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Despite miserable weather and a clash with the Wimbledon tennis men's final, our **Cream Tea Party** in July was deemed a success. There were 75 attendees and much needed funds were raised towards the Museum's operating costs. Thirty of the attendees visited the Museum, of whom many were first-time visitors.

In September we held a third **Charity Night** at the Abbey Theatre in St Albans. The event, which was shared with the St Albans branch of the Special Olympics organisation, was a performance of "**The Weekend**" – a play written by Sir Michael Palin and performed by The Company of Ten. We outsold our allocation of tickets but were kindly passed some more by the Special Olympics team. A good time was had by all and, once again, much needed funds were raised towards operating costs.

As reported in our last newsletter, three **Museum Plaques** have been erected on local buildings of historical interest – The Red Lion Hotel, the Flint Cottages and the World War II Report Centre on the edge of Scrubbitts Wood. More information about these buildings is available on leaflets in the

Museum. Three further plaques are in the process of being produced and should be erected before Christmas.

Unfortunately the very hot summer weather was too much for three of our **shrubs around the Museum's cabin**. Ayletts Nursery came to the rescue and provided replacements free of charge. The groundstaff of Aldenham Parish Council very kindly planted the new shrubs.



We continue to refresh the displays in the Museum. The permanent **Timeline Display**, tracing the development of Radlett, has been updated and is being reproduced in a glossier and more durable version. It should be in place by the late autumn.

Our latest display, featuring the **Radlett Murder** which occurred 200 years ago, is now in place. The murder made national headlines and concluded with a public execution!



This year has been a bumper year for our fund-raising efforts. Next year will not be so productive as we can only be awarded a Charity Night at the Abbey Theatre in alternate years, if we are lucky, and our Quiz Supper, hosted by Matt Lucas earlier in the year, was a one-off.

As an entirely voluntary organisation, we rely on grants, donations and fund-raising events to keep going. Consequently we are increasing our drive to attract **Legacies**. If you wish to make a monetary donation in your will, please contact us (see contact details below) and we will, in the strictest confidence, advise you of the process.

We now have an established board of trustees, supported by a team of volunteers but we would welcome more.

We are particularly looking to diversify and attract people from the outer areas of Radlett and those with up-to-date I.T. and Marketing skills and experience. Please contact any of our trustees or email us on info@radlettmuseum.com if you would like to become involved.

The Museum is located in the rear garden of the Radlett Village Institute,
on the corner of Watling Street and Theobald Street

Address: 413A Watling Street, Radlett Herts WD7 7JG

Our opening hours are 10 to 12 on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Entry and parking are free.

Please visit the Museum website: www.radlettmuseum.com for the latest information.

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