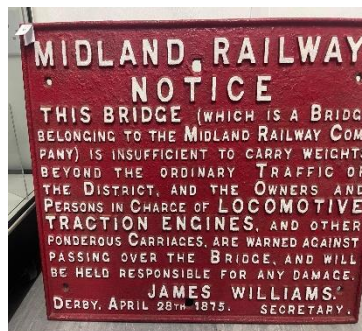


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Welcome to the museum's Spring newsletter. We look forward to welcoming our visitors, friends and community to enjoy our engaging and interactive collections, insights and stories into the recent and past history of Radlett and surrounding villages. Our varied displays and full events programme are designed to appeal to all ages.

Our "What's in a Name" exhibition in the Apthorp Gallery at The Radlett Centre of pictures and origins of street names from Aldenham Parish has been enjoyed by visitors during February and March. We hope to run further exhibitions in the Apthorp Gallery.



Our latest exhibition, "Radlett and the Railway", on the history and impact of the railway in Radlett, has been on display in the museum since January. Come and see for yourself how the laying down of the London Midland line transformed Radlett from what was a primarily agricultural settlement to the thriving village it is today.

On 11th February, our community of Friends and supporters enjoyed a talk on the same subject, “**Radlett and the Railway**”, presented by local railway expert and enthusiast, Michael Vila. Conversations and reminiscences continued through the afternoon over a delicious tea.

Come by the museum to enjoy the exhibition for yourself. We are open Wednesday and Saturdays mornings 10am -12pm.



On 3rd March, over 100 RADM supporters from near and far joined us at The Vision Hall, Christ Church for a lively talk by Dominic Ingram (the former landlord of The Cat & Fiddle pub) about his “**Life in Pubs**”. Colourful storytelling and the sharing of fond memories of this once iconic Radlett institution were the order of the night.

Big News!

The museum, open since 2020, has recently achieved accreditation from Arts Council England, with the result that we now have national recognition within the heritage sector. We are aiming to move to larger premises in Radlett to enable us to expand our displays and exhibits and to welcome more visitors. A possible site has been identified and a development team is being put in place, but the trustees will be seeking additional funding to make it work. We will be promoting fundraising activities and seeking grants and donations from local businesses and residents over the next few months. The museum will continue to be open as usual until we move. Further information about our plans will soon be available and if you would like to know more and get involved, please contact us via [_info@radlettmuseum.com](mailto:info@radlettmuseum.com). We do hope that you will support us as we take this big next step in the development of our local museum.

FREE PARKING

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 have had signs printed to clarify the position but please remember that **although parking is free, you must register your vehicle to avoid a fine.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

- **1st Saturday in the month** – Colouring for young children. Free in the museum. 10am to 12noon.
- **21st April, 2.30 to 4.30pm** – Walk and Talk on Radlett's railway station buildings with Chris Langdon. Meet and finish at the museum, including a walk to Radlett Station. The walk will take about 1½ hours and will involve walking up and down hill and climbing steps. We will finish with tea at the museum. Limited number of places available, with donations requested, rather than a fixed charge for this event. Please contact events@radlettmuseum.com.
- **Ongoing until end July** – “Radlett and the Railway” display in the museum.

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. Free parking (you just need to register your car registration on the key pad in the museum when you visit).

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.

In particular, we need to find a new secretary to the board of trustees from the end of this year. If you can help us, please contact us by email at info@radlettmuseum.com.

We invite you to be a Friend of the museum by annual donation or by legacy.

For our latest news log on to 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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