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DONATION GIVES BOOST TO ANIMAL CHARITY

A Radlett-based animal sanctuary that provides a home for abandoned horses has received a £20,000 donation.

Cecil's Horse Sanctuary, which is based in Radlett and has locations across Beds, Herts and Bucks, was given the donation as part of the People's Postcode Lottery's (PPL) weekly Millionaire Street prize.

The charity, which was founded by Julie Blake in 2016, provides a home for more than 80 horses, ponies, mules and donkeys who have been abandoned, neglected or have grown too old for their owners to care for them.

Run by volunteers, the charity has a policy of never putting a healthy horse down.

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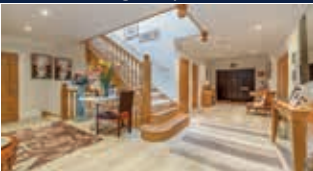
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The accommodation on the ground floor comprises a generously sized open plan kitchen breakfast room, leading out to the south facing garden. Additionally, there is a spacious living room with direct access to the garden, a separate dining room, and an additional reception room.

Moving up to the first floor, you will find a well-proportioned principal bedroom suite with a walk-in wardrobe area and an en-suite bathroom. There are also four further double bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes. Two of these bedrooms boast their own en-suite bathrooms, while the remaining two bedrooms share a family bathroom.

The lower ground floor of the house features a home cinema, a gymnasium that leads to a sauna room and a shower room.

The rear of the property showcases a beautifully landscaped south facing private garden, surrounded by mature trees. Additionally, there is a large patio area that is perfect for entertaining guests.



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Hello and welcome to the **September** issue of **RADLETT**NEWS.

They say a month is a long time in publishing and that's certainly been the case at *mylocal*NEWS towers, with three staff members departing the business in the past 30 days.

And yes, straight away the tongue-in-cheek clamours of my 'unique' management style driving staff away have filled the air. In reality though, it's wonderful to see the team moving on to bigger and better things. Most notable in this is Rebecka, who has been with the company for eight years, and who is now preparing to welcome her first child. We look forward to and can't wait for her return in 2025 – she leaves big shoes for Kim to fill.




As an employer, it's a true bittersweet experience when staff leave, but I always console myself by knowing their advancement on the career ladder underscores the positive impact the company has on staff. The fact we now have three former employees working at Sky News makes me very proud.

And with every change, new opportunities are created. So with two journalists departing, I look forward to Ellie and Anna stepping up, with the brilliant Misha overseeing the teams.

Local employers are sometimes regarded as far down on the food chain of the commercial world, yet in actual fact, we are the xylem vessels that transport water and minerals from the roots to the leaves. For that, I will always be proud.

Until next month, take care of yourself and each other.

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Horse sanctuary boosted by £20,000 lottery donation

Written by Bryn Holmes

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Speaking to PPL, Julie said: "We're the last line. When you feel like you've got nowhere else to go, these horses can come to us.

"We're going to use the money donated to make a new fence, which is very important for us. Having such a large amount of money really helps us because we would never be able to achieve that. So, it will be amazing to see that go up and know that the ponies are safe."

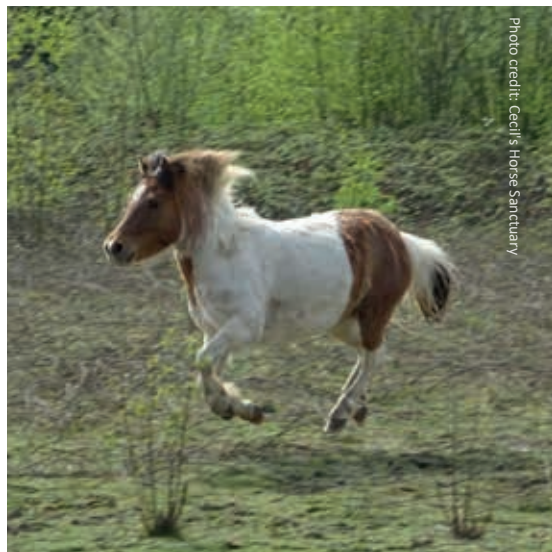


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The sanctuary is also looking for a new site for the animals they currently have in Elstree. This comes after developers told them to leave the site following the submission of a planning application in September 2023 for a new retirement village.

Due to this development, there is a risk that the lack of space for the horses could lead to the charity having no option but to break its policy and

The charity looks after a number of horses

euthanise some of the animals.

It is hoped that this new investment will go some way to preventing this from becoming a reality.

To find out more about Cecil's Horse Sanctuary, meet the horses and volunteer or donate, please visit www.cecilshorsesanctuary.org



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Government's new house-building target causes concern

Written by Bryn Holmes

Concerns have been raised over how the recently elected Labour government's new planning proposals may affect Radlett and Hertsmere as a whole.

In an interview with LBC on Tuesday, July 30, the Minister of State for Housing Matthew Pennycook MP was asked about Hertsmere. He stated that the area needs to increase the total number of new houses built from 731 to 959 per year.

'These figures are shocking and we do not have the infrastructure in place to make this sustainable'

Conservative councillor for Shenley Natalie Susman said: "Yes we need more homes, yes we need a good contribution of affordable housing, yes we will build homes, but we do not need it on all our green belt!

"These figures are shocking, way overambitious, and we do not have the infrastructure in place to make this sustainable. Let's be able to choose carefully where we can site our new homes, near



Hertsmere's yearly target for new homes has increased

infrastructure and on appropriate sites."

However, Labour-run Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) has stated that the Draft Local Plan which was put out for consultation in April of this year already features many of the new requirements.

They added that HBC's planning policy team has been reviewing the draft to assess the effect of the proposed changes. They are now looking to identify 'grey belt' development opportunities.

Leader of HBC councillor Jeremy Newmark commented: "I've already had positive conversations with our new government to ensure they fully understand our particular local circumstances here in Hertsmere."

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Resident delivers donated cars to help on front line in Ukraine

Written by Bryn Holmes

A Radlett man recently joined a convoy of people providing vehicles to help on the front line of the war in Ukraine.

Duncan Harvey and his brother drove four cars to Lviv, a western city close to the border with Poland, from July 16 to 20. His brother has made three similar trips on previous occasions.

As part of the Car For Ukraine initiative, 4x4s and SUVs that are not compliant with the Ultra Low Emission Zone or have very high road tax are being donated to help out in the war effort.

'They told us some harrowing stories, but they continued to smile through it all'

The cars are now being refitted, ready to be sent to the front line to provide safe and reliable transport for soldiers.

Speaking to **RADLETT**NEWS about his experiences, Duncan said: "Lviv is utterly beautiful. I had a lovely walking tour and met some amazing Ukrainian people while I was there.



Duncan and his fellow volunteers with the donated cars

"They told us some harrowing stories, but they continued to smile through it all.

"There was also an assassination in the city at one point, but we didn't experience anything ourselves.

"The people of Ukraine have been amazing. My efforts were only small, but it does make me feel connected to them. I'm glad to have done my bit."

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RESIDENTS SHARE FEARS OVER HIGH STREET INCIDENTS

Written by Bryn Holmes

A number of Radlett residents have expressed concerns about incidents in Watling Street.

One anonymous resident told **RADLETTNEWS**: "There have been several nasty incidents on our high street where masked and/or hooded youths have entered shops and intimidated people inside.

"It would be useful to know what we should do if we encounter such a scary incident."

The individual referred to two incidents in particular, one of which was reported on social media on Monday, August 5. Several residents stated their concern over a man who was allegedly seen wandering down Watling Street whilst stabbing the air with a silver object.

The second incident took place on Tuesday, March 26, when masked men went into two Jewish delis on Watling Street and confronted staff. They allegedly asked odd questions, including whether members



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The incidents took place on Watling Street

of staff supported the Israeli Defence Forces.

Herts Police told **RADLETTNEWS** that the local sergeant was unaware of any of the events reported, but stated that residents were welcome to report any information that may assist them.

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Schoolboy on a mission to give children access to books

Written by Bryn Holmes

After winning an award for his work in his school library, a Radlett pupil is working to make sure that other children have access to books.

Reuben Colton, 11, was given a National Commendation at the Pupil Library Assistant of the Year Awards in April, recognising his fantastic efforts in helping in the library at Edge Grove School.

Now, Reuben is working alongside his eight-year-old sister Ava to make sure that other schoolchildren across the country have the opportunity to access a dedicated reading space.

Based on current statistics, one in seven state schools in the UK don't have their own library.

Reuben and Ava have begun a fundraising campaign called Blooms for Books, and are raising money to buy books and help create reading spaces for schools that otherwise couldn't afford them.

So far, the siblings have donated lots of books to



Photo credit: Blooms for Books

Reuben with the books to be delivered to Westfield

Westfield Primary School in Berkhamsted. Reuben has also been interviewed about the campaign by Nick Robinson on BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

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Judicial review into plans for new housing development dismissed

Written by Bryn Holmes

Developers hoping to build new nearly 200 new homes in Radlett have had their judicial review dismissed.

Hertsmere Borough Council rejected the plans for up to 195 new dwellings on land to the south of Shenley Hill in March 2023.

Developers Fairfax Acquisitions Ltd subsequently lodged an appeal with the Planning Inspectorate. Following a campaign by residents and Sir Oliver Dowden CBE, MP for Hertsmere, this was rejected by the Planning Minister on Friday, January 26.

Fairfax then put forward plans for a judicial review into the Planning Inspectorate's decision, but the judge dismissed the case on Friday, August 9.

A spokesperson for Aldenham Parish Council (APC) said: "APC is delighted to have received this news. Yet again, the green belt is protected."

Fairfax has been contacted for comment.



A map of the proposal for 195 new homes

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Schoolboy raises £1,500 for charity with marathon challenge

Written by Bryn Holmes

A 10-year-old Radlett boy has smashed his fundraising target for his school's chosen charity.

Harry Jaffe, a pupil at Manor Lodge School in Shenley, decided he wanted to help raise funds for Sebby's Corner, a charity supporting families in need by providing supplies such as food and baby formula.

Harry set himself the challenge of running the length of a marathon (26.2 miles) over the course of the month of June. He completed his task with great gusto, despite facing several days of blistering heat.

He has smashed his original target of £500, raising a total of £1,562.

Harry's mum Stacey told **RADLETT**news: "The fabulous team at Sebby's Corner have been so supportive and cheering him on all the way.

"We are so proud of him for what he has achieved



Harry ran 26.2 miles during June

and since have been to visit Sebby's Corner to see how the money Harry raised will be used."

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New community enforcement officers take to the streets

Written by Bryn Holmes

A new community enforcement team has begun its deployment in Radlett and the wider Hertsmere area.

Four community enforcement officers have been recruited to tackle smaller-scale local problems. The main duties the new officers will perform include patrolling the borough, providing support to the public, and responding to reports of anti-social behaviour and environmental crimes, such as fly tipping.



The new officers recently attended a community engagement event

the Hertsmere area.

Councillor Christian Gray, HBC's portfolio holder for communities, neighbourhoods, enforcement, economic development and transformation, said: "Our new officers will get to know local people, businesses and communities to understand the issues and how best to keep Hertsmere safe, together.

"They are a visible presence in Hertsmere; look out for their distinctive red uniforms on your streets."

'Our new officers are a visible presence in Hertsmere; look out for their distinctive red uniforms'

The initiative proved controversial when it was first announced in August of last year. The new scheme took the place of Hertsmere Borough Council's (HBC) funding for seven extra police community support officers (PCSO).

However, HBC pointed out that these seven PCSO roles had been unfilled for 18 months before they were discontinued, and 14 PCSOs continue to patrol



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Nationwide survey reveals patients' views on GP surgery

Written by Bryn Holmes

Radlett's main GP surgery has scored highly in a recent annual survey of patients.

As part of the nationwide GP Patients Survey, 32 per cent of people using the Red House Group's services at their site on Watling Street answered the questionnaires sent out to them.

A total of 77 per cent of those polled stated that their overall experience of the surgery was good – higher than the national average of 74 per cent.

Compared to the national average of 40 per cent, 66 per cent of respondents stated that they usually get to see or speak to their preferred healthcare professional at the Red House Group.

A total of 73 per cent of patients found it easy to contact the surgery by phone, and 60 per cent found it easy to get in touch via the NHS app.

A total of 62 per cent of respondents said that they had enough support from local services or



The surgery is located on Watling Street

organisations in the last year to help manage long-term conditions/illnesses, compared to the national average of 68 per cent.

A spokesperson for the Red House Group said: "The Red House Surgery is delighted that our patients are happy with the care we provide, rating us above average in most categories on the satisfaction scores. The Red House Surgery prides itself on providing continuity of care with the patient's own GP with the huge benefits this entails.

"Despite the new Secretary of State Mr Streeting MP declaring the 'NHS is broken' and the huge constraints being placed on general practice, we are delighted that our patients who responded to the survey appreciate the good service that we provide.

"Our community will have read that in a recent ballot, GPs voted overwhelmingly in favour of collective action. This action is being taken by GPs with a heavy heart as we see general practice collapsing due to inability to handle demand. General practice receives only six per cent of total NHS funding, equating to less than 30p a day for the care of every patient, whatever their health needs.

"General practice needs more funding to hire more GPs, deliver services that patients want and make it easier for patients to get appointments. The collective action we take will be against system bureaucracy, not direct patient care.

"GPs and patients want the same thing: to be able to see their family doctor quickly and easily, in a surgery that is safe, well-staffed and local to them."

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Tributes paid to community figure and business founder

Written by Bryn Holmes

Radlett is in mourning after the death of a much-loved member of the local community.

John Apthorp CBE sadly passed away at the age of 89 on Tuesday, July 9.

Tributes have poured in from people who remember him as a man who gave generously to the village through charity.

'John will be remembered for his kindness, integrity, and tireless efforts to make a difference'

He was best known nationally as the founder of frozen food supermarket chain Bejam, once a mainstay of UK high streets. He also founded Majestic Wines, one of the country's leading alcohol retailers with more than 200 shops nationwide.

John was also a patron of The Radlett Centre. Thanks to his donations, the theatre was able to install new seating and updated lighting and technical equipment.

He was a staunch supporter of Aldenham Parish Council (APC), providing donations to enable them



John was a businessman in the supermarket trade

to put on free public celebrations for events such as His Majesty the King's coronation.

John received the Freedom of the Parish Award from the council in 2017 and a CBE in 2014, which superseded his OBE awarded in 1998.

Following his death, a spokesperson for APC said: "We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of John Apthorp this week and would like to send heartfelt condolences to his family at this sad time.

"The loss of such a man is immense but he will be remembered for his kindness, integrity, and tireless efforts to make a difference."

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Cricket club celebrates success of flourishing girls' teams

Written by Bryn Holmes

Radlett Cricket Club (RCC) are celebrating the remarkable rise of their girls' section over the past few years.

Back in 2018, the ladies' section of the club had disbanded, with only a handful of girls left to form a small softball team. This team reached their league's cup final that year, thanks to the tenacity of the players and the efforts of coach Duncan Fraser.

Now, six years later, more than 40 girls regularly play at RCC in three hardball teams and one softball team.

Of the young sportswomen, nine have represented Hertfordshire at county level, and three won awards at the most recent Hertfordshire Cricket Awards.

Speaking about the original team, Duncan said: "None of those girls are still around as they are all at university. The legacy they've left, though, is the girls they inspired to come and play!"



Coach Duncan speaking to some of the players

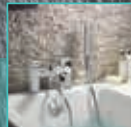
As a result of this success, RCC's women's team will return to action in 2025 as part of the new Herts Women's League. RCC are now looking for girls and women to play league cricket on Sunday afternoons next season.

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you achieve more consistent returns over time. Studies and historical data show that including international investments in a portfolio can lead to better risk-adjusted returns due to diversification benefits, though geopolitical risks must be considered. Global markets offer a wider range of asset classes and reduce your vulnerability to economic downturns specific to your home country. However, over-diversification is a risk to be wary of too! It occurs when further investments diminish returns without lowering risk significantly. Regular reviews and rebalancing help maintain a well-diversified portfolio and manage any potential concentration risk that may occur over time.

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Timetable changes for buses ahead of new school year

Written by Bryn Holmes

Two bus routes servicing Radlett are to undergo changes from the beginning of this month.

Intalink, the authority which manages public transport in Hertfordshire, has published a list of route updates, mainly due to the beginning of the new school year in September.

The first bus route to see some alterations is the 338, which runs from Colney Fields Retail Park to Watling Street Recreation Ground in Radlett.

As of Monday, September 2, all of the stops on the 338 route will be fully served, with services no longer skipping a stop during peak times. There will also be a few timetable changes.

The second bus route to see changes is the 602 service run by Uno, which runs from Hatfield railway station to Watford High Street, stopping in Hatfield, London Colney, St Albans, Shenley, Radlett and Bushey.



The 602 bus route will see a number of changes

From Sunday, September 1, there will be a revised timetable for the route with the aim of improving punctuality. It will no longer stop at Battlers Green, however.

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Park receives Green Flag Award for fourth year running

News Bulletin

Aldenham Parish Council is celebrating after Phillimore Recreation Ground (PRG) received a Green Flag Award for the fourth consecutive year.

'PRG is a vital green space for communities to socialise, enjoy nature, and for children to play'

The news that the public park has achieved the accreditation – the international quality mark for parks and green spaces – is welcome news for the team that cares for the green space.

Paul Todd MBE, Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag award scheme manager, said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved at PRG on achieving



Photo credit: Aldenham Parish Council

The park's team celebrating alongside parish council vice-chair councillor John Graham (right)

a Green Flag award.

"PRG is a vital green space for communities in Radlett to socialise, enjoy nature, for children to play safely, and it provides important opportunities for park users to improve their physical and mental health.

'We know that staff work tirelessly to ensure that it maintains the high standards of the Green Flag Award'

"We know that staff work tirelessly to ensure that it maintains the high standards of the Green Flag Award. Everyone involved should feel extremely proud of their achievement.

"It is important that our free-to-use spaces are maintained to the Green Flag Award standard, making them accessible for all members of the community while ensuring the environment is protected."

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Girlguiding groups celebrate end of term with exciting event

Written by Bryn Holmes

A total of 250 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers joined with their leaders for the 2024 Fiesta event last month.

Local Girlguiding groups of all ages enjoyed drumming, dance and yoga workshops, sporting activities, crafts, science, escape rooms, and an inflatable assault course.

A spokesperson for the Guides said: "The girls had lots of fun, making lots of friends from other units and districts along the way.

"Line dancing proved a real highlight, with some of the girls teaching their school friends their newly acquired skills!"

The 4th Radlett Rainbows and Brownies finished the term with local hikes and also enjoyed some delicious s'mores.

Some of the older girls in the troop are now looking forward to joining the Guides for an upcoming



The Brownies joined in with the celebrations

art-themed trip to London.

Elsewhere, the 2nd Radlett Guides conquered such adventures as the 'rolling rock' and climbing walls for their final meeting of the term.

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Charities receive grants as part of council's community lottery

Written by Bryn Holmes

Two charities which aid people in need across Radlett and Shenley have been supported by a council prize draw.

'Four worthy good causes have received an additional £250 to continue their excellent work'

Throughout this year, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC), the local government body has been running a community lottery, with the funds going towards various worthy local causes.

Four charities have received £250 each, which includes Hertsmere Mencap, Comfort Cases UK,



Hertsmere Mencap has aided hundreds of people with learning disabilities

Zenith Trampoline Club, and DR96.

Mencap has spent the last few years aiding many people in Radlett, Bushey and beyond in coming out of their shell and making new friends. This has included teaching people new skills and providing support and advice where needed.

When asked what the £250 would be spent on, a spokesperson for Hertsmere Mencap said: "We will be using the prize money to go towards a trip for our members."

Comfort Cases UK, which is based in Shenley, provide children and young people entering the care system with a bag filled with essential items of comfort and necessity.

A spokesperson for the charity said: "The power of community is the most valuable asset for any charity. Each and every person has the power to make a difference and volunteering can take many different forms."

Councillor Marc Amron, HBC's member champion for Hertsmere's 50th anniversary, said: "I am delighted that four worthy good causes in our community have received an additional £250 to continue their excellent work."

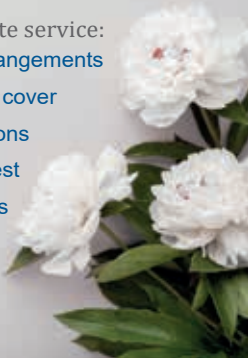
"Volunteers play a vital role within our community and give so much to local people. It's nice that the Hertsmere Community Lottery has been able to give something back to them."

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Written by Bryn Holmes

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ON THE

Written by Bryn Holmes

As we look forward to the 2024/25 football season beginning, let's take a look at some of our local area's biggest teams, their stories, and their identities.

CHORLEYWOOD COMMON YOUTH FC (EST. 1976)

HOME GROUND: The Pavilion Lady Ela Drive, Chorleywood, WD3 5SL

NICKNAME: Various

Having spent 48 years in the village, operating on land leased to them by Three Rivers District Council, CCYFC are a youth-oriented club with a total of 45 youth teams.

This makes the club one of the largest youth sides in the county, with more than 500 young people regularly taking part in their matches.

The club has a real community focus; all coaches and managers are volunteers and parents often give their time to help out.

The club has recently been given

£185,903 of funds from Three Rivers District Council to refurbish their pavillion.

BUSHEY RANGERS FC (EST. 1959)

HOME GROUND: The Moatfield, Bournehall Lane, Bushey, WD23 3JU

NICKNAME: Rangers

Founded in the tail end of the 1950s, Bushey Rangers have been a stalwart local club for many generations. The club has seen a number of major successes over the years, and has been part of the Herts Senior County League since first joining in 1971.

Their home ground, the Moatfield, was once the site of a medieval manor hall called Bournehall. This house had a large moat around it, giving the football pitch its name.

As well as the senior team, Rangers also have youth teams going all the way down to Under 7s. Their clubhouse is the base of many of community sporting events, including tournaments, race nights and parties.



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BELSTONE FC [EST. 1982]

HOME GROUND: The Medburn Ground,
Watling Street, Radlett, WD6 3AB

NICKNAME: Reds/Blacks

Belstone's name comes from the fact that when the club was originally founded, several players came from Belmont Circle and Wealdstone in North West London, merging the two places together.

Having originally played in Wembley, they moved to Radlett in 1992 after being given the use of land there by its owner, Lord Aldenham. Today, they are thriving members of the Herts Senior County League.

The 2023/24 season was a hugely successful year for Belstone; they were crowned worthy champions of the league's highest division, the Premier Division, having won eight of their 10 games and only losing one. They also have numerous youth teams and recently started an Under 14 girls' team for the first time.

ST ALBANS CITY FC [EST. 1908]

HOME GROUND: Clarence Park, 1A Clarence
Road, St Albans, AL1 4NF

NICKNAME: The Saints

A well-established force in the city, the Saints have more than a century's worth of history in St Albans.

They currently play in the sixth tier of English football, the National League South division, and finished in 11th place last season.

The club's highest position in the footballing pyramid was one season in the fifth tier back in 2008/09, but they do have several trophies to their name. They were three-times Isthmian League champs in the 1920s, won a London Senior Cup in 1971, and have secured countless Herts Senior Trophy victories.

With a newly-formed women's side and numerous youth squads, the Saints' have firm local roots. Since 2020, they have been sponsored by much-loved St Albans-born rock band, Enter Shikari.



MORE FROM SIR OLIVER

Sir Oliver Dowden KCB, CBE, Conservative MP for Hertsmere



The new Labour government have set out their law-making agenda for this Parliament and I have grave concerns about the reforms on planning.

Since I was first elected in 2015, I have made protecting our local countryside one of my major priorities for the area. Having grown up enjoying the green spaces in the area, I continue to find great pleasure in our beautiful surroundings, and I know as well as anyone how important it is to secure long-term protections for them.

Here in Hertsmere, we are exceptional in that almost all the borough's undeveloped land is green belt. Sadly, that green belt is now at great risk thanks to the Labour government's major overhaul of planning rules. They have confirmed that they will re-designate large chunks of green belt as grey belt, removing vital and necessary protections in order to build on it.

They have also pledged to reimpose top-down mandatory housing targets which I lobbied so hard to remove. This will mean large new housing quotas for our area.

Power will be removed from local residents, who know best about their area, to object to new developments and it will be placed into the hands of a Labour government who want to build 1.5 million homes by the end of this Parliament. It is proposed



The MP is opposing Labour's new housing plans

that Hertsmere will have to build 959 houses per year, representing more than a 30 per cent increase from the previous targets. This will guarantee destruction of the green belt.

While Hertsmere must do its bit to address the nationwide housing shortage, this must not be at the expense of what makes our area special.

I want to assure you that my top priority continues to be protecting our precious green belt. Whilst Labour won nationally, they did not in Hertsmere, so I will continue to oppose these destructive changes.

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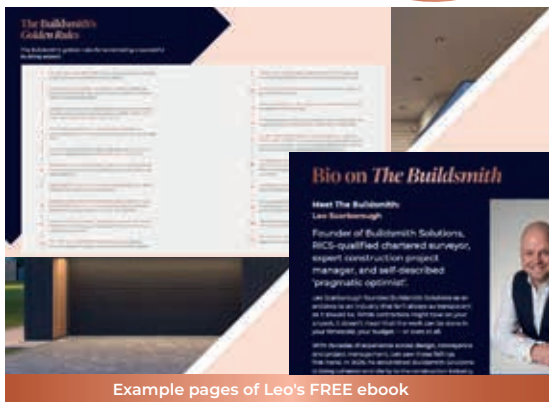
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Theatre to welcome comedians, footballers and music acts

Written by Bryn Holmes

An exciting variety of events is coming to The Radlett Centre this month, from tribute acts to science shows and comedians.

First up, two footballing legends are coming to give talks. On Thursday, September 5, iconic Arsenal defender Tony Adams MBE will chat about his illustrious career. The next evening, Stuart 'Psycho' Pearce MBE will discuss his life on stage.

Several tribute acts will also take to the stage this month, including ELO Again on Saturday, September 7; Hometown Glory – Adele on Thursday, September 19; and Carpenters – Voice of the Heart on Saturday, September 21.

Other professional musicians will also be performing, including the much-loved chorist Aled Jones MBE on Friday, September 13, and Harpenden-born stage singer Elaine Delmar on Sunday, September 15.



The Radlett Centre is hosting a variety of events

Following this, there will be side-splitting stand-up comedy with Live at the Radlett on Friday, September 20, and exciting experiments with Science Museum LIVE on Sunday, September 22.


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News from councillor Jeremy Newmark

Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council



Violence against women and girls

It is now well over a month since the devastating, senseless killings of Carol, Hannah and Louise Hunt in Bushey. The media has moved on. The world has moved on. But here in Hertsmere, my sense is that it is not yet time to move on.

Until we see meaningful action on crossbow control and renewed vigour in opposing male violence against women and girls, it is right that we stand beside the many families who have lost loved ones in such circumstances.

I'm proud of the multi-agency work that the council has led, ensuring that the local community feels safe and confident. But we must address the underlying causes of attacks like this. Over the weeks ahead, I'll be announcing some new initiatives to address violence against women and girls in Hertsmere.

Tackling the roots of unrest

It has been a tough month for community relations. Thankfully, we did not see any disturbances in Hertsmere. However, far-right rallies in North Finchley and Harrow were close to our borders.

As somebody who first got involved with politics to oppose extremism, I am very clear that this kind of shocking behaviour is, at least in part, one of the consequences of a toxic national discourse



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Cllr Newmark recently attended councillor Richard Butler's garden party in aid of his mayoral charities

that includes the demonisation of migrants and refugees. The only way to cut through this poisonous narrative is to create an alternative one. That is why I am proud that here in Hertsmere, all three political group leaders were able to swiftly issue and disseminate a joint statement making it clear that there is no place for hatred in Hertsmere.

Celebrating our local business heroes

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At the last *mylocal*HERO event in 2022, Ondine Achampong was awarded for her exceptional gymnastic achievements. Ondine has collected a slew of medals, including silver at the 2022 World Championships and gold at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Sporting Achiever Award, please send an email to



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Ondine (left) won the Sporting Achiever Award in 2022

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Youth cricket teams celebrate super success

Written by Oliver Sasson

Shenley Village Cricket Club (SVCC) are celebrating their junior players' remarkable achievements.

Three of SVCC's junior teams have reached the county finals, which club chairman Chris Stanley thinks "is the highest success rate for any single club in Hertfordshire".

The U15s fell short to the eventual champions, Letchworth, in the Hertfordshire Cricket League semi-final. SVCC's U14s went one better, reaching the final but losing to Bishop's Stortford.

Following this, director of cricket Kris Nissen was delighted that the U11s went on to see glory as they defeated Hertfordshire giants Harpenden Cricket Club in the final.

The club continues to thrive, in large part due to the commitment of local volunteers.

For a cricket club with such stretched resources, the junior section remains a priority to both the



The victorious Under 11s with their county cup trophy club and community. More successes are no doubt ahead thanks to the effort and commitment given to Hertfordshire's rising stars at SVCC.



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Inspiring painter to exhibit artwork in prestigious hotel

Written by Panayiota Demosthenous

A renowned artist is holding his annual exhibition at The Grove hotel in Watford.

In July 2009, up-and-coming rugby star Henry Fraser's life changed forever. A shocking accident while on holiday with his friends left him paralysed from the neck down.

Now, Henry uses his mouth to paint and write. On September 14 and 15, the artist, author and motivational speaker will return to The Grove to display his astounding artwork for an exhibition titled *Hand to Mouth*. Visitors will also have the chance to win an overnight stay at The Grove, a signed print, a coffee table art book, and a copy of Henry's novel, *The Little Big Things*.

Speaking to **RADLETT**NEWS, Henry said: "This year, I'm doing something different for the exhibition. The pieces will be arranged by background colour, meaning different subject matters will be grouped



This will be the fourth year Henry has showcased his artwork at The Grove



together but be much more visually appealing.

"There will also be new paintings that no one will have seen until the show, as well as videos showing how I painted them."

The exhibition will take place in the Ivory Suite from 10.30am to 6.30pm on the Saturday, and 10.30am to 5.30pm on the Sunday. Entry is free.

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Looking back at Watling Street in the 1950s

Written by Bryn Holmes

This month's historical photo shows the village's central road, Watling Street, as it appeared on March 23, 1956.

'This image illustrates just how much of the street has been preserved into the 21st century'

In most historical images, one is often struck by the differences compared to how the location looks today. However, this image illustrates just how much of the street has been preserved into the 21st century.

The town's war memorial cross and the two buildings in the image remain to this day, though



Looking northward on Watling Street in 1956

serving different purposes. The most noticeable change is the extension added to the side of the building on the right.

In the background are the flint cottages built in 1852 by the Phillimore family. They were constructed to replace derelict farm buildings that once stood on the site.

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Stones off to a mixed start to first season in new league

Written by Bryn Holmes

Belstone FC have kicked off the 2023/24 season and are now playing Step 6 football for the first time in the club's history.

Their fixtures threw up a tough away game against Hillingdon Borough FC. Emile Hohmann was the first player to kick a ball for Belstone at this level but, unfortunately, Belstone went down 2-0.

The club didn't fare much better in their second game away against Brook House. Having gone 1-0 through Harvie Gardener just before half time, Brook House equalised straight after the break and then went on to score their second and claim all three points.

The third game at home against previously unbeaten Holmer Green looked as if it might go the same way, with the away team taking an early lead.

However, Belstone manager Aaron Lincoln shuffled the pack at half-time and a much improved



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Emile Hohmann has been a key player so far this season

second half saw Belstone draw level with a fantastic solo effort from Kaci Henry. An excellent header from Hohmann then clinched Belstone's first win of the season.



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Resident jailed after drunken brawl with officer

Written by Bryn Holmes

This month's Crime Chronicles tells the tale of a man whose night of drunken debauchery resulted in a one-month stint in prison.

On October 28, 1901, PC Melton, usually stationed in Elstree, was on duty near Radlett railway station. At 9.45pm, he saw Radlett resident Samuel Burgess, who was very drunk, ranting and using obscene language.

PC Melton approached Burgess, and several times told him to leave the area. Burgess refused and struck the policeman hard in the chest, knocking him to the floor. He then proceeded to kick PC Melton in the leg.

PC Melton then pulled Burgess to the ground to detain him.

The following morning, Burgess appeared at Watford Petty Sessions charged with being drunk and disorderly and having assaulted a police officer.



The incident took place outside the train station

He was convicted on both counts. It then emerged that the defendant already had 12 prior convictions.

Burgess was sentenced to one month in prison.

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August is traditionally a quiet time for me and the Lieutenancy generally. The Royal Family tend to be in Scotland for the summer, businesses are quiet or closed, as are schools and colleges, and many charities and voluntary organisations experience a quiet month.

'September promises to be extremely busy and I don't have a single free day in my diary'

One event I enjoyed during the month was a visit to the annual cadet camp for the Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Army Cadets at Bassingbourn in the very north of Hertfordshire. Several hundred young people were thoroughly enjoying a week's activities – and all without their mobile phones!

September promises to be extremely busy again and I don't have a single free day in my diary during the month, often with several events on one day.

One event I am particularly looking forward to is the Unity in the Community Day at The Grove on Sunday, September 29, when some 450 people from the local communities of Watford, Three Rivers and Dacorum are invited to meet some 24 local charities



The Lord-Lieutenant visited the annual cadet camp last month

and have a family fun day.

I should point out that this is a ticketed event and admission will be by invitation and ticket only. It will be a great opportunity for local people to experience the beautiful grounds at The Grove and meet so many wonderful local charities.

Autumn also starts the season for awards and presentations and I am looking forward to presenting nine King's Awards for Enterprise, as well as numerous other awards at various ceremonies to the deserving people and businesses in our county.

All in all, a busy few months ahead.



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And finally...

Long-time resident passes away

The family of former Radlett resident Judith (Judy) Cole (née Marsh) has announced her passing at the age of 88.

Judith died peacefully in Devon on Tuesday, August 13. Before she moved down south with her much-loved husband Derek in November 2023, the couple had been long-time Radlett citizens.

Further details will follow regarding funeral arrangements.

Our condolences are with Mr Cole and the rest of Judith's family and friends.

Correction for Aldenham Reservoir article

In an article on page 18 of the August 2024 edition of **RADLETT**NEWS, we incorrectly referred to councillor Dan Ozarow as Deputy Leader of Elstree and Borehamwood Council in an article about Aldenham Reservoir. In fact, cllr Ozarow is the Deputy Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood.

He is also a member of the Save Aldenham Reservoir campaign. It was with regard to this position, rather than his role on the council, that he was approached for comment.

We apologise for this error.

Council launches Befriending Service

Hertfordshire County Council and Mind in Mid Herts have launched a new Befriending Service to support people who have been experiencing suicidal thoughts or have attempted to take their own life.

The service aims to provide immediate support, with both face-to-face and remote help available.

The service can be accessed by self-referral or via a GP referral. Visit www.mindinmidherts.org.uk/befriending-discharge-service to find out more.



A collection of items from last year's fantastic show

Horticultural show returns this month

Radlett Horticultural Society is inviting residents to enjoy the exhibits and colourful displays of competition produce at its annual show.

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The show will take place at Christchurch Vision Hall on Watling Street from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday, September 7.

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