

Newsletter number 3 – July 2020



Welcome to the third newsletter of the Radlett & District Museum, hopefully, you and your families have stayed safe during these difficult times.

The Museum should have been open to the public for over three months by now. Unfortunately, COVID 19 and the resulting restrictions brought an instant halt to the project to fit out the Museum building in preparation for opening in April. Fortunately, Aylett Nurseries completed the landscaping around the building, free of charge, before lockdown and the delay in opening is allowing the shrubs and grass to become established.

Currently the Trustees are poised to resume the fitting out project and replan the opening of the Museum as soon as the official guidance indicates that it is safe to do so. The Trustees have set themselves a target date in October for opening, although it must be said that this date is probably optimistic!

It may be that, when we do open, we will have to operate an appointment system in order to control the number of people in the building at any one time and thus comply with COVID safety procedures. Hopefully, this will only need to be a short-term measure. In any event, full COVID prevention measures, in line with official guidance, will be put in place.

Our initial plan is to open the Museum to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10.00am to noon. There are parking spaces by the Museum (which is situated in the garden behind the Radlett Village Institute) and the building is wheel-chair accessible.

The Museum will offer permanent displays and themed exhibitions (for example of: Schools, Religious establishments, Radlett in the First and Second World Wars, Transport, the High Street, local residents of note, etc) plus recordings and transcripts of interviews with local residents. Off-site exhibitions (“pop ups”), displays and talks will be offered. Educational visits, particularly by local schools, will be encouraged. Regular newsletters and publicity material will be aimed at attracting everyone who is interested in the rich history of Radlett and its surrounding areas.

During lockdown, one of our Trustees, Eric Hill, has published regular articles about the Phillimore family on the Radlett Village Group on Facebook. If you do have access to Facebook, it is well worth looking these up. While Eric has exhausted his immediate stock of such articles, we hope to be able to put together others. Plans are also afoot to arrange a Museum Zoom meeting to which everyone will be welcomed. Watch this space!

Please rest assured that opening arrangements will be publicised as soon as possible. Please look out for the latest Museum news on our website: www.radlettmuseum.com. You may contact us on: info@radlettmuseum.com.

In the meantime, please stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.