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Around Radlett

The Newsletter of Aldenham Parish Council
www.aldenham.gov.uk

*Late Summer at Phillimore Allotments
Painting by Gayna Lawton*

A Great Big THANK YOU

to all our residents and stall holders who supported the Festival in the pouring rain!

Fortunately, this did not deter the pioneer spirit of the intrepid stall holders, acts and organisers from carrying on and keeping going in the face of pretty heavy rain all afternoon. A significant number of visitors came through all afternoon and we estimate we had between 1000 and 1500 people on the field – lower than in a good year, but still very worthwhile.

At the time of writing it looks like we have made a small surplus, largely due to the kind assistance of our sponsors. So this year, more than ever, we need to thank all the people who came, our sponsors (Beaver Travel, Aitchisons and Metro Bank) and everyone else who stood out in the rain for most of the day without complaint and who willingly got soaked to the skin!

Radlett Festival



**Scarecrows at the
Radlett Festival**

Photo Beryl Cushion



2011 Festival Raffle Prize Winners; Elisa and Richard Curtis collecting their travel tickets from Andrew Devine of Beaver Travel. Photo Allan Beaver

Application for Grants from The Radlett Festival Funds

We are now asking for applications from any local groups based in the Parish of Aldenham who may need funds for a project or some capital equipment.

Applications should be received by the end of September and will be considered by the Trustees in October.

Please contact viv@charrett.com for an application form.

Viv Charrett

Georgie's

Georgie's is proud to be part of The Radlett Centre.

Georgie's is a well-known local catering company who has worked both privately and commercially around the Radlett area.

The unique café lounge and licensed bar is open from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm, and evenings when the theatre is open.

Georgie's also provides catering at the Radlett Centre to suit 20 to 150 guests for special occasions within the Centre's many rooms

Please contact Georgie's on 01923 857723 or info@georgiescatering.com



Every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm.
First Floor, The Radlett Centre.

Sessions operate on a 'drop-in' basis. If required appointments can be made on 0844 826 9703

September

Art Exhibition:	Ground Floor Gallery – Bryan A. Thatcher Apthorp Gallery – Glynnis Abraham
DATE	EVENT
8 Thursday	Elkie Brooks
9 Friday	Aladdinsane
10 Saturday	Bob the Builder
11 Sunday	Bob the Builder
16 Friday	Whole Lotta Led
17 Saturday	Sounds of the Glenn Miller Era
21 Wednesday	The Vagina Monologues
23 Friday	Abba Forever
24 Saturday	Paul Zerdin

October

Art Exhibition:	Ground Floor – Malcolm Levison Apthorp Gallery – Su Kaye	
DATE	EVENT	TIME
1 Saturday	Barry Cryer: Butterfly Brain	7.30pm
4 Tuesday	An Evening with Jonathan Ansell	8pm
5 Wednesday	A London Mozart Players String Octet	8pm
6 Thursday	Art Society Lecture	8pm
12 Wednesday to		
15 Saturday	The Boy Friend	7.45pm
19 Wednesday	An Evening with Christopher Biggins	8pm
20 Thursday	Everest Needs You Mr Irvine	8pm
21 Friday	The Haunted Bride	8pm
22 Saturday	The Nutcracker	2.30pm & 7.30pm
23 Sunday	Back to Broadway	7.30pm
26 Wednesday	Five Star Swing: The Big Band	8pm
29 Saturday	Real Diamond	7.30pm
30 Sunday	Mr Men & Little Miss Party Roadshow	1pm & 3.30pm
30 Sunday	Paul Daniels: Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow	8pm

November

Art Exhibition:	Ground Floor – Elstree Art Circle Apthorp Gallery – Sam Kaye	
DATE	EVENT	TIME
2 Wednesday	Tony Stockwell	8pm
4 Friday	Bullseye	7pm
5 Saturday	Hansel & Gretel	2pm
9 Wednesday to		
12 Saturday	When we are Married	8pm
15 Tuesday	Art Society Lecture	1pm
17 Thursday &		
18 Friday	Bugsy Malone	7.30pm
18 Friday	Charity Christmas Card Sale	10am-3pm
19 Saturday	Bugsy Malone	2.30pm & 7.30pm
22 Tuesday to		
25 Friday	Guys & Dolls	7.45pm
26 Saturday	Guys & Dolls	2.30pm & 7.45pm
27 Sunday	Cranford at Christmas	7.30pm
30 Wednesday	Ashley Wass - Piano	8pm

December

Art Exhibition:	Ground Floor Gallery – Judith Rackley
DATE	EVENT
3 Saturday	Swing Into Christmas
4 Sunday	The All Jewish Christmas Variety Night
15 Wednesday	Community Carol Concert
10 Saturday to	
30 Friday	Sleeping Beauty



the radlett **centre**



Radlett Horticultural Show Autumn Show

Saturday 3 September, 3pm

Vision Hall, Christ Church

Contact Peter Hordern on 01923 857194 or email peterhordern27@gmail.com

Radlett Cricket Club present Last Night of the Pavilion

Saturday 10 September, 7pm

The Main Event Band, directed by Chris Smith with something for all ages.

Admission £15.00, including hot and cold buffet. Please contact Giles Walker 07974 811350. See page 20 for more information.

Local Shop Keepers

**Thursday 15 September 2011,
7.30pm**

Please attend a meeting to discuss celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. In the Douglas Hicks Room, the Radlett Centre.



Radlett Music Club presents at
The Radlett Centre

A London Mozart Players String Octet

Wednesday 5 October 2011, 8pm

Tickets: £13.00.

All seats unreserved. (at the door, or in advance from The Radlett Centre Box Office, 01923 859291

www.radlettcentre.co.uk)

The Club is aided by the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust and offers free admission to this concert for young people aged 8- 25 years.

Club website: www.rmc.wd7.org.uk

Multi Faith Concert

Wednesday 5 October, 7.30 pm

The Marquee, Christ Church Field.

Tickets are free and available from all Radlett churches, synagogues and the Bhaktivedanta Manor.

Elstree Productions Present

The Boy Friend

An Affectionate Trip Back to the 1920's

Wed 12 to Saturday 15 October 2011

The Radlett Centre Box office 01923 859291

AGM of The Red House Patients Group

The 8th AGM of the Red House Patients Group will be held on:

Wednesday 26 October 2011,

at the Vision Hall, Christ Church, Watling Street

Ken Spooner, Practice Manager, will give an update on the new Commissioning Group and other Practice matters.

Dr. Colin Johnston, Medical Director of West Herts Hospital Trust, will talk about the effects on the Trust of new Government proposals.

This is an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the future of health care provision locally.

Coffee is provided at 7.30pm, and the meeting will start at 7.45pm. Everyone welcome.

Members free. Non Members £1.



Bridge with Afternoon Tea

Friday 28 October 2011,

1pm to 4pm

Vision Hall, Christ

Church. Twenty tables

of 4 - £10 per person.

Raffle and prizes for players. Contact: Kate on 01923 857128 or Eileen on 01923 856214.



Radlett Players present

When We Are Married

By J B Priestly

Wed 9 to Sat 12 November, 8pm

Contact The Radlett Centre Box Office
01923 859291



Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 13 November 2011

8am and 9.15am at Christ Church and 10.50 am for 11am. at the War Memorial, Watling Street, Radlett.

At Letchmore Heath, 10am at the War Memorial, service at St John the Baptist Church at 10.50am

MITZVAH DAY

3rd National Interfaith Week

Sunday 20 November from 2pm

at The Rose Field, King George V Playing Field, Cobden Hill. For further details go to www.mitzvahday.org.uk and see page 18 of this edition of Around Radlett.

Radlett Light Opera present
Gyps and Dolls

Tues 22 to

Sat 26 November, 8pm

Contact The Radlett Centre Box Office
01923 859291



**Radlett Music Club presents at
The Radlett Centre
Ashley Wass**

pianist plays pieces by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Bach, Liszt and Barber

Wednesday 30 November 2011, 8pm

Tickets: £13.00. All seats unreserved. (at the door, or in advance from The Radlett Centre Box Office, 01923 859291 www.radlettcentre.co.uk)

The Club is aided by the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust and offers free admission to this concert for young people aged 8- 25 years. Club website: www.rmc.wd7.org.uk



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

**The Switch on of the
Christmas Lights 2011**

Tuesday 29 November 2011, 7pm

At the Radlett Centre. Father Christmas, mulled wine, mince pies, sweets. All welcome

Father Christmas alias David Press
on Thursday 1 December 2011, 4pm

Will be switching on at 33 Battlers Green Drive. All proceeds to the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Fund

**Christmas Charity Card and
Gift Sale**

at The Radlett Centre

Friday 18 November 2011, 10am to 3pm
Details Peggy Sjoberg on 01923 854337

Menorah Switch On

Dates and Services to be confirmed
see next edition

Rotary Carol Concert

Wednesday 14 December, 7.30 pm
at the Radlett Centre, Admission Free



REGULAR EVENTS

Scottish Country Dancing Club

Meets fortnightly on alternate Wednesdays in the United Free Church Hall, Station Road. Re-starts 7 September 2011. Contact Morag 01727 864226

Radlett Duplicate Bridge Club

Meets alternate Wednesdays 7.30 - 10pm at the Vision Hall. Contact Jean Draper 01923 854698.

Calling All Musicians

All musicians, singers and listeners are welcome at the acoustic music sessions in the Waggon and Horses PH on Watling Street. These take place on the second Wednesday of the month from 8.30pm until 11pm and on the last Sunday from 5pm to 8pm. All styles of music and levels of ability are appreciated and entry is free. For more details contact Nick Male on 020 8953 5231 or nickmale2@btinternet.com

Phoenix Concert Band

Do you play a brass or woodwind instrument grade 6 or above? Would you like to play in a band? Phoenix rehearses in Christ Church, Radlett on **Thursday evenings 8 to 10pm** For further details contact Chris on 020 8364 9862 or visit our website www.phoenixconcertband.co.uk

Around the Allotments

A Brief History of Allotments

The first mention of the word 'allotments' came under Elizabeth 1's reign when strips of land were required to be attached to tenant cottages.

However, the beginning of allotments as we have them today came about by The General Enclosures Act 1845 when provision was required to be made for the landless poor in the form of 'field gardens'. In 1887 The Allotments and Cottage Gardens Compensation for Crops Act arrived and local authorities were obliged to provide allotments if there was a need for them.

The Great War 1914-1918 and Second World War 1939-1945 saw an even greater demand for allotments when Britain was blockaded and food shortages were high. Even public parks were used for food production as was the case at Phillimore Recreation Ground when soft fruit was grown on what is now our children's play area.

Today there has been an upsurge in the demand for allotments across the country as concerns about genetic modification, chemical pollution, contamination and food miles increase together with the high demand for fresh food.

Jan Adams



Photo: Gayna Lawton



Pauline Haworth



Cherie Chester



Inga Armstrong



Juliet Davey

Stuart and Maureen Thorne Allotment Holders for 40 years

Maureen and I married in 1972 and in the same year we decided to get an allotment. The Clerk of the Council was Don Evans. He said you must have plot 36 which had just become vacant because it had a water tank at the end of the plot. What a good bit of advice that was.

In those days we were the young ones with all the old gardeners around us. They were good old days and we learnt a lot from those people.

Over the years we have grown just about everything you can grow in this country from soft fruit, vegetables, flowers, fruit trees and figs. We now keep bees in the council's compound, which keep the fruit, trees and plants pollinated, and produces our local honey.

We are not a sporty couple, we have never been to a gym or played golf, our exercise comes from the allotments. After 40 years at it I think we know a fair bit about gardening but we are still learning. Here's to the next 40 years!!

Stuart Thorne

Photo: Jenny Watkin Rees

Artist Group

Students from a Radlett based art group spent many happy hours painting on the allotments adjacent to Phillimore Recreation Ground. Some of their work is displayed here and also on the front cover of this edition of *Around Radlett*. The Editor and her team would like to thank them for their hard work and for allowing their paintings to be used. Anyone interested in joining the art classes should contact jennywatkinrees@hotmail.com or tel 01923 859901.



'The artists would like to thank allotment holders Peter and Mike for their help and advice and send apologies to them for interrupting their busy work schedule'

Cherie Chester



Louise Woodward

The Allotments at Phillimore Recreation Ground

The Allotments Gardens adjacent to Phillimore Recreation Ground once formed part of the Kendalls Building Estate. In 1928 an agreement was signed between Lucy Phillimore (commonly called the Honourable Mrs Phillimore) and the Aldenham Parish Council agreeing to sell the parcel of land between Elm Walk and The Pathway/Loom Lane for allotment use. The land was sold to the Council for £750. In order to raise the money the Council took out a loan with the Public Works Loan Board.

A hand drawn sketch of the parcel of land shows that the allotment area measures approximately 438 feet north to south and 586 feet east to west. The covenant relating to the sale of the land states few stipulations other than; it must be used for agricultural or garden allotments only, no buildings shall be erected apart from small wooden tool sheds for the use of the allotment holders and the Council must make and maintain the fences surrounding the area which must be no more than five feet high.

Today there are seventy three allotment plots on the site each measuring very approximately 10 pole or 100'x25'.

As with allotment sites all over the country, plots are subsidised by the local council, they can therefore only be rented to residents who live in that area and pay their council tax to their local council, in our case to the Parish of Aldenham via Hertsmere Borough Council.

If you live locally, enjoy gardening and eating fresh fruit and vegetables then put your name down for an allotment, details to the right of this article.

Jan Adams

Mini Allotments

A great response has been received for the first mini allotments. One of the first new plot holders is Playhouse Nursery in Station Road. A second plot for disabled gardeners has now been completed with the combined effort of the Parish Council and the Horticultural Society. Please contact Peter Hordern on 01923 857194 or email peterhordern27@gmail.com

Live in the Parish of Aldenham? Fancy An Allotment?

Aldenham Parish Council own and manage an allotment site on land adjacent to Phillimore Recreation Ground. If you are a resident within the Parish of Aldenham, and you are interested in renting an allotment garden, please contact the Parks and Open Spaces Officer on 01923 856433 for further information.

Your Borough Councillors

ALDENHAM EAST

Councillor John Graham

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Councillor Charles Goldstein

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ALDENHAM WEST

Councillor Danny Griffin

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Councillor Simon Patnick

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e: cllr.simon.patnick@hertsmere.gov.uk



Recycling

What happens to the contents of your brown bin? Even though your glass, cartons, plastics and cans are mixed up in one bin, all the items are separated and recycled. The contents are tipped out; any item that shouldn't be in the load is taken out and charged for - so make sure you put the right things in! The load is then mixed with items from other councils and fed into a special machine.

Glass is crushed and used to make road surfacing

Cartons are crushed, baled and used for new corrugated cardboard

Cans are crushed, baled and recycled into cans or other metal items.

Plastics are sucked up by a vacuum, baled and recycled mostly into plastic bottles, garden furniture and fleeces.

Recycle your small electrical items

Recycle the following items in a new black container at Newberries Car Park or at the Household Waste Recycling Centre in Allum Lane, Borehamwood.

Yes Please to: Phones, keyboards, DVD players, toasters, kettles, hairdryers, electrical toys, electric toothbrushes, irons, remote controls, DIY tools, shavers, radios, videos cameras, clocks/watches, fans

No Thanks to: TV monitors, computers, washing machines, cookers, light bulbs, batteries. For further details contact 020 8207 7480.

'IT' Takeback Events in Hertfordshire

(open to all households and business in Hertsmere) Got any unwanted IT equipment lying around at home? Recycle it at the Civic Offices Car Park, Borehamwood on **Saturday 10 September 10am to 3pm.**

Dog fouling and dropping litter

You can be fined for dropping litter, chewing gum and cigarettes. Also for dog fouling and for not keeping your dog on a lead in play areas and sports pitches. The fine is £75 with a discount of £25 for payment within 10 days. To date, three people have been fined in Radlett!! For information call 020 8207 2277 or visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk.

Car parking charges to increase from August 2011

Service roads and roadside parking - first 30 minutes are free, with a 20p charge up to one hour. Where a second hour is permitted £1 will be charged.

Parking in council-run car parks - First hour free in Newberries Car Park (Subsidised by APC) 1 to 2 hours £1, 2-3 hours £1.50, 5 hours £3 and over 5 hours £5.

Residential permits - £15

Annual visitors permits £30

Charges came into effect on Monday

1 August 2011. Further information contact 020 8207 7581 or email anna.cotton@hertsmere.gov.uk

Farmers' Market

Following a Hertsmere Borough Council three month trial run, the Farmers' Market in Radlett will not continue due to economic reasons. See Letters to the Editor on page 13.



Parish Council Offices

Aldenhams Parish Council
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Phillimore Recreation Ground

Gills Hill, Radlett, Herts. WD7 8AL
Tel: 01923 853546
To book Multi-Use Games area
and Tennis Courts - 07806 878569

Head of Grounds Maintenance: Fred Hills
Email: groundstaff@aldenhams.gov.uk

Grounds staff: Gary Hall, Ian Gray, and
Liam Tompkins and Danny Wells.

The Parish Council staff can help you with:

- HCC bus pass form
- View planning applications (plans are no longer held at Radlett Library)
- A free kitchen caddy.
- Caddy liners £2.50 per roll
- Garden waste sacks 50p each
- Free light bulbs for the over 60's (two per household)
- Copies of Around Radlett
- Copies of the Official Guide
- Copies of the booklet 'Sweet Radlett'
- A small variety of black and white postcards depicting old village scenes
- The Diary of Local Organisations Events please put your event in the 2011/2012 diary
- Allotment details
- Footpath Walks Booklet £1
- Footpath Map, Aldenhams Parish and neighbourhood, £6
- Recycle batteries and bras
- Table tennis bat and balls £2
- Advice on the Taxi Voucher Scheme
- We will help you with a Parish, Borough or County Council query or put you in contact with the person who can help you.

Forthcoming Committee Meetings from 2 September to 20 December 2011

All Committee meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend. If you wish to speak on a specific matter please inform the Clerk on clerk@aldenhams.gov.uk. Start times may vary, please see website and noticeboards for details.

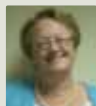
Fri 02 Sept	Strategic Planning	Mon 17 Oct	Planning
Mon 05 Sept	Planning	Tues 25 Oct	Full Council
Wed 07 Sept	Finance and General Purposes	Thurs 03 Nov	Community Development
Thurs 08 Sept	Community Development	Thurs 03 Nov	All Faiths 8pm
Mon 12 Sept	Parks and Open Spaces	Mon 07 Nov	Planning
Thurs 15 Sept	Jubilee Sub Committee (shopkeepers)	Wed 09 Nov	Parks and Open Spaces
Mon 19 Sept	Planning	Mon 21 Nov	Planning
Tues 27 Sept	Full Council	Fri 25 Nov	Strategic Planning
Wed 28 Sept	Footpaths Sub Committee	Tues 29 Nov	Full Council
Mon 03 Oct	Planning	Mon 05 Dec	Planning
Tues 04 Oct	Youth Council	Wed 14 Dec	Full Council

Parish Councillors

ALDENHAM EAST



Councillor Gill Balen
Chairman of the
Communications Committee
Member of the Planning Committee
Member of the Parks and Open
Spaces Committee
Member of the Finance and General
Purposes Committee
Member of the Gravel Allotments Trust
*Representative of the Platt
Subsidiary Foundation
*Member of the All Faiths Group



Councillor Viv Charrett
Chairman of the Boundaries and
Planning Committee
Member of the Communications Committee
Member of the Community
Development Committee
*Representative of the Street Scene Forum



Councillor Caroline Clapper
County Councillor at Herts County Council



Councillor Saleem Khawaja
Member of the Planning Committee
Member of the Communications Committee
Member of the Community
Development Committee



Councillor Neil Payne
Chairman of the Strategic
Planning Committee
Member of the Planning Committee
Member of the Finance and General
Purposes Committee
*Trustee of Radlett Centre Trust
*Representative on Hertsmere Standards
Committee



Councillor Ron Worthy
Chairman of the Parish Council
Member of the Finance and General
Purposes Committee
Member of the Communications Committee
*Representative of the Platt Subsidiary
Foundation
*Representative on the Radlett Centre Trust

*Membership of external organisations. Councillors can be contacted by email on clerk@aldenham.gov.uk or by leaving a message on 01923 856433, or in writing to Aldenham Parish Council, The Radlett Centre, 1 Aldenham Avenue, Radlett, Herts WD7 8HL

ALDENHAM WEST



Councillor Tony Butwick
Member of the Community
Development Committee
Member of the Parks & Open
Spaces Committee
Member of the Communications Committee
*Representative on Aldenham Alms Houses
*Representative on Aldenham Country Park
Advisory Board



Councillor John Howley
Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes
Committee
Member of the Strategic Planning Committee
Member of the Parks & Open
Spaces Committee
*Representative on Herts Association Parish &
Town Councils Executive Committee
*Representative on Radlett Village Institute
Management Committee
*Representative on the Radlett Centre Trust



Councillor David Lambert
Chairman of the Gravel Allotments Trust
Member of the Parks & Open Spaces
Member of the Planning Committee
Member of the Strategic Planning Committee
*Representative on Association to Contain
Elstree Aerodrome
*Representative on Aldenham War Memorial
Hall Trust



Councillor Estelle Samuelson
Chairman of the Community
Development Committee
Member of the Planning Committee
Member of the Finance and General Purposes
Committee
Member of the Communications Committee
*Representative on the Community Safety
Partnership



Councillor Garry Walton
Member of the Parks & Open
Spaces Committee
Member of the Community
Development Committee



Councillor Chris Wilkins
Deputy Chairman of the Parish Council
Chairman of the Parks Open
Spaces Committee
Member of the Finance and General Purposes
Committee
Member of the Community
Development Committee
Member of the Strategic Planning Committee
Member of the Communications Committee
*Representative on RAIFA (Radlett and
Aldenham International Friendship Association)
*Representative on Radlett Village Institute
Management Committee



Aldenhams Parish Council Accounts 2010/11

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2011

2009/10	Income		2010/11
544,026	Precept	Note1	545,044
17,597	Agency Services	Note 2	15,317
219	Bank interest		194
3,000	Grants -- Capital Schemes	Note 3	0
20,000	Grants -- Section 106	Note 4	9,300
6,655	Grants -- other		18,200
10,500	Fees from Council owned properties	Note 5	8,845
32,274	Youth & Sports	Note 5	11,024
4,439	Newsletter	Note 6	3,287
1,179	Miscellaneous		1,910
0	Sale of Assets	Note 12	464,400
639,889	Total Income		1,077,521

	Expenditure		
198,813	Administration	Note7	192,953
2,912	Section 137 payments	Note 8	2,095
125,000	Other grants	Note 9	126,000
139,766	Capital Spending	Note11	332,416
181,151	Recreation Grounds	Note 7	184,063
19,688	Youth Club	Note 7	9,037
15,052	Newsletter	Note 6	11,257
8,511	Transportation	Note 10	8,511
8,569	Expenditure on Council owned properties	Note 7	1,629
973	Miscellaneous		0
700,435	Total Income		867,961

	Funds balance represented by:	
343,458	Balance brought forward as at 1st April 2010	282,912
<u>639,889</u>	Plus income for year	<u>1,077,521</u>
<u>-700,435</u>	Less expenditure for year	<u>867,961</u>
282,912	Balance carried forward as at 31st March 2011	447,473
-116,270	Transfers to/from Reserves	208,342

The reserves currently held by the Council are shown as follows

General Reserves	£183,131
Earmarked Reserves – (for certain Council projects)	£115,000
Capital Reserves – (which can only be used on capital projects)	£194,342

Note 1 - Precept -- this is the amount of your Council Tax that is allocated to Aldenhams Parish Council.

Note 2 – Agency Services -- represents income received from other bodies such as Hertsmere Borough Council for carrying out services on their behalf.

Note 3 – Grants – Capital Schemes – This was funding received as part of a three year project by the Football Foundation towards providing free sports provision on the Multi-Use Games Area at Phillimore Recreation Ground off Gills Hill.

Note 4 – Section 106 Grants – This is monies received by the Council from the 2 Shenley Hill development.

Note 5 – Fees from Council owned properties/Youth & Sports -- Income derived from the hire/lease of the properties in Loom Lane, the allotments, football pitches etc.

Note 6 – Newsletter -- Advertising income generated by 'Around Radlett' and the production costs associated with the four issues per year.

Note 7 -- Administration – Staff costs and other overheads.

Note 8 & 9 -- Grants – Paid to groups to provide entertainment, (mainly the Radlett Centre Trust) and counselling services in the parish. Other grants (known as section 137 grants) are made to some local groups to enable them to continue their good work.

Note 10 – Transportation – This is the parking subsidy paid to Hertsmere Borough Council to provide the first hour free facility in the Car Park behind the shops on Watling Street.

Note 11 – Capital Spending – Projects this year included a new depot building on Phillimore Rec, replacement tractor, the extension of the MUGA and replacement equipment in the Children's Play area at Phillimore Recreation Ground.

Note 12 – Sale of Assets – The Council sold a property it owned in 28 Elm Walk and its old tractor. This is deemed capital income and can only be allocated towards capital projects such as the new depot building and new tractor. It cannot be used to cover running costs.

Aldenhams Parish Council is required by statute to publish its annual accounts for the previous financial year.

These accounts are audited both internally by a company called Auditing Solutions Ltd, and externally for the Audit Commission by BDO Stoy Hayward. The figures I give below are un-audited as we await the final report from the external auditor.

I hope you have found this summary useful. If you have any queries or wish to see the actual accounts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peter Evans

Queen's Diamond Jubilee June 2012

The Parish Council are starting to plan a series of events for the Jubilee weekend of 2-5th June 2012.



It is a four day bank holiday weekend with a variety of activities taking place during that time. The outline plan of events is not fixed definitively yet and may change as we go on, but a rough outline is given below to give you an idea of what is likely to be happening.

Sat 2 June – Performance of 'Joseph' by local schools at the Radlett Centre.

Sun 3 June – Street Party in Radlett. Also an event at Patchett's Green Equestrian Centre and party on Aldenham Green

Mon 4 June – Morning Rotary Fun Run evening Bonfire/Beacon celebration.

Tues 5 June – possible sports event for school age children.

Other groups may wish to include further activities into this schedule which would be welcomed. If you would like to sponsor an event or be involved we would like to hear from you.

Volunteers to help with the organisation of the events would be warmly welcomed. There will be a link on the Parish Council website to a Jubilee page which will be regularly updated with decisions as they are taken, so you can get the latest information on what is being planned. Contact viv@charrett.com or telephone 01923 856209.

Two New Benches

The Parish Council would like to thank County Councillor Caroline Clapper for donating £1269 from her locality budget fund to purchase two benches. They will be sited at the children's play area at Phillimore Recreation Ground and also on 'The Green' at Aldenham.

Taxi Voucher Scheme

The list for the Taxi Voucher scheme for 2012 is open and residents who wish to apply for vouchers may do so now. To qualify you must *live in the civil Parish of Aldenham * be 80 years of age or over * registered disabled * have no other means of transport. NOTE: Previous recipients will NOT automatically receive vouchers - you must register year by year. **Vouchers may be collected from Parish Council Offices beginning on Tuesday 3 January 2012** (office hours 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday) **Please bring with you proof of age and address.**

The Parish Council would like to thank the Rotary Club of Radlett and the Radlett Festival for their generous donations towards the Taxi Voucher Scheme. Other organisations interested in supporting this worthwhile scheme should email clerk@aldenham.gov.uk or telephone 01923 856433.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Applications are invited for nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award 2012.

Do you know a special person, who lives in the civil Parish of Aldenham and gives their time and effort solely for the benefit others who also live in the Parish. Apply for a nomination form to Aldenham Parish Council by telephone on 01923 856433 or email jan.adams@aldenham.gov.uk. Closing date for nominations is 10 February 2012 and a presentation will be made at the Annual Meeting to be held on 6 March 2012.

Phillimore Pavilion Survey

Aldenham Parish Council needs your help. Should the Pavilion at Phillimore Recreation Ground be redeveloped? Would you use it? If so, what for? How would you like the inside of building to look?

Please complete the survey online at www.aldenham.gov.uk or collect a hard copy from Aldenham Parish Council offices

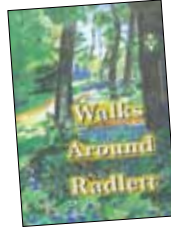
Community Toilet Scheme

With an increased number of public toilets closing Hertsmere Borough Council has introduced a Community Toilet Scheme. The Radlett Centre has signed up for this scheme. Look for this sign at all participating outlets.



Local Walk Maps

The Aldenham Parish and Neighbourhood Footpath Map is available for sale at the Parish Council Offices, Battlers Green Farm and other outlets price £6 (for details contact www.radlettsociety.org)



The Walks

Around Radlett booklets is also on sale at the Parish Council office, Radlett Library, Battlers Green Farm and Round Bush PH priced £1.

Aldenham Parish Youth Council

If you are under 18 years of age, live locally and are interested in joining the youth council we would like to hear from you

To find out how to get involved email peter.evans@aldenham.gov.uk or telephone 01923 856433

The next meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 4 October, 7pm** at the Radlette Centre - this will be interesting, fun and informative with snacks and drinks provided too!

Tykeside Gardens

Aldenham Parish Council Grounds staff pictured at Tykeside Gardens, Watling Street, left to right Liam, Gary, Joe, Fred and Ian



The Editor is happy to receive comments, photos, paintings and articles. Please email jan.adams@aldenham.gov.uk

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farmers Market

Thank you to all of you who responded to our request for 'Comments on the Farmers Market'. Many of you said that it was an 'excellent initiative', 'much needed', 'how much you enjoyed visiting the market', 'enjoyed the fresh produce', 'freshly baked bread' and 'variety of cheeses' 'right on our doorstep'. Many commented over 'limiting the food miles and air miles'. SO IT'S THUMBS UP TO THE FARMERS' MARKET but THUMBS DOWN TO 'poor publicity', 'over-abundance of bread' 'provenance not necessarily from the UK' and 'lack of fruit and veg stalls'.



Would you like Hertsmere to reconsider the return of the Farmers' Market?

Email your local Borough and Parish Councillors as detailed on pages 8 and 10.

The Oakway

The origin of the name for this shopping area of Radlett is unknown, but in the early days of 1900 the east side of Watling Street had a great many mature oak trees which, over the years, have been felled for one reason or another. Maybe this was the site of one of them.

So, what did The Oakway look like before the shops were built? This part of Radlett, north of Park Road (which itself was not laid out until the late 1890s) was barren of any form of construction apart from the Radlett Parish Hall, which was (and still is) on the corner of Malt Lane, and an estate lodge.

Malt Lane was a carters' road, taking south-bound traffic on Watling Street towards Aldenham and Watford; it saved farmers and others from having to come right into the Village and turn right between The Railway Inn (now Prezzo), and The Red Lion and up Watford Road (as Aldenham Road was then known).

The Parish Hall was built in 1898 as a tribute for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The land and money towards construction were given by Mr Charles Part, owner of Aldenham Lodge and Newlands and all the land surrounding those two old country houses. The land on which it was built was, bizarrely, in the Ecclesiastical parish of St Stephens, but it was the closest piece of land to Christ Church that Mr Part owned.

The Parish Hall reigned supreme as the only building along that stretch of road for many years, until a few houses were built between it and the corner of Park Road. Houses to the north of the Hall were not built until the early 1920s.

On the east side of Watling Street there was the Fire Station – a wooden building housing the Fire Tender, more or less where our now defunct

Fire Station is situated – and next to it a Pumping Station, operated by Watford Rural District Council. Further north, on the corner of The Drive, was the Lodge to Aldenham Lodge, lived in by the gatekeeper, Mr Harry Daniels. All the land in between it and Barclays Bank was owned by Mr Part.

In 1924 the land was sold to a local builder, W G Taylor, whose houses can be seen in nearly every road in Radlett. They are mostly recognisable by the mock-Tudor gable ends, which also appear in the Oakway run of buildings. Taylor first built the warehouses next to the railway line then, when these had been rented out, he constructed the entire run of shops with flats above.

By 1924 Radlett had grown significantly and these shops were much sought after, although they were only offered for rent. In order to promote the area, Taylor needed a "High Street Name" to take on one of the shops (nothing changes, does it?), and Castle & Co., a national chain of Wine & Spirit Merchants, agreed to open a branch in The Oakway. There was a problem, however. Castle's would only come if they could obtain the freehold of the shop and the flat. This was eventually, reluctantly, agreed to. The titles to the shop and the flat are separately registered and they remain the only two parts of The Oakway that are not still owned by the descendants of Mr Taylor. It was a good move as Castles remained in The Oakway until the 1970s, when competition in Newberries Parade and The Terrace brought about their closure.

One rather odd fact about The Oakway is the representation of a Coat of Arms for the Manor of Radlett, shown above 'Rocket'. This is in fact a misrepresentation, because there is not and never has been a Manor of Radlett. Most of Radlett was in the Manor of Aldenham and that part which wasn't was in the Manor of Titburst and Kendals. The Manor of Radlett is a figment of the imagination.

The Oakway flourished, particularly with the development of the "Newlands" estate in the 1920s and 30s. Every type of shop you needed for daily life was represented here and businesses that started in The Terrace (between the Post Office and NatWest Bank) transferred to The Oakway as soon as there was a vacancy.



The Oakway prior 1924
Photo courtesy of Philip Eastburn

The area started to decline in the 1960s with the completion of the development of Newberries Parade. It was a slow decline but gradually, as tastes changed and shopping by car became the norm, The Oakway with its lack of parking (there was no legal parking in front of the shops) lost its better shops. In the 1980s it was more likely than not that up to 50% of the shops were unlet,

It was not until the 1990s, with what was known as The Radlett Enhancement, that prospects

The Editor and her team would like to apologise to Philip Eastburn for any factual alterations to his wording in a previous edition.

looked up. Following the re-alignment of the Service Roads in front of the Newberries shops, the Borough Council was persuaded to take some of the land from the pavement in front of the Oakway shops and provide parking bays. The effect was remarkable and within 12 months every shop was let. Whilst there is still a turn-over, there is no doubt that the fortunes of shopkeepers changed with the provision of parking.

Philip Eastburn ©

news in brief

The closing and relocation of the Radlett Delivery Office

As a result of numerous rumours, the Parish Council made enquiries as to the future of Radlett's sorting office. The response from the Royal Mail is that Radlett's sorting office will relocate to Borehamwood in Spring 2012.

Options are being considered for customers who need to collect any mail. A free redelivery service will be available by telephone as well as the internet. There are no plans at present to relocate the Post Office.

Dial-a-Ride

Provides a door to door transport service for residents of Hertfordshire who cannot or have difficulty in accessing passenger transport due to permanent disability or illness. Contact 01707 343600 or go to www.herts.direct.org/dialride

Radlett Horticultural Society



Winners of the Best Front Competition

1st Philip Friede, 20 Newberries Avenue.

2nd Joyce Marsden and Richard Kirk, 98 Shenley Hill.

3rd Mrs V Kotecha, 35 Fairfield Close.

Commercial Display

Stuart Thorne, 22-24 Aldenham Road.

Communal Display

Chipperfield, The Old Rest, Fern Cottage, 2 The Ferns, 2,3 & 4 Landor cottages, 3/4 Holmes cottages, all in Back Lane, Letchmore Heath.

New Stroke Service in Hertsmere

The Stroke Association have started a new service in Hertsmere Borough that you may be interested in. The stroke group is held every Tuesday afternoon in Borehamwood and will offer stroke survivors the chance to meet others in the area and to perhaps engage in various activities, in a friendly and positive atmosphere.

Open to all ages so why not come along!

If this interests you please call us at 01923 232309 or email judy.herring@stroke.org.uk to get full details!

The Stroke Association, The Lemarie Centre, 524 St Albans Road, Watford Hertfordshire WD24 7WF

Walks Around Radlett

Sunday 18 September 2011 at 2pm

Walk 3 Kitswell Way off Watling street, disreect parking is needed. Harperbury Hospital, 7 km (4.5 miles)

Sunday 23 October 2011 at 2pm

Walk 2 Car park at Phillimore Recreation Ground. Netherwylde Farm 5.5 km (3.5 miles)

Sunday 20 November 2011 at 2pm

Walk 1 Car park at Phillimore Recreation Ground Out and About 5.5 km (3.5 miles)

For more information on the walks, email David Bagon on dbagon@aol.com



Hello my name is Iain Boyd. I am the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for Aldenham East, which includes all the streets to the East of Watling Street; The Rose Walk, Athlone Close, Aldenham Avenue, Christchurch Crescent, Loom Lane, The Ridgeway, Homefield Road, Heyford Road, Gills Hill, Scrubbits Road and The Crosspath. I also patrol rural parts of Radlett including Tabard Rugby Club car park, the Cricket Club and surrounding fields, Little Kendals Farm, Kendal Hall Farm and North Medburn Farm.

I have worked in this area for the past four years and have recently received the Hertsmeare PCSO of the year award. This



is an annual neighbourhood police award where officers are nominated for their work within the community. My colleague, PCSO Rob McWilliams patrols Aldenham West and Neighbourhood Police Officer, Phil Tuck patrols both areas.

As part of my role I provide crime prevention advice to the local residents of Radlett. I also attend local schools, taking the opportunity to talk to the pupils about how to remain safe. Maintaining high visibility patrols in Radlett and assisting with the investigation of crime by conducting house to house enquiries and liaising with victims of crime is a snap shot of the daily activities involved with being a PCSO in Radlett.

Iain Boyd

Return to The Cat and Fiddle

Dom and Liz have returned to the Cat & Fiddle in Cobden Hill after an absence of seven years. They want to bring back some of the ethos of a good village pub that does good food and have made a flying start. So many Cat & Fiddle customers have happy memories of this watering-hole, some of them recalling coming in with their parents and even grandparents, so are supporting this new venture. Dom and Liz are bringing back the multitude of cat ornaments, many of which have been donated by customers. Indeed dozens of cats, and even a magnificent fiddle, have recently been donated to join the old photographs of the area and Tabard and Radlett Cricket Club photos. The new era of the "Cat" has begun, but not without a salute to all that made it great in the past.

Quiz Nights are held the on the last Thursday of the month. 7.30pm for 8pm. Just turn up and play.

Dom Ingram



A Deputy Lieutenant in Herts

I was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in March 2009, commissioned by the Lord Lieutenant and subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State that the Queen approves of the appointment. Appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant is an honour usually bestowed on a person who has served the local community, or has a history of service in other fields, such as work with charities, educational establishments and the armed Forces. Originally, the office of the Lord Lieutenant came about during the reign of King Henry VIII in the 16th century with the provision made for the appointment of Deputy Lieutenants in 1569. The Lord Lieutenant in Herts is Lady Verulam who is the Queen's representative in the County and her foremost duty is to uphold the dignity of the Crown whilst carrying out official tasks on the Queen's behalf. My role includes: suggesting an organisation to be included in a Royal Visit; arranging for a visit to acknowledge the good work of an organisation; advising the Lord Lieutenancy to acknowledge the good work of an organisation; advising the Lord Lieutenancy of individuals for consideration as potential Deputy Lieutenants; helping to celebrate and encourage volunteering within the community; presiding over Citizenship Ceremonies.



Stuart Nagler, JP, DL

The Future of Healthcare in Radlett

Every Government, when it takes power, seems to feel duty bound to reform the NHS but the current (and ever changing) proposals by the coalition Government really do seem to herald one of the biggest changes that the NHS has faced.



The initial concept was to move the responsibility of commissioning and “buying” healthcare away from the putatively abolished PCTs and Regional health authorities, to groups of General Practices on the assumption that their understanding of the way that systems worked, that their involvement in every part of patient care and their accessibility to the public would make them ideal for the task. This appealed to us at the Red House for having already successfully commissioned new services designed for patients such as physiotherapy, weight management, sexual health and dermatology, we felt that this model was one we could develop.

Our bid was successful and we became the only potential consortium covering just one practice.

Though the last few months have seen an unwinding of the ideals and purpose behind the reforms one key element is the representation of our patients at both board level and through every part of the process. With decisions about how and what healthcare to commission it is going to be increasingly important to have committed representation and information from a representative group of those using local health services. It will only be through such participation that we can try and ensure that services that are perceived as important to patients are given appropriate priority in any future plans. To this end the involvement of all who are interested through the present Red House Patients Group is an excellent start to building this representative group.

The elephant in the NHS room is the decreasing amount of money available for healthcare. The next few years are going to see an inevitable

decline in health spending and increasing restrictions in the availability of treatments. Coping with this is a fearsome task and we are doing our best to anticipate and mitigate the effects of this. Good husbandry is one approach and this includes making sure that the medicines that we prescribe, or the referrals and tests we arrange are appropriate, effective and necessary. In addition we are looking to ensure that we do not waste money on expensive medications unless they are superior to established drugs, or are effective innovative developments. With new treatments coming onto the market we want to ensure that we have the resources to embrace these, and careful housekeeping on prescribing can free up money for better and novel treatments.

We will rely on patient representation to work with us in trying to manage the diminishing resources that we face, and in particular to highlight areas which are important to patients and where continuing or increasing investment is necessary. For that reason it is essential that such representation reflects the make up of the patients we serve and is not dominated by one particular group.

Of course, this idealistic democratic aspiration of how we manage health care in Radlett is looking naïve as the Government imposes ever increasing central control, adds new structures and removes local independence. New bodies will constrain and control and, we fear, stifle innovation. Perhaps there is a window of opportunity to set up the first stages of a model of healthcare that reflects our wishes as a community. What is certain is that the freedom to do so will not last long and any achievements have to be made before the avalanche of new bureaucratic NHS structures bury plucky little Radlett!

If you are interested in being involved as a patient contact Gill Balen, Chairman, Red House Patients Group on 01923 856144 or Ken Spooner, Practice Manager, The Red House on 01923 855606.

Dr Michael Ingram

Radlett Mitzvah Day Embraces The Big Society

It is easy to criticise the government's attempts to hand power back to the people under the mantle of Big Society, but Radlett has been living that concept for some time. One example is the interfaith programme which began last year on Mitzvah Day, involved developing the Rose Field behind Cobden Hill (part of the King George V Playing Fields) into a free play picnic area for the local community.

Within the Jewish calendar, Mitzvah Day this year is Sunday 20th November: a day of social action. Around the world thousands of people take part in projects to support charities and build stronger communities. It is truly becoming a global phenomenon, a day when people work together from all walks of life to give something back to their local community or the wider society.

Sunday 20th November is also the beginning of the third National Interfaith Week, an annual event whose aim is to bring people with different religions and beliefs together. In 2010, the UK saw over 20,000 volunteers working on 600 different projects that helped 150 charities.

Last year on Mitzvah Day, Christian, Jewish and Hindu groups worked together on a meaningful project that benefits everyone in the local community.

Aldenharn Parish Council has had plans for the Rose Field for years, but for various reasons, its potential had not been realised. The opportunity for action came from an approach to the Parish Council by the local Interfaith Group. Over 100 people, comprising representatives from five local churches, two synagogues and the Hindu Temple of Bhaktivedanta Manor turned up to help clear part of the field of bramble, weeds and overgrowth. Since then two BBQs have been built by the Tabard Rugby Club TEC Project. A picnic area has also been set up.

This year, on 20th November, the Interfaith Mitzvah Day team will continue the good work it began last year by completing clearance of the

remaining part of the field.

Radlett will receive 400 saplings donated by the Woodland Trust. These will be planted to create a woodland nursery in which trees will be grown to replant around Radlett. We hope even more Radlett residents, including members of the Muslim community, will join the local Christian Churches, the United and Reform synagogues and the Hindu temple in this exciting and rewarding project.

Kick off will be at 2pm so join us in your wellies for an earthy experience! The scouts will be out in force with sustenance in the form of tea and biscuits. There will be opportunities for children to plant their own trees – under the guidance of Head Groundsman Fred and his team - and a group of youth workers from the churches, synagogues and the Hare Krishna Temple will be on hand to help the children plant and encourage them to help with other activities.

In 2010, we all enjoyed an excellent tea provided by the Reform Synagogue, this year we will do the same at the Vision Hall, Christ Church, Watling Street at 4pm.

More information about Mitzvah Day can be found on www.mitzvahday.org.uk.

*Revd Maureen Taylor and
Revd William Hogg*



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Celebrating 30 Years of Twinning



Radlett & Aldenham's town twinning association RAIFA celebrated 30 years of twinning with their German counterparts over the weekend of 24/26 June. Twenty eight visitors, ranging in age from 12 to 80, from Lautertal in Hesse, Germany stayed with families in Radlett and took part in a busy programme of visits and events arranged by RAIFA. Visits included the Radlett Art Society's annual exhibition, an official welcome from Aldenham Parish Council, a visit to Bhakdavanta Manor in Letchmore Heath and the grade I listed Aldenham Church. They also visited the Olympic Park in Stratford and Camden Market plus a sight-seeing tour of London. They ended their visit on Monday in St Albans before returning home. RAIFA is the Radlett and Aldenham International Friendship Association. The Parish of Aldenham has two twin towns, Lautertal in Germany and Louveciennes in France. Discussions and exchanges have also been made with Dunaharazsti in Hungary which may become a third twin in future.

Clive Glover, Chairman Tel: 01923 853483
 Email: clive.glover@lineone.net

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Our General Valuer, Guy Haskell, and our Jewellery Specialist, Frances Noble, will be giving free auction valuations at the Radlett Centre on 15 September, 17 October, 21 November and 19 December.

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Singing Circle in Hungary

Earlier this year a party from the Singing Circle left Radlett on an Easyjet flight to Budapest in Hungary for a visit to Dunaharaszti. Whilst the trip was arranged as a singing experience other activities took place - the famous Gellert thermal baths with champagne, massages and swimming. The sightseeing trip was described as overwhelming with fantastic architecture, majestic stonemasonry and views over the Danube.



Kate Honeywell, Singing Circle

Radlett Cricket Club

Our Club provides one of the finest grounds in the South-East for our five senior Saturday league teams, a women's team, three Sunday teams and a thriving junior section providing coaching and matches for some 200 boys and girls.

For six weeks in July and August, we run coaching weeks for 6-13 year olds wanting to learn the game or improve their skills. Our social membership is equally vital for the well-being of the club and provides links with the local community, ex players and the parents of our juniors via a family membership.

For the last six years, Radlett Cricket Club (RCC) has been hosting Middlesex County Cricket Club 2nd XI and the MCC Young Cricketers for their midweek championship matches.

During the coming winter, the club is moving forward with the prestigious project to become the home base for Middlesex CCC. Planning permission was granted in July to redevelop the pavilion to provide the appropriate level of facilities required for Middlesex and RCC, including bigger and better changing rooms, a refurbished kitchen and bar area, and an increased footprint for club events.

The addition of six new grass nets and a gym facility will give Middlesex the midweek training base they require and help RCC to make better use of the grounds and pavilion to develop its own players and run extra community activities. In essence, Middlesex will use the facilities during the week and RCC will have the weekends, with both clubs sharing and making better use of the pavilion during midweek evenings and the winter months. Contracts will be signed in time for the planned building project to start in October and be completed by March 2012 in time for the start of the Middlesex training sessions.

The construction and on-going running costs of the project will be shared between Middlesex and RCC, so we are embarking on a major fundraising exercise to meet our commitment to what is a vital part of our long-term development plan. The timing is perfect in terms of the pressures on those of us running recreational

Photo: Annette Kelly



sport over the coming years.

There will be a fund raising evening in the pavilion at RCC on Saturday 10th September with local RCC club member Chris Smith, who worked with Frank Sinatra as a trombonist. He will be performing with his "Main Event Band". For any more information, please leave a message on our website www.radlettcc.com or call me on 01923 850597. Radlett Cricket Club, Cobden Hill, Radlett WD7 7JN

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Playhouse Toddlethon

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Jessica Breakwell

See page 13 for details of Aldenham Parish Youth Council

1st Radlett Scout Group goes from strength to strength

The 1st Radlett Scout Group has been running in Radlett since 1919, and is growing in numbers.



There are long waiting lists for six to eight year old Beavers, eight to ten year old Cubs and ten to fourteen year old Scouts.

We are interested in hearing from anyone who would like to be involved in these worthwhile activities. Please contact the Group Scout Leader, Jackie Glover on 01923 853483 or via our website <http://www.1stradlettscouts.org.uk/>.

I listen, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand

I listen, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand. This is the TEC mantra. Based within Tabard Rugby Club and staffed mostly by Tabard RFC members, TEC (Training and Education Centre Ltd) promotes practical learning by doing and helping out the club and community at the same time. Opening in 2009 with just 3 learners, TEC is now a recognised vocational learning facility and firmly one of Hertfordshire's preferred Alternative Learning providers for learners at Key Stage 4 (14 – 16 yr olds). Using the clubhouse on Thursdays and Fridays learners help with the day to day maintenance of the club, create new projects (eg our picnic benches, decorating and cooking to name a few). Last year we built the club patio and barbeque. This was noticed by APC's Clerk to the Council, Peter Evans, and Councillor Chris Wilkins at our open day, who asked if we could build something similar for the Rose Field. Could we? Only the weather would stop us! (And believe me it tried!) Starting work in June with a group of learners who were becoming disaffected at school, the project was planned, and undertaken by the learners. Working with master craftsmen

builders the learners started work. One barbeque is now ready for use, and the other will be ready later in the



summer. Did the project have any effect on the learners you may ask? Most definitely Yes. The participating schools have noted that their learners are excited and enthused when they return. More importantly, not only are they engaging more in school, but we are mapping their work into qualification credits. These credits can be used towards larger vocational qualifications. All of the learners are now looking for further courses in construction knowing that they have found something that they have succeeded in and enjoyed taking part. This sort of project is so valuable for all of us. If anyone else is considering a building project that we could be part of, please email info@tecfuture.co.uk.

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The West Herts Against Crime (WHAC) Charity now offers the Hertfordshire Home Security Service and Handyperson Service in the Radlett Area. WHAC offers a wide range of services which include:

Free Home Security Service – Checks of window and door locks, garden, shed, garage and the property's perimeter. Free fire safety check and installation of free smoke alarms. Security installation is also free to those who are 60+ (until 1st October 2011 when it changes to 70+), disabled, and domestic abuse victims. Other vulnerable adults are free on a case by case basis. All other residents will be quoted for work but WHAC are significantly cheaper than normal locksmith charges. All WHAC staff are Enhanced CRB checked.

Handyperson Service – From changing a light bulb and taking net curtains down to assembling flat-pack furniture, if it's unmanageable or a struggle, please ask. The service is available to 60+ and disabled and costs £15 per hour.

Security Lighting Service – Front and rear installations providing one of the best deterrents against household burglary. Our registered electricians will quote on an individual basis and costs are dependent on condition of the electrics in the home. This service is available to all.

Smartwater™ - A colourless, odourless liquid with a chemical 'code' that's dabbed onto valuables. It glows under ultraviolet light making it easy for the police to detect and return stolen property. This is available to all and costs £20 per bottle.

Register Of Trusted Tradesmen – all tradesmen have been Enhanced CRB checked to ensure anyone working in customers homes is honest and reliable. We have representatives for the following trades: Electricians, Plumbers, Decorators, Plasterers, Window Cleaners, Carpet and Flooring suppliers and fitters.

Minor Adaptation Service – After an assessment from an Occupational Therapist, we can make minor adaptations to living standards through mobility aids such as grab rails, this service is for anyone who has undergone an OT assessment and is quoted for on an individual basis.

Talks – Jackie Chambers (Operations Manager) will visit any groups, clubs, schools etc to give talks on the services that WHAC offer and on general home security and fire safety.

For more information on any of our services or to book an appointment please telephone 01923 801138 or email whacoffice@btconnect.com 101 is the number to call when you want to contact your local police - when it's less urgent than a 999 call. 101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week., and costs a flat rate 15p per call.

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