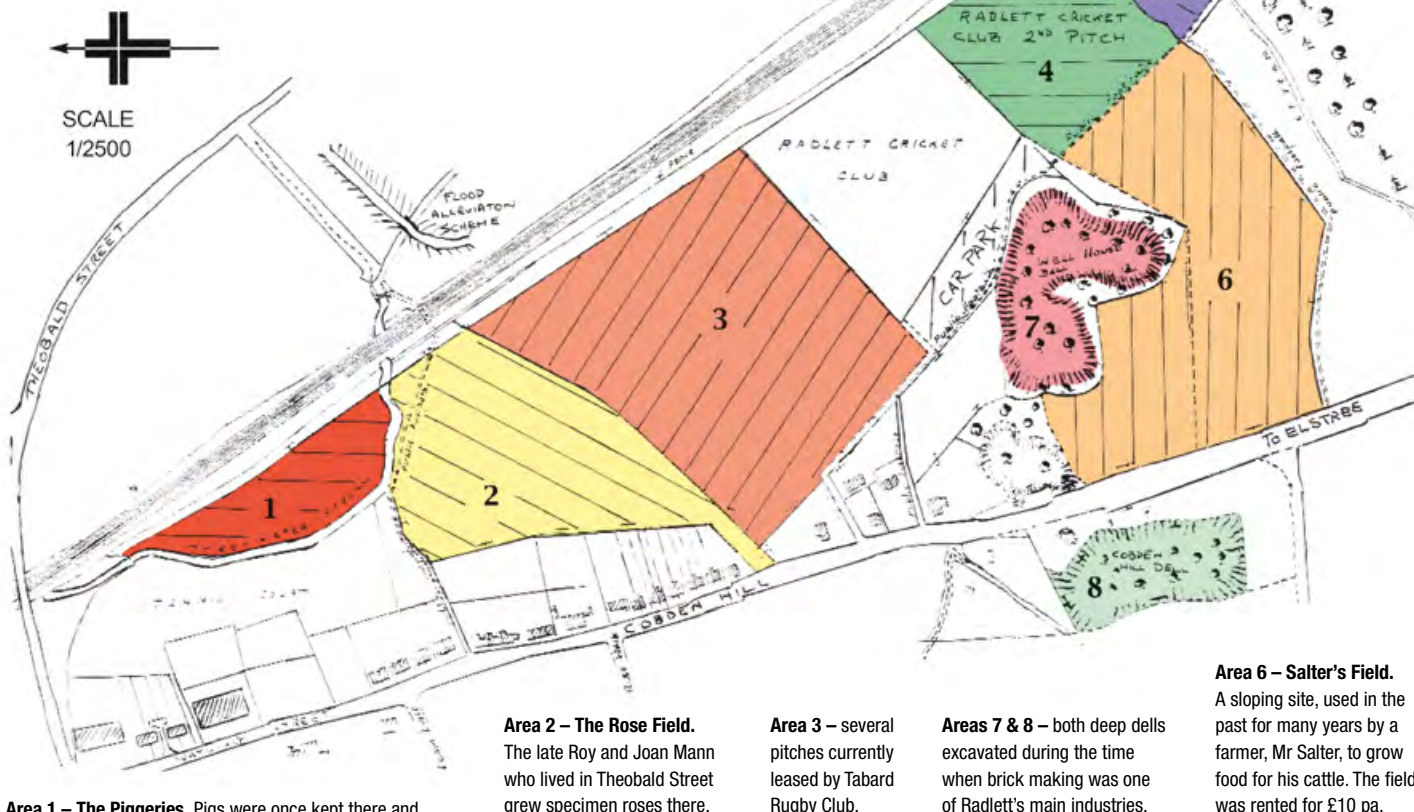
Karen Bowler, Lead Nurse for Patient Experience, West Herts Hospital Trust

# King George V Playing Fields



**Area 4** – a cricket pitch, known as number two pitch and currently leased by Radlett Cricket Club.

**Area 5** – The Picnic Field.



**Area 1 – The Piggeries.** Pigs were once kept there and access over Tykeswater was by a wooden bridge. The bridge no longer exists and the area is now a land locked site.

**Area 2 – The Rose Field.**  
The late Roy and Joan Mann who lived in Theobald Street grew specimen roses there.

**Area 3** – several pitches currently leased by Tabard Rugby Club.

**Areas 7 & 8** – both deep dells excavated during the time when brick making was one of Radlett's main industries.

**Area 6 – Salter's Field.**  
A sloping site, used in the past for many years by a farmer, Mr Salter, to grow food for his cattle. The field was rented for £10 pa.

Upon the death of King George V in 1936, the then Lord Mayor of the City of London set up a committee to consider what form of national memorial to the King should be made. It was agreed that a statue would be built, which is now located in Old Palace Yard, south of The Lady Chapel, Westminster Abbey and opposite the House of Lords. They also agreed to set up a foundation 'to promote and to assist in the creation of playing fields for the use and enjoyment of all', as a living memorial to the late King.

Many sites were purchased through public subscription with additional financial grants being obtained through a Trust set up by the Lord Mayor's committee. Fortunately, for the residents of the Parish of Aldenham, the site chosen for the King George Playing Fields is in Cobden Hill, Radlett – an area purchased by Aldenham Parish Council. Public subscription was not required. However, to be given the title

a 'King George Playing Field' such an area had to be dedicated and used for public recreation and for 'playing on'. Schemes such as ornamental gardens or those that would disappear after a few years were not accepted.

Additionally, each entrance was required to have 'a dignified heraldic panel' to distinguish it as a 'King George's Field'. Such panels were originally sited on the left hand wall at the entrance in Cobden Hill, they were gifted by the late Dudley Fielder, a resident of Cobden Hill. Unfortunately, being a narrow entrance, the wall was hit by a large vehicle and badly damaged. Dudley rescued the panels (see above) before the wall was demolished and gave them to the Parish Council for safekeeping.

The hand drawn map above shows the area of King George Playing Fields with the names of each area and how they originated.

Jan Adams

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**These are the results of the May 2015 elections for Aldenhams East and Aldenhams West. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council will be elected, and all committees will be agreed and Committee Chairmen will be appointed, at the Annual Meeting of Aldenhams Parish Council on Tuesday 19 May 2015.**

**To contact a Parish Councillor go to [councillors@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:councillors@aldenham-pc.gov.uk)**

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Newly elected Councillor Lee Wood

## ALDENHAM WEST



Councillor Tony Butwick



Newly elected Councillor Benjamin Evans



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## Forthcoming Committee Meetings June – August 2015

June	
Mon 1	Planning
Thurs 4	Community Development
Fri 12	Strategic Planning
Mon 15	Planning
Tues 16	Full Council
Tues 23	Finance and General Purposes
Weds 24	Parks & Open Spaces

July	
Mon 6	Planning
Mon 20	Planning
Tues 28	Full Council

August	
Mon 3	Planning
Thurs 6	Community Development
Mon 17	Planning

*Contact the Parish Council office for times of meetings.*

Minutes from the Committee meetings are uploaded to the website once they have been approved and signed by the Chairman of the relevant committee.

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## Annual Parish Meeting 2015

The Annual Parish meeting took place at the Radlett Centre on 9 March 2015. There was an audience of over eighty people. The main topic was a presentation from Clare Wright regarding the Neighbourhood Plan process. This was very informative and certainly answered most of the questions people had about the process and relevance of a plan. Below is an update on other questions asked:

**Mobile catering unit in Phillimore Rec.** The Council is pleased to announce that a new catering unit is in place.

**Trees along the pathway at Phillimore Rec.** It is true that the Council has not replaced all the trees along the pathway in exactly the same positions as they were. This is partly because some of the feedback was that the trees were too close leading to people feeling unsafe to use the pathway after dusk. However, the same number of trees have been replanted in the Recreation Ground, some along the pathway and

some near the depot.

**Cycle Tracks** There were concerns raised regarding the cycle track along the A5183. This has been taken up with Hertfordshire County Council as part of a general initiative on cycling in the Parish.

**Hire of the Radlett Centre Auditorium during the day** The Radlett Centre is not part of the Council, however, Aldenhams Parish Council do have two representatives on the Board and this question was raised with the General Manager by Councillor Chris Wilkins.

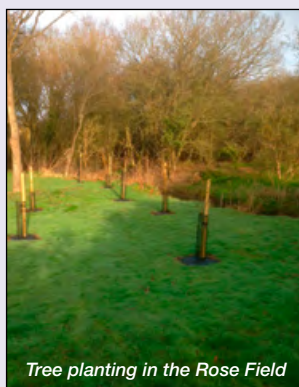
It is worth emphasising that bookings for the theatre are often made months ahead and may cover several days. There are a variety of configurations and staff are needed to make the necessary changes, both before and after an event. This can limit short term flexibility and, of course, adds to costs.

*Peter Evans, Parish Council Manager*

## Improving our green spaces

This spring Aldenhams Parish Council has planted a group of trees at the bottom of The Rose Field, where it borders Tykeswater, and also trees along the boundary of Tabard Rugby Football Club's pitch. The planting was carried out to screen the railway line which runs behind both fields. These trees were planted from the Council's tree nursery which the groundstaff maintain at the top end of The Rose Field. This spring, sections of hedging were planted along the top of the Picnic Field (where it joins Salter's Field) to landscape the greenery around the newly installed kissing gate.

*Claire Fletcher,  
Parks and Open Spaces Officer*



## Aldenhams Parish Council's Fun Day



On Sunday 3 May, Aldenhams Parish Council held a Fun Day at Phillimore Recreation Ground. Children enjoyed fun activities including face painting, bouncy castles, circus skills and a football speedgame. Paula's Deli, situated in the children's play area, served up delicious food and drinks. Aldenhams Parish Council would like to thank everyone who came along and made it such a successful event.

## Burglary at Phillimore Recreation Ground

In the early hours of 18 March 2015, premises at Phillimore Recreation Ground, off Gills Hill, Radlett were targeted by burglars. A window was forced open in the Pavilion and the office, used currently by the Police Community Support officer, was ransacked and his bicycle stolen.

The Groundstaff depot was also targeted with access being gained through a window. The area was ransacked with an attempt being made to remove some of the contents.

The mobile catering unit, owned privately by Paula's Deli, was also broken into. The damage internally to this unit was so severe that it had to be repaired before she could commence trading. It also meant that the Council had to postpone the launch event due on 2 April 2015 and the Easter event had to be cancelled. I am pleased to say that Paula's Deli is now up and running.

This incident is on CCTV and the Council asks that if you have any information that may lead to the apprehension of these people that you please call the police on 101. It is also worth noting that outbuildings seem to be very vulnerable at the moment so the police ask you to be vigilant and report any incidents of attempted or actual break-ins to your sheds etc.

*Peter Evans, Parish Council Manager*



Paula's Deli is open daily in Phillimore Recreation Ground from 11am to 5pm. Full details of her amazing menu (including home-made ice cream) are published on Aldenhams Parish Council's website [www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

*Lucy Jackman,  
Community Development Officer*



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## New Battlers Green notice board

Aldenhams Parish Council has installed a new noticeboard in Battlers Green by the shopping parade. This replaces the previous one which had become dilapidated. The new board has two sections behind glazed doors. One section is used by Aldenhams Parish Council for Council information. The other section is for local non-profit making organisations. If you would like to put up a notice please contact the Parish Council office on **01923 856433**. The noticeboards are monitored and regularly maintained by the Groundstaff on their rounds and they will remove business advertisements or out of date items.



Aldenhams Parish Council would like to thank Herts County Councillor Caroline Clapper for her very generous grant through the Locality Budget Scheme that funded this new notice board.

*Claire Fletcher,  
Parks and Open Spaces Officer*

## Who's responsible for the upkeep of our grass verges?

We are lucky to have many grass verges in our roads helping to make our area look more attractive and rural. Unfortunately, these verges often get destroyed and churned up by thoughtless motorists and lorry drivers. Grass verges, as with overhanging hedges, are the responsibility of the Highways Department at Hertfordshire County Council. To report a damaged verge contact HCC telephone **0300 123 4047** or email [cschighways@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cschighways@hertfordshire.gov.uk).

*Jan Adams*

## Radar Keys

The Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (RADAR) set up a key scheme, now run by Disability Rights UK, by which people with a disability can obtain a RADAR key to access locked disabled toilets, and to open some gates in parks and on footpaths. In the Parish of Aldenhams there is a RADAR lock on the kissing gate leading into Phillimore Recreation Ground and also on the gate at the top of the Picnic Field.

Keys can be purchased from the reception desk at Hertsmere Borough



*The Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation joined with Disability Alliance and The National Centre for Independent Living to form Disability Rights UK in January 2012.*



Council offices, Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood at a cost of £4 each. The purchaser needs to take documentation to prove disability such as a Blue badge.

## When to cut or not cut your hedges

We are all responsible for the maintenance of our own hedges.

### Overhanging the Public Highway

If hedges overhang the public highway and obstruct part of the pavement it is the responsibility of the householder to cut them back. Overhanging hedges can be dangerous. They can cause injury to those walking on the pavements and in some cases force pedestrians to walk into the road. They can be a hazard to motorists who are unable to see past the offending hedge forcing them to position their vehicle further onto a junction.

Overhanging hedges causing a

nuisance is a Highways matter and should be reported to Hertfordshire County Council who will write to the householder asking them to cut it back. The identity of the person making the complaint will not be revealed. To contact HCC telephone **0300 123 4047** or email [cschighways@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cschighways@hertfordshire.gov.uk).

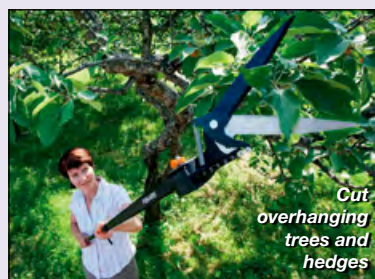
### Overhanging a neighbouring property

Overhanging branches can be a nuisance to neighbouring properties. In the first instance speak to your neighbour and ask them to trim back, alternatively ask if you can trim the branches. It has been said that you are entitled to throw the overhanging branches into the neighbouring property but perhaps this is not wise if you wish to maintain a good friendly relationship with your neighbour, so speak to them first.

### When to cut

The hedge-growing season is generally March to October but it makes the greatest sense not to cut while birds are nesting (March to end July). It should be an easy thing to find out by general observation and occasionally peering into your hedges to see what lies within. Interestingly, it is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 'to intentionally take, damage, or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built'.

*Jan Adams*





## Rotary Five Fields Fun Run

The 8th Radlett Rotary Fun Run event took place once more on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May, at Radlett Cricket Club. As in previous years there were two races (1.5km and 5km), again generously sponsored by local chartered accountants Nagler Simmons.

The weather was kind to us, and following the usual trend, numbers were slightly up on last year with a little over 300 runners in total. It's expected that in excess of £3,000 was raised to be shared between Rotary charities and our associated charity, Hertsmere Mencap.

There isn't enough space here for all the results, but the first past the post in the 1.5km event was Samuel Newman in 5 minutes 30 seconds and the first girl was Maya Brockie. And special mention should be made of seven year old Emma Fielden who herself raised £280 for Hertsmere Mencap – brilliant! In the 5km event the fastest on the

day was Michael Dan in a blistering 16 minutes 52 seconds, closely followed by Blake Vivian and then by fifteen year old Jonathan Mackett. The first woman was Ruth Rutt in 22 minutes 16 seconds. The under 12's girls trophy was won by Rebekah Green and the under 16's by Mima Mari Nkovic and the corresponding boy's trophies by Angus Chisolm and Jonathan Mackett. The team trophy was won by team Crosspath, consisting of Andrew and Simon Rogers, Luke Winstanley and Neil Tobias.

Full results will (or have been) posted onto our sponsor's website found at [www.naglersimmons.co.uk](http://www.naglersimmons.co.uk). We also hope to publish more photos of the event, accessible from the same site.

Thanks to Radlett Cricket Club for hosting the event, to Aldenham Parish Council for their support, and to all those that helped with the event. Thanks also to the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertsmere, Councillor Carey Keates

and Mrs Shirley Keates, and to Councillor Neil Payne, Chairman of Aldenham Parish Council for their help in presenting the medals and trophies.

And make a note in your diaries for next year's event. Same time and place, on Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May 2016.

*Simon Pyzer,  
Radlett Rotary Club*



*The winners of the 1.5 km event, Samuel Newman and Maya Brockie, with the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertsmere, Councillor Carey Keates and Mrs Shirley Keates, and Councillor Neil Payne, Chairman of Aldenham Parish Council.*



### **RADLETT YOUTH COUNCIL Cycle Event**

To promote the 'Hertfordshire Year of Cycling' the Radlett Youth Council will be holding a Cycle Event at Phillimore Recreation Ground on Sunday 28 June from 2pm to 5pm.

It promises to be a fun and educational day with the opportunity for you to donate any unused bicycles to charity, learn about the health benefits of riding a bicycle and how to do so safely. Please look out for more information about this exciting event and start pedalling!!

To learn more about improving lives through bicycle re-use please visit [www.re-cycle.org](http://www.re-cycle.org) for more information.



Hertfordshire County Council has been running a project entitled 'Hertfordshire Year of Cycling' since May 2014. It is due to end in late summer 2015.

Working with schools, beginner cyclists, clubs and elite racers alike, their aim is to make Hertfordshire a place where cycling is better provided for across all the disciplines and user groups.

With this in mind, Aldenham Parish Council invited Jez Cox ('The Year of Cycling' Project Manager) to attend a Community Development Committee meeting to give his advice.

A Working Party has now been set up to look more closely into where safer cycle routes are needed, both on and off the road, as well as improved signage and more bicycle storage. As funding from County might be made available for some of the above, we are looking to

put together a good case to show the need for their support.

If you, or any local rider you know, would be interested in discussing these initiatives further please get in touch with the Parish Council Manager, Peter Evans, on **01923 856433** or email [manager@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:manager@aldenham-pc.gov.uk).

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## The 23rd World Scout Jamboree

In July this year, 30,000 young people will be gathering in Yamaguchi, Japan for an event like no other. This is the 23rd

World Scout Jamboree and will be held on reclaimed land in the western part of Honshu, Japan. For ten days the Jamboree site will become one of the largest conurbations in Japan. The theme of the Jamboree is based on the kanji character WA, and embraces many meanings such as unity, harmony, co-operation and friendship. Peace will be a major theme, as the Jamboree coincides with the seventieth anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. All participants will have the opportunity to visit the Peace Memorial Park and there will be a special ceremony held with representatives from each country.

Four young people from the local area will be part of the 100-strong contingent of Hertfordshire Scouts joining the adventure. Fourteen year old Jonathan Obstfeld (opposite) tells us of his preparations.

Michael Worthy

*"A big part of our preparation has been around the fundraising required. The trip costs £3000 which was split between the District, the Group and my personal efforts. The 4th Radlett Scout Group did bag packing, Rotary Fun Run stewarding and a quiz supper. For my part, I made red white and blue turks head woggles and sold them, I did a sponsored climb and I was part of the district team running a photography competition and compiling the winning photos into a calendar which we sold (I still have a few left if anyone would like one in exchange for a donation). I have also been babysitting, cleaning cars and doing a summer job to raise my share of the money.*

*With just a few months left before we go, we now know that we will be staying with a Japanese family in home hospitality for a couple of nights in Hyogo, near Kobe City. We then have ten nights at the Jamboree during which time we will be visiting Hiroshima to commemorate the seventieth anniversary. The theme of the camp is Wa (Unity) and the aim is to raise awareness and cultural understanding and acceptance between the youth from across the world. There will be a lot of social media around the event. We end up with four days in Tokyo where we will have the opportunity to explore the City.*

*I am looking forward to the experience, to making lots of new friends from the global Scouting community and bringing back Scouting and Unity ideas to share with my Group and the wider community."*

Jonathan Obstfeld, aged 14, 4th Radlett Scouts.

## Fair Field School to become an Academy

Fair Field Junior School in Watford Road, Radlett, who achieved an Outstanding Ofsted report in 2012, was granted Academy status on 1 April 2015.

Fair Field Head and Governors have been working with lawyers and the Department for Education to ensure that the pros and cons are fully understood.

Parents and staff have been consulted at every step and feedback from them has been one hundred percent positive. It is proposed that changes will subtle at first but meaningful over time. Academy status gives schools the advantage of more freedom and autonomy to develop their own creative curriculum, and to operate in a more entrepreneurial way.

There will be more activities and more variety both during school and outside school hours.

A committed and strategic Trust will lead, challenge and support the school to strive beyond excellence. With new freedoms, the school will make its own success and be entirely responsible for its own direction and future for the benefit of its pupils, their families and our community.

Matt Johnson, Headteacher said: "We are really excited about the opportunities that Academy status will bring Fair Field Junior School. We are particularly keen to develop our curriculum to make it even more engaging and creative over time. I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our staff for their hard work in getting us to this point in Fair Field's journey and to thank parents for their fantastic support. I look forward to the future, to further improvements and to the exciting times ahead."

Jan Adams



# Do you hear the people sing?

Well, you can certainly hear the children sing in Radlett! The local schools, Fair Field, Newberries and Shenley Primary all have excellent choirs. They have performed in concerts that include *Christmas Praise* in Aldenham Church, *Oliver* at the Radlett Centre, a concert at the Christ Church 150 Year Anniversary and the production of a recording of a charity song by local teenager Elissa for the Keech Hospice.

What is next for children's music in Radlett? The Radlett Festival of Music is organising a Summer Concert, the date to be confirmed. For further details visit [radlettmusicfestival.blogspot.co.uk](http://radlettmusicfestival.blogspot.co.uk).

Helen Street

## Young Pianists

The piano students of Rena Delaney held their 29th Annual Piano Concert on 8 March in Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls. The event took place in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertsmere. 150 people enjoyed the performance that included pieces such as Grieg's 'Wedding Day at Troldhaugen', played by the *Pianist of the Year* trophy winner Catrina Coy aged fourteen years.

Proceeds from the concert were donated to the Mayor's charities Kidney Research and Hertsmere Mencap. The Mayor called the concert "inspiring for all young

people" and has invited some of Rena's students to perform at the Charity Garden Party to be held in Bushey in May, to mark the end of his Mayoral term of office.

Rena who has taught piano for over thirty years teaches using the Suzuki method, the mother tongue method whereby students learn to play before they can read. Parents are encouraged to attend lessons. Many teenage diploma students also teach and practice with younger students who benefit and are encouraged by this experience.

Rena Delaney



Rena Delaney with some of her students

## Music at St. John's C of E Infant and Nursery School



We have been developing our music provision at St. John's and have been enjoying sharing the children's skills and experiences in our school.

Our school choir is flourishing with over thirty members. They led the rest of the school in joining in with schools across the nation to celebrate National Sing Up Day. It was wonderful to be part of a national initiative and the children sounded wonderful!

Our budding musicians play a variety of instruments and have been keen to share these with each other. These instruments include the violin, cello and piano. We also have our sixteen Year 2 violinists who have weekly lessons in school. It has been amazing to see their skills develop throughout the school year.

Arabella Mooney



## Young Singers in Radlett

Nearly nine years ago, Helen Lappert began a junior singing group in Radlett. Three of her pupils Charlotte, Isla and Saskia have written below about their singing experiences.

*"I joined the Singing Circle in September 2013 partly because I loved singing but also because I needed a skill for my DofE. When I first joined there were four other girls in the group. Every week we would sing a variety of songs in unison, separately and with harmonies. My favourite songs were theatrical ones from shows and films. In March I entered the Watford Music Festival as a solo artist singing 'Annie's Song' by John Denver, I came third, this gave me the confidence I never had before. One of my singing friends, Gabrielle, and I started a lesson together working towards our grade 3 and preparing a duet for the Watford Music Festival. I hope to continue progressing through my grades and singing with Helen in the future."*

Charlotte Day, aged 15 years

*"I have been singing since before I could talk. How I got into it, I can't actually remember but it is one of my favourite things to do. I have progressed a lot since I started singing lessons when I was about eight years old. I have sung at the Watford Music Festival. I have*

*several types of music that I like but my favourites are pop and show songs. When I am older I would like to be performing on stage for concerts or stage productions."*

Isla Morgan, aged 12 years

Saskia is a pupil at a local school. She loves all aspects of English and Drama but until recently was overlooked when it came to performances because of her lack of confidence. Last year, things changed when Saskia started to have singing lessons with Helen. She flourished so much that the school teachers remarked on her new-found confidence. Saskia is going to enter the Watford Festival this year.

Saskia Kalms, aged 7 years

For junior or adult singing lessons – contact Helen on 07799 068554.

Helen Lappert



# A Fit and Healthy Summer



## Tai Chi

Chen style Tai Chi is being taught at the Radlett Village Institute, 413 Watling Street, Radlett Herts WD7 9EZ every Wednesday evening 7-8pm for beginners and 7-8.30pm for advanced. Tai Chi is a 400 year old martial art form known for its meditative, health promoting and healing qualities with its slow moving concentrated and focused movements. For further information or booking please contact Elliot on **07973 124400** or email **Elliot@tvgltd.com**



## Register for a Free Swim

Hertsmere Borough Council is continuing their Free Swim Scheme. The scheme is available to residents aged between 3-16 years and over sixty years. It is available at The Furze Field Centre in Potters Bar, The Venue in Borehamwood and Bushey Grove in Bushey.

Session times are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 7.30am to 9.30am and 4pm to 6pm. Saturday – 1pm to 4pm.

*Note: The above times are applicable during term time only. To apply for the Free Swim Scheme at the venue of your choice, take with you proof you are a Hertsmere resident and proof of age. You must show your membership card each time you visit, without it you will have to pay.*

Jan Adams



## Walking Around Radlett

The beautiful countryside that surrounds Radlett and its villages has a network of lovely walks. A *Walks Around Radlett* booklet containing full details of nine circular walks is available from Aldenham Parish Council office priced at £1. The full colour booklet complete with drawings and photographs gives details of the length of each walk, and sights to be seen and recognised to keep you on the right path. David Bagon and Corinne Housechild originally compiled the walks booklet in conjunction with Aldenham Parish Council.

On Friday 10 April, thirty-seven people from the Radlett branch of the

Hertfordshire Health Walks (HHW), joined together with a 10th Anniversary Walk starting at Aldenham Golf Club. Afterwards a celebratory drink and meal was held at the Golf Club.

The Friday morning walks usually start from Battlers Green Farm, they are three miles long and take an hour. The walks take place fifty-two weeks of the year regardless of weather or bank holiday.

Also available, is a full colour up-to-



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date Footpath Map produced as a poster by the Radlett Society and Green Belt Association. The A2 poster lists all footpaths and bridleways, roads, streams, water and wooded areas. It is surrounded by thirty-four beautiful watercolour paintings produced by a local art group showing flowers, birds, wildlife and some sights you may like to look out for on your walk. The poster is available from the Aldenham Parish Council office priced at £10. For more information about Hertfordshire Health Walks visit **[www.hertfordshirehealthwalks.org](http://www.hertfordshirehealthwalks.org)** or telephone **01992 588433**.

Jan Adams and David Bagon



Hertfordshire



Health Walks

# Yoga and Tennis at Phillimore Recreation Ground

As part of the 'We Move, She Moves' project for women, there are yoga and tennis activity sessions this summer in Radlett.

**Cardio Tennis:** A tennis inspired workout with no tennis skills required. Meet at the Tennis Courts in Phillimore Recreation Ground, Gills Hill, WD7 8AL. Thursdays 10.15am – 11.15am. Cost £3 per session. For more information please call **020 8207 7801**.

**Tennis and Gossip:** Free tennis sessions for girls aged 12–18 years old.



Come down and play some tennis with a qualified coach and then have chat and catch up with your friends. Meet at Radlett Lawn Tennis and Squash Club, 425 Watling Street, Radlett WD7 7JG. Sundays 24 and 31 May 5pm–6.30pm. *No need to book – just turn up.*

**Yoga:** Free yoga sessions to work on your posture, flexibility and strength. Held at Phillimore Recreation Ground, Gills Hill, WD7 8AL on Fridays, 1.30pm–2.30pm. *No need to book – just turn up.*

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## Operation Gnome - protecting gardens and allotments



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Hertfordshire Constabulary is launching Operation Gnome, a new initiative to help remind residents to keep their gardens, sheds and allotments secure. Inspector Paul Lawrence, from Hertfordshire Constabulary's Crime Reduction Unit, advises: *"If you use your shed or garage to store valuable equipment, like lawn mowers, power tools, bicycles or leisure equipment, don't make it easy for burglars. Use good quality locks or even an alarmed padlock, keep garden gates locked and visibly mark items with your postcode and register them on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)."*

These are some of the ways you can make your outbuildings more secure:

- Always lock your shed, preferably with two 'hasp and staple' locks (one near the top and one near the bottom of the door) or use an alarmed padlock
- Secure your rear garden by locking entry gates with a padlock
- Burglars can use garden tools to break in, so make sure you securely lock away any tools after use
- Ensure boundary fences are secure and in good condition. Spiky plants along garden boundaries are good additional deterrents

- Tools and gardening equipment should be visibly marked with your postcode and house number – this can deter thieves and help police identify the rightful owner
- Remember to lock your garage door securely. Metal 'up and over' doors can be secured with extra locks fitted either side and/or a floor-mounted locking 'T' bar with a closed shackle padlock. Wooden garage doors can be secured with two substantial hasps and staple locks and closed shackle padlocks (your local DIY store can advise on the most secure options)
- Join your local *Neighbourhood Watch* or *Allotment Watch* to help reduce crime in your local area.

For more detailed advice, please visit [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk) or call them on **101**.



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