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Joint Chairs' Message

After staying at home and socially distancing for such a long time, it was a welcome relief that over the past few months we have been able to see the community

come together again.

We were delighted that once again we were able to offer organised activities at the Phillimore Rec on two Mondays in August for our younger children. This was made possible by the hard work of Inspire All and APC, who joined forces to bring Park Events to Radlett.

In September, we celebrated the centenary of the donation by Lucy Phillimore of the Recreation Ground to Aldenham Parish Council. What a wonderful day it turned out to be! Many hundreds of people of all ages came to enjoy our free family friendly event. There were fairground rides, stalls, food and musical entertainment. Thankfully, the weather was kind and so many people were able to enjoy outdoor screenings of 'The Lion King' and 'Mamma Mia', with their friends and families. The chairmen would like to thank Cllr Catherine Kilhams, the other members of the working party and the officers and open spaces team for all their hard work in organising this event.

We have set up working groups to focus our efforts on some new initiatives including Green Issues and Access for All. We are also planning a major event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. It will certainly be a busy year ahead with lots of the projects that were put on hold during the pandemic now starting up again.

The War Memorial in Radlett has been cleaned in preparation for the Remembrance Day Service which will take place on Sunday 14th November, commencing with a parade along the High Street. There will also be a service at the War Memorial in Letchmore Heath. Depending on Government's guidelines, it is hoped that the annual Winter Fair will also go ahead this year. Please see inside this magazine for further details.

Following the adoption of the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan in May, Hertsmere's Planning Department are now taking into account the plan's policies when determining planning applications. We hope this will help to retain the verdant nature of Radlett village and encourage a wider mix of housing stock.

The draft Hertsmere Local Plan, which among other things earmarks sites for future development, is available to view at www.hertsmerelocalplan.com. Residents are invited to comment on the plan until Monday 6 December.

We would like to thank all APC staff for working so hard this past year in difficult circumstances. Our Open Spaces team have continued to look after our community areas and the lovely hanging baskets in the Village definitely put a smile on people's faces. Sadly we are saying goodbye to our Open Spaces Officer, Wendy McLean, who is retiring. We will miss her, and wish her all the very best for the future.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Festive Season, and hopefully only good things in 2022.



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Cllr. Jackie Lefton

Joint Chairs of the Council

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Forthcoming Committee Meetings Nov 2021-May 2022

November 15th - Planning 22nd - Full Council 29th – F & G P

December 6th - Planning 13th - Full Council 20th - Planning

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 email: oliver@oliverdowden.com

January 10th-Planning 17th – F & G P 24th - Planning 31st - Full Council February 7th - Planning 21st - Planning 28th - Full Council March 7th-Planning 14th – F & G P 21st - Planning 28th - Full Council April 4th - Planning

19th - Planning 25th - Full Council

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30th - Full Council and Annual Meeting

For Meeting details and time please see the website

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

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ALDENHAM WEST

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021



RADLETT WAR MEMORIAL

A short service at 10.00am at Christ Church, Radlett Gather at the War Memorial by 10.45am The service will start at 10.50am Two Minutes Silence at 11.00am

LETCHMORE HEATH WAR MEMORIAL

Gather at 10.15am at the War Memorial, The Green, Letchmore Heath The service will start at 10.30am Two Minutes Silence at 11.00am Evensong at 6.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham.





In loving memory of Sadie Salt.



As we approach the first anniversary of Sadie's tragic death on 14 November 2020, her family refocus on how to raise funds for COSMIC, the charity that supports the children's and neonatal intensive care units at St Mary's and Queen Charlottes Hospitals in London by helping patients and their families and enabling dedicated teams to treat hundreds of babies and children in intensive care each year.

Sadie, who was only two weeks away from her 3rd birthday, saved lives as an organ donor after choking on a piece of her lunch while at nursery in Radlett.

Next spring, Sadie's father will undertake a two-week trek through the Himalayas to arrive at Everest Base Camp, a challenging expedition to raise much needed funds for COSMIC.

Sadie's family's support and amazing fundraising efforts will enable COSMIC to help many more children who need intensive care, and their families.

The care COSMIC gave Sadie and her family was described as incredible. The family are quoted as saying "they fully deserve all the support they receive".

To show your support and remember Sadie, please visit https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adam-salt1

What's On...

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

NOVEMBER

Sunday 7th November 2.00pm - 8.00pm

Diwali festival at Bhaktivedanta Manor Krishna Temple. For up-to-date details: Visit the Temple website: www. krishnatemple.com or email info@ krishnatemple.com Various courses and workshops to promote spiritual development are running at Bhaktivedanta Manor, both in person and online. For more information visit: schoolofbhakti.com

Sunday 14th November

Remembrance Sunday at Radlett War Memorial. Gather by 10.45am for the service at 10.50am with two minutes silence at 11.00am.

Sunday 14th November

Remembrance Sunday at Letchmore War Memorial. Gather from 10.15am for the service at 10.30am and the two minutes silence at 11.00am.

Wednesday 17 November 2021 at 8.00pm



The Radlett Society and Green Belt Association Annual General Meeting at

The Vision Hall, Christ Church, Watling Street, Radlett, WD7 7JJ. A special guest speaker Cllr Dr Harvey Cohen, Portfolio Holder for Planning at Hertsmere Borough Council will deliver his talk about the Draft Hertsmere Local Plan 2022 - 2038 immediately after the AGM.

Sunday 21st November, 2.00pm-5.00pm



Aldenham Parish Council Winter Fair at the Radlett Centre. For further details please see advert on page 9.

Wednesday 24 November 7.30pm



Radlett Horticulture Society Annual General Meeting at Vision Hall Radlett, followed by a talk, which visitors are welcome to attend. This year's talk

is by the Chairman - "Flora and Fauna of Mexico"

Sunday 28 November 2021



Radlett Horticulture Society, Members Store closes for the winter break Last chance to stock up on bird food.

Sunday 28 November 3.00pm-5.00pm

chabad Lubavitch of Radlett Chanukah Fest. 122 lubavitch radlett Watling WD7 Street. 7A Doughnuts, Latkes, Chanukah crafts and activities, music, Kosher food for sale, as well as Chanukah candles, Menorahs and gifts. For more information please contact radlett@ LubavitchUK.com

DECEMBER

Saturday 4th December at 7.30pm Phoenix Band Christmas Concert in Christ Church, Radlett. Doors open at 7 pm and tickets will be on sale at the door (£6 adults, £4 concessions, children under 16 free). Light refreshments will be on sale during the interval. All proceeds will go to Keech Hospice. phoenixconcertband.co.uk

Sunday 12th December 6.30pm Christ Church in Radlett - Churches Together Advent Carol Service followed by refreshments in the Vision Hall.

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December 6.00pm Christ Church in Radlett - Carols by Candlelight.

JANUARY 2022



Radlett Horticultural Society - publication and distribution of 2022 Society Yearbook to Members.

Sunday 6 February 2022

Radlett Horticulture Society Members Store reopens. Parking is free right outside the Store for easy loading of purchases.

Saturday 7 May 2022 – 2.00pm - 3.00pm at the Vision Hall, Radlett. Radlett Horticulture Society Spring Plant Sale. For more information about any of the events or to enquire about membership please contact

publicity@radletthortsoc.co.uk or membership@radletthortsoc.co.uk



Radlett Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

RLTSC offers tennis and squash for evervone

of all ages. Monday evening 'Rusty Rackets' session for adults at 7.30pm-8.30pm (booking essential) https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ RadlettLawnTennisandSquashClub/ Coaching/Summary/62186aad-116c-46d1-81fb-0d1f0665036c

'CARDIO TENNIS' or 'DRILLS' sessions (booking essential): Thursday evenings 8pm-9.30pm Drills Friday mornings 8.45am-9.30am Cardio Tennis (open to non-members & first session is free).

For all enquiries or if you would like to come to RLTSC to have a trial tennis or squash session please visit our website: www.rltsc.com or get in touch: 01923 854 523 or alternatively email:

General & squash: admin@rltsc.co.uk Tennis: coaching@rltsc.co.uk



Radlett Youth Council

If you are a young person aged 11-18, live in the Parish of Aldenham and want to have a say in your

local area, Radlett Youth Council may be for you.

Radlett Youth Council gives young people in and around Radlett a voice to change things in the area.

The Youth Council meet once a month and are always

on the look-out for new members who possess qualities such as enthusiasm, good communication skills and an understanding of the issues which face young people today.

You will also meet some new people and have fun at the same time, as well as it looking great on your CV!

Please call Peter Evans on 01923-856433 or email manager@aldenham-pc.gov.uk for more information.

RADLETT & DISTRICT MUSEUM

www.radlettmuseum.com

Next year there will be national celebrations for the Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, marking an unprecedented 70 years of Royal service.

On the 6th of May 1935, the villages of Radlett, Aldenham and Letchmore Heath, along with the rest of the United Kingdom, marked the 25-year Silver Jubilee of King George Vth with celebrations which started with an open air church service in the centre of the Phillimore Recreation Ground, and finished with a massive firework display. The whole event lasted 12 hours.



Watching the Jubilee Day Procession at Radlett, 6th May 1935

The planning for the event, by Aldenham Parish Council, started in a small way, with an enquiry as to whether it was permissible to erect a marquee to sell teas on the Phillimore Rec. Eventually it included an instruction to local tradesmen to decorate their premises. The streets were to be decorated so 'no blame can be attached to the council' if it wasn't done!

The day's agenda included a lot of sports activities for children and 'veterans'. Athletics, football, boxing, tug of war, and the inevitable ladies' egg and spoon race. Displays included country dancing, maypole dancing, and the Fire Brigade demonstrated how to rescue people from a burning house, and also how to operate a firehose. The Herts Advertiser of 10th May 1935 reported that, 'A white dog caused some amusement by persistently keeping under the torrents of falling water and fighting against the water when the firemen directed the water at it'.

The Boy Scouts showed off the difference between 'good' and 'bad' camping. In addition, a parade from the station to the recreation ground included decorated prams, bicycles and tradesmens' lorries, the Radlett Brass Band in their new uniforms, and massed choirs provided the music.

The most inspired entertainment drew on Radlett's oldest bit of history, namely Watling Street. This was an

KING GEORGE V SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN RADLETT

ancient Britons' footpath from Dover up to Wroxeter, (near Shrewsbury), via Canterbury, London, St Albans, Dunstable etc (the A2 and A5), which was later upgraded by the Romans. Sections of it were subsequently paved as turnpike roads and used extensively by 18th and 19th century stagecoaches.

This of course attracted highwaymen, the most famous being Dick Turpin and his horse Black Bess. This excerpt from the same edition of the Herts Advertiser describes the show.

"A shop in Watling Street represented a wayside pub, and it was there that the licensee received Dick Turpin and his bold brigands, who were on horseback and clothed in colourful costumes. Having received a pot of beer, and also a hint of a visit by a wealthy merchant, they then left the scene. A few minutes later, there was a fanfare of trumpets and the old stagecoach, drawn by three prancing greys and a black came into sight.

"Having partaken of refreshment the wealthy merchant and his retinue continued on their way. The recreation ground was the next scene of action and incidentally the most thrilling. The coach was drawn round the field at a gallop when suddenly a number of masked brigands on horseback dashed out of the adjoining woods and held up the coach. This was interrupted by the intervention of handily placed Bow-Street Runners. The fate of the captured highwaymen remains unknown."



Over 400 children were given tea at the Letchmore Heath Memorial Hall, where they were taken in relays of cars. One wonders how many children were permitted in each car! At the same time, 120 of the old folks were also given tea at the Congregational Church Hall, Radlett.

The late-night fireworks display, carried out by the Pain Brothers of Mitcham, were witnessed by hundreds of people, who must have agreed with the reporter's headline; 'A FULL JOY DAY FOR YOUNG AND OLD'. *Eric Hill. Radlett & District Museum*

Have your say on Hertsmere's draft Local Plan

Members of the public can give their thoughts and comments on Hertsmere's draft Local Plan from Monday 11 October, 2021.

Residents, businesses and all interested parties have until 5pm on Monday 6 December 2021 to have their say on Hertsmere's draft Local Plan. The draft plan, which was published in September 2021, sets out how the borough could grow over the next 15 years and beyond, by providing homes for the next generation as well as the infrastructure and jobs needed to support this growth. It outlines how Hertsmere will meet the central government requirements to plan for at least 760 homes per year in the borough until 2038.

It is available to view at www.hertsmerelocalplan.com along with further information, including summaries of what the plan covers, what it could mean for each of the borough's main areas, an overview of the next steps and frequently asked questions. People can fill out the online survey or give their comments through the online consultation portal, both available via the website.

Hard copies of the plan to view and response forms and pre-paid envelopes are available at accessible locations across the borough, including Aldenham Parish Council offices at the Radlett Centre.

There will also be a further opportunity to comment on the final plan next year, before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for formal examination.



After several false starts in over a year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Museum reopened its doors in May 2021 and has remained open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10am to 12pm, ever since.



To celebrate this, the trustees gathered for a team photo. Pictured from left to right are David Freedman, Graham Taylor, Martin Jeens, Eric Hill, Gill Balen, Stuart Nagler, Laura Davis, David Mitchell, Diana Lobatto, Chris Wilkins and Roger Housechild

A cream tea party was held in July 2021, when nearly 100 guests were able to enjoy home-made scones and cake, washed down with tea or coffee. Many guests took the opportunity to visit the Museum. All proceeds from the party went to fund the costs of running the Museum.

The main display is a timeline of the development of the village. A second display has been photographs of "Watling Street through the years". It is intended to change this display on a regular basis and the next display – "The story of our shops" - is planned for October.

We are discussing with staff from local schools their requirements and the arrangements needed for pupil visits.

News from Radlett & District Museum

The archives already contain many photos, pictures, maps, documents and objects of interest – all relating to the rich history of Radlett and its surrounding hamlets – but storage space is limited. If, however, you have any objects relating to the local area, which you believe would be suitable to exhibit, please contact us on: info@radlettmuseum.com. Similarly, we are keen to build a database of the many air raid shelters that remain in the area. If you have one in your garden, do please contact us on the email address above.

As with all voluntary organisations, we would welcome more funds (by way of grants, donations and legacies) and volunteers. We are particularly keen to attract volunteers with computer skills. If you can help us, please contact us via the above email address.



Some of the guests enjoying a cream tea and a chat in the garden of the Village Institute

If you have not yet visited the Museum, please do come and see us. We are situated in the garden of the Village Institute and our opening hours are as above. Also, please visit our website on a regular basis: www.radlettmuseum.com



Queen's Jubilee Celebrations 2022

Next year, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 at only 25 years old.

Throughout 2022, Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark this historic occasion culminating in an extended bank holiday weekend in June providing the ideal opportunity for communities across the UK to come together and celebrate. We can't wait!

Four days of official celebrations including 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians Trooping the Colour are planned, as well as lighting nationwide beacons, including in Radlett! The entire Nation will be swept up in pride and excitement.

Aldenham Parish Council have formed a dedicated working party to make sure Radlett's contribution to the Jubilee weekend brings about events for us to remember forever!

SAVE THE DATES

On Thursday 2nd June 2022, the first special event, to

be presented in partnership with Tabard Rugby Club, will culminate with the lighting of the Jubilee beacon on top of Cobden Hill. Details to follow.

Then, on Sunday 5th June 2022, the Radlett Big Jubilee Lunch will bring more celebrations right to the heart of our community - the high street. The Radlett Big Jubilee Lunch will be part of a full day's event for our entire community to share friendship, food and fun. Taking the best lessons from the 2012 Jubilee, we want to make this street party one for the history books. With live music, fairground rides, stalls, local crafts, ales, incredible food and activities for people of all ages, the sky is the limit for how we celebrate our wonderful community.

Most of all we want YOUR ideas to bring about the very best Platinum Jubilee event, so we would love to hear from anyone reading this who might like to join our friendly working party. We know planning this will be huge amounts of fun and truly memorable given the occasion.

If you are interested, please contact Peter Evans manager@ aldenham-pc.gov.uk and the author of this article Cllr Clare Diskin, Joint Chair - Queen's Jubilee 2022 working party.



COMPETITION TO DESIGN OUR LOG

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee, The Royal Household invited young people aged 13 – 25 to design a logo for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Nineteen-year-old Edward Roberts, a graphic

design student from Nottinghamshire studying at Leeds University, has won a national competition run by the V&A in conjunction with Buckingham Palace, with this rather fetching design:



Aldenham Parish Council are hosting two exciting community celebrations next year as part of the Jubilee and would like an emblem that reflects not just the Jubilee, but the amazing community we have here in Aldenham. To that end, we have launched a competition, through local schools, for key stage 2 pupils to design a new logo. The deadline for design submissions is Friday 12th November and the winner will be officially announced at our Winter Fair on the 21st November, as well as being given the honour of switching on the Christmas lights! The winning design will also be used in all our promotional material leading up to the Jubilee itself.

We can't wait to see all your wonderful designs!

If you would like more information, please contact Cllr Helen Jones Cllr.Helen.Jones@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Bat walk at Fir Spring Wood

with Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust on Wednesday evening 29th September 2021



Aldenham Parish Council Open Spaces Team member David Jenkins hosted an interesting evening attended by pupils, staff and parents from Fair Field Junior School. Local Police Officers Leon James and Michael Morris also attended to learn more about the site. Dave Willis, People and Wildlife Officer from Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust brought bat detectors. As night fell everyone set about looking, and listening, for bats!

September to November is bat mating season, followed by the start of their winter hibernation. There weren't many to be heard, but the keen eyes and ears of the group picked up common pipistrelles and soprano pipistrelles, which can be distinguished by the different frequencies of their ultrasonic calls.

The pupils of Fair Field Junior School are regular visitors to the Wood and have assisted with the monitoring of the bird and bat boxes that were installed in November last year.

Earlier this year, APC installed an information sign at the main entrance of Fir Spring Wood. We are working in partnership with HMWT to maintain this site for wildlife, and it promises to get better and better.

Watch this space for further wild events!

David Jenkins Open Spaces Team Member



Phillimore Recreation Ground receives 'Green Flag Award'

In its 100th year of ownership by Aldenham Parish Council, Phillimore Recreation Ground

flies the flag as one of the country's best parks.



Aldenham Parish Council is pleased to announce that Phillimore Recreation Ground was awarded a 'Green Flag Award' by Keep Britain Tidy in October 2021. The judges commented

"A pleasant and well-maintained area with friendly and helpful staff. Site has huge potential with a variety of facilities on site. Plenty of improvements are planned for the future. Green Flag well deserved"

The award is an international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

In February 2020 APC agreed to apply for 'Green Flag' accreditation of open spaces for Phillimore Recreation Ground. The judges visited Phillimore Recreation Ground in June 2021.

Applying for the award provided us with a focus, as part of our aim of ensuring we provide a facility which serves the local community. Achieving the 'Green Flag Award' is one step in our continuous improvement plans, and we look forward to sharing our future progress with you.

We would thank our Opens Spaces Team for all their hard



work to keep the Phillimore Recreation Ground nice and tidy up to such a high standard. In particular, APC would like to express our gratitude to David Jenkins, who put forward the 'Green Flag' proposal to the Council, and Wendy McLean, for her administrative work on the Phillimore Recreation Ground management plan, in preparation for this award.



For more information regarding the 'Green Flag Award' and details of other 'Green Flag' sites, visit https://www.greenflagaward.org/

Monika Duong

Assistant Manager, Aldenham Parish Council





100-year celebration of Phillimore Recreation Ground

On Sunday 12th September, Aldenham Parish Council ran a free family event at Phillimore Recreation Ground to celebrate receiving the land from the Phillimore Family 100 years ago.

 O_{ENH} The day started with Watford Brass Band playing, welcoming early comers to The Rec. The Mayor of Hertsmere Borough Council – Cllr Anne Swerling – formally opened the event for us, and then we were straight into our first film of the day – The Lion King–showing on the outdoor screen. There were lots of families there to watch the film as well as eat ice cream and have their faces painted.

This was followed by performances on the stage by local singing groups which were all amazing, and then we showed our last film – Mamma Mia. More people arrived to watch this film and, by the end, many were dancing.

Several classic cars on display for the whole day, as well as a vintage fun fair and bouncy castle for the younger children. There was also a miniature steam train, which was enjoyed by kids and adults alike.

We had stalls set up by local societies, and some food and drink outlets including a prosecco bar and a pizza van which were very popular. We also had a sensory tent which was sponsored by Mencap Hertfordshire, which provided a quiet space for children needing extra support.

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to all of our sponsors, especially Debenhams Ottaway Solicitors, as well as Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council. We are extremely grateful for their support.

We were unbelievably lucky with the weather, which was warm and sunny most of the day, and about 3000 people attended the event, which is fantastic.

I hope you all had a really fun day.

Cllr Catherine Kilhams Chair 100-year Phillimore Recreation Working Party





Aldenham Parish Council Prioritise Inclusion

Coinciding with the recent release of the Government's National Disability Strategy, Aldenham Parish Council have drawn together

a new working party appropriately named, 'Access for All'. This working party is a first for the Parish Council when it comes to addressing the many aspects of our local environment, from high street walkways to parks and open spaces, which could and should be more accessible for people of all ages with any level of disability - visible and otherwise.

Another first for this working party is its makeup. So vital is the discussion and outcomes of this group, it sees the bringing together of people from all political persuasions and members of the pubic alongside council members to bring about the most robust audit of the way we live – and how life could be made better for everyone, in particular improving the everyday lives of those living with disabilities.

Aldenham Parish Council's recent '100 year celebration for Phillimore Recreation Ground' provided the ideal opportunity for us to demonstrate progress. Not only was on site disabled parking provided, but there was also emphasis on adequate disabled toilets, sensitive spacing between stalls and activities, and even a special sensory zone provided by Mencap Hertsmere group, Noah's Ark. In this special gazebo, people who need a quieter space were able to enjoy a little time out to sit down, undertake some simple craft-making and benefit from the kindness of Mencap volunteers who have vast experience of working with people with physical disabilities, sensory processing disorders, Autism and a range of neurodiverse conditions.

Suffice to say, we have a long way to go to making our Parish the beacon of accessibility and inclusion it could be. We would welcome members of the public with any level of interest in the topic to get in touch and join this special 'Access for All' working party to be part of crucial change. Please contact Cllr Clare Diskin cllr.clare.diskin@aldenham-pc.gov.uk – we would love to hear from you.

Cllr Clare Diskin Chair Access for All Working Party



Phillimore Recreation Ground Improvements Project

Aldenham Parish Council are continuing to progress with the Phillimore Recreation Ground improvements.

The first project is to design and construct a café in the main field. This building will have seating both inside, and on a wrap-around patio area with a view into the children's playground. We aim to have a serving hatch for those not wanting to enter the building. We aim to make it as ecologically friendly as possible by using sustainable materials and to be energy efficient using solar panels to supplement power needed. The café will also have planters around the terrace area, as well as possibly new trees planted next to it.

As well as the café, APC are also hoping to make improvements to other areas of the recreation ground. The improvements being considered are:

- Installing a new path around the main field
- Improving the design of the gates into the recreation ground
- Installing new and more visible notice boards
- Making the car park safer for pedestrians

APC have gone out to public consultation and you have probably seen lots of information regarding the plans on social media and on boards outside the Radlett Centre and at the recreation ground. APC and the architect have hosted 2 sessions in the Radlett Centre on Monday 11th October, where residents were invited to come and meet them and discuss the plans.

The next step is to apply for planning permission, so please comment on the plans so APC can make sure they provide what residents really want up at Phillimore Recreation Ground.

Councillor Catherine Kilhams

Chair Phillimore Rec Improvement Project Working Party





The Radlett Centre 2020 – The year that didn't happen.

It's difficult now to think back to early 2020, when pandemics were just something you saw at the movies. In early January of that year when we first

heard the word Covid-19, the Radlett Centre had a full programme booked throughout the year.

This included local societies, amateur shows, professional shows, school productions, dance shows, lectures, comedy nights, music events, Bar Mitzvahs, workshops, classes, blood clinics and almost 50 performances of the pantomime.

Then without warning, everything from 14 March was systematically cancelled. At first the shows just moved ahead a couple of months, then another couple of months, and then to 2021, and then some to 2022. Private hires had no choice but to cancel altogether, and the schools and societies who had worked for months on their shows were forced to abandon them.

The effects of the cancellations and closures were very individual, and changed as the months went by. Performers who were left with no income became supermarket shelf stackers and delivery drivers. As weeks became months and then passed the one-year mark, many theatre careers finished completely.

Here at the Radlett Centre, many difficult decisions had to be made. Staffing levels were already minimal (5 full time and 4 part time), so to lose anyone at all would affect the reopening plan which we kept thinking would be just weeks away. During this time the Radlett Centre benefited greatly from the furlough scheme, funding from Aldenham Parish Council, Hertsmere's small business grants plus a one-off grant from the Arts Council recovery fund. Then in December, the Government offered a glimmer of hope when they allowed venues to open, albeit with complicated safety measures in place. Within one week, a programme of shows was arranged and put on sale.

One-way systems, sanitising stations, masks, track and trace and socially distanced seating was all put in place. To our delight people were booking tickets for these shows, to the extent that extra performances of the children's shows had to be added in.

And then, a whole new phenomenon called Tier 4 came in. And everything was cancelled again.

Eventually, on 17 May 2021, the Radlett Centre opened its doors once again. Many of the safety measures were still in place, but we were open. There was a feeling that some sort of normality could be possible if we could just be allowed to stay open. Some brave dance schools, and other groups decided that it was in the interest of their future to go ahead with their pre-summer shows, which were all successful.

Our professional shows had to be smaller scale than usual due to the dramatically reduced seating, but some performers just welcomed the opportunity to perform. From the end of July, we were able to return to full seating, although we didn't know how audiences would feel about that.

Then out of the blue, Michael McIntyre needed a venue to try out new material. Within 15 minutes of going on sale, every single ticket was bought online, and it gave us our first full house in 18 months.

Since then, we have had a number of sold out shows and we are working with our regular groups and societies to help them relaunch as well. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported us during this time, and we look forward to returning to full strength as soon as possible.

Greg Dexter General Manager

citizens advice

Citizens Advice Hertsmere – Here For You

As I was leaving work one evening in February 2021 the vaccination centre next door was in full swing. The elderly and

most vulnerable people had just received their first vaccine. One couple asked me what was the office I was leaving. "Its Citizens Advice I said". "Oh yes", they replied– "you are the nice people who help anyone with anything. You helped our son with furlough and told him he could claim support with his rent. It's made all the difference to him over the last few months".

Despite Government measures to prevent people from the most severe financial impacts of the pandemic, including employment support schemes and benefit boosts, nearly 2 in 5 households lost income because of the crisis, with 1 in 10 suffering severe financial hardship. Generally, the worst-off families are usually the hardest hit, and that has been the case in Hertsmere. Many of our residents work in occupations such as the retail or hospitality sector, well known for the unpredictability of regular income, which makes it hard to budget. Sessions are held every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm on First Floor, The Radlett Centre. Sessions operate on a 'drop-in' basis. For telephone advice please phone our Hertfordshire Adviceline on **03444 111 444**.

As things start to open up, a picture of how people have been managing over the last 18 months is emerging. Credit and store card debt has increased, and more people are coming to talk to us about rent arrears. The number of people who identify as having a mental health condition has almost doubled. During 2020-21 we helped clients with over 10,000 issues. Through our expert advice and one to one guidance we have helped clients claim the right amount of benefits, negotiated restructuring their debts, and have been a vital lifeline for those for whom the pandemic has been a deeply worrying time. In purely financial terms, each client we helped has been on average £4,215 better off.

If anything, the year ahead promises to be even more challenging and more crucial in ensuring that the pandemic does not have grave long-term consequences for the people of Hertsmere. Rising utility prices combined with the end of furlough and the uplift to Universal Credit will have a huge impact on many of our residents. Citizens Advice will be here to help, no matter how big or small your problem is.

Carolyn Buller CEO Citizens Advice Hertsmere.

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NOVEMBER

Mon 8th		Tiger who came to Tea 1.30pm
		4.30pm
Tues 9th		Tiger who came to Tea
		10.30am & 1.30pm
Wed 10th		Tenors Unlimited 7.30pm
Thurs 11th	า	Neil Diamond 7.30pm
Fri 12th		Simon Brodkin 7.30pm
Sat 13th		Paul Zerdin 7.30pm
Mon 15th		Primavera Ensemble Music
		Club 8pm
Thurs 18th	& Fri 19t	h Matilda Jr Rare 7.30pm
Sat 20th		Matilda Jr Rare 12pm, 2.30pm,
		6.30pm
Sat 27th		Nick Ross 7.30pm
Sun 28th		Rabbi Santa 7.30pm

Snow White

1.30pm

1.30pm

RMTC

Upbeat Beatles 7.30pm

Elvis Years 7.30pm

Ed Byrne 7.30pm

Big Band 7.30pm

Blake 7.30pm

Frankie Vallie 7.30pm

Snooker Greats 7.30pm

Best of Queen 7.30pm

Richard Jones 7.30pm

Oh No, George 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Oh No, George 10.30 & 1.30pm

Forbidden Nights 7.30pm

Smeds & The Smoo 4.30pm

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DECEMBER

Sat 4th - Fri 31st

JANUARY 2022

Thurs 6th Fri 7th Sat 8th Tue 11th Wed 12th

Thurs 13th

Thurs 13th Sat 15th Thurs 20th Sat 22nd Tues 25th Thurs 27th Sat 29th

FEBRUARY

Tues 1st Fri 4th Sat 5th







Thurs 3rd Sun 6th Fri 18th Sat 19th Sun 20th Tues 22nd Sat 26th

MARCH

Wed 2nd Thurs 3rd Fri 4th Sat 5th Sun 13th Tues 15th Thurs 17th

Wed 23rd Thurs 24th **Tues 29th March** Wed 30th March

Someone Like You 7.30pm Snow Queen Ballet 2.30pm Go Now! Moody Blues 7.30pm Clive Anderson 7.30pm Jive Aces 7.30pm Music Club 8pm Totally Tina 7.30pm

Tony Stockwell 7.30pm The Zoots 7.30pm Whole Lotta Led 7.30pm Milkshake Live! 11am & 2.30pm Thurs 10th - Sat 12th Radlett Musical Theatre Company Jewish Hollywood 3.30pm & 7.30pm **Music Club 8pm** Benny Goodman 1938 Carnegie Hall 7.30pm Buddy Holly 7.30pm Mario Lanza 7.30pm **Dragons and Mythical Beasts 4.30pm Dragons and Mythical Beasts** 1.30pm & 4.30pm **Dragons and Mythical Beasts 4.30pm**

Women in Rock 7.30pm

Music Club 8pm

Easter Workshop

Think Floyd 7.30pm

2.30pm

7.30pm

Back to Bacharach 7.30pm

Marvel of Mystery 7.30pm

Wind in the Willows 2.30pm

Wind in the Willows 11am &

I'm Still Standing 7.30pm

American-ish Songbook

Wizard of Oz 1pm & 4pm

Thurs 31st March

APRIL

Fri 1st Sun 3rd Wed 6th Sat 9th Tues 12th Wed 13th

Thur 14th Tues 19th - Fri 22nd Thurs 28th

Fri 29th Sat 30th

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Sun 1st Sat 7th Sun 8th Fri 13th Wed 18th Thurs 22nd Mon 30th Tue 31st

Wizard of Oz 11am & 2pm Uptown Joel 7.30pm Alistair McGowan 7.30pm Wed 11th & Thurs 12th Ashley Blaker 7.30pm The Lavelles 7.30pm Beach Boyz 7.30pm Chris McCausland 7.30pm Rapunzel 1pm & 4pm Rapunzel 11am & 2pm









The Phillimore Rec 100-year celebrations showcased numerous groups and organisations that make up our community, who contribute to both maintaining and improving the area in which we live and work, for the benefit of everyone. In the same way, your Safer Neighbourhood Team, working with the public and other agencies, strive to keep people and their property safe.

It's estimated 90% of crime is committed by 10% of people. We have had successes targeting local individuals who

create the biggest threat to our community, putting two of our most prolific offenders behind bars in recent months.

Crime reports and calls have remained low post lockdown, but we have seen a rise in organised gangs using specialist equipment to steal high value motor vehicles and removing catalytic converters. CCTV footage shows these thefts can occur in less than a minute, while some are brazenly taken in broad daylight from busy public areas, or even from driveways whilst occupants are at home. Some stolen vehicles have been recovered through tracking devices, but many are never seen again.



Here are some tips to keep your vehicle safe.

- If you have a keyless car, store your fobs in a faraday bag or metal container away from your property's front door/windows (ensure you check your precautions work by placing the bag/container next to the vehicle to see if the car becomes 'active' or not.
- 2) Consider using additional old school steering wheel or gear stick locks as a deterrent.

3) Hybrid vehicles are predominately targeted for their catalytic converters. Additional security can be added to exhaust systems to make their removal tougher. You can also have your catalytic converter security marked for free through our partnership with local garages. This makes them less attractive to steal. More details can be found at herts.police.uk/operationfeline

You can visit www.police.uk to see the crime trends for Bushey and Radlett.

Our new OWL app, launched in recent months, can keep you up to date with crime and safety alerts in your area, and has other useful advanced features that could help you keep your family and property safe. To get the app, search the App Store or Google Play for 'OWL crime alerts'.

Your Radlett Safer Neighbourhood Team (Aldenham East and West Wards) left to right in photo.

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PCSO Leon James – Leon.James@herts.police.uk

PCSO Milan Boca - Milan.Boca@herts.police.uk

Supported by PCSO Tim Conway and Special Sergeant Kaye.

*Always dial 999 in emergencies and 101 (or online) to report crime/incidents that require a timely response. Anonymous reports on low level crime and anti-social behaviour issues can be sent via ECHO using the link http://www.bit.ly/police-radlett



Free information, advice and support to help you stay healthy and well

Healthy hub in Radlett

A new lifestyle hub which aims to connect people in Radlett with health and wellbeing services has opened. The Healthy Hub at the Radlett Centre in Aldenham Avenue is a dedicated local venue where people can get services, support and advice on a range of physical and mental health issues all in one place. Whether you think you need help to stop smoking, to lose weight, mental health support, encouragement to get more active or advice on how to cut down on your drinking – the hub has a dedicated health and wellbeing advocate who can answer any queries or signpost services.

The hub is funded through Hertfordshire County Council and managed by Communities 1st, in partnership with Aldenham Parish Council and Hertsmere Borough Council.

Hertsmere Borough Councillor Meenal Sachdev, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Health and Culture said: "We know how difficult the past 18 months have been, as people have struggled to work, educate their children and just get through each day during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns.

"Keeping mentally and physically fit and healthy may not have been a top priority. Radlett's new Healthy Hub is being launched to help residents address this, so they can find the time and support to reconnect with themselves and their community.

"Whether you want help with getting into shape, need mental health support or counselling, are looking for volunteering opportunities, want to stop smoking or are in need of family planning advice, you can pop in and speak to the health and wellbeing advocate anytime, or ring up to book an appointment.

"We're so excited to be working with Aldenham Parish Council, Communities 1st and Hertfordshire County Council on this project, which we hope will have a big impact on addressing the needs of our local community."

The weekly pop-up hub healthy hub opened at the Radlett Centre last month.

To find out more go to www.hertsmere.gov.uk/healthyhubs

Jyoti Bhojani

Policy Manager – Health and Wellbeing Partnerships and Community Engagement Hertsmere Borough Council

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