



Around Radlett 130

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ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman's Message

Welcome to the winter edition of Around Radlett. Aldenham Parish Council (APC) has continued to work hard. We have nearly completed the much-awaited Café at the Phillimore Recreation Ground (the rec), with Phillies opening at the end of October. This has been an incredible amount of work for APC councillors and staff, and they have delivered a new community facility in the heart of our parish, not only on time and to the highest standards, but also within budget. All funding came from either CIL and capital reserves, meaning that taxpayer money has not been used. That APC was able to do this fantastic project is thanks to the shrewd financial decisions taken over many years. My thanks to all who have been involved over the last few years – together, we have achieved something wonderful.

As a result of the building works at the rec, we were not able to hold our normal Summertime Activity days. However, thanks to the kind welcome of Christchurch and the Rev Oliver Blease, we were able to hold the event on Church Field. It was a scorching hot day, but we still had over 700 people join us for free face painting, crafts, inflatable fun, bungee trampolines, a petting zoo and bubbles. We also had the Girl Guides, Tabard Rugby Club, Razzamataz and the police there with stalls and activities.

APC was very sad to hear the news of the passing of John Apthorp CBE. Over many years, John supported the local community generously, both in his personal capacity and through his family charities. The loss of such a man is immense but he will be remembered for his kindness, integrity, and tireless efforts to make a difference.

Looking to upcoming events, the combined faiths Remembrance Day Service will take place on Sunday 10 November in Radlett, as well as a service at the War Memorial in Letchmore Heath.

Sunday 24 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. Once he has finished in his grotto, Santa and Dame Dotty from the Radlett Centre's Sleeping Beauty Pantomime will switch on the lights.

To help residents learn more about what APC does on a more regular basis, I launched a Chairman's Blog last year that comes out monthly. 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 always, I would like to thank all APC staff for their hard work, 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 4th year running.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful Festive Season, and all the best for 2025.



Cllr Helen Jones
Chair of the Council

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Forthcoming Committee Meetings Nov 2024 – May 2025

November

4 - Planning
 18 - Planning
 25 - Full Council

December

2 - Planning
 9 - F&GP
 16 - Planning
 17 - Full Council

January

6 - Planning
 13 - F&GP
 20 - Planning
 27 - Full Council

February

4 - Planning
 10 - F&GP
 18 - Planning

24 - Full Council

March

3 - Planning
 17 - Planning
 24 - Full Council

April

7 - Planning
 14 - F&GP

22 - Planning

28 - Full Council

May

6 - Planning
 12 - Annual Parish Meeting
 19 - Planning
 27 - Council & Annual Meeting

**For Meeting details
 and time please
 see the 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.

www.aldenham-pc.gov

NOVEMBER

Sunday 10 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 10 November

Remembrance Sunday at Letchmore War Memorial. Gather from 10.15am for the service at 10.30am with 2 minutes silence at 11.00am.

Wednesday 20 November

Radlett Horticultural Society Talk – "The Christmas Garden" by Nick Dobson and AGM at Vision Hall, Christchurch, Watling Street, Radlett, WD7 7JJ starting at 8.00pm. Tea, coffee, and biscuits included. Talk is open to everyone with no pre-booking.

Sunday 24 November

Aldenham Parish Council Winter Fair at The Radlett Centre, 2.00pm – 5.00pm. For further details please see advert.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 4 December

The return of the very popular **Painting Party**. Great evening creating a Christmas themed picture for you to take away. No experience necessary, you will be pleasantly surprised even if you are not artistic! Please contact Aldenhamhallevents@gmail.com to book your tickets.

Sunday 15 December

Annual Carols on the Village Green. Come and celebrate the festive season with a complimentary mince pie and mulled wine with the Borehamwood Brass Band for a sing song. Please contact Aldenhamhallevents@gmail.com for more details and notify us of

your attendance so we have enough mince pies!

Sunday 1 December

Winter-Fest featuring Santa's Magical Grotto at Aldenham Country Park, Elstree, WD6 3BA. Running every weekend from the 30 November to 15 December and every day from 16 - 24 December! Email info@aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk, or call 020 8953 9602.

Saturday 7 December

The popular Phoenix Concert band is again holding its annual Christmas concert at Christ Church, 7.30pm. Featuring a variety of music, including festive tunes. Tickets on sale at the door from 7pm (£8 adults, £6 concessions, children under 16 free). Light refreshments will be available during the interval. All proceeds to Keech Hospice (www.keech.org.uk).

Saturday 14 December

Radlett Choir Christmas Concert at Christ Church, Watling Street, WD7 7JJ. Mulled wine and mince pies served at 6.45pm prior to the concert. Tickets £15.

JANUARY

Saturday 18 January

RMTC presents 'Imagine – A Musical Review' at The Radlett Centre. A perfect blend of music, comedy, and dance. Tickets: £20 adult, £18 concession. Times: 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Visit www.rmtc.org.uk/tickets.

MARCH

Saturday 1 – Friday 14 March

Bhaktivedanta Manor - Mystic India Retreat. Experience a taste of India off the beaten path, skip the touristy places and go on a spiritual journey. On these mystic India trips you will practice yoga and meditation everyday, learn philosophy, and at the same time visit some amazing places with great people. For dates and more information visit www.krishnatemple.com/mysticindia.

Aldenham Parish Council
Winter Fair
2024
 at The Radlett Centre
Sunday 24 November 2:00pm–5:00pm
 The festive lights will be switched on at 4:45pm
FREE ENTRY!
 Funfair rides & games 2pm–5pm - £2 each
 Visit Santa's grotto 2pm–4pm - £3 per child (CASH ONLY)
 Festive stalls
 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.



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@radlettu3a.org.uk for any information or look at our website.

Communities 1st Cuppa

The Radlett Centre, Monday's 10.30am-12.30pm. Confused by computers? Complimentary drop-in sessions for help using smart phones, tablets, and laptops.

Creative Community Café at Phillimore Community Centre, Tuesday's 12-4pm. Weekly café for friendly chats with board games and refreshments.

Shopper Bus Thursdays from 9am; collection from your front door. Accessible door-to-store service for people who have difficulties using public transport to go shopping. Friendly volunteers can help with boarding and carrying shopping.

Day Trippers Wednesdays from 9am; collection from your front door. Day trips to local garden centres, tourist attractions and other destinations. Any questions email help@communities1st.org.uk or call 01727 649930.

Citizens Advice at The Radlett Centre every Tuesday from 10am to 3pm. Alternatively, you can call our Advice Line on 0800 144 8848, lines are open 9:30am to 4:30pm.

What's on around Radlett for under 5's

Tuesday
 9am-11am
Toddler Tuesdays - St John's Church, Radlett. Stay and play group for 0-4 years £2 one child, £1 additional child/ren. Up to 20 children, all welcome.
 10am
Jolly Jodie Baby & Toddler @ Misuenos Kids, Battlers Green Farm. To book visit jollyjodie.co.uk
 9:30am-11am (various classes)
Monkey Music, Radlett Village Institute. 9:30am Jiggerty Jig (2&3 year olds), 10:15am Rock n Roll Babies (3-12 months) & 11am Heigh Ho (1 year old). To book visit monkeymusic.co.uk
 11am-11:30am
Baby Rhyme Time - Radlett Library (free - voluntary donation)

Wednesday
 9:45-11:15am (various classes)
Monkey Music, Misuenos Kids, Battlers Green. See above website for details.

Friday
 10am
Jo Jingles, Christchurch Hall, Watling St - 01923 445221 - jojingles.co.uk
 2pm
Storytime, Radlett Library (free - voluntary donation)



APC Summer and Winter Events

It was once again wonderful to see so many young people and their families attending our free Summer Event, this time held at Christ Church on Watling Street, due to the café works at Phillimore Rec. Our thanks to Revd Oliver Blease and his team for letting us use their facilities to ensure this family day could go ahead. Next year we will revert back to holding our Summertime Activities at Phillimore Rec.



We had a fantastic turnout, even though it was an extremely hot day! Everyone was able to enjoy the free face painting, petting zoo, craft table, bungee trampolines, inflatables, as well as the opportunity to talk to the Police, the Girl Guides, Christ Church, Tabard Rugby Club, Herts Family Centre and Razzamataz. Felipe was in attendance, doing a roaring trade selling his delicious ice creams, and food and drinks were available throughout the day.

These community events are so important in supporting families through the long summer holiday and allow us to promote what the parish council can do to help them. We very much look forward to seeing you at our next event, the Winter Fair and Festive Light Switch On, taking place at the Radlett Centre on Sunday 24 November 2pm-5pm.

Radlett Horticultural Society *A Blooming Good Show for the Community and Gardeners*



Radlett Horticultural Society held its annual flower show and exhibition at Vision Hall, Christ Church on 7 September with more than 400 entries, celebrating the very best in Radlett horticulture, with children and the future of Radlett gardening at its core.

Children entered the show with their delicious home-grown fruits, tasty vegetables and colourful flowers, creating magnificent displays in the hall. Research has shown that children develop a greater interest in healthy eating if they grow their own vegetables and fruit. Inspiring children to enjoy plants and gardening gives them a

lifelong hobby and a greater understanding of the natural world. Giant onions, pumpkins, potatoes, cucumbers and oddly shaped vegetables added wonder and fun to the event. Tasty homemade cakes, jams, and preserves competed with stunning flowers, fruit, and vegetables to fill one hundred metres of table displays, with the hall displaying an array of colours and perfumes.

Non-competitive displays showed the very best of Radlett's growing through this year of highly challenging weather. The photography section featured animals, as diverse as cats and whales, and was enjoyed by over 250 visitors. An auction of the produce on display was held at the end of the show, with all proceeds going to the Society's chosen charity, Thrive. Thrive use gardening to bring about positive changes in the lives of people living with disabilities or ill health, or who are isolated, disadvantaged or vulnerable.

Serving the Community for over 120 Years

The Radlett Horticultural Society has been supporting local gardeners since 1903 and organises events, day trips and holidays. The society publishes two magazines a year for members and operates a gardening store between February and November, which is open on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. The store is open to members only, and sells a wide range of garden products, compost, manure, fertilisers, canes and stakes, as well as bird food to support Radlett wildlife.



Supporting Wildlife through the Winter

Winter can feel like a quiet time for nature. Some Radlett wildlife is still active and easy to spot and would appreciate your helping hand in colder conditions. You can do this by continuing to feed over-wintering birds, putting up nest boxes and cleaning out existing ones. Leave seed heads standing, as they will provide food for birds and small mammals. Hollow stems will provide shelter for insects like ladybirds. Avoid turning the compost heap as it may disturb hibernating hedgehogs, frogs and slow worms. Thaw icy pond waters and bird baths so that wildlife can have a drink, and float a ball on pond water to provide an airhole for frogs and newts that might be hibernating. Finally, make a toad house, using a large plant pot on its side half filled with soil.

You can join the Radlett Horticultural Society for £2 per year per household. Visit our website at www.radlethortsoc.weebly.com Happy Gardening!

Anne Lean – Radlett HS Committee



Parks & Open Spaces

Phillimore Recreation Ground recognised with prestigious Green Flag Award AGAIN

Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) is delighted to have received the prestigious Green Flag Award for the fourth consecutive year. To achieve this accreditation is testament to the hard work and dedication of the Open Spaces Team (OST) that cares for this green space for everyone to enjoy. With the improvements made to the children's playground, earlier in the year, the park is getting better and better, with a new café soon to be thriving.



Wildflower meadow area at Phillimore Recreation Ground

The OST are always looking to build on improving the biodiversity in our Parks & Open Spaces for the community to enjoy. This planting season the OST created two spectacular wildflower meadows at the park. Residents across Radlett came to admire the beautiful sight, with many asking the team how they could create their own at home. These areas are so important for attracting wildlife, providing shelter and food for important pollinators, including bees.



Aldenhams Parish Council owns or leases over 68 acres of open space across the parish



JAN 2023 - DEC 2023
We recycled 62 tons of prunings/hedges, 15 tons of branches, 199 tons of leaves & 67 tons of grass

- Open Spaces;**
- Phillimore Rec
 - Aldenhams Green
 - Letchmore Heath
 - KGV Playing Fields
 - Scrubbitts Wood
 - Radlett Gardens
 - Tykeside
 - Patchetts Green

ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE

Allotment gardening is a great way to get outdoors and get active whilst growing your own fruit and vegetables. Aldenhams Parish Council own and manage an allotment site on land adjacent to Phillimore Recreation Ground. The allotment season runs from 1st October to 30th September.

We operate a waiting list policy for allotments. Plots are allocated following the order of the date of receipt of the application form in the office and parishioners who do not already have an allotment will take priority over parishioners who already hold a plot.

If you are a resident within the Parish of Aldenhams and would like an allotment please contact: Sarah Heighton, Admin Officer - Open Spaces, Aldenhams Parish Council, First Floor The Radlett Centre, 1 Aldenhams Avenue, Radlett, Herts, WD7 8HL. Telephone 01923 856433 or email adminos@aldenhams-pc.gov.uk

Cat and Fiddle memorabilia now in Radlett Museum



Radlett Museum now has a display of photos and memorabilia of the **Cat and Fiddle**, Radlett's famous old pub. The pub closed in 2019 but we were fortunate that the developers permitted us to salvage items of interest for display purposes. There is a book in the museum for visitors to record their memories of "The Cat". This display supplements our permanent timeline of Radlett's history.

Our **"What's in a Name"** exhibition, which explores the origin of some of the names of roads and places in our area, is due to be replaced in October by one focussing on the geology, geography, trade and industry of the area.

With the hard work of our research and display team, we are constantly refreshing our exhibitions.

We hosted two **visits** from the Radlett University of the Third Age (u3a) Local History group and a visit by pupils from Newberries School earlier in the summer. Further visits are planned for later this year. In addition, we are planning an **Arts and Crafts afternoon** on 1 December for accompanied youngsters in the Radlett Village Institute. Activities will be aimed at nursery and primary school children and will include pebble-painting, making table decorations and creating seasonal cards. Accompanying adults will be offered mince pies and a cup of tea.



A further three **plaques** will soon be on display outside local buildings of historical interest. Fact sheets for the original six plaques are available in the museum.

John Apthorp, the president of the museum, sadly died in July. Born in London in 1935, he lived in Radlett since 1964, building up his businesses of Bejam Frozen Foods and Majestic Wine. Mr Apthorp was awarded an OBE for his charity work in 1998, and a CBE in 2014. He was the first person to be granted the Freedom of the Parish of Aldenham in 2017. Without his generosity, it would not have been possible to have set up the museum as a stand-alone enterprise.

We continue to seek further **volunteers** who can add specific skills in the areas of IT, Marketing and Education. If you would like to help us, please contact any of our trustees, or email us at info@radlettmuseum.com. If you wish to join our **"Friends of the Museum"** group and/or make a voluntary contribution to the museum in your will, please contact us as above.

For our latest news, log onto www.radlettmuseum.com and www.facebook.com/RadlettAndDistrictMuseum.



New public Right of Way at Aldenham Reservoir

This year, Hertfordshire County Council added a new section of Public Footpaths to the Definitive Map and Statement in Herts mere. These new sections of Public Footpaths were added to the Public Rights of Way network in Aldenham Country Park. These new sections created approximately a 1.8-kilometre link for a circular walk around the lake from Aldenham FP52, Elstree & Borehamwood FP1 to Elstree & Borehamwood FP5, along the west and south sides of the lake. This new route takes in some beautiful views across the lake and around the woodland edges.

The process was initiated by the Aldenham Country Park Trust (ACPT) in 2011 who recognised the need to protect the route in perpetuity. Together with volunteers from the local area, they collected evidence demonstrating its use spanning over 60 years. The Definitive Map Modification Order application was made to HCC in 2013. While this was initially refused, ACPT appealed to the Planning Inspectorate and, with the help of the Ramblers, were successful in 2017. The Order was confirmed, unopposed, in January 2023. It was a long, but worthwhile process that required much determination from the Trustees of Aldenham Country Park Trust.

Debbie Hougie, Trustee of Aldenham Country Park Trust Ltd



Phillies

Phillies Café in



The first day

Well, it's finally here! Aldenham Parish Council's (APC) most ambitious project since it collaborated with Hertsmere Borough Council to build the Radlett Centre nearly thirty years ago. Phillie's Café opened its doors to serve the community at the end of October.



Week Two

For many years now, residents have fed back that they felt that there needed to be provision for food and drinks at the Phillimore Recreation Ground (the rec). To try and meet this need, in 2014 APC invited 'Paula's Deli' to set up her stall in the Children's Play Area in the rec. Although small, Paula's was popular and proved that such an amenity was needed. Indeed, more was required to provide not just food, but a place to sit and eat, with shelter from weather both hot and rainy. To this end, in 2016, APC agreed a plan of improvements for the rec which included:

- Improved Children's Play Area
- Improved access into the park
- An indoor café facility
- Changes to the car park, including its ambience.



Week Three

To achieve these ambitious plans, APC set up a working party, made up of both residents and councillors, to deliver on these priorities. There were discussions and consultations on where the café would be located and its design, and in 2022, permission was granted for construction of the café.

In 2023, APC appointed the design team who were tasked with producing a sustainable building which would complement the park, and become a place for everyone to enjoy the beauty of the



Week Four



Week Five



Week Six

Phillimore Rec



Alex Black & Helen Jones



The grand opening

rec in a sheltered and welcoming environment.

Particular emphasis was made on the use of

- Sustainable wood
- Air source heat pumps
- Solar panels to supplement the electricity used by the café

A valued member of the design team was the café operator. In the summer of 2023, Alex Black fought off all competition and was appointed. Alex already manages the 'Café In The Orchard' in Shenley, so he was familiar with the rec and its surroundings.

Once the final design was signed off by the council in late 2023, this was put out to tender for the construction. Again, there was a lot of interest, but eventually Life Build Solutions were appointed and they started work in mid-May this year. The weather has been fairly kind, allowing works to carry on throughout the summer and the agreed contract end date was achieved.

There will be those who want to know 'How much has this cost me as a ratepayer?' The answer is, nothing. Because while the project costs are just in excess of £1m, the amount has been met from monies APC receives under the 'Community Infrastructure Levy', which is a fee paid by developers on properties built in the parish, as well as from assets that APC has sold in the past, such as the land to the rear of the War Memorial in Watling Street. APC feel that this was a good use of these funds, providing a beautiful and harmonious building that provides essential facilities that all users of the park can enjoy.

Alex looks forward to welcoming you all soon.



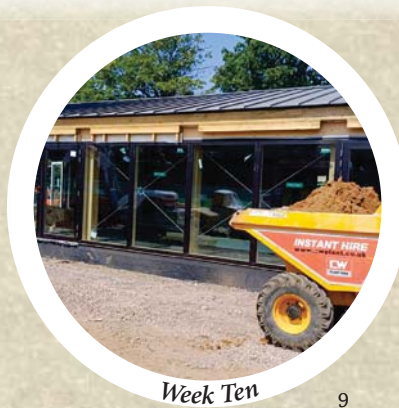
Opening day



Inviting Interior



Week Seven



Week Ten



One Week to go



Back to Black: Café In The Orchard owner to manage Phillies

Alex Black, the proud owner of Café In The Orchard in Shenley, has been a beloved part of the community for over 15 years. Having lived in the area with his wife and twin daughters, he has spent the past 13 years nurturing his café into a cherished local spot. Known for its warm atmosphere and quality service, Café In The Orchard has become a popular gathering place for locals and visitors alike, reflecting Alex's passion for hospitality and deep connection to the area.

Where were you born?

I was born in Edgware, North West London.

Where did you go to school/college/university?

I went to West Herts College to study hospitality and finished my studies at Leeds Metropolitan University with a degree in Events Management.

What 3 words would you use to describe yourself?

Dedicated, community-focused, and family-oriented.

What's your favourite food/meal?

Nothing beats a good Sunday Roast, I love a Yorkshire pudding or 6.

What's your favourite drink?

I love a good Pale Ale.

What's your favourite restaurant?

When I'm not at the café on a Sunday, nothing beats going to Blacklock in Soho for a roast.

What inspired you to start your own business?

The birth of my twin daughters inspired me to start my own business. I wanted to have the flexibility to spend more time with them and stay in an industry that I loved but was notorious for its long hours.

What has been the most rewarding part of owning a successful business?

It has been building strong connections with the community and seeing my café become a place where people come together. Knowing that it has created lasting memories for customers and provides a welcoming space for families and friends is incredibly fulfilling.

What's your favourite TV programme?

Race Across the World - it's a programme I love watching with the family and who knows, maybe one day I'll get a chance to compete.

What's your favourite movie/play?

Anything Marvel.

Who's your favourite celebrity?

Adam Sandler. He is fantastic in any role he plays.

What's your favourite song?

Anything by George Ezra.

What's your favourite place to visit?

We loved Bali and have been a couple of times. The people are so welcoming and there is so much to see and do.

Do you have any hobbies?

When I'm not working, there is nothing better than going out for a long walk with our dog around Shenley. We are so fortunate to live in an area with so much space.

If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

My daughters tell me I would be a sloth, as it takes me ages to get going.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

I can eat anything without gaining weight.

What would be at the top of your bucket list?

I want to travel around Australia in a camper van.

RADLETT YOUTH COUNCIL

Radlett Youth Council



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Herts Young Homeless



WE NEED YOU

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!

Please call Johanna Shearman on 01923 856433

or email admincomms@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

Discover the Perfect Venue for Your Next Event

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Church has existed to reach out to the local community and provide a space for gathering and celebrating together. At Christ Church and St John's, we are fortunate to have two bright, spacious, and versatile venues for your next event. Whether you're planning a birthday party, a community group meeting, or an exercise class, Christ Church Vision Hall or St John's Church Hall could be the perfect space for you.

Located in the heart of our community, both halls are available for hire and are designed to meet the needs of a wide range of users. Each space is light, airy, and equipped with modern conveniences, including heating, kitchen facilities, and ample seating.

Why Choose St John's Church Hall or Vision Hall?



Our halls are already home to several popular groups, illustrating how versatile the spaces can be. Current users include the Youth Club, Tuesday Toddlers, and the local Brownies group,

One of our proudest collaborations is with Radlett Reform Synagogue, with whom we co-host the Memory Café. This fortnightly initiative provides a safe and friendly environment for those living with memory loss and their loved ones and carers, offering support, companionship, and plenty of activities (and the occasional sung duet by the clergy!). It's a wonderful example of how these spaces can serve as a hub for meaningful community outreach.

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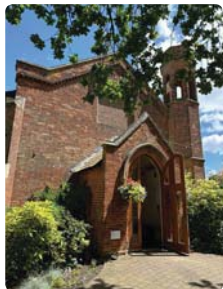
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Rev'd Oliver Blease, Vicar of Christ Church & St John's, Radlett. christchurchstjohns.org.uk.

Greetings from St Martin's Church, Shenley



For those who don't know us, we're part of the Aldenham, Radlett & Shenley Team of Churches. At St Martin's, we're deeply committed to working within our local communities offering hospitality and a warm welcome to all.

Some of the regular and free activities we offer include:

- Open access to the church every day
- 10am Sunday Worship (informal and relaxed feel)
- Soup Lunch (12-2pm, last Friday of the month)
- Community Café (9.30-11am every Friday, apart from Soup Lunch Days)
- Youth Group (for secondary school age who worship with us)

- Messy Church (for primary school age and under)
- Monthly breakfast groups at the Café in The Orchard in Shenley Park
- Care Home and pastoral visiting
- Foodbank collection point
- + Various other ad hoc/seasonal events

If you're interested in what we get up to or are curious about exploring faith, please do contact me at shenleyvicar@outlook.com or visit our website www.stmartinschurch.co.uk for more info.

We look forward to meeting you, every blessing, love & prayers

Rev Sarah Marshall, Vicar of St Martin's Church, Shenley



Hire the Phillimore Community Centre

Phillimore Community Centre is the perfect venue for your events. It boasts a kitchen and hall large enough to accommodate 60 people standing, 50 seated lecture style, or 40 seated cabaret-style. There is on-site parking with disabled bays, internet access, tables and chairs, and music and premises licences.

The centre is host to a range of regular activities, clubs and classes including Communities 1st's Creative Community Café, Little Kickers and Head to Toe Harmony. To find out more or make a booking, please visit:

www.communities1st.org.uk/community-centres, email bookings@communities1st.org.uk or call 01727 649980.

Planning an expedition or a project?



The Platt Subsidiary Foundation is a local charity supporting young people under 25, living in Radlett, Aldenham, Shenley, Letchmore Heath or Round Bush, who are planning on embarking on an expedition or project. Each year, the foundation provides financial awards to several young people who show sufficient drive and initiative to plan an expedition or project away from home, where they will face a variety of physical and intellectual challenges. These challenges could be provided by a School, University or gap year schemes arranged by charities or other specialist organisations like the Scout or Guide Associations.

Community projects are favourably considered; awards are granted to individuals who must raise a percentage of the necessary funds themselves.

Interviews take place in April each year, and the Governors' decisions are announced by the middle of May.

If you think this may apply to you, application forms can be obtained from the Secretary (foundationplatt@gmail.com).

Applications for this year will need to be returned by 31st March 2025.



What is Radlett u3a ?

We are a local volunteer-led organisation that many people have not yet heard about, although we started it locally in 2012 and have over 700 members.

u3a stands for the University of the Third Age. It began in France in 1972, with the core of u3a's starting in Britain in 1982. The vision of u3a is that older people have access to education by providing it for themselves. Membership of the u3a is open to retired and semi-retired men and women irrespective of race, religion or politics. While there is a national overall organisation, the Third Age Trust, its main role is to support the development of new u3as. All the activities of Radlett and District u3a are provided locally by its members for its members, in a friendly atmosphere.

We hold a regular monthly meeting on the morning of the second Tuesday of the month at the Metropolitan Centre in Bushey. Most of the activities are organised through Study Groups which cover a large range of topics and meet regularly, either in members' homes or in local halls. Each group is financially self-supporting. There are also activities open to all members, such as outings to the theatre and places of interest, by coach from Radlett.

We pride ourselves on being a very friendly, sociable and welcoming organisation. New membership is restricted to residents of the Parish of Aldenham, including Letchmore Heath, Patchett's Green, Radlett, Ridge, and Shenley. We encourage our members to belong to as many interest groups as they can and to start new groups if they feel so inclined. We publish a monthly newsletter of what is happening, outings, groups and talks. We would love you to be part of it. Come and make new friends. We are never too old to learn and appreciate new things.

Please look at our website - Radlett and district u3a (<https://radlett.u3asite.uk/>) or send an email to chairman@radlettu3a.org.uk.

Radlett Youth Club partners with Phab



Mayor for Hertsmere Richard Butler, APC Chair Cllr Helen Jones, Town Cllr Dan Ozarow and Police Team attended.

A small group of volunteers is breathing new life into Radlett Youth Club, a registered charity since 1964. The club is now affiliated with Phab, a charity that enables people of all abilities to make more of life together, creating opportunities to enjoy the same activities and challenges side by side.

The club is looking to raise funds, and would like to thank Phab for its grant offer. All suggestions of where to source funding for the club would be greatly appreciated.

An evening was held recently at St John's Church for anyone to attend and get together.

We look forward to engaging with the community to understand what types of equipment and activities members would enjoy.

Email radlettyouthclub@gmail.com for communication

Sandra Huff & Julian Treves Brown

Frequently asked Questions

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.

You can also get the following at our offices (cash only);

- A free kitchen caddy
- Caddy liners £2.80 per roll (52 bags on roll)
- Chair's Blog
- Copies of 'Around Radlett'
- Footpath Walks Booklet £1
- Footpath Maps £2
- Poster Maps £10
- Bus Pass application forms
- Leaflets about local organisations/clubs
- Battery recycling



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Hertfordshire Highways: 0300 123 4047

(report a road, footpath or streetlight fault / roadworks information)

Adult health and social care: 0300 123 4042

Bus Passes: 0300 123 4050

Blue Badge (disabled person's parking permit): 0300 123 4042

Children's Services social care: 0300 123 4043

Driving Courses: 0300 123 4035

Fire safety enquiries: 0300 123 4046

Libraries: 0300 123 4049

Planning enquiries (HCC only deals with planning relating to minerals and waste, schools, fire stations & new roads): 01992 556266

Registrations (births, deaths, marriages, civil partnerships & nationality checking services): 0300 123 4045

Waste & Recycling: 0300 123 4051

How do I find out about roadwork's near me?

To find out about roadwork's or road closures near you, please visit www.hertfordshire.roadworks.org

How do I report a pothole?

To report a street light, pothole, or other problem on roads, pavements or footpaths, please use Hertfordshire County Council's online fault reporting system or telephone 0300 123 4047

How do I apply for a Bus Pass or Disability Parking badge?

For information on bus passes and blue badges, please visit Hertfordshire County Council's website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 123 4042



The Radlett Policing Team



Out with the OWL, in with the new

Hello from Herts Police's, Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT). This season we have waved goodbye to OWL, our neighbourhood watch platform and have seen the launch of Herts Connected, its replacement (<https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk/>). Due to data protection rules, we can't automatically transfer members from the old OWL system. So, anyone not yet subscribed, please visit the website to create a new account. Launched in May, Herts Connected enables us to inform communities about local policing issues, and unlike the old OWL system, it allows residents to respond to messages and contact their local NPT officers directly

PCSO 6077 Karen Gregson

Hello, I have loved serving as a PCSO for Aldenham for just over one year now. As well as assisting in investigating crimes and conducting patrols, the community engagements attended include...



PCSO
Karen Gregson

- Beat surgeries at the Radlett War Memorial and Aldenham Country Park with PC Mike Morris
- Multiple internet safety and online fraud events at the Radlett library alongside Barclays Bank
- The very hot Radlett Summer Event hosted by APC with PC720 Darren Arbuthnott
- Summer Fetes at St Johns and Fairfield schools with PC720 Darren Arbuthnott
- Mini police programme at Gurukula, the Hare Krishna Primary School
- The Janmashtami festival at the Hare Krishna Temple
- The launch of the Radlett Youth Club for children of all abilities aged 11-18 at St John's Church

Everyone has given me a very warm welcome and I look forward to meeting more members of our community and arranging new and exciting events in the future. For any suggestions, feedback or just to say hello, please contact me at karen.gregson@herts.police.uk

Other sources for help

PC 2527 Mike Morris continues to be PC for Radlett and Aldenham. Other NPT Officers covering both Bushey, Aldenham and Radlett include: PC 486 Andy Perry, PC 720 Darren Arbuthnott, PC 679 Luke Hinchcliffe, PC 2020 Nikolett Kulisch and PC 1540 Jordan Wonnacot. If you want to report any non-emergency issues, please visit Herts Connected or call 101.

Crime prevention

As the nights are drawing in, please be extra vigilant to secure your property. With the increased popularity of digital air tags, we have seen some good results in tracking and recovering stolen property where the owners have hidden an air tag in their valuables. For more crime prevention advice please visit [Crime prevention advice | Hertfordshire Constabulary \(herts.police.uk\)](#)

Up and coming events

In early October, PCSO Gregson will meet the infants at the Playhouse Nursery, and scams and fraud prevention events will periodically be held in the Radlett Library with Barclays Bank.



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NOVEMBER

- Fri 1 Rod Stewart 7.30pm
- Sat 2 Kenton Cool 7.30pm
- Sun 3 Ugly Duckling Ballet 1.30pm
- Sun 3 Tenors Unlimited 7.30pm
- Tues 5 Gruffalo 4.30pm
- Wed 6 Gruffalo 10.30am & 4.30pm
- Thurs 7 Gruffalo 10.30am & 1.30pm
- Thurs 7 Rich Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 8 Northern Soul 7.30pm
- Thurs 14 Annie 7.30pm
- Fri 15 Annie 7.30pm
- Sat 16 Annie 2.00pm & 6.30pm
- Sun 17 Captain Calamity 11.00am
- Sun 17 Rave on Bluejays 7.30pm
- Tues 19 Music Club 7.30pm
- Wed 20 Buddy Holly 7.30pm
- Thurs 21 Strictly & Friends 7.30pm
- Fri 22 Back into Hell 7.30pm
- Sat 30 Rabbi Santa 7.30pm



DECEMBER

Sat 7 Dec – Fri 3 Jan Sleeping Beauty (various times)

JANUARY

- Wed 8 Four Tops 7.30pm
- Thurs 9 Elvis Years 7.30pm
- Fri 10 Rozzers Sting & Police Tribute 7.30pm
- Sat 11t Upbeat Beatles 7.30pm
- Wed 15 Jenny Éclair 7.30pm
- Thurs 16 Back to Bacharach 7.30pm
- Fri 17 Think Floyd 7.30pm
- Sat 18 Imagine RMTC Gala 2.30pm & 7.30pm
- Tues 21 – Thurs 23 Omid Djalili 7.30pm
- Fri 24 Live At The Radlett 7.30pm
- Sat 25 Beyond the Barricade 7.30pm
- Sun 26 Clare Teal 7.30pm
- Wed 29 & Thurs 30 Evening with Tony Adams 8pm
- Fri 31 John Partridge Dancing Man 7.30pm



FEBRUARY

- Sun 2 Steps 7.30pm
- Tues 4 Room on the Broom 1.30pm & 4.30pm
- Wed 5 Room on the Broom 10.30am & 1.30pm
- Thurs 6 Room on the Broom 10.20am & 1.30pm
- Thurs 6 Paul Jones & Dave Kelly 7.30pm
- Fri 7 Endless Love 7.30pm

- Sun 23 Teddy Bears' Picnic 1.30pm
- Sun 23 Syd Lawrence Orchestra 7.30pm
- Tues 25 Music Club 7.30pm
- Thurs 27 Best of Queen 7.30pm
- Fri 28 Sean Conway 7.30pm

MARCH

- Sat 1 Under the Boardwalk 7.30pm
- Wed 12 Music Club 7.30pm
- Thurs 13 Ode to Joyce 7.30pm
- Fri 14 Spice Girls Experience 7.30pm
- Tue 18 There's a Monster in Your Show 1.30pm & 4.30pm
- Wed 19 There's A Monster in Your Show 10.30am & 1.30pm
- Wed 19 Tom Stade 7.30pm
- Thurs 20 Legends of Las Vegas 7.30pm
- Fri 21 Evening with John Barnes 8.00pm
- Sat 22 Snow White Ballet 1.30pm
- Sun 23 Frankie Valli 7.30pm

APRIL

- Wed 2 Psychic Sally 7.30pm
- Thurs 3 Johnny Cash Roadshow 7.30pm
- Sat 5 Little Mermaid 1.00pm & 4.00pm
- Mon 7 – Fri 11 Easter Musical Theatre Workshop
- Tues 15 Wizard of Oz 1.00pm & 4.30pm
- Wed 16 Taylor Swift Tribute 7.00pm
- Thurs 17 Amazing Bubble Man 11.30am & 2.00pm
- Thurs 24 Jive Aces 7.30pm
- Fri 25 One Night in Dublin 7.30pm
- Sat 26 Milkshake 11.00am & 2.30pm
- Mon 28 Elmer Adventure 4.30pm
- Tues 29 Elmer Adventure 11.00am & 1.30pm
- Wed 30 Elmer Adventure 11.00am & 1.30pm

MAY

- Fri 2 Live At The Radlett 7.30pm
- Sun 4 Strictly Nashville 7.30pm
- Tues 6 Farm Boy 1.30pm & 4.30pm
- Wed 7 Farm Boy 10.30am & 1.30pm
- Thurs 8 Forbidden Nights 7.30pm
- Fri 9 Nearly Elton 7.30pm
- Sat 10 Radlett Festival of Music
- Sun 11 Totally Tina 7.30pm
- Tues 13 Bing's Birthday 4.00pm
- Wed 14 Bing's Birthday 10.00am, 1.00pm & 4.00pm
- Thurs 15 Music Club 7.30pm
- Thurs 22 Sun Records 7.30pm
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