



# Around Radlett

Autumn/Winter 2020

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## Chairmen’s Message

What a difference a year makes!

Who would have thought that only a few months after sending out the 121st edition of Around Radlett magazine, we would find ourselves dealing with the Coronavirus

pandemic and a whole new way of life?

From March of this year, the local community has pulled together in so many wonderful ways to keep people safe and help those who are vulnerable. Food banks were set up for families struggling to earn a living and online shopping, home visits, local society programmes, religious services and even choirs could all be accessed via our computers, tablets and phones. The Parish Council meetings have been held via Zoom and Officers have been working from home. This has become the new normal.

During this time, APC produced a monthly Newsletter which was sent out via email to as many individuals as possible. However, we did realise that not everyone was gaining access to it, so a decision was made to produce another Around Radlett magazine which could be delivered by hand to every household in the Parish. We are really keen to hear how you would like us to communicate with you, so do please complete the short questionnaire on page 8 of this edition.

Unfortunately, the Festival of Culture had to be cancelled, as well as events that the Council usually holds. This meant there were no Summertime Activities, which was a great pity. However, we were happy to be able to re-open the Children’s Playground at the Phillimore Recreation Ground and see everyone enjoying the facilities.

We would like to thank the Open Spaces team who have been keeping the play equipment clean and safe, as well as maintaining the outdoor gym and ensuring the area looks well-kept and inviting. They even managed to put up the hanging baskets in the village as usual! Many people have remarked that during lockdown they were able to discover walks and footpaths that they didn’t even know existed.

The APC website is going through a review process at the moment and a new site will be up and running very soon. This will enable the public to find the information they require more easily. Please do take a look at the website as it is a good way of knowing what

is happening in the Parish. The website can be found at [www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

At the time of writing, The Radlett Centre is still closed. These are worrying times for everyone in the entertainment business as social distancing rules have made it unviable to open some theatres, cinemas and auditoriums. Therefore, a decision had to be made about the annual Winter Fair and Festive Lights Switch-On and we are sorry to say that this cannot be held in its normal format. Nevertheless, the community can come together virtually on Sunday 22 November to watch a short Festive Programme, as well as the Christmas tree and village lights switched on by Father Christmas. It promises to be a first for Radlett and an enjoyable experience. Details on how to log-on to the event can be found on page 7.

We were sorry to learn that Stuart Thorne, has passed away. As many of you will know, Stuart’s bespoke tailoring business in Station Road was frequented by many over the years and his warm and kind manner will be remembered by those who knew him. Not only that, the wonderful honey that the bees he kept at the allotments produced was second to none, as well of course as his dahlias! We send our sincere condolences to Stuart’s wife and family.

APC could not have continued to operate so well without the support of the Council Manager, the Assistant Manager and all the Officers. We thank them for all that they do for the Council and the local community, especially in these difficult times.

So, what will 2021 hold for us all? We very much hope that in the months ahead we will, as a community, continue to look out for each other and in time our lives might get back to some sort of ‘normal’.

A working group has been set up to organise an event in September 2021 to mark 100 years since the Phillimore Recreation Ground was given to the Parish Council by Lady Phillimore, as a place where people could relax and enjoy the outside space. We very much hope that by then it will be safe to bring everyone together to mark this special occasion.

We wish you a happy and healthy New Year and an enjoyable Festive period even in these strangest of times.



Cllr. Estelle Samuelson



Cllr. Jackie Lefton

All good wishes  
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## Forthcoming Committee Meetings November 2020 – February 2021

For Meeting details and time please see the website

### November

2nd Nov Planning  
 9th Nov Open Spaces  
 16th Nov Planning  
 23rd Nov Full Council  
 30th Nov Community Development

### December

7th Dec Planning  
 14th Dec Full Council  
 21st Dec Planning

### January

4th Jan Planning  
 11th Jan Finance & General Purposes  
 18th Jan Planning  
 25th Jan Full Council

### February

1st Feb Planning  
 8th Feb Open Spaces  
 15th Feb Planning  
 22nd Feb Full Council

### Oliver Dowden, MP for Hertsmere

Your local MP Oliver Dowden holds regular surgeries around the constituency. If you would like to arrange an appointment then please call 020 7219 6239 or email: [oliver@oliverdowden.com](mailto:oliver@oliverdowden.com)



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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.

Please see all dates, agendas and minutes for Council meetings on [www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

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## Tree Cedric - The tree on the front cover is "Cedric"

'Cedric' was the name given to a fine Cedar of Lebanon tree which stood in the front garden of a house in Newberries Avenue. I suspect that this fine tree was similarly appreciated by the Victorian/Edwardian predecessors who lived and worked on the Newberries Estate up to the 1930s.

Until recently, Cedric (so named by the owners of the house where the tree stands) graced the Avenue particularly in the vicinity of houses 66-80, where its massive canopy towered over the road and nearby houses.

Over the years, the tree stood strong against the worst gales that pass our way, with hardly a wave of a branch. Up to September 2004, Cedric had a companion Cedar tree of a similar age, two doors away, but unfortunately it succumbed to lightning in a storm and had to be felled for reasons of safety.

But this year, Cedric, aged over 150 years, suffered badly from the cold, dry spring followed by the very hot weather. Sadly, Cedric was deemed 'unsafe', and the Tree Officer at Hertsmere Borough Council, Mark Pigden, agreed to lift the TPO that for many years had protected Cedric from potential developers.

Twig-by-twig, branch by branch, Cedric was reduced to chips, except the massive 40m trunk which had to be sliced up into smaller sections so it could be removed by truck.

A slice of the lower trunk was requested for the Radlett Museum, in order to show the tree rings which indicated the Cedar's annual growth. A large 20cm thick cutting was left in the front garden ready for collection. But shortly after, and quite mysteriously, the slice of the trunk disappeared. It would have been an exceptional exhibit....Could the ghost of Cedric have returned to collect it?

**Graham Taylor**



## 100th Anniversary of Phillimore Recreation Ground 11 and 12 September 2021

Next year marks 100 years of Phillimore Recreation Ground. It was presented to Aldenham Parish Council in 1921 in memory of Robert Phillimore (who died in 1919) by his widow Lucy Phillimore.

Aldenham Parish Council is keen to mark the anniversary and is planning a weekend of events on 11 and 12 September 2021.

We aim to have a weekend of events for all the family. The celebrations will start with a family picnic on the Saturday afternoon with stalls, live brass band and activities organised by local clubs. On the Sunday, we are planning an outdoor cinema showing films and a funfair and food/drink stalls.

It is envisaged that the activities will run from mid-day to early evening, both days, creating an enjoyable festival atmosphere, with something to appeal to everyone.

A Working Party has been formed and we would very much like to involve as many clubs and societies as possible.

If you would like to get involved or have any questions please contact the Chair of the Working Party, Cllr Catherine Kilhams [Cllr.Catherine.Kilhams@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Catherine.Kilhams@aldenham-pc.gov.uk) or Aldenham Parish Council's Community Development Officer, Manisha Kotecha [community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

**Please put 11-12 September 2021 in your diaries for next year, so we can celebrate this amazing gift to the Parish.**

## Phillimore Recreation Ground Developments 2021

Great things are being planned for the Phillimore Recreation Ground next year!

Starting in September 2021, Aldenham Parish Council are making improvements to 'The Rec'. The majority of this project will be funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy using money collected from the latest developments in the area.

We are going to install a café, which will be accessible from both the children's play area and the main area of the park. The

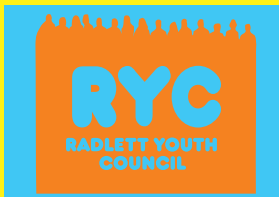
gates are all going to be changed making them much easier for people with buggies to get in and out but still child friendly.

The notice boards are going to be replaced; making it much easier to see information and the car park is going to be improved with maybe a bike rack.

Hopefully this will all make the park much more accessible and a more fun place to visit.

If you have any ideas of how you think the park can be improved, please contact [Cllr.Catherine.Kilhams@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Catherine.Kilhams@aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

Updates on developments will be on our social media. Watch this space for more information.



The Radlett Youth Council has had to see an unfortunate pause in many of our activities since March due to a lack of platforms available for all age groups. However, even so, our members have been considering the issues facing young people in Radlett throughout this period.

We are very proud that since we began this academic year, we have been able to raise £260 for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. This worthy charity will use this money towards conducting life-saving missions to hard to reach areas and these funds were especially needed during the

difficult times of Covid-19 for many charities. As such, we are glad to have picked such an important charity for this year. Looking forward, we hope to find some way of meeting digitally so that we can elect our officers, choose a charity for the upcoming year, organise events and, most importantly, advocate for youth issues.

As ever, we are always hoping to expand the Youth Council so that our important work can continue. If you are interested in joining the Radlett Youth Council please email [community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk).

**Jacob Hougie & Ethan Katz**  
**Chair & Vice-Chair of the Radlett Youth Council**

## High Street Furniture re-paint 2020



In March 2019, Aldenham Parish Council (APC) agreed that as it had been twenty years since Herts County Council (HertsCC) had painted the street furniture in Radlett High Street, they were due a facelift. Each of Hertsmere's high streets have their own distinctive

colour for street furniture. In Radlett, this was burgundy red. This colour was used on all the lampposts, benches and other street furniture along Watling Street by the shops.

HertsCC, which owns the street furniture, agreed to repaint the furniture but would not agree to finance it completely. So APC negotiated with Councillor Caroline Clapper who gave some of the money from her Highway Locality budget and

the rest was collected from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The total cost was just under £25,000.

The next step was to find a colour that was acceptable to the majority of the residents of the parish. Three columns outside the Radlett Centre were painted burgundy (the original colour), dark green and black. A survey over the winter of 2019, showed that the vast majority favoured burgundy.

HertsCC were commissioned to carry out the work, which was undertaken over the summer.

I am sure you will agree from the photos, that this a vast improvement.



## The Radlett Centre

As many of you may have noticed, the Radlett Centre, like all theatres in the country, has been closed since March. We had hoped to have reopened by the autumn, but government restrictions have not changed sufficiently to permit us to do that.

The staff have had a complicated job on their hands sorting



refunds for all the shows scheduled for this year, and have dealt with the refunds as soon as the situation allowed.

We would particularly like to thank all of you who have allowed us to keep your funds on account to use against any future production. I can reassure you that monies held are entirely safe, and we do look forward to being able to announce a season as soon as we are able.

As soon as we have a clearer picture, we will communicate through our website, Facebook and other channels to spread the word. In the meantime, keep safe and well, and we look forward to re-opening soon with some great shows.

**Greg Dexter**  
**General Manager**



# Childrens' Creative Summer Competition

Aldenham Parish Council's Community Development Committee likes to host events for the children of the Parish throughout the year, with the highlight normally being a series of Summertime activities based at Phillimore Recreation ground, in August. This year we had also planned a Festival of Culture, as part of Hertfordshire's Year of Culture. One of the key elements of the planned festival was to have been a Schools' Competition, which of course, along with the Summertime Activities, was also cancelled.

None of us could have predicted the disruption to our lives of the Covid pandemic. However, it has brought home to us just how important the sense of community is, and so the council was determined to look for an event for the children that could be done safely from home. A competition was launched, giving a chance for children to express their creativity and show us their take on current events through the medium of Art and Poetry, with submissions to be sent in electronically by the end of August.

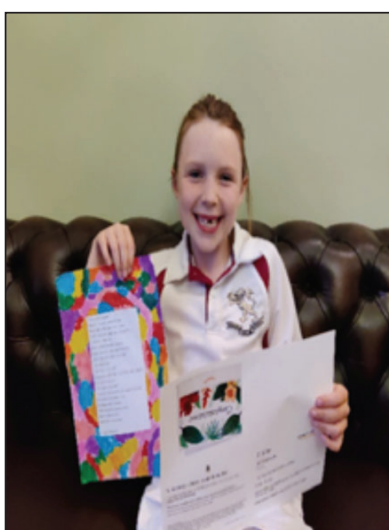
We were fortunate to be given funding for prizes by Councillor Caroline Clapper, who had initially pledged support for the Festival, and we are grateful to her for her continued support. The Committee was very impressed by the quality of the submissions, and send hearty congratulations to the winners.



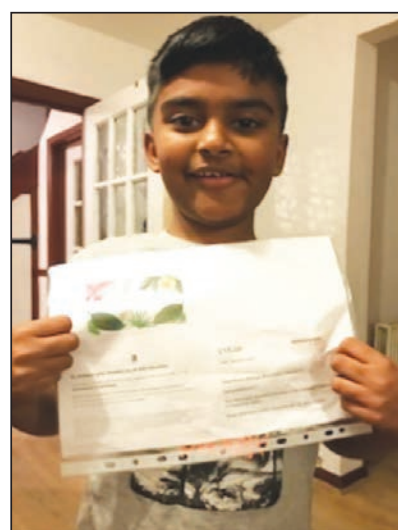
Charlotte Duggleby  
KS1 Art 1st Place Winner



Sayuri Bansal  
KS2 Art 1st Place Winner



Keavy McKim  
KS2 Poetry 1st Place Winner



Ronan Rodrigo  
KS2 Poetry 2nd Place Winner

## What's on and What's not on in Radlett during 2020

The effect of Covid 19 has impacted everyone and with winter approaching we know that it is more important than ever that we all follow government guidelines.

In the parish of Aldenham, this time of year is usually a very busy one with communities coming together for numerous events. But sadly not this year. As many of you will know, Remembrance Sunday in Radlett and Letchmore Heath was virtual this year and other local events have had to be cancelled including the Aldenham Art Exhibition and APC's Winter Fair.

The Radlett Centre remains closed but discussions are underway to see if there is any way that at least part of the building could be opened soon.

### Things to look forward to

APC is planning a virtual switch on of the Christmas lights and there will be a Christmas tree with even better lights and decorations thanks to local sponsorship.

At the time of going to press, Christ Church has re-opened for services at 10:30 am on Sundays and Wednesdays, subject to the Government and Church of England guidelines, and the United Synagogue is open with reduced capacity.

### Help is on hand for those who need it

St John the Baptist Church in Aldenham has a Hamper Team who are trying to provide a weekly selection of non-perishable food for 40 families. Telephone the Church Office on 01923 859963 if you wish to donate or help.

If you are in financial crisis and live in England or Wales, please call 0808 2082138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, offer debt advice, and identify any grants you may be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.



# Radlett Winter Light Virtual Switch On

Sunday 22nd November

at 4.30pm

You are invited to switch on the winter lights from the comfort of your own home. Get your snacks and drinks ready....let's all do the count down together



The Radlett Society and  
Green Belt Association

Visit [www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)  
for login details





## COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE

As a Council we are always looking at ways to improve how we communicate with our residents.

For many years, Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) has produced this parish magazine, 'Around Radlett'.

During the past few months because of the Coronavirus pandemic, we have produced an on-line Newsletter which has been emailed to individuals, societies and religious establishments, as well as being posted on the APC website in order to avoid door to door delivery. However, the Newsletter has not reached as many people as we would have liked.

Therefore, in order to establish which form of communication would be preferable, please click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NQH6WX2>

If you don't have access to the internet, please can you complete the form below and return it to the Community Development Officer at Radlett Centre, Aldenhams Avenue, Radlett WD7 8HL. Although the Radlett Centre is closed you can post the form through the letter box by the side door. Your input will inform our decisions going forward.

If you have any suggestions as to what you might like to see included in the Around Radlett / Newsletter do please let us know.

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**PLEASE TICK YOUR PREFERENCE and return the form to the Council by 25 November 2020.**

I would like to continue receiving a twice yearly 'Around Radlett' magazine delivered through my door

or

I would like to receive a regular APC Newsletter by email

or

I would like to be able to download a regular APC Newsletter from the Council website

Thank you for taking the trouble to return this form.

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## The Radlett Society and Green Belt Association

The AGM will now be held via Zoom, as scheduled, on  
**Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 8:00pm.**

Formal documents including The Minutes from the 2019 AGM and the accounts, will be posted on our website <http://www.radlettsociety.org/>. Details on how to access the Zoom meeting will be added a few days before the meeting. Please could members send any comments or questions on the agenda (which was printed on the 2020 Newsletter distributed along with the Aldenham Parish News) via the 'Contact Us' form on the website, before Tuesday 17 November 2020.

Our guest speaker, Stuart Nagler MBE, will give a talk about the new Radlett & District Museum, via Zoom, immediately after the AGM.

**Help us to protect and preserve our countryside. We urgently need volunteers to join our Committee to assist us in covering local planning and Green Belt issues. Expertise in these areas would be very helpful, though not essential.**

## Walks around Radlett

During the recent lock down months, the footpath walks booklet has been well used. The booklet contains details and directions of nine circular local walks and some pass by features of significant historical or architectural interest. The walks have been selected to enable walkers of all ages and walking abilities to explore the area around Radlett. The walks vary in length from 3.5 to 7 km (2.25

to 4.5 miles), and it is possible to link the walks together if you want to go further.

The booklet is available to purchase from the Aldenham Parish Council office, when it reopens. The booklet is an all-weather publication as the paper used has been specially shower proofed. You can also download the booklet by going to the APC's website and clicking on Publications.

Happy walking!

## Volunteer Health Walk Leaders Training Morning for Covid-19.

In order to restart the Health Walks in Aldenham/Radlett, during Covid-19, volunteer health walk leaders were sent pages of documents explaining terms such as, Social Distancing, Face Coverings, Touching Items, Hand Hygiene and First Aid. The latter explained that CPR was to be used with compressions only, no rescue breaths! We were also sent a further 4 pages of Risk Assessments.

When we had read through these documents, the trainers arranged that we should meet to discuss these regulations and then go on a trial walk.

Twelve walk leaders assembled in Oakmere Park, Potters Bar, where we were instructed to stand 2 metres apart in a circle by the instructor. She even had a tape measure to show us how far apart we should be from each other.

We were given 30 minutes of instructions before setting off. In order to start the walk, we had to cross the busy High Street to get to Parkfields. We had to use the pedestrian crossing controlled by lights. When the green light finally came on, only 5 people managed to cross before it went red again. After nearly 5 minutes, we finally all managed to cross the road.

All went well until we came to a narrow footpath. The walk leader had to walk down it until he came to a wide enough section, just in case another pedestrian may be coming our way. He was then instructed to blow his whistle twice if it was clear to walk down. Those walkers at the back could not hear the whistle. Fortunately, we could just see the leader, waving for us to come on, in the distance.

I cannot imagine what it would be like when we actually start the walks with a maximum of 25 walkers as some people walk slowly.

Did we complete the walk you might ask? Yes, we did when we finally worked out how to cross the main road again. This time the traffic waited longer than necessary to let us all cross the road even though our light had turned red!

For more information, including how to join a health walk, please visit [www.Hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.Hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks)



**NEWBERRIES SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

Let's collectively walk, cycle, run, (swim?) or scoot a total of 874 miles!

Choose how you want to do your miles and get people to sponsor you for them.

**There are PRIZES to be won!**  
 Donated by Giant of Radlett  
 And FREE WATER BOTTLES from Debenhams Ottaway for the first 50 participants!

To take part please fill in your entry form and return it to [ptanewberries@gmail.com](mailto:ptanewberries@gmail.com)  
 All miles must be completed by 30th November

Land's End

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## Newberries School - A virtual Journey

Newberries School is inviting residents, parents, family friends and school children to take part in a virtual journey from John O'Groats to Land's End this Autumn to raise funds for the school by taking part in this collective 874 mile journey.

Participants are asked to raise a minimum of £4 per mile by walking, cycling or even scooter riding. To sign up and/or find out more details contact Julie Caplan at [ptanewberries@gmail.com](mailto:ptanewberries@gmail.com). If you do not wish to take part, but wish to donate, please let Julie know.

A mystery prize will be awarded to the child and adult who complete the most miles. The event is being sponsored by Giant Store Radlett and Debenham Ottaway Solicitors.

## A NEW HEAD FOR EDGE GROVE SCHOOL

Lisa MacDonald took over the role as Head Teacher at Edge Grove School from Ben Evans at the beginning of this term.

The school was first established in 1935 and Miss McDonald is the first female head. 2020 sees the 20th anniversary since girls were first welcomed at the school.



## News from Radlett Bowls Club



We have had a successful year - much to our surprise. When, back in March, the Covid lockdown happened we were unable to open our outdoor bowls club for the start of the 2020 season and we feared the worst. However, in mid-June

the restrictions eased and following advice from Bowls England we opened applying the distancing rules. Only three of our six rinks were used at any one time and via a booking system only.

Then, come July, there was a further easing for outdoor sports clubs and the green became fully available. We were able to have all six rinks in use subject to a maximum of 30 players on the green at any time. We suddenly were able to start our in-house competitions and to have regular bowling afternoons throughout the week, always keeping within the rules and regulations. The fine summer certainly was a tremendous bonus.

This spread by word of mouth and online via Radlett U3A. We were inundated with requests to learn to bowl and our fully trained coaches were kept busy. For insurance

reasons, after coaching only club members were allowed on the green so we decided to introduce a slightly reduced rate of membership subscription for these newcomers because our pavilion and changing rooms remained closed. And so our membership grew and grew. Bowling became an inspiration to many local folk while keeping safe and fit in the fresh air (in good and friendly company too). Every time we circulated information about another game being organised the emails flooded in and it became a question of first come, first served.

We are very busy right now with renovation works to our pavilion, the green and all the other facilities we offer. By next April, we expect that all will be ready to start outdoor bowls once again...fingers crossed. So why not put your name down NOW to show your interest and we will contact you in good time next year?

Please look at our website at [www.radlettbowls.uk](http://www.radlettbowls.uk) and email us at [radlett.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:radlett.secretary@gmail.com) for further information. We guarantee you will receive a positive response.

We look forward to hearing from you.  
**John Tilsiter (Hon Sec)**



## The Radlett & District Museum now open

By the time you read this, the Museum should have opened to visitors for the first time on Saturday 17 October. After that, it will be open from 10 to 12 noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Museum will offer permanent displays of local photos, documents, maps, artefacts, etc plus themed exhibitions and recordings and transcripts of interviews with local residents. The displays will be changed regularly.

Full COVID prevention and safety procedures will be followed. This means that a maximum of four visitors, plus two stewards, will be allowed inside at any one time. All visitors must wear face coverings, hand sanitisers will be available and social distancing requirements must be observed. Should you arrive and there are already four visitors in the building, you will be asked to wait outside or come back later.

You will find us behind the Radlett Village Institute,

413 Watling Street, Radlett, WD7 7JG (on the corner of Theobald Street and Watling Street).

Parking is available on site or in Newberries car park and the building is wheel-chair accessible.

Please look out for the latest Museum news on our website: [www.radlettmuseum.com](http://www.radlettmuseum.com). You may contact us on: [info@radlettmuseum.com](mailto:info@radlettmuseum.com).



## Bhaktivedanta Manor – Diwali Celebrations

This year Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, falls on Saturday 14 November. The following day, Sunday 15 November, Bhaktivedanta Manor had planned to have its annual public festival. However, as the Temple is following the government's guidelines regarding the pandemic strictly, sadly we cannot open as planned.

But you can still book a visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor at any time, with all the social distancing measures currently in place, via its website: [www.krishnatemple.com](http://www.krishnatemple.com) under 'Visit the Temple'.

The pandemic is teaching us that all humans are ultimately the same, regardless of country, race, religion, colour, occupation, status and bank balance. So humility is what we need, which is a fundamental ingredient of all spiritual teachings.

The ancient scriptures of many traditions teach us that our true identity is the soul, and that inner fulfilment is the only route to true happiness, - - not materialism and commercialism which is based on satisfying the external body only. But just as importantly, having faith in God and knowing the need to develop a higher purpose in life can help us through difficult times.

When the human race faces a crisis, it is at that point when society has the opportunity to assess our values and our priorities. So this Coronavirus challenge is an opportunity to study more and expose ourselves to all kinds of spiritual media: increase our study and meditation, and discuss such topics with like-minded people. It's time to slow down, learn self-control, listen to nature and grow internally.

**Radha Mohan Das**

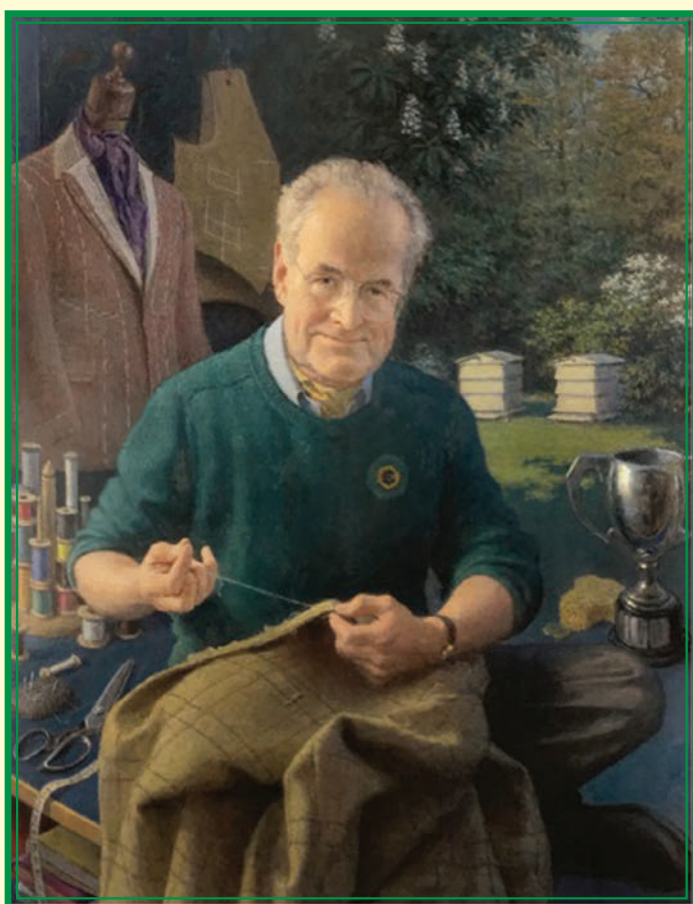
## Stuart Thorne (1944 - 2020)

Stuart Anthony Thorne, who passed away in September aged 75, was a master tailor and a Radlett man through and through.

He was also a serious gardener, bee keeper, birdwatcher, music lover, photographer and collector of vintage Madeira wine as well as an active member of the Chamber of Commerce in the 70's and 80's and the Radlett Rotary Club.

He was also a devoted partner to Maureen and they would have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary next year.

Stuart was very proud to be asked to have his portrait painted by John Walton (Royal Academy of Portrait Artists), another legendary Radlett man. John had been asked to submit a painting to be hung in the People's Portrait Collection at Girton College Cambridge which depicts people from a wide range of professions, trades and skills. The portrait, which you can see below, will be there in perpetuity.



Stuart was born in Edgware and left school at 15 with the sole intention of becoming a tailor.

Tailoring very much ran in the family on his mother's side going back 300 years to Malmo in Sweden. His uncle was in military tailoring and his mother a waistcoat maker.

In 1960 he began his apprenticeship with Cooling, Lawrence and Wells and after qualifying and a further three years with coatmakers Hawes and Curtis, he set up shop on his own in Radlett with his parents' help to buy the property in Aldenham Road.

By advertising in the Herts Advertiser Stuart got ten initial customers, some of whom remained with him for life. Stuart continued working well into 2019 and could still sit up on his workbench, creating a masterpiece almost without looking, whilst conducting a conversation about something completely different. His clients included many surgeons and the newsreader Richard Baker.

He and Maureen met on a blind date and soon discovered they had much in common, including collecting bonsai trees which merged when they were married in Christ Church, Radlett in 1971.

The same year Stuart and Maureen took their first allotment, a hobby that they

both loved and they also joined the Radlett Horticultural Society. Stuart was a perfectionist in everything he did and the allotment was no exception.

Stuart also became very involved with Radlett life and became vice chairman of the Chamber of Commerce as well as a member of Probus. He was also a founder member of the Rotary Club and used his skills to help make the rotary wheel which is still used today.

Fundraising was also a bit of a theme. He agreed to do a 10km run with Stuart Nagler and although he succeeded he said, 'never again'. Much more to his liking was a sponsored knit where he was so good that he cost some of his sponsors a fortune.

Stuart will be very much missed in Radlett and it would be no exaggeration to say that he was an institution in himself. He was also the longest serving sole trader in the village. They really don't make them like him anymore - rest in peace.





### Cynthia Barker (1962 - 2020)

Cynthia Barker was appointed Mayor of Hertsmere in June 2020, having served as Deputy Mayor last year. She had been a Borehamwood borough councillor since last year, and a borough councillor for Potters Bar from 2015 until 2019.

Cynthia was the first Philippine-born elected representative in the borough, and was extremely proud of her heritage. She was committed to doing her utmost to champion equality and diversity for all communities in Hertsmere. She was chosen as one of the 100 most influential Filipinas by the Filipina Women’s Network.

Cynthia was a tireless community advocate, volunteering for a wide range of local organisations and charities. Hertsmere Managing Director, Sajida Bijle, wrote: ‘I know how honoured she [Cllr Barker] was to be appointed to Deputy Mayor last year and then

as Mayor, and how much she enjoyed undertaking a whole host of duties across our communities. She will be greatly missed by us all.’

It was Cynthia’s intention to raise money for the NSPCC during her year as Mayor. Donations to the charity can be made, in her name, at <https://tribute-funds.nspcc.org.uk/cynthia-barker>

### Paul Howard (1974 - 2020)

We are very sad to announce the death of former Radlett resident, Paul Howard on 20 September 2020.

Paul was a real community man who so did much for everyone. In past years, he worked at Radlett Men’s Club and more recently had been involved in the working party for the Radlett Fair.

Paul was well known as a very genial, friendly man, who was always helpful and had a smiley disposition. He was a real character with a genuine community spirit.

He will be very much missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

Our sincere condolences go out to his wife and family at this very sad time.



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## The Radlett Policing Team



PC  
Kris Endersbee



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Tim Conway

Life has changed for everyone since my last article in March in light of coronavirus. People come together in a time of crisis and we have seen many examples of positive contributions to society, helping and protecting those most vulnerable. Our online neighbourhood watch (OWL) has been keeping the community safe featuring regular updates about crime (especially scams) and COVID-19 information.

- Visit [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk) to sign up and receive these free messages.

The Government's pledge for additional police officers is finally seeing numbers increase on the front line. PC Morris has joined PCSO Boca and myself to strengthen our team, looking after Aldenham East and West wards. PC Morris is an experienced officer having worked in Hertsmere for several years and has knowledge of safer neighbourhood policing having previously been a PCSO.

- For details of crimes reported locally, officers and priorities in your area visit [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

Our most reported crime (apart from domestic incidents) are thefts from motor vehicles. We know criminals are wandering the streets at night checking for insecure vehicles and are successful in stealing items of value mainly branded sunglasses, cash and wallets (leading to contactless bank card transactions). Please double check your vehicle is locked and secure and remove any valuables from within. Commercial vehicles have also been targeted during the day for tools so please advise anyone working on your home to keep them secure and lock the van when away from it. We have made a number of arrests since March using CCTV and forensics - some local offenders and others from out of town.

As the nights draw in, late afternoon/early evening break-ins will be on the rise. Unlit homes are often targeted with simple cheap and effective devices such as timer switches for lamps/fake TVs providing excellent security.

- For further crime prevention advice for your home visit [www.herts.police.uk/protectourhome](http://www.herts.police.uk/protectourhome) and [www.hertscitizensacademy.org](http://www.hertscitizensacademy.org)



PC Endersbee and PC Morris



PCSO Boca on bike

We continue to work with partner agencies to try and tackle low level crime and anti-social behaviour. ECHO has been launched so that residents can feed back any local policing issues you wish to communicate with us.

- ECHO: text 66099 start with the word Radlett then your comments or visit: [www.bit.ly/police-Radlett](http://www.bit.ly/police-Radlett)

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For many businesses, getting through lockdown and reopening on the other side was the only aim back in March when they were forced to close their doors. Aldenhams Golf and Country Club was no different, but lockdown wasn't just about waiting for the all clear to re-open. The club took the opportunity to bring forward investment work, planned for late 2020, and pushed ahead with an internal refurbishment that saw the lounge and dining room completely transformed.

Those who remember the previous décor will recall an aged clubhouse with very little natural light, which has now been transformed beyond recognition. The new space is light and airy, offering a modern feel, but which still compliments the heritage of the building, something which was key in the design of the project.

The clubhouse reopened in early August and everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike. Offering food daily until 17:00. Bookings are taken via the bar or by calling 01923 853929, walk-in bookings also possible, subject to availability.

As and when current restrictions relating to events are lifted further, the club's function room might will be the perfect location for your next special occasion. If you are planning a birthday, wedding celebration or any other special occasion then we'd love you show you around. Contact Nick on [sales@aldenhamsclub.co.uk](mailto:sales@aldenhamsclub.co.uk) to arrange a show-round.

The team at the Club can't wait to welcome you back to Aldenhams.



## TEATRO.....The food must go on!!

2020 was set to be a great year for Teatro. But like everyone else, this changed in March. After the initial shock of being closed so suddenly, we realised that we were still here and had to do what we do best.....provide food to our local community who have been so loyal and supportive.

With renewed energy and determination, the menu was adapted to support a delivery service only. Salt beef & latkas, chicken schnitzel with spaghetti quickly became new favourites, as customers sought to get their Teatro fix at home.

A lightbulb moment came with the sombre atmosphere of VE Day looming. The afternoon tea gift box was introduced to much approval. Not only did we lead the way for The Afternoon Tea box but demand for this delicious afternoon tea box grew very quickly and on Father's Day well over a hundred boxes were delivered.

The big challenge to us came in July as other restaurants began to open. With The Radlett Centre still closed, Teatro refreshed the menu again to provide a weekend delivery service for local residents who were still unable to go out. Deliveries continued together with the introduction of other food gift boxes. Further new dishes are planned for the autumn and festive season. Teatro is working hard to remain a firm Radlett favourite.

Teatro's delivery team have loved seeing all their regular customers from a distance at the bottom of the garden path - for some this has been a real source of contact and comfort. To order a delivery, please call or text 07949 711809.



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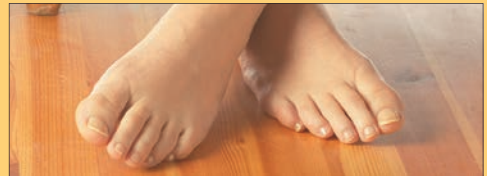
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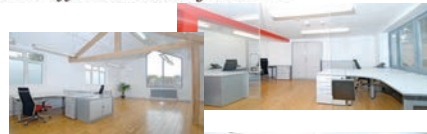
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