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At long last the Museum has been able to operate without COVID restrictions. Opening hours continue to be from 10 until 12 on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. If you have not yet visited the Museum, which is situated in the garden of the Village Institute, please do come and see what is on display. The Museum holds a wealth of photos, documents, maps and artefacts relating to Radlett and surrounding areas. The displays are changed regularly.

Apart from the permanent display of the development of Radlett, we have recently also featured “The Story of our Shops”, “The History of our Green Belt” and “Royal Jubilees”. A montage of pictures of Radlett’s own Jubilee celebrations can be found on our website. The current display is “The Story of our Shops”. It has been reinstated as it proved to be so popular. This will be replaced in October by “Places of Worship”.

Fund-raising is a critical activity and is necessary to cover the costs of running the Museum. Two fund-raising events have been held recently: a charity night performance of the play “Goodnight Mister Tom” and a Cream Tea party. The play was performed by The Company of Ten at the Abbey Theatre in St Albans.



The Cream Tea party, which was held in the garden of the Village Institute, was opened by the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor John Graham, accompanied by his wife Barbara. They joined the other guests for home-made scones, jam and cream, cakes, sandwiches and tea and coffee before visiting the Museum.



Both events were enjoyed by everyone and raised much needed funds. Thanks are due to our Trustees and Volunteers, who made and served the fayre at the Cream Tea party, and to the Company of Ten players and Abbey Theatre volunteers who made our theatre night so enjoyable.

The Museum is run by its Trustees, all of whom are unpaid, and supported by a team of volunteers. While Volunteer numbers are sufficient, there is always room for more! In particular, we would welcome volunteers with IT skills and experience of graphic design, education and office administration. Future projects include erecting plaques on local buildings of historical interest, recording reminiscences from local residents, researching famous Radlett inhabitants and liaising with local schools about visits. Contributions to these and other projects would be very welcome. We would also welcome more objects of local relevance to display in the Museum. Do you have an ARP helmet that we could borrow?

A get-together of our Volunteers will be held on 2 October, as a “Thank You” for their contributions to date and a discussion on future activities. Invitations will be issued shortly.

Ros Haller took over as Chairperson from Stuart Nagler earlier in the year. Stuart had held the post from the outset and it is through his vision and tireless leadership that the Museum is where it is today – a case of “from cardboard boxes to a purpose-built and fully-fitted out cabin”. Stuart does, however, remain a Trustee thus continuing to provide his vast local knowledge and experience.

Our Secretary, Eric Hill, has handed over his secretarial responsibilities to Cherrie Chester. Eric will now concentrate on enhancing the Museum’s Social Media presence. He set up a Facebook page in February and this can be found here:
www.facebook.com/RadlettAndDistrictMuseum.

Regular historical articles and updates on Museum activities continue to be published in the monthly “RADLETTnews” magazine. Please do keep a look out for these and log in to our website (www.radlettmuseum.com) for our latest news. Also, we may be contacted on info@radlettmuseum.com.