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We now have a display of photos and memorabilia of the **Cat and Fiddle**, Radlett's famous old pub. It closed in 2019 but we were fortunate to be given permission by the developers to salvage items of interest for display purposes. There is a book in the Museum for visitors to record their memories of "The Cat". This display supplements our permanent timeline of the history of Radlett and replaces the displays featuring the 125th anniversary of Porter's Park Golf Club and the 100th anniversary of the development of the Oakway Parade.



Our **"What's in a Name"** exhibition, which explores the origin of some of the names of roads and places in our area, is due to be replaced in October by one focussing on the geology, geography and trade and industry of the area.

So, as you can see, with the hard work of our research and display team, we are constantly refreshing our exhibitions. These efforts will be enhanced if we can obtain **Accreditation** from the Arts Council. This has been applied for and, if successful, we will join the ranks of nationally recognised museums. We hope this will open the doors for growth and facilitate cooperation with other museums. Even if you have already visited us, do come again and relive recent and past history.

We duly held our fourth **Cream Tea Party** at the Vision Hall in July. We hosted two **Visits** from the Radlett University of the Third Age (U3A) Local History group and a visit from pupils Newberries School earlier in the Summer. We are due to host the Radlett Rainbows and Brownies in November. On 1st December we are holding an **Arts and Crafts afternoon** for accompanied youngsters in the Radlett Village Institute. Activities will be aimed at nursery and primary school children and will include pebble-painting, making table decorations and creating seasonal cards. Accompanying adults will be offered mince pies and a cup of tea. The Museum will also be open.

A further three **Plaques** will soon be on display outside local buildings of historical interest. Fact sheets for the original six plaques are available in the Museum.

John Apthorp, the President of the Museum, sadly died in July. Born in London in 1935, he lived in Radlett from 1964 building up his businesses of Bejam Frozen Foods and Majestic Wine. His philanthropic giving brought an OBE in 1998, which was raised to a CBE in 2014, and earned him the Freedom of the Parish of Aldenham in 2018. His charitable giving to so many local charities and community groups has helped them to get started and thrive. Without John's generosity, it would not have been possible to have set up the Museum as a stand-alone enterprise; He will be sadly missed.

We continue to seek further **Volunteers** who can add specific skills in the areas of I.T., Marketing and Education. If you would like to help us, please contact any of our Trustees or email us on info@radlettmuseum.com. If you wish to join our "**Friends of the Museum**" group and/or make a voluntary contribution to the Museum in your will, please contact us as above.

For our latest news, don't forget to log into 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.

