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Our research and display team of Trustees and Volunteers has been busy recently so that we now have, in addition to our permanent timeline showing the development of Radlett and surrounding areas, the following **exhibitions**:

- **'What's in a Name'** which explores the origin of some of the names of roads and places in our area.
- **100th Anniversary of the Oakway Parade**, which focuses on some of the shops, with pictures, which have operated in the Parade over the years.
- A celebration of the **125th anniversary of Porter's Park Golf Club** featuring photos, facts and a pair of larger-than-life mannequins of a lady and gentleman golfers – complete with clubs and dressed in clothes of a bygone age. We are fortunate to have the mannequins, which were sculpted by local resident **Juliette Anthony**, on loan from the Club.

These displays complement the many photos, pictures, maps, documents and artefacts in the Museum. Do come and visit us but make it soon, before we replace the Oakway Parade display.

Also, you may be able to add to our **'What's in a Name'** display. The Museum may be found in the rear garden of the **Radlett Village Institute**, which is on the corner of Watling Street and Theobald Street, Radlett. Opening hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 to 12.

We held our fourth **Cream Tea Party** from 3.30 to 5.30 on Sunday 7th July, at the Vision Hall, Radlett. As this year marks the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of **Hertsmere Borough Council**, who provide valuable support for the Museum, we setup a small display in recognition. This has been moved to the Museum itself, where it can be found beside the entrance.

Plaques on local buildings of Historical Importance:

This summer, our total in Radlett will reach 9, with the addition of:

Oakway Parade of Shops [built 1924]

Congregational Church [built 1933]

Radlett Post Office [built 1934]

Existing plaques may be seen at

in Watling Street [5]:

- **Red Lion Hotel**
- **Flint Cottages**
- **Radlett Village Institute**
- **The Railway Inn**
[now a restaurant, Storia]

- **Radlett Village Hall,**
now the Radlett United Synagogue

in Gills Hill:

- **The World War II Civil Defence Reporting Centre**

We regret that the planned Sponsored Walk around Aldenham Country Park, planned for Sunday 15th September, has had to be postponed until 2025, when we hope to have sufficient volunteers to assist with staging the event.

While we are well supported by our team of Volunteers, but we can never have enough! We would particularly welcome people from the outer areas of Aldenham Civil Parish, current and ex-teachers and those with up-to-date IT and Marketing skills. We are reaching out to local schools and teaching experience would be invaluable.

If you would like to help us, please contact any of our Trustees or email us on info@radlettmuseum.com

Our postal address is 413A Watling Street, Radlett, WD7 7JG.

As an entirely voluntary organisation, we rely on our 'Friends' group plus grants, donations and fund-raising events in order to fund our operation.

We also need to attract Legacies. If you wish to become a 'Friend of the Museum' and/or to make a voluntary donation in your will, please contact us as above.

Since 2022, we have had our own Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/RadlettAndDistrictMuseum>

To date, well over 200 Posts about local history in Radlett have been submitted. You do not need a Facebook account to scroll through the many interesting Posts.

If you have a Facebook account, it's possible to search by word using the search term, e.g. put in 'shops' or 'schools' and any relevant Posts are pulled up.

And don't forget to check us out on-line at:

www.radlettmuseum.com

for the latest news from the Museum.

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