



# Around Radlett 127

Spring / Summer 2023







## Chairman's Message

This issue finds us in the midst of a busy spring and summer, with the first events of the year having already taken place – a full day celebration of King Charles III's

Coronation where we live- streamed the proceedings at the Phillimore Recreation Ground before showing the film, 'Paddington', for the hardy crowd who stayed despite the worsening weather.

That same week also saw the local elections being held, with all twelve seats being contested. Several of our previous councillors did not re-stand and I would like to put on record my thanks to all councillors who have held office over the past four years; their efforts in organising events such as our Coronation celebrations, the Solar Farm appeal and this very magazine cannot be adequately expressed, but it is thanks to volunteers like them that we have such an amazing community here in Radlett. In particular, I would like to mention one by name, Jackie Lefton, who served on the Parish Council for many years and also acted as Co-Chairman of the Council. Our special thanks go to her.

I would also like to welcome our new Councillors – Sandra Benjamin, Sahil Ali, Romy Rosehill, Anthony Butwick, Carl Woolf and Daniel Nygate. Each has written a few words of introduction in this edition of 'Around Radlett'.

Another welcome I would like to make is to Patchetts Green, which has re-joined the Parish after a boundary review conducted by Hertsmere. I was very fortunate to meet several residents in March, and it was great to discuss how we can work together to improve it's community spaces, such as the green.

Other events organised since our last issue include our annual Winter Fair and Christmas lights switch-on, which was also popular. We had a great turnout, especially given the cold and rain on the day. There was a wonderful selection of stalls, rides and Santa's grotto, while the lights were switched on by the delightful Dame Dotty.

In April, we also had our Annual Parish Meeting, which is always a good opportunity for local residents to learn more about the Parish Council and what it has done in the preceding year, and it's plans for the future.

In May, I was delighted to be invited, along with John Graham, the Mayor of Hertsmere, to present the medals and awards at the Rotary Club's Annual Fun Run on May Day Bank Holiday. It was wonderful to see such a long-standing community event start to rebuild numbers after COVID, and there was a terrific turn out, both of adults and children, for the two courses. They all did incredibly well, and I was very impressed with their enthusiasm and commitment. Many congratulations to all!

The Planning Inspector held the inquiry into the proposed Solar Farm over 9 days in October and November last year, where APC's legal team and experts helped put up a strong defence as to why this plan is entirely unsuitable for the location. This has now been 'called in' by the Secretary of State to make the decision personally as it is recognised to be of such importance. At the time of writing in May, we were still awaiting this decision.

I would once again 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.

Lastly, my thanks to the council for re-electing me as Chair. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve over the last year and I look forward to the year ahead and all APC has planned!



**Cllr Helen Jones**  
*Chair of the Council*

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## Forthcoming Committee Meetings June 2023 – Nov 2023

### June

5th – Planning  
 12th – F & G P  
 19th – Planning  
 26th – Full Council

### July

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

### August

7th – Planning  
 21st – Planning

### September

4th – Planning  
 11th – F & G P  
 18th – Planning  
 26th – Full Council

### October

2nd – Planning  
 16th – Planning  
 26th – Full Council

### November

6th – Planning  
 13th – F & G P  
 20th – Planning  
 27th – Full Council

Minutes from the Committee meetings are uploaded to the website once they have been approved by the Full Council.

For meeting dates, agendas and minutes please check our website

[www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

## Oliver Dowden, MP for Hertsmere

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## Welcome New Councillors



### Daniel Nygate

A Radlett local of 3 years and a father to two young boys who attend Radlett Prep and Tots and Scholars. He is an entrepreneur whose office also resides in Radlett. As a family man, Daniel wanted to be more involved in local politics, as he believes in taking action to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family. He is very interested in helping preserve our green belt, improving local green spaces and activities for families and tackling traffic and congestion in our Village.



### Sahil Ali

My family and I have lived in Radlett for nearly ten years now. I'm a 25-year-old law student and the oldest of three grown-up children in our household. I stood as a Parish Councillor to bring a fresh perspective to our most pressing local issues. From protecting our green belt to minimising congestion on our streets, my ultimate aim is to defend and enhance our Parish's exemplary character.



### Carl Woolf

A criminal law Solicitor Advocate by profession, having lived in Aldenham West and enjoyed the local community life and countryside for the last 20 years, with my wife Gina, son Lex and most recently our Pyrenean Mountain dog Sabre, I have been involved in the community teaching self defence skills to local residents of all ages.

As my son has progressed through the local schools, I have seen the road conditions deteriorate, fly-tipping instances increase and the traffic flow and parking become heavier and dangerous. As a new Councillor, I am passionate about giving back to the community by trying to help resolve some of these issues whilst cleaning up, improving and protecting our green open spaces and our children's play areas which are so important for our health and well-being.



### Sandra Benjamin

I am honoured and privileged to have been elected to serve the residents of Aldenham East on the Parish Council. I care deeply about the area which we are all so lucky to call home. Like most I am concerned about the impact of heavy goods vehicles on the roads within our village should the proposed rail freight terminal become a reality.

I am also deeply committed in ensuring the green belt which we are so fortunate to be surrounded by is protected for future generations.



### Tony Butwick

I am rejoining the parish council after 4 years away to continue my support for the development of Radlett as a great village.



### Romy Rosehill

I am an ex-South African, local wife and mum of two young children and have lived locally for almost a decade. I am passionate about assisting the younger generation by supporting their development through youth and sports clubs and local internships. I am committed to revitalising the area and contributing towards making a real difference to the residents of Radlett.

## RADLETT YOUTH COUNCIL

### Radlett Youth Council



**Here at RYC, we are always looking for new recruits. That's why we need you!**  
**If you're aged between 11-18, live in the parish of Aldenham and want to have a say in your local area, come along to one of our meetings where we try and tackle issues young people face today. There's also the opportunity to help at local events. You'll be provided with drinks and snacks, meet new people and have fun along the way!**

**WE NEED YOU**

Please call Johanna Shearman on 01923 856433  
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## 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)

### JULY

#### Saturday 1 July

**Radlett Choir** Radlett Choir's Summer Concert – 4pm at Karl Konig Hall, Delrow Community, Camphill Village Trust, Hilfield Lane, Aldenham, Watford, WD25 8DJ. We will have our usual delightful mixture of summer music with puddings in the interval. Children under 16 are admitted free of charge. More information on our website: [www.radlettchoir.org.uk](http://www.radlettchoir.org.uk)

#### Saturday 15 July

##### Festival of Colours (Holi).

at Bhaktivedanta Manor. Participants celebrate the harvest whilst having fun by throwing powdered colours over each-other!

#### Wednesday 19 July



**Radlett Horticultural Society** Talk: Weeds and the Weed-free Garden given by Geoff Hodge at Vision Hall, Christ Church, Watling Street, Radlett starting at 8:00pm. Entrance £2.00 including tea or coffee and biscuits. Members and non-members welcome.

#### Monday 31 July



**Free Summertime Activities at Phillimore Recreation Ground** 10:30am – 1:30pm. Fun in the park for ages 0-12 years old, including inflatables, soft play, entertainment, food and drink and much more. See our poster for more details.

### AUGUST

#### Monday 7 August



**Free Summertime Activities at Phillimore Recreation Ground** 10:30am – 1:30pm. Fun in the park for ages 0-12 years old, including soft play, sports games for all abilities, entertainment, food and drink and much more. See our poster for more details.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Thursday 7 and Sunday 10 September

**Janmashtami** (the birth celebrations of Krishna) This huge event includes live entertainment, bazaars, food stalls, exhibitions and the beautiful shrine. For more information about obtaining tickets for these events, email: [info@krishnatemple.com](mailto:info@krishnatemple.com)

### OCTOBER

#### Tuesday 10 – Saturday 14 October

**RMTC** - The upbeat, energetic, family musical *Legally Blonde* takes to the Radlett Centre stage from 10 - 14 October 2023. Don't miss out on this exciting production based on the movie, that's all about hope, love and celebrating being true to yourself! Join Elle and her friends at Delta Nu and Harvard Law. Will Elle find her true love? There's only one way to find out, bend and snap and get your tickets! Tickets can be purchased from May at [www.radlettcentre.co.uk](http://www.radlettcentre.co.uk)

Show times: Tuesday to Saturday 7:45pm & Saturday Matinee 2:30pm. Ticket prices: Adult £23, concession rate £20 - Tuesday and Saturday Matinee. Group Rate (8+) 10% discount available.

### NOVEMBER

#### Saturday 18 November

**Aldenham War Memorial Hall Barn Dance** from 7pm, held every year, always sells out and is a great evening. £20 including food. Please contact: [Aldenhamhallevents@gmail.com](mailto:Aldenhamhallevents@gmail.com) All events and details will be on our website: [www.aldenhamwarmemorialhall.com](http://www.aldenhamwarmemorialhall.com)

#### Wednesday 22 November



**Radlett Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting** at Vision Hall, Christ Church, Watling Street, Radlett, at 7:30pm. It will be followed by a talk *How to be a 21st Century Gardener* by Timothy Walker. Members and non-members welcome.



**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.

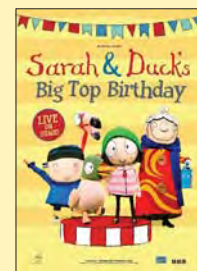


**citizens advice**

**Citizens Advice Hertsmere** (Radlett) has an outreach service at the Radlett Centre every Tuesday morning from 10am to 1pm. Alternatively, you can call our Advice Line on 0800 144 8848, lines are open 9:30am to 4:30pm.



The Radlett Centre *Beauty & the Beast* is already on sale, along with some other really great family shows. These include *The Snail* and *the Whale*, *Milkshake*, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and *Sarah & Duck*.



Musical evenings include *Marty Wilde*, *Abba Forever*, *The History of Rock* and *The Ultimate Garth Brooks Tribute*.

Comedy is popular as ever and we're pleased to welcome *Seann Walsh*, *Ed Byrne* and *Ivo Graham* and our popular comedy night *Live at The Radlett Centre*.





# King's Coronation

After the success of the Jubilee events last year, Aldenham Parish Council (APC) received many requests for another such community event. When Saturday 6 May was announced as the date of the Coronation of Charles III, it was agreed that this would provide a perfect opportunity to bring everyone together again to celebrate the historic day.



The day of the Coronation dawned grey but clear, and several hundred people gathered at Phillimore Recreation Ground where a giant screen had been set up to livestream the proceedings from

Westminster Abbey. Although the weather worsened throughout the day, this was well in line with tradition for Coronations, given that it also rained heavily at the late Queen's Coronation in 1953! Just as back then, the rain did not dampen the celebratory spirit, with plenty of flags, bunting, and even Union Jack hats contributing to the sense of occasion.



Although the weather caused a few technical difficulties getting the stream up and running, the technicians succeeded in the nick of time, and brought the splendour of the Abbey to those waiting in the park. It was wonderful to be able to witness such an important ceremony surrounded by friends, family and the wider community. All those attending had had the opportunity to reserve picnic tables and chairs, which provided an ideal base from which to watch the Coronation and to enjoy the many other attractions set up in the park.

We were very fortunate to have a funfair with a carousel, teacups, swings, dodgems and various inflatables, along with a miniature railway and face painting, with unlimited turns all included in the wristbands on sale. Our youngest guests were the hardiest, as they were determined to have as many rides as possible, no matter how heavy the rain beat down! There was also a fantastic selection

of food trucks providing some very welcome hot meals. Radlett Prep and the Scouts manned community stalls, while APC hosted a children's craft tent, along with information boards about the work we do and the projects in which the council is involved.



After the Coronation was concluded, and just before His Majesty had appeared on the balcony, the Deputy



Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Rev Patrick Moriarty, gave a speech in which he spoke eloquently about the importance of community. APC gives thanks to the Deputy Lieutenant for attending, and for staying so long and talking to so many.



APC offers a heartfelt thanks to its faithful sponsors, Debenhams Ottaway, who not only supported the event, but also provided gift boxes on the day for the tables.

Thanks also to John Aphorp for his kind donation, as well as Radlett's Borough Councillors and Hertsmere Council

for providing funding. Without all this support it would not have been possible to put on such an incredible event. I would also like to thank the working party, the open spaces team and officers and a big thanks to Inspire All for all your hard work.

# Girlguiding

We asked Girlguiding members and leaders to share their thoughts and feelings on being a part of the organisation.

**What do you enjoy most about being part of Rainbows/Brownies/Guides?**

**The Rainbows replied:** Looking forward to the rainbows' sleepover; love to sing the rainbow song; all the activities we do every week; getting badges and learning new skills; spending time with my sister; playing games; being part of a team.

**Brownies said:** Having fun with my friends and learning new skills; sleepovers and all the activities that the leaders organise for us; learning life skills and how to be independent; surrounded by kind people; the trips; getting badges and doing the things needed for them; going on nights away and roasting marshmallows.

**Guides stated:** I enjoy learning and developing new skills and also trying out different things each week; The trips; looking after the environment like when we planted trees and put up bird boxes; being a wonderful community of fantastic people that I am proud to be part of it; making new friends; cooking and camping; making new friends from different backgrounds and schools.

**What has been the most enjoyable activity?**

**Rainbows liked:** Colouring and collecting badges; rock climbing, super rainbow day, the parachute; playing 'watch out' and rock climbing; making s'mores and exploring the woods.

**Brownies chose:** Jump In sleepover and baking scones; seeing all the wildlife like when we go on night walks; watching Matilda and making pencil cases; making dinner and pancakes; cooking, arts and crafts, making pom poms; making dens, s'mores and camping; the tree with sweets.

**Guides thought:** Rifle shooting, archery, toasting marshmallows and making crafts; campfires; sleepovers at Jump In; baking competitions; The London Monopoly Run; gorge walking in Scotland; outdoor cooking.

**What does it mean to you, being a volunteer for the R/B/G?**

**Leaders listed their thoughts:** Helping shape and share a safe space with the girls; celebrating community and differences; creating new opportunities for the girls, while allowing them to explore a range of activities, skills, and making friends; engaging with the natural world and building confidence to meet and face new challenges in an environment where they can simply be themselves; passing on skills to girls and young women over the years, many of whom return to volunteer as Young Leaders and Leaders; enabling adults to accompany groups nationally and internationally, eg to Scotland, Switzerland and Uganda; inviting volunteers to share the fun and friendship and to empower our young women to achieve their potential; team-building activities such as 'Reflect Skills Builder activity' and 'Young Leader Day scavenger hunt'; the thrill of watching the girls' progress; teaching arts and crafts, cookery, the natural world, and other practical skills such as sailing, camping, climbing, hill and gorge walking; providing financial support to learn and take qualifications in these activities.

To join our team of volunteers or to register your daughter, please contact us by email:

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*Leaders Nic, Laura, Charlotte, Lisa, Sarah, Verity & Amy*



## Nagler Simmons Radlett Rotary Five Fields Fun Run - Monday 1 May



A bit of drizzle and a cloudy sky didn't stop this year's fun being a success. With a total of 155 runners in the 2 events, about £2,000 was raised, and thanks to the sponsorship of Nagler Simmons, every penny of this will

be shared between "Hertsmere Mencap" and other Rotary supported charities.

This year we also had inflatables for the children, provided and managed for us by Keen Bean Sport. These proved to be a great attraction.

There were two races - a shorter run of 1.5km for those under the age of 11, followed by a longer run of 5km for those from 7 to 107 years of age.

Medals and trophies for the 2 events were presented by Hertsmere Mayor John Graham, Aldenham Parish Council

Chair Helen Jones, and Radlett Rotary President Kathy Rose.

The 1.5 km event was won by Isaac Kissman in 6 min 25 secs and the first girl through was Charlotte Duggleby, some 30 seconds later. The winner of the 5 km event was Zac Segal in exactly 18 minutes, and the first lady through was Kat Alpe, about 1½ minutes later.

There were medals for all finishers, as well as trophies for the winners. For the 5 km event, as well as trophies for the first 3 male/female runners past the post, there were trophies for the first boy/girl under 12 and under 16, the first male/female veteran 45 and over, the first vet 60 and over, and for the winning team of 4 - see Nagler Simmons web site at [www.naglersimmons.co.uk](http://www.naglersimmons.co.uk) for a full list of the results. There is also a great set of photos there, taken by Paul Simmons. Every runner will be there!

Many thanks to Tabard Rugby Football Club for hosting the event and providing the refreshments, and to Aldenham Parish Council for their invaluable support & help.

Same time next year - Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May 2024 - see you there!





## Community Infrastructure Levy Grants

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that local authorities can set on new developments in order to raise funds to upgrade the infrastructure, facilities and services.

As part of this levy, Aldenham Parish Council (APC) automatically receives 15% of any CIL levied on developments within the parish. Due to the adopted Radlett Neighbourhood Plan in May 2021, APC also receives a further 10% of CIL collected from developments within the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan area only, which can then be spent on the capital projects within the whole parish.

The APC's CIL capital grants scheme for local voluntary organisations and community groups introduced in 2020 is to help fund capital projects within the parish.

APC has set aside funding from the CIL to invest in the local community with grants of between £1,000 to £20,000 available to applicants for capital spending. Core organisational costs such as salaries, rent or utilities are not eligible.

So far, grants totalling £34,592.26 have been awarded to 4 local organisations:

- Radlett Bowls Club -- £1,562.85 towards repairs to the surrounds at the ground and £2,500 towards a new pump for the sprinkler system
- 1st Radlett Scouts -- £10,000 for new front entrance to Scout Hut
- Aldenham War Memorial Hall -- £8,750 towards the creation of a centenary garden at the Hall
- Radlett Men Club - £2,679.41 for a beer cooler & £2,500 towards their garden area
- Radlett Districts Guides - £6,600 for extension to external paved area and refurbishment of pathway

To apply for a grant for your local voluntary organisation or community group please contact APC via Monika Duong on [accounts@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:accounts@aldenham-pc.gov.uk) or Peter Evans on [manager@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:manager@aldenham-pc.gov.uk). Applications are considered at meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The next deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 25 August 2023.

**Monika Duong**

*Deputy Clerk Aldenham Parish Council*



## Access for All Working Party update

Aldenham Parish Council's Access for All Working Party worked hard throughout 2022, supporting inclusion, access and equity in our community. This special working group, formed to coincide with the release of the Government's National Disability Strategy in 2021, aims to address the many aspects of our local environment, from high street walkways to parks and open spaces and community events, which could and should be more accessible for people of all ages with any level of disability – visible and otherwise.

As well as taking practical action, APC's Access for All Working Party also highlights milestones throughout the year to raise awareness and promote understanding. Whether this be about dementia, Alzheimer's Disease, Autism, Down's Syndrome, mental health or women-centric topics, we are taking to our social media channels, our website, sign posting local services and working with local charities and groups to extend their sphere of influence.

Disability Awareness Month, last December, was a prime opportunity to share the little acts of kindness which positively impact people's lives. Stories shared by people in the community included when a local lady took the time and helped a fellow shopper with his wheelchair, and when, during a challenging moment of being overwhelmed and in a 'meltdown', a kind stranger came to the rescue of a young autistic child with chocolate eggs and a friendly, non-judgemental extra pair of hands to get safely back into a waiting vehicle.

It's these acts of kindness which help elevate our community to one people WANT to live in, not just HAPPEN to live in. Our differences, whatever they are, bring us closer together.

If you are disabled or have a medical condition, are a carer, or 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. You are not alone.

**Cllr Clare Diskin**

*Chair of Access for All Working Party.*





## Phillimore Recreation Ground Improvement Working Party Phase 1 – Café

Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) has been granted planning permission by Hertsmere Borough Council, to build a café/tea room at Phillimore Recreation Ground in Gills Hill.

The building will be situated by the entrance to the main field, next to the depot and opposite the children's play areas, and will have both inside and outside seating. The building will be ecologically friendly, with the use of sustainable construction materials, and solar panels to help reduce energy costs. The area surrounding the building will have planters and possibly some new trees.

APC is tendering for a project manager to manage budgets, organise the design team, and draw up a further tender for the contractor who will build it. Once the project manager has been appointed, APC will concurrently tender for an experienced food service operator to run it. The operator will be given the opportunity to be involved with the design team to plan for the most efficient interior and exterior seating, service and storage areas, and kitchen design.

APC also has plans to enhance other areas of Phillimore Recreation Ground, including new gates, a bike park, improved notice boards, and a path going all around the playing field making it easier for pushchairs and wheelchairs, etc. It also plans to improve the children's play area, as it expects the area to become much busier once the new café/tea room opens.

**Catherine Kilhams**

*Chair of the Phillimore Recreation Ground Improvements Working Party*



## New rail freight interchange

Aldenhams Parish Council has expressed its concerns regarding Hertfordshire Council Council's (HCC) proposals to sell the land upon which Helioslough wish to develop a strategic rail terminal.

The following letter was sent to the Deputy Chief Executive at HCC;

Dear Mr Crudgington,

15 February 2023

### **Strategic Rail Freight Interchange**

I am writing on behalf of Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) regarding the above. Members of the council were very concerned to hear of Herts County Council's proposals to sell the land upon which Helioslough wish to develop a strategic rail terminal.

APC strongly urge the panel, when it reviews this decision this month, not to sell the parcel of land known as the Old Radlett Aerodrome to SEGRO, for development into a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange.

APC recognise that the Aerodrome site, known colloquially as The Old Radlett Aerodrome, is in fact wholly within the Parish of St. Stephen. However, the effects of this development will be felt, within the parish, especially Radlett due to traffic movements from lorries servicing the terminal, and those working at the facility who may well be residents of Borehamwood who will access via the already congested roads of Radlett.

Also, the neighbouring parish of St Stephens will be affected especially those in Park Street. Due to a lack of infrastructure within the vicinity (there is only the A414) there will be a knock-on effect to residents of St. Albans, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead, Welwyn Garden City, Sandridge, Wheathampstead, & Redbourn will also be affected by the disruption caused by the increase in vehicular traffic, especially when problems occur on the M25 and M1, which they do frequently. The estimate of the developers was that there would be a further 3,000 lorries every 24 operating in and out of the site, onto already overcrowded roads.

The threat of this development has been hanging over the heads of the parish since 2006. Even then there were questions regarding the need for such a development. Surely, as so much time has lapsed since the decision was made by the Secretary of State there should be a strategic (excuse the pun) review. We now have other sites such as the London Gateway, the Interchange at Rugby and Derby. Unlike the point when the permission was granted the position regarding the perceived benefits, after the opening of alternative facilities, and the effects of Brexit, are much diminished, so there is even less justification for sale.

The developers have not, as yet, complied with their commitment to set up a consultative group with local councillors, residents and community groups. They have not made any provision for improvements to the Park Street, Harper Lane and London Colney roundabouts. As stated at the time of the decision APC would prefer to see progress on a junction onto and off the M25.

Although this development was originally planned as a Rail Freight Interchange it is and has always been going to be a Lorry for Lorry interchange – evidenced by the huge increase in lorry movements predicted by the developers themselves. An enormous amount of work to reconstruct and alter the rail links has to be carried out before any of the freight trains can use the lines, work which they do not, as far as we are aware, have permission for.

APC are aware that Herts County Council has a fiduciary duty, due to its current budget deficit, to get the best price for the land, but APC's view is that this does not consider the long term effects on the residents of St Stephens and Aldenhams Parish, their welfare. HertsCC surely has a duty of care, a duty of prudence and more and so APC urge the panel to take the whole into consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

Yours sincerely

**Peter Evans**

Council Manager

## Which Council does what?



**Aldenham Parish Council** represents the community's views and aspirations. If you're struggling to report an issue, we can get you in touch with the right people.

Services we provide;

- APC funds a Citizen's Advice Bureau clinic every Tuesday at The Radlett Centre.
- The APC Access For All working party is constantly trying to improve accessibility around the parish.
- We look to support and promote local community and care organisations.
- The council organises several popular themed and seasonal events during the year for the community.
- We own or lease more than 68 acres of different types of open space, as well as 1500 trees.
- Our Open Spaces team manages all the maintenance tasks for our parish land.
- The parish's Planning Committee is a statutory consultee on ALL types of planning applications within our boundary, and it examines and comments on each one individually. It is also regularly asked to comment on large developments that might affect our area.

To report a fallen tree, dangerous branch, overgrown hedge, graffiti or anti-social behaviour, **that's happened on our land**, please give us a call on 01923 856 433.

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## 2022-23 Tree/Whip/Bulb planting season

Aldenhams Parish Council's Parks & Open Spaces adopted a Biodiversity Action Plan in November 2021.

In order to improve and enhance the biodiversity in our local Parks & Open Spaces, this planting season the Open Spaces Team has planted trees, hedges, whips and bulbs at the following locations.



### Phillimore Recreation Ground

We planted 3 prunus trees in the newly sown wildflower area, 6 scots pine, 500 bluebell bulbs in Fir Spring Wood and 1 oak tree. We have also planted 56 laurel hedge whips in the children's play area.

### Tykeside

We planted 3 prunus trees and 200 mixed daffodil bulbs.



### Salters Field

A tree ceremony was held on 7 February 2023 at Salters Field to commemorate the planting of 7 trees kindly donated by the Rotary Club. Rotary donated 2 carpinus betulus, 2 quercus robur, 1 malus floribunda, and 2 tilia platyphyllos.

Aldenhams Parish Council has also purchased and planted 7 more substantial trees, namely 2 carpinus

betulus, 1 acer campestre, 1 prunus avium plena, 1 betula pendula, 1 sorbus ulleungensis 'olympic flame' and 1 malus evereste.

We very much hope this will help to establish and increase



the variety of tree species in this lovely open space area.

### Picnic Field

75 hedge whips of mixed planting of ligustrum, prunus communis, malus sylvestris, rhamnus frangula, prunus cerasifera and betula pubescens were planted, as well as 25 whips of hawthorn in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Area.

We will continue to plant further trees in our next planting season, as there are so many benefits in planting trees.

- Trees help to fight the climate crisis: trees are a bit of a miracle, in more ways than one! But one of their best qualities is their ability to act like sponges for carbon. They absorb carbon by removing it from the air and locking it in their wood and roots.

- Trees purify the air: trees don't just munch carbon- they also produce oxygen. One tree can produce enough oxygen for four people.

- Trees help sustain wildlife: they create habitats for all kinds of wildlife from squirrels, and bats to bees, owls and woodpeckers.

- Trees are good for our health and prosperity: it has been proved that trees do everything from helping lower stress levels to raising property values. It's part of our nature to like trees- and science has proved that just looking at them can make us feel calmer, happier and more creative.

APC will continue to plant more trees in future planting seasons for the well-being of all of the community.

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## Radlett Horticulture Society



Here is a challenge, have you ever eaten something you have grown yourself?

I know a lot of people, myself included, have been growing their own vegetables for years and we have probably forgotten the pleasure you get when you first

put your own produce on the plate. It is easier than it sounds so here are a few simple ideas, even if you don't have a garden.

**Climbing French beans** – buy a few plants and plant them in a pot in good potting compost in a sunny corner, water regularly and even the stringiest plants produce a good tasty crop. If you have nothing to grow them up just grow the bush variety, which will be just as prolific.

**Tomatoes** – all you need is a sunny corner, a growbag, three plants, three canes and some tomato feed. Oh, and some string to tie them to the canes. Regular watering and removal of the side shoots will produce a delicious crop.

**Tip** – choose a small fruiting variety for best results.

**Cucumbers** – sound complicated but aren't. These are even more prolific than tomatoes and can also be grown in a growbag. They do need support, and again, remove the side shoots and tie them up. 'Marketmore' are a good starter variety producing bite sized fruit. If you don't have a garden you can use a windowsill. Cress starter kits are great fun and grow extremely fast for a delicious egg and cress sandwich. Also the internet is awash with herb starter kits that can be grown on the windowsill. And for those without a garden, mini vegetable plots are available for minimal rent at Radlett allotments.

Lastly, with our increasingly unpredictable climate, mulching is more important than ever. Horse manure is an excellent mulch and can be obtained free from the stables at the Elstree end of Allum Lane. Follow the 'free manure' signs and remember to close the gate and take a few bags and a spade. The giant pile of manure is through the stable area and 500 yards up the track.

**Peter Hordern**

Chairman Radlett Horticultural Society.

## The Radlett Art Society,

which was formed in 1966, now has 160 members including both artists and non-artists. During the year, our regular activities include:

1. eight professional lectures;
2. two professional painting demonstrations;
3. outings to art galleries and National Trust buildings;
4. weekly art workshops in the Village Institute and, during the summer months, painting en plein air in Radlett and near-by. The workshop is for all abilities and non; all you need is enthusiasm.
5. regular members' art exhibitions in the Radlett Centre and in the Harpenden Building Society;
6. the Summer Exhibition, our highlight event, where members can sell their work. This year it will be held in The Village Institute on the weekend of the 9th, 10th, and 11th of June; and
7. let's not forget our Xmas dinner, with delicious food and good fun.

All this for just £35 per annum. Anyone can join by contacting: [membership@radlett-art-society.co.uk](mailto:membership@radlett-art-society.co.uk)

Take a look at our website to see some of our members' work and for more information.

**Inga Armstrong**



### New Radlett Youth Club!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers and committee members to join us at a local venue to be confirmed, to help set up a new Radlett Youth Club!

This is going to be a social club where children and young people can join in a variety of fun activities.

If this interests you, please get in touch with Sandra for more details.

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## Warm Spaces



Between late November and early March Christ Church Radlett took part in the local Warm Spaces scheme which was coordinated by Aldenham Parish Council. We worked with local synagogues, churches, and other groups, to provide a safe and warm space which was open to all members of the community. A number of church members volunteered their time, both at the

Vision Hall which is part of the church, and also at other venues in the parish. The Vision Hall was open every Wednesday afternoon from midday until 6pm and there were at least two stewards present, all of whom had completed the appropriate safeguarding training. We offered activities such as jigsaw puzzles and board games. Tea, coffee, and biscuits were provided as refreshments. The number of attendees was low, usually one or two people came. One of those who returned a few times was an elderly and vulnerable member of the local community. We feel that this was a significant step in the right direction as a parish community, sending the positive and reassuring message that there was always somewhere to go that was warm and welcoming. It was also very good to be working together with other faith and community groups, opening up channels of communication and friendship which will lead to further positive action together.

**The Rev'd. Oliver Blease**  
*Vicar of Radlett*



## News From The Museum

The current display in the Museum is entitled "Local Art Past and Present". The display features paintings of local buildings, places, events and people. Some of the artists will live or have lived in the area and some will have lived elsewhere. Many of the paintings are accompanied by photographs of the artist.

The display reflects the changing nature of art in Radlett and the surrounding hamlets. The display also provides an interesting preview to the forthcoming annual exhibition by the Radlett Art Society. This exhibition will be held in the Radlett Village Institute on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June. The Museum will be supporting the Radlett Art Society by opening on the days of their exhibition.



In March the Museum held a highly successful Quiz Supper. It was compered by the well-known celebrity Matt Lucas, who went to school in the area and whose mother is a trustee of the Museum. More than 100 people attended – the event was quickly sold out – and over £2500 was raised, which will go towards the operating costs of the Museum. Matt also drew the raffle, presented the prizes and amused everyone with stories, jokes and anecdotes. Matt also chatted freely and posed for photographs with delighted guests. The photographs show some of the Trustees and volunteers with Matt and Matt presenting copies of his "Joke" book to the winning team.

For the third year running the Museum will be offering its popular Cream Tea Party on the afternoon of Sunday 16th July in the Radlett Village Institute and outside in the garden if the weather is good. Sandwiches, cakes, scones and tea and coffee will be provided. The Museum will also be open. Put the date in your calendar and prepare to indulge yourself for one afternoon! Full details will be provided on our website nearer the time.



*A few of the guests enjoying last year's party.*

Three plaques will shortly be installed on local properties of historical interest: the Flint Cottages in the centre of Radlett, the Red Lion and the Report Centre in Gills Hill. These plaques are similar in nature to the blue plaques seen on famous buildings in London. Leaflets giving more details about the three properties will be available in the Museum.

The Museum is situated in the garden of the Radlett Village Institute, which is on the corner of Theobald Street and Watling Street. Opening hours are 10am to 12pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Do pay us a visit and learn more about the rich history of our locality. We now have a presence on Facebook and this can be accessed by using [www.facebook.com/RadlettAndDistrictMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/RadlettAndDistrictMuseum). Please also log onto our website using [www.radlettmuseum.com](http://www.radlettmuseum.com). We may be contacted on [info@radlettmuseum.com](mailto:info@radlettmuseum.com).

## Shenley Hill development refused permission after resistance from local residents, parish and local councillors *By Cllr Lucy Selby*

Since August 2022 local residents, together with local borough and parish councillors have been fighting the planning application 2022/1539/OUT in relation to the land south of Shenley Hill, where it was proposed to build 195 houses on Green Belt land. The councillors unanimously stated that as the proposed site is in the Green Belt, no development should be allowed.

Objecting to this application, Radlett residents formed WhatsApp and Facebook groups to share their thoughts, leading to an unprecedented 2799 formal objections being lodged through the Hertsmere planning portal! These, together with formal objections from local borough and parish councillors, led Hertsmere's planning committee members to refuse to grant their permission at the end of February 2023.

The refusal was on the grounds that the applicant had not demonstrated that there were any special circumstances for allowing this development on the Green Belt. They also noted that the development would erode the buffer between Radlett, Shenley, and Borehamwood. It is a core principle of the Green Belt planning policy to 'prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open'.

It was also refused on the grounds of it being a risk to potential archaeological artefacts at the site. Although this has not been investigated, the County Council's archaeological team felt that as the site is so near to the ancient Roman road, Watling Street, this might present a risk to any buried antiquities. Another reason for the refusal was that insufficient information had been provided to mitigate the risk of flooding from surface water at the site.

The proposed number of homes would have seen an increase in Radlett's population by approximately 7%, and it is well documented that the village cannot support any extra demands from its already strained infrastructure.

Herts Highways correctly objected to this application. They recognised that the only proposed access point was onto Shenley Hill, which is a single carriageway, steep and winding country lane. Turning into the access road of the site would be next to a 90 degree bend; and adding 195 homes with one to two cars per household would put even more pressure on the country lane.

Oliver Dowden MP, Deputy Prime Minister, visited the proposed application site in January 2023, and said, 'this is green belt land and should not be developed on except in exceptional circumstances. I don't believe there are exceptional circumstances here and I fully support residents in making their voices heard'.

Hertsmere officers listened, and the planning committees listened. Your local borough and parish councillors will continue to fight any appeals on this site. Thank you for all your efforts and support as we fight to protect our Green Belt.

Addendum – The developer has now lodged an appeal against Hertsmere's decision, which is due to be held in August 2023. Aldenham Parish Council has registered as a Rule 6 party to the appeal, in order to carry on fighting on behalf of it's residents.

## Walking in Hertfordshire

### Time to get walking again!

With the weather improving we get to thinking about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Hertfordshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/herts/> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Hertfordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

**John Harris**



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Keeping people safe is at the heart of what we do. We have been asking the general public how safe they feel in their community via Echo\* and StreetSafe surveys.

The key issues raised were:

- **Streetlighting:** People felt unsafe walking in the dark, especially commuters. We have spoken with local councillors to highlight this concern to explore what can be done to improve street lighting and other poorly lit areas.
- **CCTV:** The lack of CCTV in Radlett was also raised. As part of our next priority, we have submitted applications to Hertsmere Borough Council to request mobile cameras at crime and ASB hotspots.
- **Burglary:** The recent increase in burglaries has been of concern to residents. Our last priority focussed on three of the most historically targeted roads (Beech Avenue, Gills Hill Lane and Shenley Hill). These were visited by the Safer Neighbourhood Team and we provided crime prevention advice and signed all houses up to OWL\*\*. We're pleased to report that we haven't received reports of break-ins in these locations.

## Other schemes to promote personal safety:

- 1) **Hollie Guard** is a personal safety app which offers several features designed to protect you when travelling to and from home, exercising, socialising etc. If you feel unsafe, you can shake your phone, sending an alert to your chosen contacts. You can also use 'deterrent mode', which emits a high-pitched alarm and flashing light or 'stealth mode' to trigger a discreet alarm. Most features include audio and video recording, as well tracking your GPS location.
- 2) **The Ask for Angela** scheme encourages people on a first date (or who have met someone for the first time) - and who feel unsafe - to get help from bar staff by simply asking to speak to "Angela." Staff would then assist the person in leaving the venue discreetly and getting home or to a place of safety.
- 3) **Ask Clive** is organised by LGBT+ charity Ask For Clive. Pub Pride aims to work with venues and organisations to promote LGBT+ inclusion and provide welcome spaces for the community. The initiative also aims to ensure a zero-tolerance approach towards LGBT+ discrimination.

\*You can use our community voice platform 'echo' to let us know what you think we should be prioritising in your area. Your feedback will help towards shaping our local policing priorities, initiatives and campaigns. Visit [bit.ly/police-radlett](http://bit.ly/police-radlett) and tell us your thoughts.

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