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Editorial

I don't know why we bothered going all the way to Australia for our holiday, the weather since we returned has been fantastic, long may it continue, certainly I hope well into my favourite month of May. This month is a real tonic to the system with long light evenings after warm sunny days and the countryside looking its best. It makes you want to get out and enjoy the orchards and blossom decked lanes while they are still fresh and unspoilt. If you share this urge we list plenty of organised walks you can join in our diary, or of course, you can just take off and do your own thing. This is the beauty of our British countryside, we have unrestricted access over much of the land through our footpaths network. I had not appreciated how fortunate we are to be able to find a walk over farmland or through woods in most villages until I visited other countries where access is strictly limited to a few specially constructed paths. Walking is certainly the best way to appreciate the delights of our spring flowers, there are few better sights than a bluebell wood in May.

Our front cover picture last month prompted many readers to search their memories and enjoy sharing tales of days gone by. If you are interested in family history a roadshow from the Kent Family History Society is to tour the Medway Libraries throughout the summer. Members of the Medway branch will attend the appropriate venue each Saturday to give advice, guidance and information, so whether you are a beginner or have already traced much of your family tree make a note of the dates - you never know what gems of information you may uncover.

Another snippet of information in our pages this month offers you absolutely free of charge the chance to attend a Bite Size course on a wide variety of subjects. The only qualification is that you must be over 16 years of age. So if you have often wondered just how you surf the Internet or what happens at a reflexology class now is your chance to find out. The courses are being run by the Kent & Medway Learning Skills Council and are being offered across the county.

If you are finding you have time on your hands we include several appeals for assistance this month. These include Home Start (helping young families), MASH (the asthma group), and the chance to help

prisoners on the Isle of Sheppey by joining the Independent Monitoring Board. Should any of this interest you do read on to find the details of these and much more in our pages.

Meanwhile have a very good month until June when we will be with you again.

Correspondence

FAIR VIEW COMMUNITY DAY

Dear Editor,

I would like to invite your readers to Community Day at Fair View Community Junior School, Drewery Drive, Wigmore, on 21st May from 2.00 to 4.30pm.

Everyone will receive a warm welcome from our children, staff and governors. Throughout the afternoon there will be displays, performances and exhibitions by the many users of the school facilities, so do feel free to drop in, have a cup of tea and see some of the many things that help make our school a vibrant part of your community.

Yours sincerely
Hilary White
Chair of Governors
01634 231618

BREDHURST ROAD

Dear Editor,

I was very interested to see the cover picture of Bredhurst Road in the April issue of Action Forum. It was taken approximately 300 yards from Woodside, looking southeast towards Fairview.

I moved to Bredhurst Road with my parents when I was seven years old, I am now ninety and living in Bredhurst but have some very happy memories of life as a child in the sparsely populated area of Wigmore.

Unfortunately, I do not recognise the people in the picture though it is quite possible I may have known them.

Thank you very much for my monthly Action Forum which my wife and I enjoy so very much.

Sincerely yours
Philip Hales
Blind Lane, Bredhurst

Editor: Thank you to all our readers who responded to our plea for information about the April front cover picture of Bredhurst Road. Almost unanimously you agree the photograph was taken about 300 yards up the road from Woodside looking towards Fairview Avenue. It was a long shot that anyone would be able to identify the people as the reproduction was not brilliant. However, three families believe it could be them. Relatives of Mr and Mrs Ongley, who lived in the house just out of shot on the left hand side, think it is them with their daughter Lily who is now 84 years old. Another suggestion is that the couple are Mr and Mrs Bill Morley with their son Ray who will be 80 this year and still lives in the area. Finally I have received a very interesting letter from Richard Murr

who thinks the group could be his grandparents Alf and Marjorie Murr with his father Maurice. Whatever the true identity of the family group I know the picture has initiated many fond memories for all concerned and I do thank you all for sharing these with us.

EAST HOATH WOOD

Dear Editor,

I initially refrained from commenting on Freddie Cooper's article on the assumption that somebody with more local knowledge than myself would be able to provide the definitive story. Unfortunately, the letter in the April issue is only partly correct.

When we came to live in Hempstead in 1966 the north end of Hempstead Road, i.e. from Star Lane, was called Scrubs or possibly Scrubbs Lane, in fact the double-b spelling is given in both Kelly's Directory (1965 and other years) and a contemporary street map in my possession. Interestingly, Kelly's situated Scrubbs Lane in Wigmore.

Mr Welfare appears to have confused Spekes Bottom, which is the area to the west of Star Lane leaving Hempstead, with the non-existent Scrubbs Bottom.

All of which brings us back to the likelihood that the triangular piece of land bounded by Hoath Lane, Hempstead Road and Hospital Hill was called 'The Scrubs' (or 'The Scrubbs'!).

Yours sincerely
Bruce Smith
20 Hinton Crescent
Hempstead

GAS SHOWROOMS

Dear Editor,

A little late, but I write with regard to your picture on the front of the March edition of Action Forum of the old gas showroom/Manor Farm Restaurant. What a sad loss for Rainham. A beautiful handsome building converted to an eyesore. Upsets me every time I pass it. No doubt you have had many letters in the same vein.

Thank you for Action Forum.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Jill Collin

HOME START

Dear Editor,

Home Start Medway is a voluntary organisation committed to promoting the welfare of families with at least one child under five years of age. Volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to families under stress in their own homes, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown.

We are writing to ask whether any of your readers are able to offer support to a family in the Medway area. Home-Start volunteers come from all walks of life. They have experience of parenting under fives and understand the problems of family life and want to use their experience and natural skills to help others. If they are able to attend a free preparation course (one day a week for nine weeks) starting on 8th May 2003, and are able to spare two to three hours per week to visit a family in their own home, could they contact the Home-Start Medway office.

We are also looking for people to join our management committee. The committee currently comprises professionals from public services and individuals from the Medway community. Our main requirement is that you have an interest in the well being of families. Experience in the support and supervision of staff or in finance or business, would be helpful. The management committee are a friendly group who meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm to oversee the running of the scheme, making decisions regarding policy, staffing and financial matters.

If your readers are interested in either of the above could they please contact the Home-Start Medway office on 01634 570717.

Yours faithfully
Sue Hockley
Admin Co-ordinator

40th BIRTHDAY

We are planning a 40th birthday party, in June, for our daughter, Joanne Dalton, and would like to hear from any school friends or hers to make it a real 'do' (Rainham School for Girls).

Anyone who remembers Joanne please get in touch (01634 362110).

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Diary 2003

Keeper: Mrs Christine Smith
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- May 3rd – Bredhurst Village Cabaret Night, 7.15pm, Village Hall. Tickets £7 adults £3 children from 268544. Proceeds to Bredhurst Primary School.
- May 3rd – Countryside Event, talk 'Foxes', 2.00pm, Capstone Farm Country Park. £1.70 per person. Book in advance 812196.
- May 3rd – HF Walk. 10.15am, West Malling long stay car park (opp The Bull). Packed lunch, 5.5 miles.
- May 5th – Instep Dancing, Social Dance, Rainham School for Girls. Ballroom Latin/Sequence, 8.00 to 11.00pm. Details 363738.
- May 3rd-5th – Stall & Refreshments at Knowlers Nursery, 143 Berengrave Lane, 10.00am to 4.00pm. In aid of CARE Hand in Hand Appeal.
- May 4th – Countryside Event, Wood Turning, Riverside Country Park, 10.00am to 4.00pm.
- May 4th – Medway Towns Footpath Group, 10.00am, Tenterden Rail Station. Dogs on leads. 6 miles.
- May 6th – Floral Art Group. Blossom Time, a petite arrangement. United Reformed Church Hall, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7.30 to 9.00pm. Details 234734.
- May 7th – Rainham Horticultural Society, 7.30pm, Berengrove Cricket Club House, Berengrave Lane. Mr G. Johnson 'Kent an Unusual View'. Ring 387176 for details.
- May 8th – Wigmore Thursday Club. Countdown, 2.00pm, St Matthew's Community Centre, all over 50s welcome. Details 235507.
- May 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 16th, 17th – Rainham Theatrical Society. 'Saving Ardley' by Tudor Gates. Tickets £5 from 360506 (9am-8pm weekdays).
- May 8th-17th – Medway Little Theatre present 'Chicken Soup with Barley' by Arnold Wesker,

- 7.30pm. Box Office 400322.
- May 10th – City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra, Central Theatre, Chatham, 7.30pm. Overture Verdi Nabucco, Four Last Songs Richard Strauss. Box Office 403868.
- May 10th – HF Walk. 10.30am, Riverside Country Park, Rainham. Packed lunch. 7 miles.
- May 10th – St Matthews Roof and Renew Appeal Race Night. 7.00pm, St Matthew's Community Centre, Drewery Drive, Wigmore. Tickets £6 adults, £2 accompanied children including supper. Details 235056.
- May 10th-11th – CARE Stall at Knowlers Nursery (see 3rd May).
- May 10th-11th – Countryside Event Garden Festival, 10.00am to 5.00pm, Cozenton Park. Admission free. Details 332498.
- May 11th – Medway Towns Footpath Group. 2.00pm, Wye Church. No dogs. 6 miles.
- May 11th – Wigmore Men's Fellowship & St Matthew's Church Roof and Renew Appeal. Race Night at St Matthew's Community Centre, 7.00pm. Tickets £6 from 235056 or 370722 include supper, BYOD.
- May 12th – Wigmore WRVS Darby & Joan Club, Howard Hall, Woodside. 2.00 to 4.00pm, all over 50s welcome. Details 362662.
- May 13th – Gillingham & District Fuchsia & Pelargonium Society. Talk: Dick Hampshire, 7.30pm, Rainham School for Girls. Ring 362683 for details.
- May 13th – Wigmore Men's Fellowship. Robot Wars, Chatham Grammar School for Girls, 8.00pm. All welcome. Details 364818.
- May 13th – Rainham Evening Machine Knitters Club, 8.00 to 10.00pm, Red Cross, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. Details 862673.
- May 13th – Medway Antique & Collectors' Club, 8.00pm, St George Hotel, New Road, Chatham. Mr A. Moore, 'Silversmithing from Idea to Item'. Ring 365861 for details.
- May 14th – Medway Camcorder Club. Visit by Tonbridge Club. Ring 371570 for details.
- May 14th – Bredhurst Women's Institute, 7.30pm, Bredhurst Village Hall. Resolutions. Ring 232617 for details.

- May 14th – Rainham Flower Club. 7.30 to 9.30pm, Upchurch Village Hall. Demonstration: Tony Cleaver 'The Final Curtain Falls'. Ring 362123 for details.
- May 14th – Medway Evacuees Reunion Group, 1pm to 4pm, Riverside Indoor Bowling Green, Dock Road, Chatham. Non-members welcome. Details 814922.
- May 15th – Wigmore Thursday Club. Vicki Harris 'Putting my Book to Bed' (see 8th May).
- May 15th – Rainham (Afternoon) Women's Institute, Resolutions Meeting, 1.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Wakeley Road, Rainham. Details 372479.
- May 16th – Gillingham Recorded Music Society, 7.15 to 9.15pm, St Augustine's Church Room (top of Rock Avenue), Gillingham.
- May 17th-18th – CARE Stall at Knowlers Nursery (see 3rd May).
- May 17th-18th – Countryside Event Garden Festival (see 10th May).
- May 17th – HF Walk. 10.15am, Penenden Heath car park, packed lunch, 6 miles.
- May 17th – Instep Dancing (see 3rd May).
- May 18th – Medway Towns Footpath Group. 2.30pm, Gypsy Corner Clowes Wood, Chestfield. Dogs on leads. 5 miles.
- May 19th – Rainham Evening Women's Institute. Resolutions, 7.30pm, Platters Farm Lodge, Highfield Road, Rainham. Ring 231554 for details.
- May 19th – Wigmore WRVS Darby & Joan Club (see 12th May).
- May 20th – Floral Art Group, 'Springtime Walk', a landscape (see 6th May).
- May 21st – Bredhurst Garden Club. Mr Robin Walton 'Hop Farming in Kent', 8.00pm, Bredhurst Village Hall. Details 233554.
- May 21st – Wigmore Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, 1.45 to 4.15pm, Howard Memorial Hall, Woodside. Details 360222.
- May 21st – Fair View Community Day, 2.00 to 4.30pm at the Junior School, Drewery Drive, Wigmore. Details 231618.
- May 22nd – Medway Towns Footpath Group. AGM, Millennium Hall, Rainham, 7.30pm.
- May 22nd – Britain and the EU The Facts, Presentation by John Rose, 8.00pm, Howard

- Memorial Hall, Woodside. Admission free.
- May 23rd – Countryside Event, Summer Bird Watching Cruise, £13 payable in advance, 378987.
- May 23rd – Medway Geographical Society, AGM, 7.30 to 9.00pm, Adult Education Centre, Green Street, Gillingham.
- May 24th-26th – CARE Stall at Knowlers Nursery (see 3rd May).
- May 24th – Plant Sale, Macklands House, Station Road, Rainham, 10.30am.
- May 24th – Medway Towns Footpath Group. Barn Dance, Community Centre, Bearsted, 7.30pm. Bring your own food and drink.
- May 25th – Medway Towns Footpath Group. 10.00am, Luddesdown Church car park. Dogs on leads. 5 miles.
- May 25th – Countryside Event. Walk in Woods at Capstone, 10.00am to 12 noon. £1.60 per person. Book in advance 812196.
- May 26th – Countryside Event. Morning Bird Walk, 6.00 to 8.00am, Riverside, £1.60 per person payable in advance 378987.
- May 27th – Wigmore Men's Fellowship. Country Walk. Ring 235507 for details.
- May 27th – Rainham Evening Machine Knitters Club (see 13th May).
- May 28th – Medway Camcorder Club. One Minute Film Competition. Medway Motor Yacht Club, Borstal, 7.30pm. Details 371570.
- May 28th – Countryside Event. Children's Nature Day at Riverside, 10.30am to 12.30pm. £1.60 per child aged 5-12 years (under 8 must be accompanied by an adult). Book 378987.
- May 29th – Rainham & District Dollshouse Group, 7.30pm, St Thomas of Canterbury Church Hall. Details from 312038.
- May 29th – Countryside Event. Children's Nature Day at Capstone, 10.00am to 12 noon. Book 812196 (see 28th May).
- May 29th – Wigmore Thursday Club. Service, Sales Stall and Singalong (see 8th May).
- May 29th-31st – Medway Little Theatre present Youth Company 'Gregory's Girl' by Gerald Cole, 7.30pm. Box Office 400322.

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Correspondence

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ROOF & RENEW
APPEAL

Dear Editor,

Fund raising for St Matthew's Church Roof & Renew Appeal continues and currently almost £526,000 has been raised towards the target of £767,000.

Our next event is a **Race Night** being held on Saturday 10th May at 7pm at St Matthew's Community Centre, Drewery Drive, Wigmore. This will be a great fun evening for the whole family. Tickets are £6 for adults and £2 for accompanied children, including supper.

On 21st June we shall be welcoming **Kent Chamber Choir** for a concert at 7.30pm in St Matthew's Church, Wigmore. Tickets are £5 and £4 for concessions.

Not to be missed is the third **Wigmore Gardens Weekend** on 28th and 29th June when 20 gardens in the area will be open at various times throughout the weekend. Admission to the gardens is by programme price £5.

Tickets and programmes for all events are available from Peter Hagger **01634 235056**.

Yours sincerely
Peter Hagger

LOCAL DARTS PLAYER

Dear Editor,

I wonder if any reader can help me identify a recipient of a local Darts award, the final was staged in the Co-op Hall, Rainham, probably in the 1950s. I am trying to find information about my Uncle Jack Woollett who lived in Saunders Street, Gillingham, and was always off playing darts or cards somewhere. If anyone remembers him (I think he may have been in the photo which appeared on the front cover of November 1998 Action Forum second from the left next to Tom Kitney) please contact me via Action Forum. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely
Ms J. McEvoy

CONCERT BY RAINHAM THEATRICAL
SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE
THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S
CORONATION Saturday 31st May
at St Margaret's Church, 7.30pm

Following the success of last year's concert the RaTS are returning to St Margaret's Church with a brand new concert to celebrate the Queen's dedication to the country and Commonwealth. The concert will culminate in a rousing 'Last Night at the Proms' finale featuring Mrs Marie Sumner.

I am interested to hear any memories the residents of Rainham may have about Coronation Day and of the celebrations that took place in Rainham. It is hoped to incorporate some of the memories into the concert. So if you can remember what you did on Coronation Day or have any photos/press cuttings please give me a call on **01634 374183**.

Tickets for the concert are £5 and are on sale on the door or by phoning **01634 374183**. Don't forget to bring your Union Jack to the concert!

Dean Caston
RaTS Chairman & Concert Co-ordinator

BREDHURST VILLAGE CABARET NIGHT
Saturday 3rd May 2003, 7.15 for 7.30pm
at Bredhurst Village Hall

A variety show, with a wide variety of talented performers, on the two themes of 'Pop Music through the Years' and 'The Magic of Disney and West End Musicals'. Tickets £7 adults and £3 children from June Cox 268544. This price includes a choice of wine or beer, all soft drinks, buffet and sweets for the children.

All proceeds from this event will go to Bredhurst Primary School, to assist with refurbishment of the new buildings.

PLANT SALE

A sale of plants with refreshments available at Macklands House on Saturday 24th May, 10.30am. Macklands House is situated towards the bottom of Station Road just before Ellison Way. Plenty of bargains to brighten up your garden.

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Nature Notes

NATURE NOTES FOR APRIL

This month's nature notes come from the Isle of Sheppey, in particular, Queenborough and the Isle of Elmley. Queenborough has an attractive High Street which is lined with Georgian buildings, including a charming former town hall. It also has a small harbour which is home to a few fishing and cockling boats. The whole of the Isle of Elmley, with the adjacent Spitend, now has the status of a National Nature Reserve.

Prior to the last outbreak of Dutch elm disease in the 1970s many churchyards were surrounded by elm trees and those trees often supported a rookery. Today the sounds of rooks at their nests in Spring can be heard in relatively few churchyards. The one attached to the 14th century church of Holy Trinity, Queenborough, is one of those few. A small colony of rooks build their nests in its four horse chestnut trees.

Rooks are among the first birds to breed and they do so in order to obtain earthworms for their young before the soil dries out and hardens in the heat of Summer. The marshes around Queenborough provide a good supply of worms and this no doubt explains why the rooks return each year to the churchyard.

In the country as a whole rooks are these days perhaps more commonly to be seen feeding beside motorways where they search for insects swept onto the hard shoulder by passing traffic. They can also be found scrounging for scraps of discarded food at motorway service areas where they can be surprisingly tame and bold.

Queenborough also supports a large colony of jackdaws which nest in the chimneys of the many old houses in the town. The birds can often be seen with their cousins the rooks feeding on the surrounding marshes. The jackdaw is a real character. On the ground it walks with a strutting gait. It appears to be cocky and clever, a 'Jack-the-lad' of the bird world. In the air the jackdaw exploits the air currents in spectacular displays of acrobatic flight.

The National Nature Reserve of the Isle of Elmley constitutes the largest area of coastal grazing marsh in

the South East of England. It is home to one of the biggest concentrations of breeding waders in lowland Britain including lapwing, redshank and oyster catcher. The reserve lies to the east of the A249 and birds can be observed alongside the bumpy track leading to the car park (with toilets) at King's Hill Farm.

Lapwings are familiar and much loved birds of the English countryside. In Winter they congregate in flocks and, in the air, can be distinguished by their slow wing beats and ragged flight formation. As many as 5,000 lapwing can be found in Winter on Elmley. In early Spring the flocks break up and the display flight of the male, competing for a mate, is one of the delights of the new season. The male flies up into the air and then twists and tumbles towards the ground, calling as he does so, only to rise again and repeat the manoeuvre.

The lapwing's nest consists of little more than a shallow scrape in the ground in an open area giving a good view of potential predators. If you should see a solitary lapwing circling in the Spring air above Elmley it is most probably a male keeping a lookout for the female sitting on her nest below him.

Joe Ennis

PRISONS ON ISLE OF SHEPPEY NEED VOLUNTEERS

A unique opportunity for personal development as a member of the independent watchdog

Have you ever wondered what it is really like behind the walls of one of the three prisons on the Isle of Sheppey? If so, a rare opportunity has arisen for individuals to play a role in one of the establishments – as a member of the independent watchdog called an **Independent Monitoring Board**.

'Quite simply, members are the eyes and ears of the Home Secretary and the public,' says Peter Hagger, Chairman of the Board at Elmley Prison.

Board members have access to the prison at any time and are able to visit all areas of the establishment including the workshops, kitchens and accommodation. Members must be satisfied inmates are treated humanely, the premises are kept in order and that the administration of the prison is carried out correctly by staff.

The varied and interesting work of Board members, all volunteers, takes up equal time to about two or three days a month.

On the Isle of Sheppey all the prisons (Elmley, Standford Hill and Swaleside) currently have vacancies for Board members. Each prison deals with a different type of prisoner. Elmley is the local prison for Kent and holds all those on remand from the Kent courts, newly sentenced and mainly short sentence prisoners. Standford Hill is an open prison and houses low risk prisoners. Swaleside tends to house prisoners who are serving medium to long sentences, including a number serving life sentences.

Peter Hagger believes that membership of an Independent Monitoring Board offers a unique personal development opportunity for members: 'Where else are you required to tune your interpersonal skills to such a degree so as to enable you to understand a stressful environment, and to deal with the needs of prisoners and concerns of staff while maintaining your independence. In addition, it is a valuable and essential role in the community.'

Applications are now being invited from people from all walks of life, irrespective of gender, social and ethnic background, or age – although they should be at least 18-years-old. Applicants will have the opportunity to look around the prison before being interviewed for the role and, if successful, are appointed by the Home Secretary.

If you are interested in finding out more about membership of an Independent Monitoring Board, please contact Peter Hagger – 01634 235056.

KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Kent FHS (Medway) are staging Family History Roadshows in all the local libraries through the summer. They will be at our libraries during normal opening hours on the following dates:

Gillingham 13th-17th May 01634 250640

Wigmore 10th-14th June 01634 235576

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FOUR GUN FIELD

The residents in the area of Four Gun Field, Otterham Quay Lane, are united in their opposition to the proposed building materials reprocessing site planned for the field. The residents have joined into one action group to campaign against this industrial use of the land. They plan to concentrate on one activity to ensure that Four Gun Field is developed in a manner acceptable to both the residents of the area and the owners of the land. A public meeting is being organised (probably 13th June) to hear all views. Details nearer the time from Andrew Mota, 01634 377138.

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May 30th-June 2nd - Flower Festival 'A Celebration of Community Life' to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, St Margaret's Church, Rainham, 10.00am to 4.00pm (except Sunday morning). Refreshments provided. Ring Ann Gray 372680 for details.
May 31st - CARE Stall at Knowlers Nursery (see 3rd May).
May 31st - HF Walk. 10.30am, Sole Street Station. Packed lunch. 7 miles.
May 31st - Medway Towns Footpath Group. 10.30am, Faversham Rail Station. Dogs on leads. 10 miles.
May 31st - Concert to celebrate 50 years of the Queen's Coronation by the RATS Concert Party, St Margaret's Church, Rainham, 8.00pm. £5.00 per person (at the door). Refreshments after the performance. Ring Ann Gray 372680 for details.
May 31st - New Exhibition, Rainham Bookshop Gallery.
June 1st - Family Service to celebrate 50th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, St Margaret's Church, Rainham. 10.30am. All welcome.
June 3rd - Floral Art Group. 'June is busting out all over' (see 6th May).
June 4th - Rainham Horticultural Society, 'Soil, do we need to feed?' Mr S Horley (see 7th May).

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June 7th - Countryside Event. Talk on Badgers, Capstone Farm Country Park, 2.00pm. £1.70 per person. Book 812196.
June 7th & 8th - Flames of Creation Art & Craft Exhibition, Millennium Centre, Rainham.
June 8th - Medway Towns Footpath Group, 10.30am, Lenham Village. Dogs on leads. 5 miles.
June 9th - Countryside Event. Evening Nature Ramble. 6.00 to 8.00pm around Riverside. £1.60 per person, book 378987.
June 10th - Medway Antique & Collectors' Club, 'Doulton & the Craftsmen Potter Movement'. Mr David Sandon (see 13th May).
June 10th - Rainham Evening Machine Knitters Club (see 13th May).
June 10th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group. West Malling car park, left after Bear Pub, 7.00pm. Dogs on lead. 4.5 miles.
June 10th - Gillingham & District Fuchsia & Pelargonium Society, Rainham School for Girls, 7.30pm. Show preparation and Fuchsia folklore - Bob Chislett. Details 362683.
June 11th - Medway Camcorder Club. Talk & Demo by Amplex Video of Sevenoaks (see 14th May).
June 11th - Countryside Event. Ladies Walk at Capstone, 10.00am to 12 noon. £1.60 per person, book 812196.
June 11th - Bredhurst Women's Institute, 'History of Hempstead', Mr Bird (see 14th May).
June 11th - Rainham Flower Club. Workshop (see 14th May).
June 11th-14th - The Kentish Players present 'Jesus Christ Superstar' by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, 7.30pm, Central Theatre, Chatham (Sat matinee 2.30pm). Box Office 406271.
June 14th - Instep Dancing (see 3rd May).
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