



# Around Radlett

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# Season's Greetings



### 'Edge Grove School in Winter' by Saveliy Burchinskiy

The watercolour painting on the front cover of this edition is 'Edge Grove School in Winter' by Saveliy Burchinskiy, aged thirteen, a former pupil of Edge Grove School. Please see the article on page 13 for the history of Edge Grove.

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



Councillor  
Neil Payne

## Chairman's Message

Firstly, I must put on record the Parish Council's thanks to Philip Eastburn, who died recently, for his long-standing service to the Council and his contribution to the residents of the Parish. He was a Parish Councillor for twenty years from 1983 to 2003, serving on many of the Council's committees. His knowledge of local history was second to none, and he often contributed most interesting articles on the subject to *Around Radlett*. A full obituary appears on page 11 of this edition.

It has been a busy few months for the Parish Council, with extensive work at the Phillimore Recreation Ground ('the Rec'). The old Pavilion has been demolished, and the new toilets are in place although more work is required to link up the toilets to the new drainage system that has been installed. Meanwhile, Paula's Deli appears to have been very popular with those using the Rec.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan continues apace, with the four Working Groups meeting regularly to consider

the different areas identified as a result of the public consultation. The Steering Group will shortly be putting together a draft of the Plan, which will be the subject of further consultation amongst Radlett residents.

The Planning Committee continues to be inundated with planning applications for both rebuilds and extensions in Radlett.

A most successful *Limitless & Films in the Park* event took place on 22 August. Once again, this was very well attended and proved most enjoyable, with many activities, including two films, particularly for families and the young. Our thanks go to Lucy Jackman, for leading the organisation of the event, and also all those who assisted with the event.

On 6 September, the Radlett Youth Council organised a *Cycling Event* at the Rec. Designed to encourage cycling, and to raise funds for Re-cycle, which provides Africa with bikes, the event was well-attended and all appeared to have great fun. For further details, please see the article on page 10. Our thanks to the Youth Council for organising this event.

The Council has been considering the

implications of the unauthorised trail network for off-road biking that has been established in Wellhouse Dell over the summer. It is looking at whether this could be formalised as an official trail network, either wholly adopted or supported in some capacity by the Parish Council.

New signage and line marking has been introduced at the Radlett Centre, in order to emphasise the ways in and out of the car park. This is to avoid potential accidents, as some people have been leaving the car park by the entrance, rather than the exit.

We hope that parishioners will attend the *Winter Fair* on Sunday 29 November at the Radlett Centre. The Fair, which has become a fixed event in the Parish Council calendar, culminates in the switching on of the Christmas Lights.

*Finally, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of all Councillors and members of the staff of the Parish Council, to extend to all readers Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year.*

Councillor Neil Payne  
Chairman  
Aldenham Parish Council

## 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)



### Friday 20 November 2.30pm–4.30pm

**Joan's Afternoon Coffee** in aid of Age-related Macular Degeneration, Hillingdon Hospital at the Vision Hall, Christ Church, Watling Street, Radlett WD7 7JJ. Entrance £2. Bottle tombola, raffle and cake stall etc. All welcome to help with funds for this worthwhile cause.

### Friday 20 November

**St. John the Baptist Church, Aldenham: Christmas Dinner** in the church. Please contact Rudi Keyser **07713 841936**.

### Sunday 22 November 11am–2pm

**Bloodwise** (formerly *Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research*) will be holding their **Annual Christmas Bazaar** at the Phillimore Centre, Battlers Green Drive, Radlett. Christmas cards, toys, raffle, tombola and much more.

### Saturday 28 November 10am–12pm

**Radlett United Free Church, Christmas Market.**

### Saturday 28 November 10.30am–12pm

**St. John the Baptist Church, Aldenham: Christmas Coffee morning.**

### Saturday 28 November at 7.30pm

**The Phoenix Band's very popular annual Christmas concert** of fun and festive music for all the family will again be held in Christ Church, Radlett. Tickets on the door (£6 adults,

£4 concessions). Light refreshments on sale. All proceeds from ticket sales and refreshments will go to the Keech Hospice ([www.keeche.org.uk](http://www.keeche.org.uk)).

### Sunday 29 November 1.30pm–5.30pm

**Aldenham Parish Council** will be holding their **Winter Fair** at the Radlett Centre. TV presenter and Italian chef Dino D'Acampo will be turning on the Christmas Lights at 5pm.

### Friday 4 December 3–5pm



**The St. John's Infant and Nursery Church of England School's Christmas Fair**

Come along and join in the festive fun, including tombolas, cake stall, crafts and prizes. Santa will be making a special visit where children can meet him and be given a gift. Entrance is just £1 per family. All profits go to St. John's Infant and Nursery



Follow Snow White's adventure in the enchanted forest as she escapes the Wicked Queen, helped by seven little people with big hearts. Join in the fun, songs and laughter of this extremely popular fairy story with all your favourite pantomime characters... and a magic mirror!!

## DECEMBER

**Sat 5 – Snow White**  
**Weds 30**

## JANUARY

**Fri 8** Roy Chubby Brown 8pm  
**Sat 9** The Emperor & The Nightingale 2pm  
**Sat 16** Think Floyd 7.30pm  
**Weds 20** **Christine Walkden 8pm**  
**Sat 23** Handa's Hen 11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm



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**Sun 24** The Elvis Years 7.30pm  
**Weds 27** Tony Stockwell 8pm  
**Thurs 28** The Werther Ensemble 8pm  
**Sat 30** Elaine Delmar 7.30pm



Gardener Christine Walkden – best known from *The One Show*, *The Paul O'Grady Show* and her own BBC1 series '*Christine's Garden*' – makes people both laugh and cry in the first half as she tells of the thrills and spills of her life in gardening and the media, while in the second half takes questions in a '*Gardeners Question Time*' Q&A session.



Andy Kirkpatrick's '*Cold Mountain*' takes you on an adventure that is at the very boundary of the possible; physically, mentally and emotionally. *Cold Mountain*, like all of Andy's shows, is hard to pin down; a mix of comedy, pathos and brutal honesty about a life on the edge in every sense.

## FEBRUARY

**Fri 5** Stephen K Amos 8pm  
**Sat 6** Mr Albert's Big Finish 11am & 2pm  
**Sat 6** The Phantom Raspberry Blower of Old London Town 8pm  
**Thurs 25** **Andy Kirkpatrick – Cold Mountain 8pm**  
**Sat 27** Syd Lawrence Orchestra 7.30pm

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Church of England School, Gills Hill Lane, Radlett.

## Sunday 6 December at 6pm

**Father Christmas** (aka David Press) will be turning on his Christmas lights and putting on a small firework display at 33 Battlers Green Drive. Proceeds will go to **Bloodwise** (formerly *Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research*).

## Sunday 6 – Sunday 13 December



**Radlett Jewish Community Chanukah services** will be held at the Radlett Centre. At the time of going to press the times are yet to be finalised. Please check with synagogues for times.

## Saturday 12 December at 6.30pm

**Radlett Choral Society's Community Christmas Concert** with the Choirs of

Fair Field and Newberries Schools in Christ Church, Watling Street. Followed by refreshments.

## Saturday 19 December at 6pm

**Radlett Men's Club** is holding a Christmas Party for its members and their guests. Disco and buffet. Invitations can be bought through members, or at the club. For more information email [info@radlettmensclub.co.uk](mailto:info@radlettmensclub.co.uk) or telephone **01923 857536**.

## Saturday 9 January 10am–12pm

**Clothing Collection** for a deprived area called Blakenall Heath in the Midlands. Clothes and bed linen should be brought to St. John's Church Hall on Gills Hill Lane, Radlett.

## Saturday 9 January at 4.30pm

**Shenley Park** will be **Wassailing the Orchard**. Meet at the Chapel from

4.30pm for a 5pm start. There will be a short torchlight procession to the orchard where children wake up the trees with sticks and everyone makes some noise. There will be some fireworks before everyone heads back to the Chapel for soup and cake. The event lasts approximately one and half hours with a suggested donation of £2 per person. Although not essential, please let us know if you are coming so we can get enough soup and cake. Please bring a torch. Email [info@shenleypark.co.uk](mailto:info@shenleypark.co.uk) or telephone **01923 852629**. Shenley Park WD7 9DW.



## Tuesday 16 February at 2pm

**Radlett Flower Club** There will be a demonstration entitled '*Watch this Space*' by Jo Bromwich at St. John's Church, Gills Hill Lane, Radlett.





Aldenham Parish Council

# Winter Fair

Sunday 29 November 1.30-5.30pm



TV presenter and Italian chef Gino D'Acampo is switching on the Christmas Lights at 5pm

Santa's Grotto, his Elves and Real Reindeer

Indoor Craft Fair with over 30 stalls

Free Parking in Newberries Car Park

Snow Globe, Helter Skelter, Christmas Pudding Bouncy Castle, Rodeo Reindeer



For more information please contact Lucy Jackman on 01923 856 433 or email [community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

The event is organised by Aldenham Parish Council

## Watling Street Christmas Lights

Aldenham Parish Council have longer term plans to upgrade the Christmas lights along the parade of Watling Street shops. Earlier this year the decision was taken to replace the artificial Christmas Trees (which had come to the end of their life) with lights in the street trees to match those in The Radlett Centre and Radlett Gardens. As the trees on Watling Street are the property of Herts County Council, Aldenham Parish Council contacted the authority back in March to request permission to light the trees on their land. Herts CC passed on the request to their contractor, Ringway. The latter advised that, due to certain

restrictions, in order to light the section of trees from Boots to HOBs, trenching would have to be dug from the trees to the closest lamppost. Unfortunately the funding is not in place for this trenching to be carried out this year, but Aldenham Parish Council remain committed to these improvements, and are looking to raise funds to carry out the work in time for next Christmas. Fortunately the trees from the war memorial to Beaver Travel will be lit from existing power, so we hope you like the addition to the lights this year!

Lucy Jackman  
Community Development and Engagement Officer

## Radlett Art Society

Our Thursday Workshop continues with weekly painting sessions for our members at Radlett Village Institute. Our studies: still-life exercises, occasional life models, portrait models, demonstrations by artists. Some members choose to work on their own ideas, all with advice and encouragement. For fun, we will have a Christmas card competition in December. Our festive Christmas Supper will be at Porters Park on Wednesday 9 December. We hope many members and their guests will join us at this enjoyable event. Tickets obtainable from our Secretary, Mrs Pamela Knight. Our lectures and visits continue and can all be seen in our new Calendar of Events, [www.radlett-art-society.co.uk](http://www.radlett-art-society.co.uk).

Carmen Beal, Chairman, Radlett Art Society

## Aldenham parkrun

Aldenham parkrun takes place every Saturday at 9am in Aldenham Country Park, Aldenham Road, Elstree, Hertfordshire, WD6 3BA. It is a free weekly 5km, timed run (not race), designed for all ages and abilities. You simply register on the website ([www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk)) and print off a barcode. Registration is one off and then you can turn up at 9am on run day, with your barcode, ready to run. Your time is recorded and appears on the parkrun website. Parkrun is a national organisation and the Aldenham parkrun was launched at the end of June 2015. Our events page is <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/aldenham>.

Tim Underhill

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# Hertsmere Community Transport's 'Shopper Scheme'



Hertsmere Community Transport operates a vital Shopper Scheme within the community yet little seems to be known about it. The Shopper Scheme is a door to door service for people who have difficulties in using public transport to go shopping. This may be due to mobility problems or other special needs. People are picked up from their homes by mini bus and taken to local supermarkets and returned to their homes

- Lower floor accessible minibus for wheelchair users and people who have difficulties with steps.
- Cost – return trip £3
- If you need an in-store wheelchair please let us know and we will organise it for you.
- Help is available to get your bags on and off the minibus and to your front door.
- If you are a wheelchair user and need extra help you may bring someone with you.
- Operates from Radlett and Shenley on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings to either Watford Town Centre or Sainsbury's and Marks and Spencer at London Colney.

To book telephone **020 8207 5115** on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm.



## Hertfordshire Libraries' e-services

Did you know that Hertfordshire Library members can access a wealth of resources available online, for free? You can borrow e-books

and e-audiobooks from the e-library. We have two websites with e-books and e-audiobooks for all ages and tastes, including a separate library for children and another for teenagers.

Full digital copies of over 130 popular magazines are available to read and download using Zinio, whilst Library Pressdisplay provides you with instant same-day access to the digital editions of over 2500 newspapers. You can also learn online; you can enrol on a whole range of online courses with Universal

Class. Or, if you are looking to improve your ICT skills, Atomic training covers popular software applications on both PCs and Macs.

Finally earlier this year Hertfordshire Libraries launched an app, available to download for Apple and Android devices. This provides a new way to access and keep up-to-date with Hertfordshire Library Services including searching the catalogue, renewing your books, finding your nearest library and links to their Facebook and Twitter accounts.

All of the services mentioned in this article can be accessed via the website: **[www.hertdirect.org/libraries](http://www.hertdirect.org/libraries)** using your library card number. If you are not a member of Hertfordshire Libraries, you can join the library online or by

St. John the Baptist Church, Aldenham



Entertainments Committee

and

Radlett Rotary Club



## CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW AND SUPPER

at St. John's Church, Gills Hill Lane, WD7 8DF

Master of Ceremonies: Ian Sutherland

Gary Eyre: Piano John Rudlin: Guitar

Julia Beynon, Sylvia Cohen, Geoffrey Horwood

Jon Meredith, Hilary Pearce,

Nigel Rogers, Sarah Tyler

on Saturday, 5th December, 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets: £15.00 to include supper

To book your ticket please telephone: 01923 856905

or email: [jamesandgill.jarrett@btinternet.com](mailto:jamesandgill.jarrett@btinternet.com)

Please bring your own alcohol

Soft drinks, tea and coffee provided.

Please mention any special

dietary requirements when booking.

Tables of 8 but any number welcome



## The Cat and Fiddle



On Saturday 21 November, we have Bart Foley and Maria Kroon playing at the Cat. During all of December we are doing Christmas lunches and on Thursday 17 December we have got our Carol Service with the singers from Christ Church. Hopefully we will also have *Strictly A Capella* joining us.

Dom at The Cat and Fiddle

visiting any library. If you would like any additional information on Hertfordshire Libraries' e-services please visit your local library and a member of staff would be happy to assist you. Radlett Library is next to the Radlett Centre (1 Aldenham Avenue, Radlett, Hertfordshire, WD7 8HL).

Isabella Martin

Stock and Reader Development  
Librarian



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Tuesday:	10am to 6pm (normal service)
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	10am to 6pm (normal service)
Friday:	10am to 6pm (normal service)
Saturday:	10am to 2pm (normal service)
Sunday :	Closed





# Christmas Traditions Explained By Jan Adams

Christmas traditions date back mainly to the Victorian times and beyond. Over the years all the legends and stories have merged together to become

one. It is also said that the modern Christmas emerged in 1843 with the publication of Charles Dickens' *'The Christmas Carol'*, where the themes

are family, children and charity, and Bob Cratchit and his family enjoying a Christmas dinner that we would recognise today.

## Father Christmas – Red or Green?

The wonderful, magical character we welcome into our homes every year has a history too. The early Victorian Father Christmas was an old man with a white beard who wore a long, hooded robe usually green but also depicted in red, purple, brown, white and sometimes blue. The jolly Santa in a red suit and hat that we know and love today is a combination of the American cartoonist Thomas Nash 1860 illustration and a Coca-Cola advertisement campaign in the 1930s.



A 1909 Christmas postcard depicting a late-Victorian era interpretation of Father Christmas.



In 1931 the Coca-Cola Company commissioned illustrator Haddon Sundblom to develop a more playful image of Santa Claus for an advertising campaign.

## Christmas or Fir Trees

The Germans were known to put candles on a tree during the festival of Saturnalia but it was Martin Luther who is said to have introduced the Christmas tree. He is said to have observed stars shining through fir trees and was inspired to cover a tree with lights. In 1841 Prince Albert introduced a tree decorated with candles, tinsel and ornaments as part of the celebrations at Windsor Castle.



## Holly

Holly has been used since Roman times, when it was used as a symbol of the Christian faith in order to avoid persecution, but gradually as Christianity prevailed it became a symbol of Christmas. Its thorns were said to represent the crown of thorns worn by Jesus and the berries a symbol of the blood of Christ. The Druids held holly in high esteem and believed that the shrub remained green to help keep the earth beautiful when other trees lost their leaves. They deemed it as sacred and would decorate their doors and windows to capture evil spirits and prevent them from entering their homes.



## Christmas Cards

The Christmas card was a nineteenth century British invention. It was a natural development from the earlier custom of exchanging seasonal letters or visiting cards, embellished with greetings, and also drew on the well-established tradition of sending valentine cards. The first modern card was designed in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley. It shows family raising their glasses in a toast while the children are eating plum pudding. About one thousand copies of these cards were sold for one shilling (now 5p). Christmas cards soon caught on with the introduction in 1870 of the cheap post. By the 1880's five million cards were being sent in Britain.



John Calcott Horsley designed the first modern Christmas card in 1843, depicting a family raising their glasses in a toast whilst their children eat plum pudding.

## Mistletoe

Again, the Druids considered mistletoe sacred believing it had miraculous properties to fight off witchcraft and ensuring fertility. They also believed it offered peace and friendship and from this the custom of hanging mistletoe from the ceiling emerged. In the seventeenth century any young woman who stood under mistletoe would expect a kiss that would bring her good luck and ensure her of marriage.







All top bar festive illustrations by Paul Ellis.

## Chanukah

Each year around Christmas time, Jewish people celebrate the festival of Chanukah. This is known in England as the 'Festival of Lights', and lasts for eight days during December. This year it takes place from sunset on Sunday 6 December to sunset on Monday 14 December.

Chanukah is a festival rich in tradition and symbolism, with an emphasis on candles, games, presents and food. It is a celebratory festival, where Jewish people recall how one small container of oil managed to light the eternal candle flames (the 'Ne'er Tamid') in the Temple in Jerusalem (today only the Wall of the Temple remains) for eight days, rather than just one day as had been expected. After the Temple was desecrated by the forces of Antiochus IV in about 170BC, the Jewish community tried to rededicate the building, but did not have enough oil to light this eternal flame for more than a day. Using the little oil that remained, the flame burnt for eight days, during which further sources of oil were found in order to then keep the flame burning permanently thereafter.

Each year, as a result of this miracle, Jewish people celebrate these

## Carols and Carol Singing

Carol singing is one of our oldest customs and the traditional carol-singing period is from 21 December to Christmas Day morning. The custom is believed to date back to the Middle Ages when beggars would go from door to door singing holiday songs in return for food, money or drink; beggars were banned from churches at that time. The word 'carol' originally meant a circling dance and was associated with Saint Francis of Assisi and his installation of a crib in church during the Christmas season and singing or dancing round it.



eight special days by lighting a Menorah every night. The Menorah is an elaborate candelabrum with nine branches: one for each night of Chanukah and one for the 'lead' candle which is lit every night also. Each night a new candle is lit and added to the previous nights so that they accumulate and by the eighth night the entire Menorah is lit. The lighting of the Menorah is normally an important social occasion, where the family gather round and sing songs, exchange gifts, play games (like spinning the dreidel, which is a dice-like spinning-top with different Hebrew letters on each side), and eat traditional foods that often require the use of oil in their preparation, such as fried potato latkes and jam donuts.

In Radlett you will notice a large communal Menorah positioned next to the traditional Christmas tree, in

order to mark the festival of Chanukah and its proximity in the calendar to Christmas. The Jewish community will gather each evening of the festival to light the Menorah candles and everyone is welcome to come along, no matter what their religion. Many modern Jewish people in Radlett enjoy the seasonal cheer of the winter festivals and look forward to wishing their community members a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah and Season's Greetings all at the same time! Radlett will no doubt be a colourful and vibrant place this December!

Councillor  
Estelle  
Samuelson



## Correction notice

In the last edition of Around Radlett, we featured an article about an important painting 'Children in Aldenham Church' by William Henry Hunt. We should like to offer our apologies to Bushey Museum for bringing the following errors to our attention:

The 'Herkomer Group of Artists' should be the 'Monro Group of Artists'.

'Monro' is the correct spelling not 'Monroe'.

'Girtin' is the correct spelling not 'Girton'.

Sotheby's offered the painting for sale in June 2006 and not June 2007 as published.



## CHURCH SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS



### St. John the Baptist Church, Aldenham

#### Sunday 20 December

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

#### Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle  
11.30pm Midnight Communion

#### Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Family Crib Service

### St. John's, Radlett

#### Christmas Eve

4.30pm Crib Service

### Christ Church, Radlett

#### Sunday 13 December

6.30pm Radlett Churches Together Carol Service

#### Christmas Eve

4pm Children's Crib Service  
6.30pm Candlelight Service  
11.30pm Midnight Communion

#### Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion  
10am Family Holy Communion

#### Christmas Day

10am Family Communion





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Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
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Member of the Planning Committee  
\*Radlett Village Institute



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Member of the Community Development and Engagement Committee  
Vice Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee



### Councillor Neil Payne

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Member of the Planning Committee  
Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

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Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

\*Aldenham and Bushey Community Safety Partnership



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## Oliver Dowden, MP for Hertsmere

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## Forthcoming Committee Meetings December 2015 – February 2016

### December

Thurs 3 Community Development & Engagement

Fri 4 Strategic Planning

Mon 7 Planning

Tues 8 Finance & General Purposes

Tues 15 Full Council

Mon 21 Planning

### January

Mon 4 Planning

Wed 6 Parks & Open Spaces

Tues 12 Finance & General Purposes

Mon 18 Planning

Tues 19 Full Council

Thurs 28 Community Development & Engagement

### February

Mon 1 Planning

Mon 15 Planning

Tues 16 Full Council

Contact the Parish Council office for times of meetings.

## Hertsmere Borough Council

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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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## Could you be the next trustee of the Radlett Centre Trust?

The Radlett Centre Trust is looking for a Trustee to join the Board that administers the local community/theatre building. As Sophia Erfan (Chair) of the Radlett Centre Board states *"this is an exciting opportunity for someone with an interest in promoting the arts locally and ensuring best use is made of the wonderful facility we have in the Radlett Centre. It is a great way of giving something back to the local community."*

The Radlett Centre Board is looking to enhance the skills on the Board and, with auto-enrolment rules on Pensions coming into force shortly, is looking for skills in:

- Human resources
- Pension regulations

- Employment law
- Willingness to participate in debates on issues, and forward thinking.

The Radlett Centre Board has nine trustees who administer the charity. The Board meets five times a year to set and oversee strategic direction. Working groups are appointed where specific issues need to be researched in further detail

For help with completing this application or for further information contact The Company Secretary, Peter Evans on **01923 856 433** or email **co.secretary@radlettcentre.com**.

*Peter Evans*

*Company Secretary, Radlett Centre Trust  
email: co.secretary@radlettcentre.com*

## Improvements at Tabard RFC



Over the last year Tabard RFC has done a number of improvement works to its clubhouse funded by the RFU. The clubhouse was modernised, with a new bar and full redecoration of the main hall. This left the externals looking a bit shabby. There has always been a flooding problem at the front of the clubhouse due to the capacity of the drainage flowing from the car park. Aldenhams Parish Council has funded the fixing of the drainage, privets have

been planted and bollards installed to stop people parking too close to the retaining wall and causing further drainage problems. Now the drainage work has been done, it has allowed the club to undertake a project it has wanted to do for a few years and build a patio at the front. This has created a great social space for the club and will enable more people to get outside and watch the game.

*Laura-Jo Pearce  
Tabard RFC*

## Improving our play area at Phillimore Recreation Ground

This summer it was necessary for Aldenhams Parish Council to remove the slide from the play area at Phillimore Recreation Ground, for health and safety reasons. The Council is aware that this was a popular piece of equipment and would like to apologise to the children for its absence. There are plans to install a new slide in its place in the near future. We apologise that the zip wire (a much used piece of

equipment) was also broken this summer. At the time of writing, the Council is pursuing measures to make this equipment more robust. The Council has recently installed new safety surfacing under the basket swing and the supernova, and is committed to upgrading, over time, the safety surfacing under other items of play equipment.

*Claire Fletcher  
Parks and Open Spaces Officer*

## Advertising

There is currently a waiting list for advertisements in Around Radlett. Should you wish to be added to the list please send your details to **parks@aldenham-pc.gov.uk**. The cost for 2016 is £60 per issue for a back page advertisement, and £50 per issue for an inside page advertisement.



## RADLETT YOUTH COUNCIL

Hi! This is Lawrence Lee, Chairman of the Youth Council. I am very proud of what we have achieved this year! We have been working closely with the council on the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan, with a Youth Council member sitting on the Roads, Transport and Parking committee, where we have attempted to put forward measures that will improve the quality of life for youths in the Radlett area, such as extending the Oyster Card usage to Radlett Train Station and creating a bus link from Radlett to Stanmore Tube Station.

However, the highlight of the year has undoubtedly been our inaugural Radlett Bike Day. We managed to raise over twenty bikes for the charity Re-Cycle, making the day a huge success. The BMX bike ramp and the Bike MOT were the most popular events and we are all very excited for the event next year. Our plans next year are for further improvements to the area, like making Radlett a WiFi friendly town, something every youth needs!

We are always looking for new members, so if anyone is interested in joining, please contact Lucy Jackman at **community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk**.

*Laurence Lee  
Chairman, Radlett Youth Council*







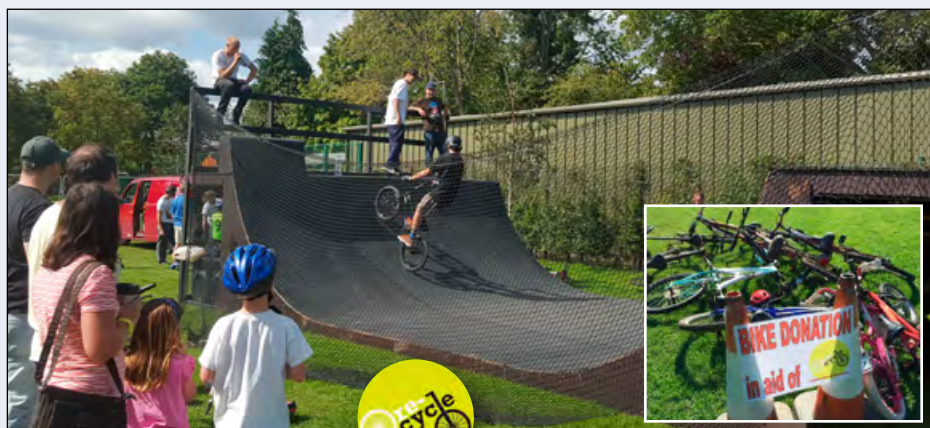
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## Parish Council seeks to improve local cycling facilities

Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) has set up a project team to consider how local cycling facilities might be improved for the benefit of all riders of all ages, be it for leisure, travel or exercise. The project team has been working with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), which has been running its 'Hertfordshire Year of Cycling' project.

In order to promote both initiatives, the Radlett Youth Council recently organised a 'Radlett Cycling Day' at Phillimore Recreation Ground. The many attendees were able to watch the BMX demos and use the ramp, cycle the laid-out track (timed or leisurely), have an expert give their bike an MOT service, play on the bouncy castle and visit Paula's Deli for a variety of refreshments. Visitors were invited to bring along unused bikes for donation to the Re-Cycle charity who fix up the



bikes and donate to Africa. Over twenty bikes were collected and have been sent to Re-cycle. The photos above show some of the donated bikes.

So far the APC project team has identified five routes out of Radlett where action is needed to make them more user-friendly for cyclists. Maps showing suggested work needed have been prepared and are being discussed with HCC. Other topics being discussed with HCC include improving signage indicating cycling routes (on and off road), the need for ongoing maintenance of existing routes and production of a dedicated cycle map (rather like the 'Walks Around

Radlett' booklet and 'Aldenhams Parish and Neighbourhood Footpath Map', both of which may be purchased from the Parish Council offices). The team is also looking to provide more cycle racks around the village and at the feasibility of providing an outdoor cycle track within the village.

The project team is very keen to consult with the public and will be issuing a questionnaire in order to collect local views and ideas. It also wishes to involve local cyclists so if you are one and would like to help, please contact Lucy Jackman [community@aldenhams-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community@aldenhams-pc.gov.uk) or on 01923 856 433.

*Councillor Chris Wilkins*

## LIMITLESS strike 3 & FILMS IN THE PARK

Aldenhams Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Limitless festival on 22 August.

Phillimore Recreation Ground saw over one thousand visitors on the day, who were treated to an afternoon of excitement with bungee trampolines, It's a Knock Out circuit, Bouncy Castles, Face Painting and much more! Music was provided by the Steel Band 'Solid Steel'. Various workshops were available throughout the day: Box Cleve taught Boxing, Child UK ran various street games, IMD Legion taught Street Dancing as well as

putting on performances, Tennis and Circus Skills. All ages enjoyed the variety of entertainment offered.

The main draw to the day was a large movie screen that showed two family films *Big Hero 6* and *Into the Woods*. Families were able to sit back in the glorious sunshine with a picnic and enjoy the films.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Winter Fair on 29 November!

*Lucy Jackman, Community Development and Engagement Officer*







# Philip Eastburn

1942 – 2015

The loss of Philip Eastburn who died suddenly on 31 August 2015 has shocked and saddened all those who knew him. We send our condolences to his son Spencer, daughter Zena and to the rest of his family. Here friends of Philip remember his contributions to local groups in Radlett.



In Cockney costume in Radlett Players 'Old Time Music Hall'

## From the Radlett Players

In 2003, in this magazine, in an article written on his retirement from Aldenham Parish Council, Philip wrote, 'the Players were the love

of his life'. He joined the Society at the age of seventeen in 1959, when the two former dramatic societies in the village – *The Others* and *The St Christopher Players* – amalgamated. He played his first part on stage in a play called 'The Hollow' in that November. From then on, apart from the periods when he was not living in the village, he was continuously involved in productions; performing,

directing, backstage managing, designing, building, lighting and even house manager in most productions.

In his forty eight years, as an active member of Radlett Players, he developed a meticulous and comprehensive archive of the Players, both of productions and people. His own personal record shows that there were only eight years of his fifty six year membership when he was not taking part one way or another in two or three productions each year - an astonishing record.

Philip was involved at the start of the Players Music Hall in 1970. Who will forget the sight of Councillor Eastburn, over-flowing his Victorian bathing dress in a seaside chorus or in the improbable and memorable uniform of a Guardsman being drilled by Corporal Lesley Davis. His devotion and professional approach to the Player's activities over such a

long period has been immense and his sad early loss leaves a large gap that will be hard to fill.

Ian Sutherland  
President, Radlett  
Players



Above: In J. B. Priestley's 'When We Were Married'



## Aldenham Parish Council

Philip Eastburn was a long-standing Parish Councillor, representing Aldenham East ward from 1983 to 2003. During that period, Philip ably served on a number of the Council's committees, including chairman of some. The committees on which he served were involved with transportation, gravel allotments, footpaths and the recreation grounds. He was also actively involved, as a keen supporter of amateur dramatics, in the early discussions about the building of the Radlett Centre. Once The Radlett Centre Trust had been established, he served as a director of the Board for five years. 'Around Radlett' often benefitted from his wealth of knowledge as a local historian in terms of contributed articles from him on a wide range of interesting subjects of local interest. When he finally stood down as a Parish Councillor after twenty years' service, his retirement was suitably marked by means of a presentation from Cllr John Howley, as the then Chairman of the Council. Philip's contribution to the Parish Council and the wider community will be missed.

Councillor Neil Payne  
Chairman  
Aldenham Parish Council



## Radlett & District U3A

Philip was a founder member of Radlett and District U3A (University of the Third Age). He became Deputy Treasurer looking after the finances of Outings and Groups. He was able to draw on his expertise as a banker to keep these finances in good order. He was also leader of the Local History Group which was very successful, often attracting fifty or more members to its meetings. Philip had expert knowledge on the history of Radlett and gave a variety of fascinating talks. One of his last contributions was as a member of the team representing Radlett and District at the recent quiz between U3As from across Hertfordshire which he greatly enjoyed. Philip made a very valuable contribution to our U3A. He will be greatly missed.

Roger Mackett  
Chairman, Radlett and District U3A

## Looking to the Future

Philip was the authority on all things Radlett, particularly the history of the Parish of Aldenham, and he was a source of information to many individuals and community organisations. We now have to find a way of preserving his legacy and all the knowledge and exhibits built up over many years.

It had been proposed that a Radlett Local History Museum be created and Philip was working on this project. Possible sites had been identified, volunteer and financial support discussed. This is an important project and people's collections, experiences and knowledge need to be collated.

It is proposed that a meeting be held for all those interested in such a project, be they individuals, U3A local history members or just anyone with an interest in the area and its history. Please email me at [r.nagler@btinternet.com](mailto:r.nagler@btinternet.com) to register your interest. With everyone's help, it is hoped that a living testament to Philip's endeavours and commitment, over so many years, can be created.

Stuart Nagler



## Fly tipping

Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of rubbish – an offence carrying an unlimited fine or up to five years imprisonment. In the period 2014 to 2015 there were 552 incidents of fly tipping in Hertsmere. Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) is the responsible authority for fly tipping, which means that we, as council taxpayers, ultimately foot the bill.

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**Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC):** For Radlett residents the nearest HWRC is Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3LS. This is open Monday, Thursday and Friday 8am–4pm, and

Saturday/Sunday 9am–5pm. Visit Hertsmere's website [www.hertsmere.gov.uk](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk) and check out the Environment, Refuse and Recycling pages for details of what can be recycled and what can and cannot be accepted. If you intend to take your waste using a van, pickup truck, commercial type vehicle or vehicle and trailer combination, then you will need to apply for a permit. As a general rule you can only take one bootful of construction, demolition or excavation waste to a HWRC but for full information please read Hertsmere's Construction, Demolition and Excavation Waste Policy on their website.

If you have more than one bootful of construction, demolition and excavation waste you will need to make your own private arrangements for disposal. The options are visiting a licensed private disposal site, hiring a skip, hiring 'Hippo' bags or hiring the services of a registered private disposal waste company.

## West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust

West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust was placed in special measures in September, following the publication of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) report into its three hospitals after inspections conducted in April. The report highlighted a number of areas where significant improvements are required as well as those of outstanding practice. Special measures are designed to aid service improvement by providing help and support where it is most needed.

The report identified areas of excellence including children's and young people's

services with the care delivered by the Children's Emergency Department rated as outstanding. It also praises the Dementia Team for their delirium recovery programme which helps patients return home early with support with the majority of patients recovering sufficiently to stay at home rather than move to a care home.

Improvement work has been in progress since the earlier inspection at Watford General Hospital last November and following the second inspections, further actions have been taken to strengthen the delivery of

safe, effective and compassionate care for patients across the trust.

Trust performance is visibly improving with many national standards achieved or exceeded, for example, mortality rates have fallen by 21% since April 2013 compared to a national reduction of 3.3%.

Medical Director, Mike Van der Watt said "Mortality rates are the truest indicator of safety and patients should be reassured that the trust is now in the top 12% nationally. We can and should raise quality standards further and I am committed to making sure we do exactly that."

Communications, West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust



## Edge Grove School and its history c1969



Photograph courtesy  
of Edge Grove School

The earliest mention of Edge Grove seems to be in around 1236, when the Abbot of Westminster granted one acre of land at Hemphegge Grove to Symon, Chaplain of Aldenham Village. It seems that the present house did not exist in any form until about 1740.

In 1733, a Mr John Skey bought the whole site. He demolished several existing tenement properties and proceeded to build the main block of the present house. The house was known as Hem Hill Grove. John lived there with his wife, until his death in 1779. The estate was left to one of his three sons, Colonel Boughy Skey, who then sold it to a Mr Thomas Hake in c1782 to c1790; the precise date being uncertain.

Hake is said to have made many improvements to the house and grounds. Hake did not live there for very long and sold Hedge Grove or Edge Grove (*both names being in use until the end of the last century*) to Sir John Nicoll, or Nicholls in 1795.

From 1795, several names arise, whether they be owners, leaseholders or those who rented; Fawcett, Thellusson, Marsden, Wm Nicholls, Rendlesham, Barnett. Several of these names have long associations with land and property in and around the Radlett area.

Under the Aldenham Enclosure Act of 1801, seven acres of common land called Hedge Grove Green were enclosed and added to the original one acre site.

In 1884, Charles Barnett leased the property; he was responsible for many changes; building the pantries, panelling three bedrooms and the ball room, also building the block now known as Little North Dormitory and Mr Pratt's study.

In 1912, the property was sold to the banker, John Pierpoint Morgan, who owned Wall Hall. In turn, he rented it to a Mr Richard Bennett who spent about £90,000 on the house. He added numerous wings and by so doing, converted it into the school we know today.

The Clock Tower was erected in 1912, as the bell date shows with the wording *'This clock was fixed by Alick Turner, 6 February 1912.'*

The last tenant of the house was a Mr Vincent Cartwright Vickers who rented it from Pierpoint Morgan. In 1935, Vickers left the property and Edge Grove Preparatory School came into existence.

This article has been taken from notes written by Mr Harry Hart in 1969, with kind permission of his daughter, Liz Cornelissen. In his final paragraph he

writes "Edge Grove has a long history. Large extensions are planned which will alter, in part, the well-loved features of today. It will certainly be very different from the day when, Symon, Chaplain of Aldenham Village, was granted a one acre of land at Hemphegge Grove in the year 1236."

Jan Adams

### Edge Grove School today

Edge Grove School is certainly in fine shape as it has now entered its eightieth year in September. We introduced girls in the school in 2001 and our purpose-built pre-Prep building was opened in 1997 (it was formerly St Christopher's in Radlett which then moved onto our site and became Hart House, now known as Pre Prep). Edge Grove has an interesting past and our long history means that tradition plays its part in shaping our character. We have maintained many of our core values and it is these values that provide a strong foundation on which we are building our future. We currently have 153 staff at the school and 400 pupils. We're the largest we've ever been in our history!

Joanna Morrison  
Marketing and Admissions Manager  
Edge Grove School



## Homegrown gardening talent abounds in Radlett

Radlett's finest gardeners and cooks vied for first place awards at the annual Radlett Horticultural Society Autumn Show on 5 September.

There were nearly 500 entries in classes ranging from dahlias, fuchsias and giant onions to floral arrangements, children's classes, cakes and photographs.

The Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal for the exhibitor who obtained the most points overall was won by Maureen Thorne. Maureen also won the best fruit exhibited in the show for a plate of figs. The best vegetable exhibit was won by Mike Paterson for his three foot leeks and the best domestic class was won by Liz Bissett for her cherry

and coconut cake baked to a special recipe. The Young Gardeners' Trophy was won by Kieren Brannigan and the Young Gardeners' Plaque was won by Charlotte Smith. Judith Breward won the Paul Balen Cup for the best photograph in show.

Chairman, Peter Hordern, said he was thrilled so many people had entered the competition in spite of the difficult growing conditions this year.

The Horticultural Society has more than 700 members making it one of the largest community groups in Radlett. As well as shows, the Society hosts regular talks and holidays, and new members are always welcome.

Gaenor Morris



## My '23rd World Scout Jamboree' experience

*"On 28 July 2015 35,000 scouts from around the world gathered in Japan for ten days for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree. I was one of the 3,000 participants from the United Kingdom and represented Elstree District.*

*The theme of the Jamboree was 'Unity' and as part of our programme we went to Hiroshima to mark the 70th anniversary of the bombing of the city. At Hiroshima it was extremely sad to learn about the effects of the Atomic Bomb and the devastation that it caused. It was heart-warming to see fellow Scouts from around the World unite in a show of friendship and solidarity against nuclear warfare.*

*There were lots of different things to do on the campsite from water activities such as kayaking and canoeing to culture activities such as traditional Mexican dancing and learning how to make food from Bangladesh and Taiwan.*

*There was a Faith and Beliefs zone in which all the major world religions were represented. As I myself am Jewish, I went to the Shabbat service in the middle of the Jamboree. There I met Jews from all around the world. It was fascinating to see the way that different cultures celebrate Shabbat and also seeing a multilingual ceremony was quite intriguing.*

*I think that out of everything that I learnt on Jamboree the most important was that no matter who you are, what your background, race or religion you have common ground with everyone and all it takes is a little time and effort and you can make friends.*

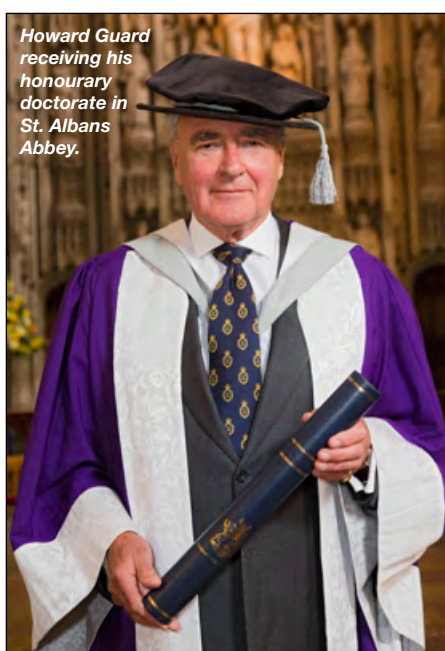
*I am now a young leader with a local scout group and I want to be able to pass on my experiences of the Jamboree and also to be able to keep in touch with people that I made friends with on the Jamboree using social media."*

Jonathan Obstfeld

## Honorary Doctorate for film director Howard Guard

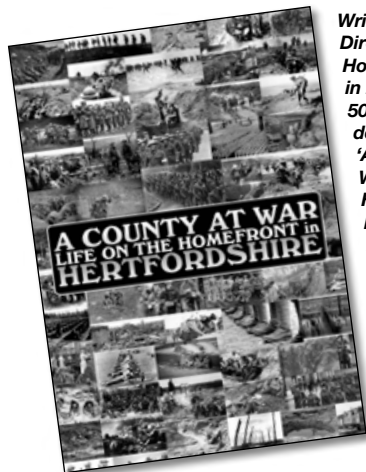
Radlett resident and director, Howard Guard, has been awarded an honorary doctorate of the arts from the University of Hertfordshire. He received his doctorate at St. Albans Cathedral on 8 September in recognition of his continuing support of the University and his distinguished contribution to the county of Hertfordshire.

Mr Guard's first film, 'Chalk', was shot in 1966 and was listed in the British Film Institute's Top Ten Amateur Shorts of that year. After graduating Mr Guard started off his professional film industry career as a tea boy on the set of 'Alfred the Great'. Following that he worked for several years as an assistant director on



Howard Guard receiving his honorary doctorate in St. Albans Abbey.

*Written and Directed by Howard Guard in 2014, his 50 minute documentary 'A County at War: Life on the Home Front in Hertfordshire' looked at the role Hertfordshire played as an important staging post during World War One.*



feature films, before taking up a position as a TV commercials producer at the agency Perkins & Partners. In 1977 he founded his own firm, Guard and Vittle. As well as his prolific work in advertising Mr Guard has made several short films for charities and a documentary on Eton which screened in the 1990's.

Away from the camera Mr Guard has played a key role in Hertfordshire, through his support for the arts and the University. In 2007/8 he served as the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire and used his time in office to support organisations tackling social problems.



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## The Royal London One-day Cup Middlesex v Kent 31 July 2015 at Radlett

Radlett Cricket Club had another highly successful season, with the men's 1st XI retaining its titles of Herts Premier League Champions and Premier Division Play-Off winners, and at junior level gaining two County Age Group Champions trophies at Under 10's and Under 14B's. The women's teams, the other four men's senior teams and all the junior age group teams again performed well in their divisions.

Our prestigious relationship with Middlesex County Cricket Club attracted 2,000 spectators to the Cobden Hill ground to see Middlesex produce an excellent all-round performance to beat Kent by 87 runs in an exciting match, their first victory in this year's Royal London One-Day Cup competition. International players were on show, including Eoin Morgan, England's one-day captain, as were a number of players on the fringe of international recognition.



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Details of all the 2016 fixtures at Radlett will be available in January at [www.radlettcc.com](http://www.radlettcc.com).

Tony Johnson

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## Town twinning visit to Lautertal, Germany



A group of fourteen members of RAIFA, Radlett & Aldenham's Town Twinning association visited Lautertal at the beginning of October to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the twinning between the two communities. Two members of the group, Rosamund Gray and Hilary Booth were founder members of RAIFA and had been part of the first such visit to Lautertal in 1980.

During the visit the RAIFA group were invited to a reception hosted by Jurgen Kaltwasser, the Burgermeister of Lautertal. Gifts were exchanged and all attended a dinner which included local wines. They also visited the newly opened World Heritage Open Air museum at Lauresham, near the famous Lorsch Abbey, where a village from the ninth century has been recreated to show what life was like for local inhabitants some 1,200 years ago.

The visit coincided with the commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the unification of Germany on 3 October 1990 after the fall of the Berlin Wall. That date is a national holiday in Germany and the group visited Frankfurt where nearly a million people attended celebrations. The group were also shown the new use being made of a traditional British red GPO telephone box that RAIFA donated to Lautertal twenty years ago. No longer needed for a telephone, it still stands outside the Town Hall but is now a book exchange library which is being very well used by local residents.

RAIFA Chairman Clive Glover said "once again our friends in Lautertal have made us extremely welcome and have enabled us to take part in some wonderful and unique events which we



Herr Jurgen Kaltwasser, Lautertal Burgermeister, and Councillor Chris Wilkins, Vice Chairman of Aldenham Parish Council, exchange gifts.

will long remember."

If you are interested in taking part in town twinning activities with Lautertal or our French twin Louveciennes please contact Clive on **01923 853 483** or email [clivegloveruk@gmail.com](mailto:clivegloveruk@gmail.com)

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