



Around Radlett 128

Autumn / Winter 2023





Chairman's Message

Welcome to the winter edition of Around Radlett. Aldenham Parish Council (APC) has had a busy summer, with its working parties meeting frequently to ensure progress on several of its projects. As a result, the children's playground in the Phillimore Recreation Ground (the rec) will be updated, with work commencing on 30 October. More details can be found inside this magazine, but this is a project of which we are very proud, as it improves on the already wonderful facilities we have to offer, making them more accessible and inclusive to all users, as well as reorganising the equipment by age to make it safer and easier to use. The planned works to build a café are also progressing with the design team being appointed, please refer to page 6 for further details.

APC was also involved with the Shenley Hill Planning Inquiry that began in August. We are a Rule 6 party and as such had our own legal team and expert witness to represent the concerns of our residents. We also worked with Save Hertsmere, Shenley Parish Council, the Radlett Society and Green Belt Association to help organise speakers to voice their concerns during the opening day. It is heartening to see the community working together against these speculative applications that have the potential to have a negative impact on our wonderful village and surrounding areas. The second half of the inquiry took place on 6 and 9 October and we await the outcome at time of writing.

To help residents learn more about what APC does, I launched a monthly Chairman's Blog this summer. You will find it on our noticeboards, website, and social media pages, as well as in community centres such as churches and synagogues. If you are interested in receiving a copy digitally, please contact the office at admincomms@aldenham-pc.gov.uk.

As in previous years, we hosted two days of free fun activities at the rec for our younger residents this

summer. This was made possible by the hard work of Inspire All and APC, who joined forces to bring a host of entertainers and clubs to Radlett. We had an incredible turnout despite the rain on the first day 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 12 November in Radlett. There will also be a service held at the War Memorial in Letchmore Heath.

The following Sunday, 19 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!

I 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. The open spaces team has continued to look after our community areas, ensuring that the rec received the Green Flag Award for the third year running.

At the time of writing, we are receiving news of the attacks in Israel. APC condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas against Israel, especially the targeting of innocent civilians. Many Radlett residents will be worried about their family and friends and our thoughts are with them, and all the people of Israel. If you are in the UK and concerned about a friend or family member who is in Israel or the OPTs call FCDO on 0176 766 7600. Alternatively, visit these websites www.cst.org.uk/ or www.gov.uk for up to date advice and help.

*Wishing you all
a safe and peaceful
Festive Season,
and all the best for 2024.*



Cllr Helen Jones
Chair of the Council

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Forthcoming Committee Meetings November 2023 – May 2024

November

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

December

4th – Planning
 11th – Full Council
 18th – Planning

January

8th – Planning
 15th – F & G P
 22nd – Planning
 29th – Full Council

February

5th – Planning
 19th – Planning
 26th – Full Council

March

4th – Planning
 11th – F & G P
 18th – Planning
 25th – Full Council

April

2nd – Planning
 8th – Full Council
 15th – Planning

May

7th – Planning
 13th – Annual Parish Meeting
 20th – Planning
 28th – Council & Annual Meeting

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.

Oliver Dowden, MP for Hertsmere

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What's On...


Remember to check our website for all up-to-date events & meetings.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 12 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 12 November


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

Saturday 18 November


Aldenham War Memorial Hall Annual Barn Dance with Live Music and Caller. Always Great fun - £25 including food, from 7pm.

Please contact aldenhamhallevents@gmail.com

Sunday 19 November

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

Wednesday 22 November

 **Radlett Horticultural Society** Annual General Meeting, 7:30pm at Vision Hall, Christ Church, Watling Street, Radlett. After the AGM, there will be an illustrated talk: How to be a 21st century gardener, by Timothy Walker.

DECEMBER

Friday 1 December

 **Autism Awareness Training** 11am-12noon, the Radlett Centre, free to attend, limited spaces. Please contact admincomms@aldenham-pc.gov.uk or call APC office to book your place.

Saturday 2 December

The popular **Phoenix Concert** band is holding its annual Christmas concert. It will take place in Christ Church, at 7:30pm and will feature a variety of music, including festive tunes. Tickets on sale at the door from 7:00pm (£8 adults, £6 concessions, children under 16 free), or can be brought in advance online. Light refreshments will be available during the interval. All proceeds to Keech Hospice.

Sunday 10 December

Chanukah Fest Celebration, 6pm, at the Red House car park, open to the entire community. Ice Menorah with public menorah lighting, live music, crafts, latkes, doughnuts, kosher food for sale, and more. For more information visit www.radlettclubavitch.com/chanukah

JANUARY

Saturday 27 January

Radlett Musical Theatre Company (RMTC) is back. Following our successful previous smash hit, Dynamite we bring you "Viva". This is our 7th annual showcase which promises to be a vibrant and energetic production filled with songs from the theatre, big screen and the charts which will leave you dancing in your seats. So why not book ahead and be sure to escape those January blues by joining RMTC for a magical night of entertainment? Tickets: £22, £18 (Concession for matinee only) 2.30pm & 7.45pm.

FEBRUARY

Aldenham War Memorial Hall - Family Bingo. Fun for all the family with some great prizes. Please check the website for details nearer the time www.aldenhamwarmemorialhall.com

MARCH

Tuesday 5 – Saturday 9 March

RMTC "The Addams Family: The Musical" is a darkly comedic stage production. It follows the Addams family as they deal with their daughter's unusual love interest, leading to hilariously bizarre situations when the Beineke family visits. With quirky characters and dark humour, it's a unique and entertaining show that you must see! Tickets via the Radlett Centre from December.

Saturday 16 March

Radlett Choir has an afternoon concert of delightful music at Vision Hall, Christ Church, Radlett.

Aldenham War Memorial Hall - Painting Party. Everyone gets to take home their painting, NO experience necessary, as the




Aldenham Parish Council
Winter Fair
 at The Radlett Centre
Sunday 19 November 2:00pm-5:00pm
 The Christmas Lights will be switched on at 4:45pm

Funfair rides & games
 Festive stalls
 Visit Santa's grotto
 Mulled wine and seasonal specials from Teatro

For further details, including accessibility, please check the APC website, www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk, our social media pages or contact the office on 01923 856433.

instructions from the professionals are excellent.

Please check our website nearer the time for more details www.aldenhamwarmemorialhall.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 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 or call 020 3559 3559.

 **Citizens Advice Herts mere (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.



Aldenham Art Festival 2023

Two weekends of fabulous art!

The Aldenham Art Festival was back bigger and better than ever for its 5th event over two weekends in September (8th-10th) & (15th-17th), with more than 85 artists from a wide area of Herts, Bucks, Beds, and North London displaying more than 500 artworks. It had a huge selection of artworks, with prices from £15 - £2500, in all styles and catering for all tastes.

The festival is probably the biggest art exhibition in the area, set in the stunning environment of Aldenham Church, a 12th-century architectural masterpiece that beautifully complemented the art. Preview night was a delight, with the church packed with people welcomed by the bells ringing and wonderful live music by Adrienne Freeman and Friends. Aldenham Golf Club made sure we were well 'watered' and fed, and Councillors Helen Jones and Caroline Clapper officially opened the show for us.



A visit from Oliver Dowden, Deputy PM and MP for Hertsmere, made for a memorable Friday morning when he delighted in tucking into the tea and cake on offer, and enjoying the view from the tower. Live music from Eugenia Russell and her husband on keyboards and cello, and from Laurie Kaye and his friend on saxophone, made a delight on other days! Support from the golf club in promoting the event, and the huge number of volunteers, made a true success of the event. Special mention to Jill who was there every day and had the unenviable job of sorting out the money and payments, Rosemary, Pat Bromley, and all the helpers who provided the endless stream of cakes and refreshments, and all the volunteers who helped out so willingly to make this event amazing – a BIG thank you to you all!



The display of art was truly exceptional and showed the wealth of talent that abounds. There was such a wide variety of work, with some truly exceptional pieces to be had. This was proved in the sales, which were way above expectations, and beyond anything achieved in previous years. The profits will go to help maintain the beautiful church building that hosts the event, in particular, to support the installation of the new heating system that will help to preserve it for the future. This was a truly great result, not only financially but also in many other ways. I think all those that came either to visit or to help enjoyed the spirit that went with the great art and wonderful surroundings, going away with either something they loved to go on the wall or some good memories of Aldenham, the church, and the Art!

Ken Haslar, Organiser www.aldenhamartfestival.org.uk Email: art@aldenhamartfestival.org.uk

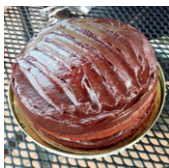


Radlett Horticulture Society

Splat goes the chairman's chocolate fudge cake

The Radlett Horticultural Society and its members put on a spectacular display at Vision Hall, Christ Church, on 2 September with more than 400 entries to celebrate another productive gardening year. The Autumn Show and Exhibition always takes place on the first Saturday in September, so make a note in your diary for next year. Well over 250 people attended and were treated to a selection of homemade cakes and scones to go with their tea.

Giant pumpkins and onions, delicious cakes and preserves, beautiful flowers, and some excellent photographs were all displayed in the competitive classes. The separate, non-competitive exhibition section saw some wonderful entries. It was also good to see several new entrants, which bodes well for the future.



This year there were five entries in the 'men only cake class', which had to be a scrummy chocolate fudge cake, made to a recipe printed in the society's yearbook. Unfortunately, the chairman's entry came last, probably because it fell upside down in the car park on the morning of the show! So, to all you budding bakers out there, why not have a go next year? If you wish to join the Society, it is only £2 per year, per household, and details on how to do so are on our website at radlettthortsoc.weebly.com.



It is probably a bit late to plant daffodils now, but there is still time for tulips and other bulbs, both in the garden and in pots for a spectacular spring display for next year.

On the vegetable front, it is time to plant some garlic. Bulbs grown specifically for planting are undoubtedly best, although I have had success with ordinary supermarket bulbs. And for an early crop of broad beans, now is the time to plant some of the hardier varieties. Happy gardening.

Peter Hordern





Café Project Operator Announced!



Aldenham Parish Council (APC) is delighted to announce that Alex Black, who many will know from Café in the Orchard, Shenley, has been appointed as the café operator. We are extremely excited to have Alex involved, as he has a well-deserved reputation in the community and has engaged with many local events. He joins the design team with immediate effect to ensure that the kitchen is designed effectively. APC is negotiating the details of the lease under which the café will be operated.

“It is an honour to have been chosen by APC to launch the new café at Phillimore Recreation Ground, building on the 13 years of success at Café in the Orchard. We look forward to serving the Radlett community”



Alex Black

Progress on the installation of a café in Phillimore Recreation Ground (the rec) is now well underway. At the council meeting on 11 September 2023, APC appointed a design team, which is the next step before drawing up the tender for construction, which will probably be towards the end of the year/beginning of 2024.

This group will be designing the interior/exterior of the building, as well as ensuring that APC meets all of the planning conditions set by Hertsmere Borough Council in November 2022.

Companies experienced in these types of builds and designs have been appointed -

- Rick Locker (Lockerdell Consulting) - Project Manager
- Steve Baker (Beacon Surveying Services) – Quantity Surveyor
- David Brown & Helen Whateley (IID Architects) – Architects and Principle Designers
- Luke Spence (Price & Myers Ltd) – Structural Engineers
- Andy Hutton (CC-BE Consultants) – Mechanical & Electrical Engineers



Rick Locker

Steve Baker

David Brown

Helen Whateley

Luke Spence

Andy Hutton



Phillimore Recreation Ground Playground Improvements

Following the public survey Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) carried out last year, and the fantastic response received from the local community, we have some exciting new plans coming to the playground at Phillimore Recreation Ground (the rec). We listened to all your wonderful ideas, and we will be implementing as many improvements as possible. As an overall concept, APC agreed it was important to create separate play areas for toddlers, juniors, and older children. As part of this redesign by age, certain existing equipment will be moved, while other pieces will be improved. In addition, specific older equipment that has been deemed at the end of its working life will be removed.

Running through all our plans is APC's commitment to access for all, and ensuring the natural beauty of the rec as a unique green space for the whole community to enjoy, remains for generations to come. APC is grateful to Radlett Lodge School for their input, ideas and time spent, ensuring the final design meets these requirements.

The central, wooden climbing frame, now tired and becoming unsafe, will be replaced with a modern two-tower castle multi-play unit with a plastic helter-skelter,

and straight and curved slides. The existing roundabout, which is raised off the ground, will be replaced with a flush wheelchair-accessible roundabout. We are adding a new playhouse in the park to encourage imaginative, developmental play and increase social skills among the smaller children, along with a small trampoline, sunken into the ground to ensure access for all. We are adding a new bucket seat to the existing swings to ensure that safe access to play remains paramount. At the top of the park will be an exciting 'ninja warrior' style assault course including slanted steps, jumping gauge, climbing slope, warrior ramp, and trail steps for the older children to offer more challenging and engaging play equipment. Also, after announcing the removal of the existing monkey bars and hearing how popular they are, we have managed to secure some extra funding to enable us to add a new set to the plans. We will also be replacing much of the surfacing underneath.

Works to the park will start at the beginning of November, and you can see detailed plans on the display at the rec, our Council Offices, and APC noticeboards around the area.

In the future, APC will look to create accessible pathways between equipment, as well as installing further accessible equipment.



Hundreds attend APC's Summertime Events



It was wonderful once again to see so many young people and their families attending our free Summertime Activities event. Hundreds came over the two days, and even though the first was a bit

of a washout, it didn't stop the local community from battling the rain and enjoying the fun and games. The children got to



experience new sports, play on a variety of inflatables, watch performances by Captain Calamity and Jolly Jodie, meet the local police officers and PCSOs, and talk to representatives from a range of services offered by Hertsmere Borough Council.

Luckily, the sun was shining on the second day and the numbers attending doubled to nearly a thousand! APC staff ran a gazebo displaying information about its upcoming plans within the parish. We had a table for colouring, handed out sweet treats, and applied temporary tattoos for the children. Gino was in attendance



selling his delicious ice cream, and food and drink were available throughout the day.

These community events, run by Park Events on APC's behalf, are very important in supporting families through the long summer holiday and allow us to promote what the parish council can do to help them.

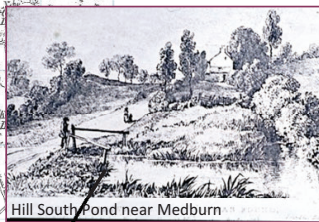
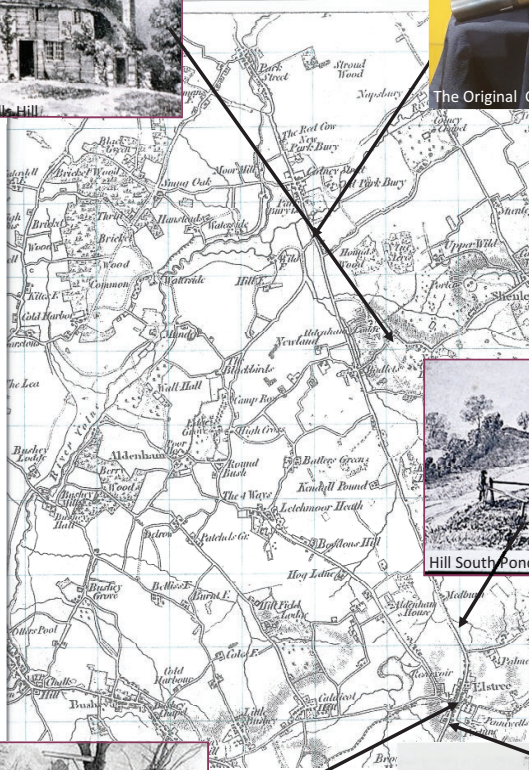




THE MURDER THAT PUT RADLETT ON THE MAP

October 24th marked the 200-year anniversary of the Radlett Murder, which had everyone revelling in its gory and grisly details. It caught the attention of the legal and literary world, highlighting the seedy underworld of gambling and boxing. The consequences were many, including changes to the law. There were many broad sheet articles published, with plays and many books written on the characters, and the murder itself.

To commemorate this event, the Radlett and District Museum has an extensive display on all aspects of the murder, with many illustrations to depict the story.



John Thurtell believed that William Weare had cheated him at cards and owed him £300. Seeking revenge, Thurtell invited Weare to a weekend of shooting and gambling in the country at William Probert's cottage in Gills Hill Lane. Thurtell engaged two friends to help him murder Weare, one of whom was William Probert. As they were driving from London, up Watling Street, through Elstree, stopping to drink at several public houses on the way, Thurtell turned into one of the country lanes and confronted Weare, drawing a pistol and firing at Weare's face. The gun misfired, so Thurtell bludgeoned Weare with the butt of the pistol, and then used his penknife to cut Weare's throat.

Labourers found the gun and penknife in a ditch in Gills Hill Lane and reported the discovery to local magistrates, who conducted an enquiry. William Probert, John Thurtell and Joseph Hunt were questioned. Hunt then offered to lead the investigators to where the conspirators had hidden the body, in a pond near Elstree.

After an inquest at The Artichoke Inn on Elstree Hill, the case was sent for trial and the three defendants were held in Hertford Jail.

The trial began on January 6, 1824 at Hertford Assizes. William Probert turned King's evidence and was not tried. There had been extensive coverage of the details of the murder in the press, and questions were asked as to whether Thurtell and Hunt could be expected to receive a fair trial. The judge remarked that "if these statements of evidence before trial which corrupt the purity of the administration of justice in its source are not checked, I tremble for the fate of our country". Nevertheless the trial went forward.

By the evening of January 7, the jury had found both men guilty of murder and the Judge pronounced sentence of death on them. Thurtell was hanged on January 9, but Hunt appealed his sentence and was eventually transported to Australia for life.

Probert's cottage became a tourist destination for many years until it was pulled down. Walter Scott came to visit it, as we believe did Charles Dickens, along with many other folk who reputedly stripped the cottage and garden of anything they could take as a souvenir. The hedge through which William Weare was dragged on the fateful night suffered a similar fate.

All are welcome to the museum, which is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am – 12 noon. The museum is located behind the Village Institute on Watling Street, WD7 7JG.

Phillimore Recreation Ground recognised with prestigious Green Flag Award

Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) is celebrating after receiving a Green Flag Award for Phillimore Recreation Ground (the rec) for the third consecutive year. The news that the rec has achieved this accreditation - the



international quality mark for parks and green spaces - is testament to the hard work and dedication of the open spaces team that cares for this green space so that everyone can enjoy it.

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Scheme Manager Paul Todd MBE said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved at Phillimore Recreation Ground in achieving a Green Flag Award.

"Phillimore Recreation Ground is a vital green space for the community in Radlett, bringing people together and providing opportunities to lead healthy lifestyles. The staff and volunteers do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards of the Green Flag Award and everyone involved should feel extremely proud of their achievement."

APC Parks & Open Spaces Team

Aldenhams Parish Council's open spaces team is a small, friendly, and dedicated group of people that look after all the green areas in Radlett and around the parish, on behalf of the council.

Our depot is based at Phillimore Recreation Ground, Gills Hill, from where we operate to keep the rec a safe and clean place to visit. We are all very proud of achieving the Green Flag Award for the third consecutive year.

The team carries out daily inspection tasks which include checking the playground and multi-use games areas, emptying the litter/dog bins, litter picking, cleaning the public toilets, inspecting the benches, checking the car park, trees, hedges, and grass areas, and removing any broken glass or graffiti.

The team looks after the allotments next to Phillimore Recreation Ground, as well as the green areas at Aldenhams Green, Letchmore Heath (including the small playground), KGV Playing Fields, Scrubbitts Wood, Radlett Gardens, Tykeside and Patchetts Green. The land managed by APC has more than 1500 trees on its parklands, open fields, copses, and woods.

The team is responsible for the maintenance of the grass, hedges, trees, benches, fences, gates, litter bins, and signage.

Ongoing tasks include:

- Planting up and maintaining the village hanging baskets, planters, and troughs in the High Street and at the Radlett Centre.
- Keeping the parish council's notice boards up to date.
- Trying to extend the biodiversity over APC land by planting more trees and bulbs. The team organises a community planting day at Phillimore Recreation Ground for adults and children to get involved.
- Striving to reduce landfill costs, by shredding and recycling all green matter from pruning, trees, and hedge cuttings.
- Creating a community orchard at the allotments.
- Helping at the Winter Fair and installing the Christmas tree.
- Getting involved with the new playground and café projects at the rec.
- Keeping our parks and open spaces safe, clean, and tidy for all our community.





Embracing Community Leadership: A New Chapter for Patchetts Green



In 2023, Patchetts Green, formally under the auspices of Bushey, became part of Aldenham Parish Council (APC), and with it came a requirement to pay an additional small amount to Hertsmere as part of the Council Tax.

What has that fee covered so far? It has covered the maintenance of the green outside of the Three Compasses Pub, the erection of a new community notice board, and the installation of a new rubbish/recycling bin on the green itself. APC's open spaces team will be looking after the area going forward.

Most importantly, it also means that the views of the residents on local issues will be heard more loudly.

Patchetts Green is a small hamlet located within the greenbelt and is a conservation area at the edge of the parish, nestled between the villages of Aldenham and Letchmore Heath.

It consists of just three streets, an excellent local pub (mentioned above); a post box, a number of listed buildings including the Hare Krishna Temple at Bhaktivedanta Manor, and lots and lots of green space.

However, despite the small number of houses and the quiet tranquillity of the area, it suffers from all of the usual problems relating to crime, traffic, potholes, and substantial fly-tipping, not to mention numerous developers trying to build on the greenbelt around us!



As with many small communities, trying to raise local issues with the County and Borough councils can be difficult and frustrating when your numbers are few.

Being a solicitor specialising in criminal law, and having experienced all of the above issues for years, when an opportunity arose to apply to become a local Parish Councillor I decided to stand, hoping my professional background and my 16 years as a local resident might stand me in good stead.

Happily, with the support of local residents, both within the hamlet and outside, I was elected in May of this year.

Since my appointment, I have joined a number of committees dealing with issues across the parish as a whole: planning, the King George V Fields Trust, the Elstree Airport Consultative Committee, the Around Radlett newsletter working party, and the Finance and General Purposes Committee, of which I am Vice Chair.

As a parish councillor, my portfolio is to work on behalf of all the residents in the parish. However, in addition to the other committees I work on, I have set up and will become part of the Patchetts Green Residents' Committee, where a number of passionate local folk will come together on a regular basis to discuss what issues need to be voiced on behalf of the area, and to act as a consultative voice on issues such as planning applications. For example, the imminent application for a huge Battery Storage facility between Patchetts Green and Letchmore Heath, the ongoing fight against fly-tipping, and the spending of funds to deal with other issues affecting the locality.

I am also actively involved in exploring the potential for APC to take over the management of the dilapidated playground in the new Ridings Development on the site of the old Patchetts Green Riding Stables.

If this happens, then this and the surrounding area will be added to the list of open spaces and playgrounds managed by APC, such as the Phillimore Recreation Ground, the Aldenham Church Fields, and the Letchmore Heath children's play area. This will ensure safe and continued use for all members of the local area, as well as those visiting.

I am only just starting out on my four-year journey as a councillor and I could not have appreciated how much there was to learn. The team at APC, Peter Evans, the APC manager, and Monika Duong, his deputy, together with long-standing councillors, some of whom have given more than 10 years of their time and effort to represent local people, have been vital in supporting my introduction and learning so far.

Local grassroots representation is vital if the ordinary person's voice is to be heard, and although there is much to be done, with the support of my wife Gina, my son Lex and the silent support of our Pyrenean Mountain dog Sabre, I hope to fulfil the trust placed in me by those who went to the ballot box and voted.

I can be contacted on any issue by email at cllr.carl.woolf@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Carl Woolf



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, Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) automatically receives 15% of any CIL levied on developments within the parish. Since the adoption of the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan in May 2021, APC now receives a further 10% of CIL collected from developments within the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan area only, which can then be spent on capital projects within the whole parish.

APC's CIL capital grants scheme for local voluntary organisations and community groups was introduced in 2020 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 over £70,000 have been awarded to five local organisations including Radlett Bowls Club, 1st Radlett Scouts, Aldenhams War Memorial Hall, Radlett Members Club, Radlett Districts Guides, and the Radlett Centre Trust.

APC is pleased to share the following statement received from the Radlett Members Club following their grant earlier this year.

'Radlett Members Club (formerly the Radlett Men's Club) has been a feature of Radlett since 1884. Situated in the Radlett Village Institute building, it is a non-profit members club for the enjoyment of the people of Radlett and the surrounding villages.'

At the start of 2023, the club applied to APC for a grant to develop a rough piece of land at the rear of the club, to turn into an attractive garden for members to use in the summer months and hold BBQs, etc. APC was kind enough to meet half of the costs of the works via CIL funding at their Full Council meeting at the end of April.

Work commenced soon after, using a local firm to level the ground. A patio and path were laid, fencing erected to enclose the area, and turf was laid to finish the groundworks.

Garden furniture was sourced with the kind help of Porters Park Golf Club. The garden has now been planted with flowers and shrubs, and it is now a stunning addition to the club.'

The club thanks Aldenhams Parish Council for their support in making this happen. To contact the club please visit <https://radlettmembersclub.co.uk/> or Email events@radlettmembersclub.co.uk

To apply for a grant for your local voluntary organisation or community group, please contact APC via Monika Duong at accounts@aldenham-pc.gov.uk or Peter Evans at manager@aldenham-pc.gov.uk. Applications are considered at meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The next deadline for submitting applications is Friday 22 December.

Monika Duong

Deputy Clerk, Aldenhams Parish Council



Radlett Members Club - Before ...



... and after



Allotments Working party : Going from strength to strength

Over the summer, the Allotment Working Party has been ensuring that everyone who has rented an allotment from the council is keeping it in good condition. The annual inspection of allotments took place in early June. Most were well cared for, with only a few failing to keep the weeds down.

Some 14 allotment holders were given extra time to get their allotment into the required condition, and all but five did so. At the end of the allotment year, 30 September, those five were returned to the council; all have since been re-let. We do have a small waiting list, but if you are considering taking one on, please send an email to the council at admins@aldenham-pc.gov.uk. We are clearing the waiting list every year so you won't have long to wait.

The horticultural show in early September in Christchurch's Vision Hall had the most entries and exhibits for many years. It showed that the interest in gardening in Radlett is strong, and growing. The council is pleased to be able to make available, at a reasonable cost, high-quality allotments to support this growing interest. The working party seeks to make sure this facility can be enjoyed by all.

Cllr John Graham





Aldenham Parish Council's Access for All Working Party wants to hear from you

The working party has been continuing to work hard throughout this year, 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, is striving in its aim 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.

Examples of work include making an impact on plans for the highly anticipated Phillimore Recreation Ground playground upgrades which are due to start after the October half term, installing accessible play equipment and more equity in what equipment will be on offer to children of all ages.

We continue to put more thoughtful systems into place for events in the community - through booking systems, disabled parking and special wristbands which can help families move through busy gatherings with more ease and comfort.

We are taking steps to address aspects of the high street which make travelling around for those living with disability difficult, such as addressing broken or uneven paving slabs and walkways, looking at the placement of drop kerbs, and availability of public seating.

Crucially, we continue to want to hear from all members of our community that have something to say about accessibility. There is work to be done and we want to use what powers we have to make a positive impact and set a high standard for all communities to follow – whether this be through physical changes to infrastructure, or through empowerment and educating people about what life is like for those living with disability.

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.**

Please check the APC website and social media for updates as Disability Awareness month in December approaches. We aim to host seminars and training as APC are keen to share with the community.

Cllr Clare Diskin,

Chair, Access for All Working Party

APC's School Picture Competition

Aldenham Parish Council invited all local primary schools to take part in our winter picture competition. Participating schools included Edge Grove, Radlett Lodge School, and Hertsmere Jewish Primary School.

Children were able to draw, paint, colour, or stick-to-create a winter festive scene. The winner not only gets their picture printed as the front cover of Around Radlett magazine, but also has the honour of switching on the festive lights at this year's Winter Fair on Sunday 19 November at 4:45pm!

APC is thrilled to announce the lucky winner is...Hridhaan Pala, Year 4!

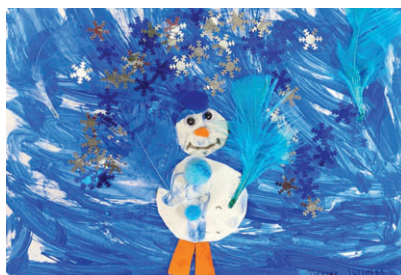
It was not easy to choose from all the fantastic entries received, so would like to reward the three brilliant runners-up with some chocolates, presented by APC Chair, Cllr Helen Jones.



Hridhaan Pala Age 8



Akain Caesar Age 6



Daniel Fernandes Age 11



Olivia Shaw Age 8



Planning Update

Shenley Hill

Since August 2022 local residents, together with local borough and parish councillors, have been fighting Planning Application 2022/1539/OUT in relation to the land south of Shenley Hill, where it was proposed to build 195 houses on greenbelt land, with 2799 formal objections being lodged through the Hertsmere planning portal.

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.

Hertsmere's planning committee members refused to grant permission at the end of February 2023.

The developer lodged an appeal against Hertsmere's decision, and as a result, the planning inspectorate held an inquiry, which was held in August and October 2023. Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) registered as a Rule 6 party to the appeal, hiring a legal team and expert witnesses in order to carry on fighting on behalf of its residents. APC also worked with many local residents who spoke eloquently on the first day of the hearing, outlining their concerns about this development. We await the decision of the Planning Inspector, which should be delivered soon.

Solar Farm

In early 2021, APC was advised, under application 21/0050/FULE1, of a proposal to install a solar plant on 320 acres of greenbelt land surrounding Hillfield Farm and land north of Butterfly Lane.

APC objected strenuously to this application, as it would lead to the loss of a huge amount of greenbelt land, enclosing footpaths, and removing the open aspect of the fields. Hertsmere Council rejected the application but the developer appealed, and a planning inquiry was held in October and November of 2022.

On 6 October 2022, APC was informed that the Secretary of State would 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, energy policies, and proposals for significant development in the greenbelt. A deadline for this decision was set for 9 October 2023.

On 2 October 2023, APC was informed that the Secretary of State needed further time to consider the appeal and a decision would be issued on or before 7 December 2023. APC will continue to update you all once a decision is reached.

Battery Energy Storage System

APC took part in a pre-planning application conversation regarding a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Letchmore Heath. This would be for 400 units and supporting infrastructure, making this the largest such installation in the world. If the application is made, APC will examine and comment on it according to the Radlett Neighbouring Plan, Hertsmere's planning policies, and the Government's guidance around such energy-generating plants. APC will monitor this planned proposal and keep you updated.

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The Radlett Policing Team



Additional PCSO resources for the Radlett Safer Neighbourhoods Team

After the news that Hertsmere Borough Council is cutting the funding for PCSOs, Aldenham Parish Council (APC) Chair Cllr Helen Jones wrote to Charlie Hall, Chief Constable for Hertfordshire Constabulary, as well as to Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, expressing APC's concerns regarding the future of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team in Radlett, a fear amplified by the news that three members of the team were leaving.

Chief Constable Hall's reply confirmed that a new PCSO will be joining our team. In addition, 'whilst this means there will be one fewer PCSO allocated to Radlett than there has been, we have created a new PCSO supervisor role, and one of these new supervisors, based out of Borehamwood, will also be covering the Radlett area.'

To replace PC Endersbee, 'the local team will have a student officer arriving in December 2023. It is planned that the new officer will be posted to Radlett to support the existing community officers and take over PC Endersbee's responsibilities.'

We welcome this update as APC greatly values all of the hard work of the Safer Neighbourhood Team and the positive impact they have had on keeping Radlett safe. We will continue to press Hertsmere Borough Council on their decision to remove funding for such an important community resource.

Update from PC Mike Morris

In late September autumn arrived, and the nights began to draw in. The concerns surrounding acquisitive crimes such as burglaries and theft from motor vehicles tend to rise for many people. Radlett and Aldenham continue to have low levels of burglary compared to surrounding areas. However, there are preventative steps that can be taken to improve your security.

Tips to prevent burglary

- Check all downstairs windows and doors are locked and secure before you leave or go to bed. If you are going out, lock upstairs windows too [if you remove keys, ensure you have a fire escape plan].
- Don't leave car keys, mobile phones, wallets, or other valuables on windowsills, in hallways, or in any other visible place.
- Double-lock uPVC doors by lifting the handle and locking it to engage the security features.
- Use timer switches on lamps to give the impression someone is at home.
- Security devices such as fake TVs can provide the illusion that somebody is home.
- Secure your rear garden: lock rear gates, securely lock sheds and garages, and keep tools and ladders locked away, as they could be used to break into your home.
- Installing a house alarm is another good measure to deter burglars.
- CCTV and video doorbells are a good method of providing residents with security and can also provide police with a valuable line of inquiry.

If you have any concerns or wish to let us know your thoughts, please consider using our community voice platform 'Echo' to let us know what we should be prioritising in your area. You can have your say by visiting bit.ly/police-radlett. Please be as detailed as possible when providing your feedback.

For further crime prevention advice for your home, visit www.herts.police.uk/protectourhome

Finally, there have been some changes to The Radlett Policing Team since September.

PC Kris Endersbee has moved into a new role at Hatfield police station after 5 years in Radlett, while PCSO Leon James has retired from the police service after nearly 40. Kris and Leon have had a huge impact on Radlett, working hard to establish new relationships within local schools and our rural communities, while continuing to dedicate themselves to the Radlett and Aldenham parish residents each day. I wish them both the best in their new endeavours.

In October, we welcomed PCSO Karen Gregson, to the team.

PC Mike Morris - Michael.Morris@herts.police.uk

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Michael Morris**



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Sun 5 You're Bard 7:30pm
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