



# Around Radlett

Autumn/Winter 2022

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## Chairman's Message

As the new Chair of Aldenham Parish Council, I would first like to offer sincere thanks to my predecessors, Jackie Lefton and Estelle Samuelson for their years of service to the Parish of Aldenham and their hard work as Co-Chairs of the Council. Estelle Samuelson has kindly agreed to serve as my Vice Chair, providing welcome advice and sage counsel.

The time since our last edition has seen two historic occasions – the first one of great joy, as we came together to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, to be followed a few months later by the sad occasion of Her Majesty's passing, bringing the country together once more to pay homage to her incredible life filled with service to her people.

In connection with this, I was honoured as Chair of the Parish Council to be invited to witness the Accession Proclamation by the High Sheriff at Hertford, and then the Mayor in Elstree, before discharging my duty by reading the Proclamation here in Radlett. It was incredible to be part of a tradition that predates modern communication, and I was touched to see so many residents attend.

This winter looks to be a difficult one, with continued uncertainty in Ukraine, rising costs and squeezed finances. The council has worked with Hertsmere Borough Council and local churches, synagogues and libraries to create a timetable of safe spaces throughout the week, where residents can go for warmth and company, details will be found on our website [www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk). We have also included article from the Citizens Advice Hertsmere offering advice about what help is available.

In August we hosted two days of free activities at the Phillimore Recreation Ground for our younger residents. This was made possible by the hard work of Inspire All and Aldenham Parish Council (APC), who joined forces to bring a host of entertainers and clubs to Radlett. We had an incredible turnout

despite the ongoing heatwave and it was wonderful to see so many of our residents having fun together.

Looking to upcoming events, the combined faiths Remembrance Day Service will take place on Sunday 13 November in Radlett. There will also be a service held at the War Memorial in Letchmore Heath.

The following Sunday, 20 November, will once again see the Winter Fair and Festive Light switch on. As well as providing an opportunity to do some shopping and enjoy the rides, the Fair will welcome Santa and his grotto to meet all the children who would doubtless like a word!

An ongoing concern for many residents is the proposed Solar Farm. APC has fought this since the plan was first submitted and we were pleased to see it rightly refused permission by Hertsmere. The developer appealed and thus we must present our case to the Planning Inspector. The strong response from the community in objecting to this planned development on Green Belt land meant APC has hired a legal team to represent our interests at the Inquiry, as well as experts to compile our evidence. At the time of writing, the Inquiry has yet to take place but APC will continue to do all it can until the decision is given.

We would like to thank all APC staff for their hard work this past year, without whom, the smooth running of the Council and events could not happen. Our Open Spaces team have continued to look after our community areas, ensuring that the Phillimore Recreation Ground once again received the Green Flag Award.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Festive Season, and all the best for 2023.



**Cllr Helen Jones**  
Chair of the Council

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The above information is correct at the time of printing this magazine .

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## Forthcoming Committee Meetings Nov 2022 - May 2023

### November

7th – Planning  
 14th – F & G P  
 21st – Planning  
 28th – Full Council

### December

5th – Planning  
 12th – Full Council  
 19th – Planning

### January

9th – Planning  
 16th – F & G P & Precept  
 23th – Planning  
 30th – Full Council

### February

6th – Planning  
 20th – Planning  
 27th – Full Council

### March

6th – Planning  
 13th – F & G P  
 20th – Planning  
 27th – Full Council  
 28th – Annual Parish Meeting:

### April

3rd – Planning  
 17th – Planning  
 24th – Full Council

### May

2nd – Planning  
 15th – Full Council and  
 Annual Meeting  
 30th – Planning

For Meeting  
 details and time  
 please check our website  
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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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# Residents pay tribute to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Residents of Radlett came together in mourning Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and honour her remarkable 70 years of service as our nation's longest reigning monarch.

Earlier this year, the country came together to honour her reign for the Platinum Jubilee and celebrate her life.

On Sunday 11 September, the public were invited to attend the local proclamation read by the Chairman of APC, Cllr Helen Jones. The proclamation was followed by everyone singing 'God Save The King', ending with three cheers for The King.



Many paid tribute to Her Late Majesty by laying flowers at the War Memorial, in Radlett and Letchmore Heath, and by coming along to sign the book of condolence.

All the cards, messages and flowers have been collected and the open spaces team have recycled the flowers to be used as compost in the community open spaces.

The outpouring of grief we have witnessed in the last month is a testament to the way Her Late Majesty guided this country with grace and dignity.

**Johanna Shearman**  
**APC Admin Officer – Communications**



Local proclamation being read by Cllr Helen Jones on Sunday 11 September



Children left beautiful tributes, including pupils from Newberries School who all made tags with heartfelt messages and pictures of The Queen



A book of condolence was opened at The Radlett Centre on Friday 9 September



Flowers were laid by The Chairman of APC Cllr Helen Jones



Sarah Glover

## Doing her duty

Sarah Glover, an Assistant Cub Scout Leader from 1st Radlett Scout Group, was selected to represent the Scout Association in assisting with Operation Feather, the Laying in State of Her Majesty the Queen.

Scouting was an important part of the Queen's life, and she was its patron for all of her reign. Scouts even volunteered at her Coronation. In her honour the highest award in Scouting is the Queen's Scout Award. No matter which version of the promise all Scouts in the UK and many abroad use, it includes the line 'Do my Duty to the Queen' which is why Scouts were the only youth organisation to be asked to assist in Operation Feather.

Sarah aged 21 joined 120 young adults to assist in Westminster. They were split into three 8-hour shifts and Sarah was on the night shift, nicknamed the Night Owls. They worked in Victoria Palace Gardens looking after the queue, giving out blankets and generally keeping peoples' spirits up. This was no mean feat at 3am, especially after they had been queuing for up to 15 hours.

Sarah has volunteered with 1st Radlett since she was 16 as a Young Leader and then became a Leader on turning 18. She also volunteered with a group in Sheffield whilst studying at university there. She has been selected to work at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea next year as part of the International Service team. She is fundraising to pay for this trip.

This was an amazing opportunity and honour to live up to her promise and do her final duty to the Queen.



## Latest news from the Museum

At long last the Museum has been able to operate without COVID restrictions. Opening hours continue to be from 10:00 am until 12 noon on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. If you have not yet visited the Museum, which is situated in the garden of the Village Institute, please do come and see what is on display. The Museum holds a wealth of photos, documents, maps and artefacts relating to Radlett and surrounding areas. The displays are changed regularly.

Apart from the permanent display of the development of Radlett, we have recently also featured 'The Story of our Shops', 'The History of our Green Belt' and 'Royal Jubilees'.



A montage of pictures of Radlett's own Jubilee celebrations can be found on our website. The

current display is 'The Story of our Shops'. It has been reinstated as it proved to be so popular. This will be replaced in the Autumn by 'Places of Worship'.

Fund-raising is a critical activity and is necessary to cover the costs of running the Museum. Two fund-raising events have been held recently: a charity night performance of the play 'Goodnight Mister Tom' and a Cream Tea party. The play was performed by The Company of Ten at the Abbey Theatre in St Albans. The Cream Tea party, which was held in the garden of the Village Institute, was opened by the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor John Graham, accompanied by

his wife Barbara. They joined the other guests for home-made scones, jam and cream, cakes, sandwiches and tea and coffee before visiting the Museum. Both events were enjoyed by everyone and raised much needed funds.

The Mayor invited representatives of the Museum's Trustees to attend the Proclamation of King Charles III at The Civic Offices and his Civic Service at Christchurch in October. Both invitations were gratefully accepted.

The Museum is run by its Trustees, all of whom are unpaid, and supported by a team of volunteers. While volunteer numbers are sufficient, there is always room for more! In particular, we would welcome volunteers with IT skills and experience of graphic design, education and office administration. Future projects include erecting plaques on local buildings of historical interest, recording reminiscences from local residents, researching famous Radlett inhabitants and liaising with local schools about visits. Contributions to these and other projects would be very welcome. We would also welcome more objects of local relevance to display in the Museum. Do you have an ARP helmet that we could borrow?

We have a growing 'Friends of the Museum' group. For as little as £10 (£15 per couple) a year, you can support us and receive certain benefits. These include regular newsletters, advance notice of events and exhibitions we are planning to run, discounted rates for certain events and special events for Friends. If you would like to join, please contact Liz Mitchell on david.mitchell7@virgin.net

We now have a presence on Facebook and this can be accessed using: <https://www.facebook.com/RadlettAndDistrictMuseum>. Regular postings are made covering matters of local historical interest.

Historical articles and updates on museum activities continue to be published in the monthly 'My Radlett News' magazine. Please do keep a look out for these and log in to our website ([www.radlettmuseum.com](http://www.radlettmuseum.com)) for our latest news. Also, we may be contacted on [info@radlettmuseum.com](mailto:info@radlettmuseum.com).

## What's On...

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

### NOVEMBER

#### Sunday 13 November

Remembrance Sunday at Radlett War Memorial. Gather from 10:45am for the service at 10:50am with 2 minutes silence at 11:00am.

#### Sunday 13 November

Remembrance Sunday at Letchmore War Memorial. Gather from 10:15am for the service at 10:30am with 2 minutes silence at 11:00am.

#### Sunday 20 November

Aldenham Parish Council Winter Fair at The Radlett Centre, 2:00pm – 5:00pm. For further details please see advert.

#### Wednesday 23 November

Radlett Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting Wednesday 23 November at 7:30pm at The Vision Hall, Christ Church, Watling Street, Radlett After the Business Meeting there will be an illustrated talk, details to be announced.

### DECEMBER

#### Saturday 3 December

Phoenix Concert Band! Start your seasonal festivities early! The popular Phoenix band (which rehearses in the Vision Hall every Thursday evening) is holding its annual Christmas concert on Saturday 3 December at 7:30pm. It will take place in Christ Church and will feature a variety of music, including festive tunes. Tickets on sale at the door from 7:00pm (Tickets £8 adults, £6 concessions, under 16s free) or can be bought in advance using this link: [www.wegotickets.com/event/558280/](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/558280/) Light refreshments will be on sale during the interval. All proceeds to Keech Hospice ([www.keech.org.uk](http://www.keech.org.uk))

#### Saturday 10 December

Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 10 December at Christ Church, Radlett, WD7 7JJ. 6:45pm for refreshments and the concert starts at 7:30pm. The tickets are £12. Our conductor is Alex Flood. Radlett Choir will be repeating our successful afternoon concerts in 2023 – keep an eye out for publicity and check our website: [www.radlettchoir.org.uk](http://www.radlettchoir.org.uk)

### JANUARY 2023

#### Saturday 14 January

Dynamite Show on Saturday 14 January at The Radlett Centre, Aldenham Avenue, Radlett WD7 8HL. Shows at 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Tickets £22 adult or £18 over 80's and under 18's.

**Aldenham Parish Council**  
**Winter Fair**  
 at The Radlett Centre  
**Sunday 20 November 2:00pm-5:00pm**  
**The Christmas Lights will be switched on**  
**at 4:45pm**

**Arts and Crafts Fair**

**Visit Santa and Mrs Claus at their grotto**

**Bumper carz plus other festive attractions**

**Mulled wine and seasonal specials from Teatro**



For further details, including accessibility, please check the APC website and social media pages or contact the office on 01923 856433

This event is organised by Aldenham Parish Council

### FEBRUARY

#### Sunday 5 February

Radlett Horticultural Society Store in Scrubbits Park Road, Radlett re-opens after the winter closure. More information about our activities are on our website: <https://radletthortsoc.weebly.com/>



Radlett u3a meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10:00am at the Metropolitan Sports Centre, Aldenham Rd, Bushey WD23 2TR

We welcome anyone who is retired and living in the Radlett/Shenley/Aldenham area Please contact [chairman@radlett3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@radlett3a.org.uk) for any information or look at our website



Computers and a Cuppa sessions, Teatro at the Radlett Centre, Monday's 10:30am-12:30pm. Confused by computers? These free drop in sessions are a chance to learn new IT skills with the help of our friendly and patient volunteers.

Any questions please contact Lisa at [help@communities1st.org.uk](mailto:help@communities1st.org.uk) or call 020 3559 3559.

**Bhaktivedanta Manor:** An oasis of spiritual inspiration.

The Manor is a hive of activity and is open to new guests as well as regulars. Please come and enjoy our grounds, bakery, and peaceful cow sanctuary.

The Manor's lakeside forest walk, colourful gardens, and graceful pastures provide an idyllic setting for a magnificent timbered mock-Tudor mansion, built in 1884.

The estate offers a retreat to a world of yoga, meditation, sacred music, pure vegetarian food, theatre, seminars, workshops, community schooling, and a working dairy farm.

Recommended visiting hours;

Monday – Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm & 4:00pm – 7:30pm

Sunday 10:00am – 7:30pm

For further information please contact [info@krishnatemple.com](mailto:info@krishnatemple.com)

## Warm Spaces for the Parish of Aldenham

Due to the cost-of-living crisis in the UK, people already living in poverty, may be forced to make tough decisions about when and what they eat, what they can do in life, and when they can afford to heat their home.

Aldenham Parish Council (APC) is keen to help residents during this winter by helping to coordinate a network of Warm Spaces, a group of places where people can come together to stay warm, and perhaps enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit. APC is liaising with local churches, other faith groups and community spaces to create a directory of all the places available to our residents where anyone who is cold knows

where they can go to get warm, stay warm and enjoy a little company and some hot refreshments.

Whatever the reason you have for needing to come in, you'll be treated with a warm welcome and with respect. If you want to share the reasons you need a Warm Space, someone will listen, but they won't tell anyone else unless you give them permission, or they must because of safeguarding policies.

For further information and a timetable of what is available, please look at our noticeboard and website ([www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)) or phone the office on 01923 856433.

**Cllr H Jones**  
Chairman Aldenham Parish Council



### Citizens Advice Hertsmere (Radlett)

Citizens Advice Hertsmere offers holistic advice on a range of subjects including Debt, Energy and Budgeting.

We have lots of information on our Website designed to help you through the winter  
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

We also have an outreach service at the Radlett Centre every Tuesday morning, from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Alternatively, you can call our Advice Line **0800 144 8848**. Lines are open 9:30am to 4:30pm or chat with us on line at

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/web-chat-service/>

## St John's Church and Hall – here to serve God in the Community

Many of you reading this will have seen the steel structure of our new church and hall. The brickwork is now rapidly rising and we anticipate the buildings will be fully open by next summer.



Below is the artist's impression when the project was approved, and a photo of the building, taken at the end of September.

**St John's Church has always aimed to serve the local community, and with this new**

**facility, we are keen to explore new ways of doing so.**



We have promised to welcome back our previous organisations and groups, but there is time and space for more activities, to serve more people.

So, if you are aware of a local need or are looking for premises for your group, or would just like to know more, please contact us at the Parish Office, Christ Church & St John's, Watling Street, WD7 7JJ, telephone 01923 850345.

**Jeremy Newton** Churchwarden



### The Communities 1st

Communities 1st has a Computers and a Cuppa programme that runs throughout Hertfordshire. One of our weekly sessions runs every Monday at the Radlett Centre between 10:30am and 12:30pm. These sessions are delivered by our volunteers with the aim of helping people with all things technological. By doing this, we hope community members can become more included in our increasingly digital world.

Local residents are encouraged to come along to these sessions with their questions and queries, whether that means bringing a portable device for a tutorial, or just asking about the internet and how to access something. Our volunteers will patiently guide you through the process of understanding. These sessions are free and everybody is welcome. You can come

along just once, or make it an ongoing endeavour, improving your technological skill set over time.

We have celebrated many achievements of the individuals we have helped. One such success comes from our volunteer who told us the story of a client he helped. This individual came along to a session a few years ago with a brand new smartphone and asked our volunteer "Does this phone work?" By the end of the session, our volunteer had set the client up with an email address and taught them how to use Google. The client then attended a further session to continue building upon their skill set. Just recently, they visited again and shared that they had managed to programme a brand new Smart TV!

This is just one example of how the tech skills our volunteers share benefit each individual. We are so pleased to see the hard work of our volunteers pay off for members of the community.



## SOLAR FARM APPEAL UPDATE

In early 2021, Aldenham Parish Council (APC) was advised, under application 21/0050/FULE1, of a proposal to install a solar plant on 320 acres of Green Belt land surrounding Hilfield Farm and land north of Butterfly Lane.

APC considers this solar farm application to be a very important issue, as alongside other recent reviews of the Hertsmere Local Plan, it affects the Green Belt and heritage sights that are a fundamental part of the reason why people move and stay in the parish.

APC saw the public response to the initial application of almost 1500 objections. This, coupled with the referendum passed last year for the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan, showed the level of local support for protecting the characteristics of the village. The council felt the matter to be too big, too technical and too important to handle internally and so it was agreed to engage a planning consultant who would produce a report for the council to enable it to respond appropriately.

This application was considered by the APC planning committee on 15 February 2021 and a response, which included the report from DLA Planning, highlighting our reasons for objections, was sent to Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC). HBC considered the application and rightly refused permission.

APC was then advised on 9 May 2022 by the planning inspector that they had received an appeal by Mr S Wheeler, the proposer of the original application. The planning inspector confirmed that this would be conducted as a public inquiry and if APC, or any group or organisation wished to take an active part in the inquiry they would need to lodge their interest with the inspector, by the 7 June 2022, which APC did.

As this inquiry covers highly technical matters, we have employed the following experts: HCUK – Valerie Scott, Landscape expert and Jonathan Eddis, Heritage expert; Debenhams Ottaway – Andrew Carter, solicitor; 4-5 Grays Inn Square - Vivienne Sedgley, barrister). This team has created the necessary evidence, and will present the council's objections at the Inquiry.

APC's Statement of Case was submitted on Tuesday 26 July to the Planning Inspector. The Planning Inspector held a Case Management Conference on 11 August which detailed the information she requires and how the Inquiry will proceed in October. All evidence was submitted to the inspector on 22 September.

A public meeting was held by APC on 3 October in the Radlett Centre, to update residents about the ongoing work the Parish Council has been doing to fight the appeal by the developers of the Solar Farm, after it was rightly turned down for planning permission by Hertsmere Borough Council. Our speaker, Valerie Scott, explained the basis for our objections and there was the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions.

At the time of writing this article (7 October), the Inquiry is scheduled to be held at Hertsmere Borough Council offices on 19 & 20 October, 25-27 October and 1-3 November 2022, commencing at 10:00am and finishing at 5:00pm approximately each day. It should be possible to view this remotely and details will be on the council website.

On 6 October, APC was informed that the Secretary of State will determine the appeal instead of the Inspector. This means that instead of writing a decision, the Inspector will prepare a report and recommendation, which will be forwarded to the Secretary of State. The reason is that the appeal involves proposals of major significance for the delivery of the Government's climate change programme and energy policies and proposals for significant development in the Green Belt.

The decision may take months to come through, but APC will continue to keep you all updated.

**Cllr Helen Jones**

*Chair of the Council*



## Access for All Working Party update

Aldenham Parish Council's Access for All Working party has continued to roll out its mandate through an increasing number of areas of community life and Parish Council business.

Events, such as the summertime festivities at Phillimore Recreation Ground, plans for the new cafe at the Recreation Ground and communications to mark major moments for disability awareness, have all seen influence from this growing and increasingly diverse working party.

The Access for All Working Party has commissioned an access audit which is expected in the coming months. This audit will focus on key areas of footfall in the village centre, and make suggestions to help the whole community access the village on an equal basis. We look forward to updating you all on the audit's observations and subsequent plans.

If you are disabled or have a medical condition, are a carer, have someone in your family living with the challenges of disability or age related issues such as dementia, or want to drive equality in our community for any reason – the Access For All Working Party would love to hear from you.

**Please contact Cllr Clare Diskin [Cllr.Clare.Diskin@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Clare.Diskin@aldenham-pc.gov.uk)**

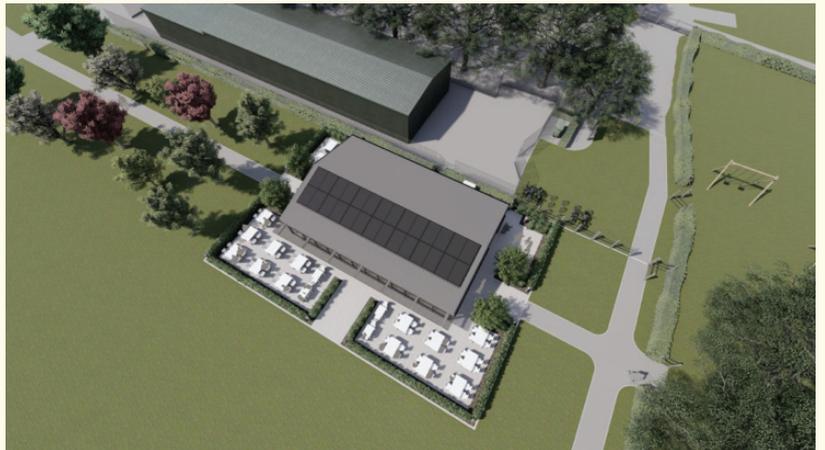


## Phillimore Recreation Ground Improvements

Aldenham Parish Council (APC) is continuing to progress with the Phillimore Recreation Ground improvements. This project has four phases:

- Phase 1 – installation of café to improve the experience of visiting the recreation ground.
- Phase 2 – improvements to the entrance into the car park.
- Phase 3 – improvements to the children’s play area to make it accessible to more people all year round (this is currently being discussed, further details to follow soon).
- Phase 4 – to provide an access path around the main field to make it accessible to all, all year round.

In relation to Phase 1, APC carried out a consultation in Autumn 2021. Since then, we have been working with the project manager to respond to some of the concerns raised by residents. The planned built area has been reduced and the path connecting the café to the multi- use games area and public toilets has been relocated to inside the community wood, to the side of the proposed café. This will have the effect of reducing the amount of hardstanding that is being introduced onto the main grassed field.



The plans above were approved by APC Full Council on 28 September 2022, and an application for planning permission has been submitted to Hertsmere Borough Council. If permission is granted, then the next step will be to draw up tenders for operators to provide the catering facility as well as contractors to build the café.

In relation to Phase 2, an architect, IID, has been appointed to draw up plans for improvements which will be shared with residents, in due course.

### **Cllr Catherine Kilhams**

*Chairman Phillimore Rec Improvement Project Working Party*



## Allotments Working Group

The allotments adjacent to the Phillimore recreation ground are a significant asset of the council. They are also a recreational asset enjoyed by over 100 residents of the Parish. The objective of the Allotments Working Group is to protect the asset for the Council whilst optimising the benefit and enjoyment of all the allotment holders.

To help manage this Council/holder balance, the two Councillors on the working group, Cllr Lambert and myself as chair, co-opted three allotment holders Peter Hordern, Robin Crosher and Garry Walton, onto the working group. Regular meetings take place during the year where we discuss how we can make best use of the allotments and how to keep them in good condition. I thank the members of the Working Group for their support and help.

This year we instigated a supportive round of inspections to ensure all allotments were being maintained and used properly. An inspection was carried out in June by the ground staff of Aldenham Parish Council accompanied by a member of the working group. Generally, the inspection found all allotments being cared for, but 13 required extra attention. Everyone was notified of the results and the 13 allotment holders were asked to improve their allotments. A further inspection took place in July and 6 allotments had now achieved the necessary standard. The allotments that continued to need improvement were asked to vacate their plots.

The vacated plots have been allocated and the waiting list has been fully satisfied. There are vacant allotment plots available. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in one. The working group is here to offer support and help, and if you are unsure about whether to have an allotment, please contact any one of us.

### **Cllr John Graham**

## Radlett and Aldenham Good Neighbours 1973-2022

Radlett and Aldenham Good Neighbours was set up in a kitchen in Crosspath by a young Wives Group in 1973 and was up and running in 1974/ 75 with 150 Volunteers. It covered every road, cul de sac and block of flats. Some long roads like Loom Lane and Gills Hill Lane had 3-4 volunteers.

The village was divided into 8 Areas with an Area Neighbour.

The scheme was kept simple and informal and responded to requests from residents and Social Services. We produced an orange leaflet that was delivered to everyone by hand so that individuals got to know their local volunteer. Our aim was to encourage practical neighbourliness and supplement existing services. In emergencies, we provided assistance in collecting prescriptions, going to the library, shopping and providing transport to and from medical and dental appointments, including to local hospitals within about a 10 mile radius, for a small donation to cover petrol.

We worked together for the benefit of the whole community. The scheme was inter- denominational.

Soon the scheme was extended to Letchmore Heath and Aldenham village, as well as High Cross and Roundbush.

Annually, a Good Neighbour lunch was set up inviting clergy from all faiths, doctors, district and local nurses, samaritans and local newspaper representatives. This was an excellent way of bringing the groups together.

In 2011, as Radlett was changing, we had to change too. With Good Neighbours moving away it became difficult to find replacements. So the scheme adapted and local names were replaced with four named volunteer coordinators on the leaflet. These leaflets were then delivered by Door-2-Door. Each of the four coordinators had a list of volunteers, particularly drivers for hospital visits.

When the scheme was set up, Radlett was very different to today. There were no mobile phones, Ipads, Facebook, Netflix, Messenger, or local WhatsApp groups. There were very few locked gates to houses, or flats with security and entry systems, or road security schemes. No OWL system or security by police. Very few nuisance calls on the phone, or sophisticated financial scams, and few unwanted house callers. There were also no door CCTV, house CCTV and such like.

At that time, residents needed to know who was calling at their house offering help and not to hand over money to unknowns.

From the start, we have been supported by Aldenham Parish Council for a small grant to cover the cost of the leaflet and for this, we have always been most grateful. Leaflets also included information on helpful contacts covering many aspects of local life and needs.

However, since the Covid crisis and various lockdowns in the last two years, many roads have set up their own schemes using mobile and WhatsApp Groups and this has worked well. As a result, the organisers held a meeting early this year and we decided to close our scheme. Our bank account was closed and the small reserves transferred to support the local needy hamper scheme.

We are most grateful for the very many volunteers still living in the Parish, including those who joined in the later years and those who were not called upon but offered their help.

What a splendid scheme to have helped out all these years! Other groups have set up similar schemes like ours since.

We wish you well in the times ahead as we step down but we ALL have a duty to look after our Neighbours.

**Rosamund Gray** Co-ordinator and Good Neighbour since 1976

**Bonnie Joyce** (Founder Member)

**Rachel Pearce and Jill Allibone**



### 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 meets once a month and we 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 **Johanna Shearman** on **01923-856433** or email [admincomms@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admincomms@aldenham-pc.gov.uk) for more information.

## COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR DONATED BY RADLETT GUIDES

Radlett District Girlguiding is very pleased to announce that following a fund raising campaign, a new defibrillator has been installed at Phillimore Community Centre. The equipment can be found on the wall outside the Community Centre, next to Phillimore flats and round the corner from Battlers Green Post Office, (postcode WD7 8NN). This defibrillator was donated by Radlett District Girlguiding, with the funds being generated through first aid courses run by Verity Maclachlan, a longstanding senior member of our local District Girlguiding Association.



Radlett Rotary's Clive Daley, who has a local electrical company, and Debbie and Sean from Clarion Housing Association ensured that the defibrillator was safely installed and had an electrical supply.

Verity Maclachlan reports that defibrillators are simple and safe devices which when used with basic CPR can save the life of an adult or a child who collapses and stops breathing. In an emergency, call 999 (ask for the code if the box is locked), take the defibrillator out and open it or press the start button to operate. Voice prompts and the ambulance service will tell you what to do until the ambulance arrives. No course is necessary to use one, but short awareness sessions can help. Verity is happy to run these for your group or club, at no charge although a donation to help buy more defibrillators would be very welcome.

There are also excellent YouTube clips from the British Heart Foundation, the Red Cross or St John's Ambulance to look at NOW before you may need to know.

Other community defibrillators can be found outside Harpenden Building Society on Radlett High Street, in Shenley outside the Hub, in Aldenham Village outside the Social Club opposite the church, and one in Christchurch Vision Hall. There are also defibrillators inside most of Radlett sports clubs for use when the club is open. The Bowls Club, Cricket Club, Porters Park Golf Club and Radlett Lawn Tennis and Squash Club all have one.

This initiative is a great example of how Girlguiding helps the community. More adult volunteers are needed for Radlett and Shenley District Girlguiding. Our District has 9 units, all of which are run by volunteers. We are looking for Unit Helpers across Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. The Units each meet on one weekday evening during term time, with typical meeting times being 1-1.5 hours. Guiding is modern and flexible – we find a way that works for our volunteers.



Training will be given and we are grateful for any more help we can get, either short or long term. Make new friends and empower girls to know they can do anything. Contact [radlettdistrict@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk](mailto:radlettdistrict@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk) if you are interested.



### Donald Wratten, 1925-2022 - An Appreciation Author of 'The Book of Radlett & Aldenham'

Earlier this year Donald Wratten died aged 96 after a very distinguished life.

His career included working in the Civil Service and rising to Under-Secretary in the Post Office, Director of National Giro and Senior Director of BT. He also was an academic and obtained a BA from the Open University and BSc from the London School of Economics.

But it was his life in Radlett, over 50 years, that stands out and in particular being the author of the definitive book on the local area 'The Book of Radlett & Aldenham' which contains the history of the parish of Aldenham: indeed nothing had been printed previously on the local history. The book was published in 1990, and almost 600 subscribers applied for a copy pre-publication. It remains the book to go to for authoritative well-researched information, and is still available at the Radlett & District Museum. Much material was supplied by Harold Knee, a previous resident and historian.

Within the wider community, Don was Chair of the Radlett Local History Society, and Chair and President for many years of the Radlett Society and Green Belt Association.

In these times of many controversial planning applications, it is appropriate to recognise that the London Green Belt prevented Aldenham Parish from being swallowed up in the outward spread of the capital and the war halted London Transport's plans to extend the northern line with stations at Aldenham Reservoir, Brockley Hill and Elstree which would have meant loss of part of the Green Belt around us.

Don commented 'It is indeed quite remarkable that such an unspoilt English Parish should be found a bare 20 kilometres from Charing Cross' and his legacy as well as his book is the protection of the Green Belt still around Radlett.

We who live here now, and future residents should all pay tribute to his work and efforts in preserving our lovely countryside.

**Stuart Nagler**

## Aldenham Art Festival 2022

### A great success at local art exhibition

The 4th Aldenham Art Festival preview will be remembered as the time we heard that Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had sadly passed away. The news came through about half an hour after the Preview Night had started. The Mayor of Hertsmere announced the sad news. We held a moment of silence and reflection with a multi faith prayer led by Archdeacon Jane Mainwaring.

Drinks and canapes were served by the excellent staff of Aldenham Golf Club.

The subsequent open days saw many members of the public come along and admire the amazing standard and variety of work that was on display from the 83 artists who had exhibited. With more than 550 pictures on show there was a lot to choose from, including

one shown by local artist Inga Armstrong. Over 70 pictures were sold at a value of around £6,000. This was a great result.



All this has enabled a £5,000 surplus to be put into the church funds to kick start the funding of the replacement of the antiquated boiler, and to preserve this magnificent Grade 1 listed building for the future.

Huge thanks to everyone for their support in all ways and we look forward to the next time when once again we hope to stage one of the biggest Art Exhibitions in the area.

**Ken Haslar** Aldenham Art Festival

## The Radlett Village Institute

The Radlett Village Institute was built in 1928, in order to accommodate worthy local groups and societies, including the Radlett Men's Club. There is a main hall, ancillary rooms and gardens. The original building cost was c. £5,000 most of which was raised from the community and built on land partly donated by local philanthropist, Mrs R.C Phillimore.



Once built, the Men's Club moved in and remains there to the present day. For details of their facilities, including a snooker room and lounge bar, please see their article below.

The Radlett and District Museum is located in the lower garden and displays interesting local artefacts and explains the history of Radlett. For opening times please visit, [www.radlettmuseum.com](http://www.radlettmuseum.com) and see page 5 of this magazine.

The Radlett Village Institute hosts many different local groups and activities including sports clubs, exhibitions, art classes, yoga, exercise classes and dancing.



There is a large multipurpose hall, kitchen facilities and large garden, all of which are available for hire. There is private parking for 22 cars.

To make a booking for the hall or meeting room, please contact Christine Raw, the resident caretaker, on 01923 856462. The venue address is 413 Watling Street, Radlett, Hertfordshire WD7 7JG.

## Radlett Men's Club

Radlett Men's Club was formed in 1884 for the enjoyment of the people of Radlett.

It is a non-profit making club and is run by the members for the members.

Our membership is about 160 strong, and this includes both men and women.

The club has two snooker tables and a pool table, and a small bar area.

We hold occasional quizzes and barbecues for club members.

We are always looking for new members as we are a small friendly local club and anyone interested should contact the club directly on 01923 857536 or via our website <https://radlettmensclub.com/>

The club would like to thank Aldenham Parish Council for its recent grant, using CIL money. We applied for the grant after we had just reopened after Covid, and the money for a new chiller helped us tremendously. Thank you from all of us.

**Mark Hathaway**  
Club Chairman

## Aldenham Country Park

Aldenham Country Park in Hertfordshire offers an outdoor experience for all the family, with acres of countryside, nature trails, and a large farm with daily interactive activities.

The Country Park is home to 100 Aker Wood, where Winnie the Pooh and friends live. Visitors seek out the homes of AA Milne's much-loved characters Winnie, Piglet and Eeyore who live within the trees, woodlands and streams. When visiting, pay homage to your childhood with a game of Pooh Sticks at Pooh Bridge and go in search of the North Pole. This activity is free to visit.



The farm has doubled in size over the years, welcoming hundreds of new and traditional breeds of animals. This year the farm has seen the arrival of Continental Giant and Netherland dwarf rabbits, Kerry Hill, Southdown, Jacob and Herdwick sheep, Indian Runner ducks, pygmy goats, and even an Albino Giant African land snail to join



the ponies, donkeys, cattle, pigs, alpacas and poultry. The farm hosts popular seasonal events throughout the year and during school holidays.

There are ample play and relaxation facilities for children and adults with special needs, their families and carers. The Indoor SEND Play Pavilion is a SEND only sensory play centre, with arts and crafts, books and toys as well as smaller rooms with sensory play equipment and chill-out spaces. The Adventure Playground is a safe outside space with sandpits, swings, climbing frames and more. See website below for opening times.

From early spring to late summer, the Country Park offers seasonal weekend camping and glamping; popular for family mini breaks and staycations. The latest attraction added to the Country Park is the woodland themed Park Play area, with 9-hole mini golf, trampolines and a mini quad bike track.

Rural Care, operates at the Farm and SEND Pavilion during the week. Rural Care provides work-related experiences for people with learning disabilities and/or mental health needs, in a supportive and caring environment. Co-Farmers are supported by a team of qualified, experienced staff, taking part in worthwhile activities, while having fun and making new friends.

Bookings can be made online [www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk](http://www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk)



## Radlett Horticulture Society

It is hard to believe that less than seven weeks ago we were in the grip of a drought and temperatures were in the high 30s. The grass was brown and looked as though it would never survive.

But finally the rains came and miraculously the grass recovered and we have returned to a green and pleasant land. Grass must be the most underrated of plants – its ability to survive is extraordinary.

Some plants have struggled this year in the heat. My runner beans refused to produce anything edible in August but now temperatures have cooled we are getting a bumper crop. The dahlias, which originate from Central America, have loved the hot weather and will continue to flower until the first frosts. I picked this bunch the other day and for once seem to have got the colour blend right.



Now, of course, is the time to begin preparing for next year and whether you are a proponent of no dig or prefer to stick with a fork and spade, you need to add compost or manure to the soil. Did you know you can get free manure from Elli Dani stables at the bottom of Allum Lane in Elstree. The manure heap is through the stable yard and follow the road for about 500 yards. Please take care when driving through the yard and take bags and a spade with you.

Other jobs to be done in October, other than weeding of course, is planting Japanese onions and garlic. Garlic is particularly rewarding and will grow almost anywhere. You can buy garlic bulbs from most seed merchants and garden centres. Prepare some open ground with lots of compost or manure, break the bulb into cloves and push them into the soil so that just the top is showing, preferably with the pointy end upwards! Stand back and wait to harvest your own garlic from next June onwards.

**Peter Hordern** Chairman Radlett Horticulture Society

## The Radlett Policing Team



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As the nights draw in, we typically see an increase in burglaries, particularly those where homes are left unlit, showing a burglar that no one is home. We know through feedback via echo ([bit.ly/police-radlett](https://bit.ly/police-radlett)) that burglary is a concern amongst our residents.

Our Safer Neighbourhood priority for the next three months will be trying to buck this trend and to reassure residents.

Amongst operational activities, such as targeted patrols in hot spot areas and hosting crime prevention events, we will be sending out regular crime prevention tips via OWL\* (online watch link), using information from convicted burglars to highlight what they look for.

Some key tips to get you started:

- Burglars wish to remain hidden when committing their crimes. Easy access to rear gardens (insecure side gates etc) or front gardens that are secluded with foliage provide natural screens. Make sure you secure gates and cut back any foliage.
- Are you advertising items of value? Don't make it easy. Remove keys or items of value from view.
- Opportunists will look for open windows for easy access. Ensure tools, ladders, wheely bins and garden furniture are not accessible and lock all windows and doors.
- When away/out, do not advertise this on social media. Ask neighbours to put bins out or use your driveway. Provide information on where to place parcels out of sight.
- Houses in darkness show no one is home. Using timer switches for lamps/TVs/radios is a cheap and effective way of deterring burglars.
- Burglars will head for the master bedroom first. This is where most people store their cash, jewellery and safes. Consider keeping valuables hidden in other locations round the house.
- An alarm is a deterrent. If you have an alarm fitted, ensure you set it when you leave the house or go to bed.
- CCTV cameras can also be a deterrent - more so if situated at head height. Doorbell cameras have a better chance of identifying people than those situated on the top corners of houses.
- Burglars dislike nosy neighbours! Report suspicious people or vehicles to police. Always dial 999 if you believe a crime is in progress.

Download the new OWL app to keep up to date with police news on the go. No registration is needed. To get the app, search the App Store or Google Play for 'OWL crime alerts' or use these links [Google Play \(opens in a new window\)](#) or [App Store \(opens in a new window\)](#).

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 Thurs 24 Chris McCausland: Speaky Blinder 7:30pm

**DECEMBER**

Sat 3 Rabbi Santa 7:30pm  
 Sat 10 Dec - Tues 3 Jan Jack and the Beanstalk  
 Various Times

**JANUARY**

Sat 7 Elvis Years 7:30pm  
 Thurs 12 Upbeat Beatles 7:30pm  
 Sat 14 Dynamite – RMTc 2:30pm  
 Sun 15 Carpenters 7:30pm  
 Wed 18 Pickle by Deli Segal 8:00pm  
 Thurs 19 Neil Diamond Story 7:30pm  
 Fri 20 Live At The Radlett Comedy Night 7:30pm  
 Sat 21 George Michael Live 7:30pm  
 Wed 25 Evening with Henry Blofeld 7:30pm  
 Fri 27 One Night in Dublin 7:30pm  
 Sat 28 Nick Ross Orchestra 7:30pm  
 Sun 29 Captain Calamity 2:30pm

**FEBRUARY**

Thurs 2 Mark Beaumont Faster 7:30pm  
 Fri 3 Adele Songbook 7:30pm  
 Sat 4 Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons 7:30pm  
 Sun 5 Coda A Tribute to Led Zeppelin 7:30pm  
 Sat 18 Guitar Heroes 7:30pm  
 Tues 28 Music Club 7:30pm

**MARCH**

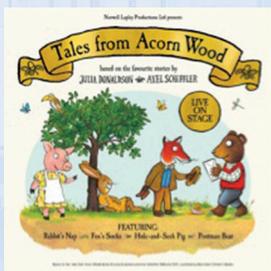
Wed 1 Sound of the 60's The Zoots 7:30pm  
 Fri 3 Forbidden Nights 7:30pm  
 Sat 4 Evening with Paul Potts 7:30pm  
 Thurs 16 Dreamcoat Stars 7:30pm  
 Fri 17 Bon Jovi Experience 7:30pm  
 Wed 22 Music Club 7:30pm  
 Thurs 23 James Ketchell 7:30pm

**APRIL**

Sun 2 Beach Boyz 7:30pm  
 Wed 5 Jungle Book 1:00pm & 4:00pm  
 Tues 11 - Fri 14 Easter Workshop  
 Sun 16 Romeo & Juliet Ballet 2:30pm  
 Fri 21 DSUK -Dire Straits 7:30pm

**MAY**

Sat 6 Ministry of Science 11:00am & 3:00pm  
 Tues 16 Tony Stockwell 7:30pm  
 Tues 23 Dragons & Mythical Beasts 4:30pm  
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