



Newsletter Number 15 - July 2025

Welcome to the museum's Summer 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:

We have run and are running a series of events to reflect on and commemorate 80 years since VE Day including:

Until 31st July



World War 2 Exhibition at The Radlett Centre

A current exhibition display of WW2 of photos, memories and accounts of civilian life and secret operations in the Radlett area, including the War Effort, Local Heroes, Civil Defence, the Home Guard, the Armed Forces and the RAF 'Beam Benders'. The Exhibition is in the Apthorp Gallery in

the Radlett Centre until 31st July (with additional displays and information in the museum itself). Entrance is free and suitable for all ages.

"A fascinating exhibition. We were most interested to learn about Radlett's history in the war."

"Thank you for preserving all these memories of Radlett when it was just a small community."

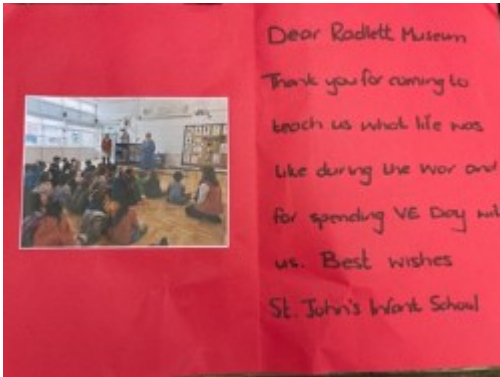
"Very informative – had lots of info never aware of before."



Michael Kushner Presentation about WW2 Double Agent, Eddie Chapman

An evening of intrigue and spymaster strategies with acclaimed speaker Michael Kushner presenting insights on the secret life of infamous WW2 double agent, Eddie Chapman (aka Agent Zig Zag) and his local connections to Manor Lodge and De Havilland. More than 90 guests joined us in the Vision Hall and enjoyed an entertaining evening of fascinating insights followed by refreshments.

"The speaker was excellent, his PowerPoint presentation was of a high order and it was fascinating - and almost unbelievable."



VE Day Visit to St John's School

We visited St John's School on 8th May as part of their VE Day remembrance-themed school activities. Our account of the realities of rationing and the spirit of Digging for Victory captured the imaginations of Years 1 and 2 with creative ration recipes and songs.

Radlett Reminiscences Afternoon

April saw us hosting our first quarterly Radlett Reminiscences afternoon with great conversation over tea and cake. Our next Reminiscences afternoon is on 6th August with Nigel Rogers, ex-proprietor of 'Top Hat' Antiques in the village and a very active member of the then Radlett Light Opera Society.

Aldenham Prep School Museum Visit

In June we welcomed a visit in the museum from Aldenham Prep School. Our 'Then and Now' photos of Watling Street, our 12 historical plaques series, the collection of Cat and Fiddle cats and our ever-popular Radlett timeline were of particular interest. Our guests were the first to try out our touchscreen display of photographs, which are being digitised from the museum's collection by volunteers. We are most grateful to Aldenham Parish Council, which provided us with the funds to purchase the display screen and a new computer.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

We have an exciting programme of events for the Summer and early Autumn which we would be delighted if you could join us for:

1st Saturday in the month till August – colouring for young children. Free in the museum. 10 am to 12 noon. Next session 2nd August.

July – Exhibition on life during WW2, with photos memories and accounts of civilian life and secret operations in the Radlett area. Including Secrets & Spies, the RAF ‘Beam Benders’, Victoria Cross recipients and civil defence. In the Apthorp Gallery at The Radlett Centre, with supplementary displays in the museum through to the end of 2025.

6th August: Radlett Reminiscences with local residents. 2.30 to 4.30 pm in the museum. Must book. Friends get priority. Contact events@radlettmuseum.com.

31st August: By popular demand, Stuart Nagler is leading another of his Watling Street Walks. It will take place whatever the weather between 10 am and 12 noon. Price £10. Book with r.nagler@btinternet.com.

BE PART OF OUR STORY:

The museum can be found behind the Village Institute on the corner of Watling Street and Theobald Street. 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.

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