



NEWSLETTER NUMBER 14 – APRIL 2025

Welcome to the Museum's Spring newsletter. We continue to be busy in our efforts to offer our visitors, Friends and community engaging and interactive collections, insights and stories into the recent and past history of Radlett and surrounding villages. Our varied displays and full events programme are designed to appeal to all ages.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:



Our display of photos and memorabilia of the much-loved **Cat and Fiddle pub** is bringing back memories and raising a smile for many of our visitors. Please pop into the museum if you would like to add your personal reminiscences to our record.

Our local **natural resources** display is also proving popular alongside the permanent **Radlett Timeline** display.



In November we welcomed visits from the **Radlett Rainbows** and **Brownies** as part of the award of their Girlguiding interest badges, this year the Local History badge.

St John's School also visited us as part of their remembrance themed school activities and learned about some of the veterans commemorated on our War Memorial, and why we seek to record and preserve the past.



December saw us hosting a **Festive Crafting Fair** for nursery and primary school age children (and their parents and grandparents) with tables for pebble painting, making seasonal cards, table decorations and for the really adventurous, basket weaving. Teas, coffees, squash, mince pies, biscuits fuelled the making of personalised gifts.



Watch out for the **12 historical plaques** displayed on Radlett buildings. Here is an example of one in our red Museum livery. Get in touch and we can tell you where to find the others. Perhaps a Follow the Plaque trail for a local Spring or Summer walk?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

As we head into the Spring and Summer months, we have an exciting programme of events which we would be delighted if you could join us for:

1st Saturday in the month from March to August - colouring for young children. 10am-12pm In the Museum. Next morning 5th April.

30th April – Friends' event in the Museum. Afternoon tea with reminiscences from Friends and local residents. 2.30-4.30pm. Please book in advance as places are limited events@radlettmuseum.com.

June and July - Exhibition on life in the Parish of Aldenham during WW2, including Secrets & Spies, Beam Benders, Victoria Cross winners and the life of UK and US military stationed forces. In the Aphorp Gallery at The Radlett Centre with supplemental displays in the museum through to 2025.

7th and 8th June - Museum open 10am-4pm each day to coincide with the Radlett Art Society Summer Exhibition. The Museum will have a WW2 display

10th June - An evening of intrigue with celebrated speaker, Michael Kushner talking about infamous WW2 double agent Eddy Chapman and his connections with Manor Lodge, De Havilland and local points of interest. 7.30-9.30pm. Vision Hall, Radlett. Light refreshments included. Ticketed event. Please contact events@radlettmuseum.com

Our research and display teams regularly refresh our collections and exhibitions. We are seeking to obtain Accreditation from the Arts Council which will support our continued growth and collaboration with other museums.

BE PART OF OUR STORY:

The Museum can be found behind the Village Institute on the corner of Watling St and Theobald St. Free Entrance and Free Parking
Pop in and see us. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

We continue to invite further Volunteers to help in the Museum and at events

We invite you to be a Friend of the Museum by annual donation or by legacy. For our latest news log onto www.radlettmuseum.com and www.facebook.com/RadlettAndDistrictMuseum. We continue to be grateful for the support we receive from Hertsmere Borough Council and Aldenham Parish Council.

**RADLETT & DISTRICT
MUSEUM**
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An exhibition to commemorate 80 years since VE Day, including memories of civilian life and secret operations in the parish during World War II—the Home Guard, Civil Defence, the Armed Forces, voluntary organisations, the war effort, the 'Beam Benders', local heroes, Radlett Aerodrome.
APTHORP GALLERY, RADLETT CENTRE 2nd June-31st July
Admission: free entrance



Supplementary display of secret RAF activity in Radlett in the Museum.

Open Wed and Sat, 10.00am-12noon
413a Watling Street WD7 7JG
(behind Radlett Village Institute)
Free Parking. Admission: free



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TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 7.30PM-9.30PM
VISION HALL CHRISTCHURCH
WATLING STREET RADLETT WD7 7JJ

RADM invite you to an evening of intrigue and spymaster strategies, as acclaimed speaker Michael Kushner shares stories about the secret life of infamous WW2 double agent Eddy Chapman and his connections to Manor Lodge and De Havilland

Curious to find out more? Apply for tickets to events@radlettmuseum.com or call into the Museum (behind the Village Institute) Open Wed and Sat, 10.00am-12noon. All ages welcome

£10 in advance.£12 on the door. Light refreshments.

