



## Newsletter Number 17 - December 2025

Welcome to the museum's Winter newsletter and our final one of 2025. We continue to be busy in our efforts to offer our visitors, Friends and community engaging and interactive collections, insights and stories about the recent and past history of Radlett and surrounding villages. Our varied displays and full events programme are designed to appeal to all ages.

*Since the introduction of permit parking at the Village Institute, we have experienced a fall in visitor numbers. **We continue to have free parking at the museum.** Visitors and volunteers simply need to enter their car registration on the key pad in the museum when they visit. We are having signs printed to clarify the position but please remember that **parking is free.***

We are delighted to have had so many of you join us for the full programme of events we have run this Autumn and early Winter season:

- Our 'Lest We Forget' exhibition commemorating WW2 moved from the Apthorp Gallery in The Radlett Centre into the Museum in November and continues to be enjoyed by visitors. The display will end this month but we have a booklet in the museum which records our research to date on the stories behind the names on Aldenham Parish's war memorials.

- In mid-November we opened our doors to eager students from two classes from St Johns Infant School for two engaging and interactive talks hosted by two of our trustees, Stuart Nagler and Karen Kendrick. As well as its focus on local life during WW2, our young visitors enjoyed looking around the museum artefacts and were particularly taken by our photo timeline and collection of china cats from The Cat and Fiddle pub.



- Over 100 RADM supporters joined us at The Abbey Theatre, St Albans on 13th November for our charity performance of the much-loved play "It's A Wonderful Life". We thank the Abbey Theatre and the Company of Ten for inviting us to partner them and also thank you for your support for making the evening such a success.

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*Theatre Night Fundraising Event*

**8pm Thursday 13th November 2025**  
(Doors open 7.30pm)  
Abbey Theatre, Holywell Hill,  
St Albans AL1 2DL

**All seats £15**  
Raffle, Bar, Tea & Coffee available  
Parking: at Westminster Lodge, behind the Theatre  
[Parkopedia evening rate: £2]

ABBEY THEATRE ST ALBANS  
*It's a Wonderful Life*  
Adapted by Mary Elliott Nelson  
Based on the classic Christmas film

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For Nursery & Primary school-aged children accompanied by an adult

**Activities to include:**  
CARD MAKING - FESTIVE GIFTS  
CRAFTING - TABLE DECORATIONS

£7 per child £3 per accompanying adult  
(to include up to 4 activities and refreshments)

VENUE: Radlett Lawn Tennis & Squash Club  
425 Watling Street WD7 7JG (free parking)

**ARTS & CRAFTS AFTERNOON**  
**SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER**  
**2.30-4.30pm**

- On 6th December, we hosted our annual Festive Arts and Crafts afternoon for primary and nursery aged children. Our excited young guests spent the afternoon weaving, sewing, sticking and colouring keepsakes and presents fuelled by biscuits and squash with accompanying parents and grandparents enjoying teas, coffees and mince pies. Thank you to the Radlett Lawn Tennis & Squash Club for allowing us to use their club facilities.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



We invite volunteers to join us in the museum on **20<sup>th</sup> December, 10 am to 12 noon** for a festive celebration and chat over coffee and mince pies.

Please note that the museum will be closed for the festive season from **21<sup>st</sup> December 2025, reopening on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (10 am to 12 noon).**

We have an exciting programme of events for the 2026 at which we would be delighted if you could join us, including:

- 1st Saturday in the month** – Colouring for young children  
Free in the museum - 10 am to 12 noon
- 19<sup>th</sup> January – end July 2026: new display in the museum**

***'Radlett and the Railway'***

- **12<sup>th</sup> January – end February** – *What's In A Name* display in the Apthorp Gallery, The Radlett Centre.
- **26<sup>th</sup> January** – AGM at 2 pm upstairs in The Vision Hall, Christ Church, Watling Street, followed by our annual Volunteers' Tea. More details of the latter to follow.
- **11<sup>th</sup> February** – Afternoon tea in the museum with reminiscences on the railway led by Michael Vila. 2.30-4.30 pm. Tickets £5 each. Contact a museum trustee for more information or email [events@radlettmuseum.com](mailto:events@radlettmuseum.com).
- **3<sup>rd</sup> March** – *A Tale of "The Cat and Fiddle", a Radlett Institution* by former landlord Dominic Ingram at The Vision Hall, Watling Street at 8 pm. Tickets £10 each.

## **BE PART OF OUR STORY**

Visit us on the corner of Watling Street and Theobald Street, just behind the Radlett Village Institute WD7 7JG. Free Admission to all, wheelchair access.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MUSEUM CONTINUES TO OFFER ITS VISITORS.**

## **FREE PARKING**

To qualify, on arrival, just enter your car registration on our key pad inside the museum

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 also welcome you to be a Friend of the museum by annual donation or support us with a legacy.

For our latest news, find us online at [radlettmuseum.com](http://radlettmuseum.com) and [www.facebook.com/RadlettAndDistrictMuseum](https://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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