



# RADLETT & DISTRICT MUSEUM

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Following a break over Christmas and the New Year and the lifting of COVID restrictions, the Museum is open every Wednesday and Saturday morning from 10.00 until 12.00. It is situated in the rear garden of the Radlett Village Institute.

### OUR DISPLAYS

The main display is a timeline of the development of Radlett, depicted by text and photographs. The second display is 'The Story of our Shops':



Once again, it is depicted by narrative and photographs, plus advertisements.

This will be replaced in mid-March by 'The History of our Green Belt' so, if you have not seen the 'Shops' display, please visit us before then!

In addition to these major displays, there are many other photos, pictures, maps, documents and other objects of interest – all relating to the rich history of Radlett and its surrounding hamlets.

A further display, 'The Queen and Royal Connections' is planned for mid-May.

### PLAQUES

The Trustees are currently considering planting some trees with plaques, as part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy' initiative, to commemorate the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. We are also planning to instal plaques outside local buildings of historical interest. These plaques will be similar to the Blue Plaques seen elsewhere and will refer to the Museum. All plaques will, of course, be installed only with the consent of the relevant landowner.

### FUND-RAISING

A second **Charity Night** at the Abbey Theatre in Holywell Hill, St. Albans, is scheduled to be held on the evening of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The production, 'Goodnight Mr Tom', will be performed by the Company of Ten. More details will be published soon--so please put the date in your diary. All proceeds will go towards the costs of the Museum.

Please also note that, following the success of last year's **Cream Tea Event**, we will be holding a similar event on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July** on the lawn of the Radlett Village Institute. Once again, a date for your diary and further details will be published nearer the time.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Ongoing activities include:

- cataloguing the very many items in our archives;
- interviewing elderly residents for their memories of early Radlett;
- installing shelving to provide more space for objects;
- exploring the opportunities which a social media presence would give us;
- consulting local schools;
- developing our digital offering.

With aid of a generous donation from the Radlett Society & Green Belt Association, we have purchased a professional Laser printer.

## **FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM**

We offer a 'Friends of the Museum' membership for £10 p.a. (£15 per couple) for which you will receive copies of Newsletters, advance notice of events and exhibitions, details of special events and discounted rates.

## **BEQUESTS & LEGACIES**

We also invite you to 'Remember the Museum in your Will'. All such receipts plus donations will go towards the not-inconsiderable running costs.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

All the Trustees are volunteers and are supported by an enthusiastic group of helpers. We welcome more helpers and are particularly keen to attract volunteers with IT skills and to hear from residents of Letchmore Heath, Aldenham, Round Bush and High Cross.

## **WEBSITE**

To find out more information about Radlett's past, please visit our website, which is regularly updated.

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