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LOWER RAINHAM

Dear Editor,

I was interested to see Stan Randall's articles in back issues of Action Forum showed to me by a relative when we visited London for Christmas this year. My mother was born in Islington, London, but through family circumstances eventually came to live (at the age of 6 or 7 years old in 1911/1912) with William and Emily Randall who became her foster parents. She grew up living at Rose Cottage on the

corner of Sharps Green Lane and Lower Rainham Road. Her step-sister was Gertrude, who later lived in a bungalow, Hazeldene, on Lower Rainham Road opposite Bay Tree Villa, the home of Uncle Edmund Randall who lived there with his spinster daughters Myra and Doris. I spent a lot of my youth at Rose Cottage and helping my grandparents with their fruit farming at Mariners and the Apple Orchard on the corner of Twydall Lane opposite Rose Cottage.

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Editorial

I have just realised that this is the four hundredth edition of Action Forum having been started by Hamish Mackay Miller in March 1969. The original idea was to publicise the work of the Rainham Help the Needy Committee. This was a time when printing was undergoing a major revolution and becoming a much quicker and cheaper process. Hamish soon realised that all the effort that was going into collecting advertising, producing and distributing a one-off leaflet could quite easily be harnessed to produce a regular monthly free newsletter – he claims the original ‘free newspaper’ so now you know who to blame! The whole area was expanding rapidly with new homes being occupied every week. Action Forum seemed an excellent way to welcome newcomers to the area and inform them of local services and activities. The original print run of 10,000 doubled by 1989 to the 20,000 we now distribute each month. The revenue received from advertising pays for the typesetting, paper and printing and for a short while the distribution. This experiment was not entirely satisfactory, however, and after a few years we reverted to our loyal band of volunteer distributors, donating the money saved to various charities. The Kajiado District Development Trust, a charity funding water, education and health projects in Kenya, St Margaret’s Church, Rainham and St Matthew’s Church, Wigmore, have been the principal beneficiaries. The sum donated now exceeds £6,500. Our aim remains the same – to keep residents informed about local matters. To achieve this, of course, we rely on you to feed us the copy. We are not journalists – we do not go out looking for news or writing stories. (Incidentally, at this point may I just mention that we do not print articles that are submitted anonymously, contact details can be withheld from publication, if requested, but we need to know the origin of all material.) We hope to encourage a good community feeling and this is helped enormously by readers’ reminiscences of the past. Thank you, everyone who has helped Action Forum in any way during the past 36 years and particularly to Christine Smith who has been compiling our diary since March 1972, issue number 33. Here’s to the next 400 editions.

I was interested in a snippet of information given

to me by Freddie Cooper in response to the ‘Tree Sales’ items we have been including. Apparently the fruit growers of Rainham and Newington had to get their crops to Rainham Station (then called Rainham & Newington) for the 4.00pm train each day in order to reach Newcastle market the next morning. Newcastle often achieved a better price than Covent Garden so was obviously preferred. In the days of horse and cart transport this was difficult for many growers to the east of Rainham and the farmers therefore paid for a station to be built at Newington. Fruit must have been a very valuable crop to be worth such expense.

The sun is shining, the bluebells are magnificent, this is a fantastic time of year so do get outside and enjoy the wonderful Spring days and have a good month until we see you again in June.

Correspondence

RAINHAM BOUNDARY
Dear Editor,

The correspondence concerning the Rainham boundaries prompted me to look again at our collection of old maps of the area. Working around the much discussed western boundary, I ended up assembling the full set of 25" to the mile Ordnance Survey maps for the period 1880 to 1938 covering the area from Wigmore to Mierscourt (or Meres Court, as it was).

With regard to Stephen Peatfield’s letter, references to Milton are last seen on the 1897 map, but there is a long gap to the next in 1933.

Terry Higgins and Philip Cole mention the War Department boundary stones, and the 1938 map clearly shows the original positions of these with their numbers. The boundary does indeed include Levan Strice Woods, and the nearest boundary stone lay just to the north of Grain Road.

Copies of these splendid maps are readily available through ourselves, and visitors are welcome to examine the selection we hold here.

Yours faithfully,
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WIGMORE GARDENS WEEKEND
Dear Editor,

I would like to invite your readers to the fourth bi-annual Wigmore Gardens Weekend, held over 18th/19th June 2005. Fourteen very different gardens will be open at various times for people to wander around and enjoy. There will be many different items for sale in most gardens including plants and refreshments and excellent lunches are provided.

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contact me on 01634 387328. The proceeds from the event will go towards St Matthew’s Church to improve its facilities for the local community.

Paul Bellerby
Gardens Co-ordinator

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I will be offering 8 lessons again this Autumn, from 10.00 to 12 noon on Thursday mornings, viz the last two in September; the first two in October; and all 4 Thursdays in November. Cost £40 for the course. Telephone Derek Bendle 364531.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service to celebrate the Women’s World Day of Prayer which was cancelled in March, will now be held on Friday June 10th 2005, 7.30pm, at the St Thomas’ Roman Catholic Church, Rainham. The theme is ‘Let Our Light Shine’, and the speaker will be Mrs Jenny Matthews. We look forward to seeing you there.

FIRST STEPS MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Other Mother, Baby and Toddler Group ‘First Steps’ was started 25 years ago this September. We would like to celebrate with members past and present. Were you a leader, member or child with memories to share? We hope to put a display in St Margaret’s Church, celebrate with a thanksgiving service on 4th September, 10.30am, plus have an open afternoon on 16th September, 1.30 to 3.00pm in the Millennium Centre.

Please contact Frances on 387342 or Jeanette on 364945 with any information, memories, photos etc. which will help make this a truly joyful occasion.

MEDWAY OPERA VICTORIAN SOIREE

Medway Opera will be participating in the Dickens Festival by presenting a Victorian Soiree in the Queens Hall at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, on June 3rd 2005. Tickets are £7.00 and can be obtained from Linda Semens on 01634 403444, The Visitors Centre, Rochester High Street, or at the door

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- May 7th – Countryside Event, Sounds of Spring, 6am, Motney Hill, Rainham, £2.10 per person. Book in advance 378987.
- May 7th – Countryside Event, Low Tide Day, 2.00 to 5.00pm, Riverside Country Park.
- May 8th – Medway Towns Footpath Group. Meet 10.30am, Lower Upnor public car park. 4.5 mile walk. No dogs. Contact no. 01634 364377.
- May 8th – Countryside Event, Capstone Woodland Walk, 10.00am to 12 noon/ £2.10 per person. Book in advance 812196.
- May 8th – Countryside Event, Woodturners at Work, 11.00am to 4.00pm, Riverside Country Park.
- May 9th – Rainham Wives. Talk – ‘Titanic’. 8.00pm, Methodist Church Hall, Wakeley Road, Rainham. New members always welcome. Details from Sue 230639.
- May 10th – Upchurch WI. Resolution Meeting. Meet Upchurch Village Hall.
- May 10th – Rainham Evening Machine Knitting Club. 8.00 to 10.00pm, Red Cross Centre, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. Contact no. 862673.
- May 10th – Medway Antique & Collectors Club. Ms Pat Mortlock. ‘Elizabeth – Queen or Goddess’. 7.30 for 8.00pm, St George Hotel, New Road, Chatham. Details 365861.
- May 11th – Rainham Flower Club. Dem & Dine Gala Evening – Ticket only. 7.30pm, Upchurch Village Hall. Contact no. 01634 374448 or 01322 662524.
- May 11th – Bredhurst WI. No Speaker – Bake and Take. Resolutions. 7.30pm, Bredhurst Village Hall. Contact no. 232617 or 374644.
- May 11th – Medway Camcorder Club. Cheap, cheerful and effective lighting. 7.30pm, Medway Motor Yacht Club, Medway Bridge Marina, Manor Lane, Borstal, Rochester.

- May 11th – Medway Evacuees Reunion Group. 1.30 to 4.30pm, Millennium Centre, Rainham. New members welcome, details from Jean Simmons 814922.
- May 12th – Rainham & Wigmore Retired Civil Servants Fellowship. 2.00pm, The Methodist Church Hall, Station Road, Rainham. Social Activities: Beetle Drives, Quizzes and Bingo.
- May 12th, 13th & 14th – Three Towns Theatre present Concert – ‘Broadway and Beyond’. Well known songs from films and stage. In aid of Kent Air Ambulance. 7.30pm, and Saturday 3.00pm. Oak Theatre, Woodlands School, Gillingham. Tickets £6 on 08707 743482. (May not be suitable for children.)
- May 14th – Medway Folk Dance Club. Meet 7.30 to 10.00pm. United Reformed Church Hall, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. Contact no. 366189 or 388546. New or experienced dancers welcome, with or without a partner.
- May 14th – Mantissa Opera ‘The Marriage of Figaro’, 7.30pm, Gillingham Methodist Church, Third Avenue. Tickets £12 (cons £9) including refreshments. Details from 575842.
- May 14th – City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7.30pm, Central Theatre, Chatham. Tickets £8 from 404977.
- May 14th to 15th – Medway’s Garden Festival, 10.00am to 5.00pm, Cozenton Park, Bloors Lane.
- May 15th to 21st – Christian Aid House to House collection. ‘Make Poverty History’.
- May 15th – Medway Towns Footpath Group. Meet 2.30pm, Farningham Village Church. 6 mile walk. No dogs. Contact no. 01732 841433.
- May 16th – Rainham Wives. Beetle Drive. (see 9th May)

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- May 16th – Rainham Evening WI. Resolutions – Competition: Holland. 7.30pm, Platters Farm Lodge, Highfield Road, Rainham. Contact no. 362908.
- May 17th – The RSPB Medway Group – Talk. 7.45pm, Strood Library.
- May 17th – Gillingham Horticultural Society. Floral Art Group. Grinling Gibbons plaque – workshop with Carol and Pat W. 7.30pm, United Reformed Church Hall, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. Contact no. 01634 234734.
- May 18th – Rochester & West Kent Art Society. Thomas Collette-White. Slide show on Botticelli. 7.30pm, The Brook Theatre, Chatham. Contact no. 01634 233053.
- May 18th – Bredhurst Garden Club. Mr Trevor Tooth – Illustrated Talk: Design Ideas for a Garden. 8.00pm, Bredhurst Village Hall.
- May 18th – Bring & Buy Sale, 13 Guardian Court. 10.00am to 12 noon, in aid of Christian Aid.
- May 19th – Rainham Afternoon WI. Resolutions meeting with Mary Clarke. 1.45pm, Methodist Church Hall, Wakeley Road, Rainham.
- May 19th – Wigmore Thursday Club. A Surprise. 2.00pm, St Matthew’s Community Centre, Drewery Drive, Wigmore. For people over the age of 50. For further information telephone 235507.
- May 19th – Coffee Morning, St Margaret’s Church, 10.00am to 12 noon. Proceeds for Christian Aid.
- May 19th – 1st Wigmore Brownies 70th Anniversary Celebration. All ex-Brownies, Guiders and Helpers very welcome. 6.30 to 8.30pm, Junior School Hall, Fairview School. Details Norma Teather 233173.
- May 19th-21st & 26th-28th – Oasthouse Theatre present ‘Blithe Spirit’. Box Office 233660.
- May 20th – Gillingham Recorded Music Society. AGM and music from Committee Choice. 7.15 to 9.15pm, St Augustine’s Church Room (top of Rock Avenue), Gillingham. Contact no. 852905.
- May 20th – Fair View Schools PTA Ladies Night. Doors open 7.00pm, Entry £3.00. First 50 people receive goody bag. Various therapists available for mini-treatments at very reasonable prices. Details Julie Porter 01634 379043.
- May 21st – Coffee Morning, Rainham Methodist Church Hall. 10.00am to 12 noon. Proceeds for Christian Aid.

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- May 21st-22nd – Medway’s Garden Festival. 10.00am to 5.00pm, Cozenton Park, Bloors Lane, Rainham.
- May 21st-27th – Adult Learners Week. Free activities. Ring 338400 for details.
- May 22nd – Medway Towns Footpath Group. Meet 10.00am, George Inn, Newnham (car park nearby or pub car park if booking lunch). 5-5½ mile walk. No dogs. Contact no. 01634 581647.
- May 23rd – Rainham Wives. Recipe Sample & Swap. Bring & Buy. (see 9th May)
- May 24th – Rainham Evening Machine Knitting Club. (see 10th May)
- May 25th – Medway Camcorder Club. Filming projects. (see 11th May)
- May 26th – Wigmore Thursday Club. Service & Informal. (see 19th May)
- May 26th – Rainham & Wigmore Retired Civil Servants Fellowship. (see 12th May)
- May 27th – The Medway Geographical Society. AGM followed by Fall Colours – Canada & USA – Miss C. Cohen. 7.30 to 9.00pm. Adult Education Centre, Green Street, Gillingham.
- May 28th – Instep Dancing. (see 14th May)
- May 28th – Gillingham Horticultural Society ‘PLANT SALE’. The Potting Shed, Woodlands Road Allotments. 10.00am to 3.00pm. Come early for the bargains. Plants – raffle – refreshments – chat.
- May 28th – Medway Folk Dance Club. (see 14th May)
- May 29th – Medway Towns Footpath Group. Meet 10.00am, Wouldham Recreation Ground. mile walk. Packed lunch. No dogs. Contact no. 01634 331027.
- May 29th – Cozenton Nursery Sale. 10.00am to 2.00pm, Riverside Country Park.
- May 30th – Countryside Event. Wildflowers, children’s nature day. 10.00am to 12 noon and 1.00 to 3.00pm, Capstone Farm Country Park. £2.10 per child (5-12 years). Book in advance 812196.

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Correspondence

LOWER RAINHAM From page 1

I remember many characters, in particular Alan Fry, the Cuckoo family and many people who lived at Alfred's Place and St John's Place, Charley Finey and his son Maurice and several of the Harrison family who were big farmers in the area.

My grandfather, William Randall, died in November 1949 – he was diabetic which caused him to go blind in his later years. One winter's morning – probably in 1947 which was a very hard winter with prolonged heavy snow, I recall – I was taking my grandfather for a walk at Sharps Green when we came across an elderly man lying in the snow clutching a 12-bore shotgun. Although I had never seen a dead person before, I was quite sure that the man was no longer alive. He appeared to have fallen on his shotgun because blood from a cut or wound on his face was still seeping into the snow. There was no one else around and I was quite frightened. I told my grandfather about the man and he asked me to describe the man to him, which I did as best I could. Immediately, my grandfather said he thought the man was 'old Charlie Edwards'. Grandfather said he would wait with the body while I ran up the lane to Lower Rainham to get help. A man on a bicycle came along and he eventually managed to get the police who must have contacted a doctor. It turned out that the man was Charlie Edwards but by the time the doctor came, I had walked my grandfather back to his home at Rose Cottage. I was about 11 years old at the time, I think, and nearly 60 years later I can picture that sad scene as if it had happened yesterday.

Even after 40 years living in Asia I still have a keen interest and fondness for Lower Rainham and I love revisiting Sharps Green, Twydall and Eastcourt, Twydall Primary School and Gillingham Grammar

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School where I studied before entering the army. The Three Mariners pub is another favourite. I used to go to Sunday School at the Twydall Mission Church at Sharps Green (where my mother played the organ when she was a young girl) and I also sang in the choir there for several years. Sadly it was burned to the ground by vandals many years ago.

Yours sincerely,
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From the Parish Magazine of St Margaret's Church, Rainham, March 1874.

'As a matter of local history, and without entering into any political discussion as to the merits or demerits of the rival candidates, it may be well to put on record that Rainham was a polling place for the first time at the General Election of 1874. The poll was taken at the Infant School on Wednesday, February 11th. There were about 250 voters on the register, in the division, of whom 192 voted – the great majority, probably in favour of Sir Henry Tufton, whose local influence is so considerable. The Liberal head-quarters were at the White Horse, the Conservatives at the Lion.'

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NATURE NOTES FOR APRIL

'Oh, to be in England
Now that April's there.'

'Home-Thoughts, from Abroad' by Robert Browning,
1812-1889.

The grounds of Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, contain a wide variety of habitats – woods, river, lakes, parkland and gardens. They are therefore a good place at which to witness the changes in the seasons. In early April my wife and I visited the grounds of the castle in search of the signs of Spring.

As we approached the car park of the castle grounds we could see a large flock of jackdaws twisting and turning in the air above some ancient oak and sweet chestnut trees. Jackdaws are superb flyers and can often be seen playing spectacular aerial games over buildings, woods or cliffs, especially when air currents can be exploited.

Jackdaws are social birds that roost, nest and feed as part of a group. At places like Leeds Castle, where they get used to people, they can be quite tame, even cocky. The Leeds jackdaws were beginning to nest, at the time of our visit, in trees on the estate and in the walls of the castle. We were told by one of the stewards that grey squirrels attempting to take the eggs or young of jackdaws nesting in the old trees are quickly seen off by the parents and any other birds of the group that are attracted to the inevitable commotion.

Banks of white and light blue anemones were in bloom as we walked through the Wood Garden and alongside the little River Len. These were clearly a garden variety but wild wood anemones were also flowering, as were lesser celandines, primroses, king cups and milkmaids.

Swathes of daffodils could be seen throughout the grounds. There was an impressive display under a group of beech and horse chestnut trees just before we reached the gate house of the castle. The leaves of the horse chestnut trees had burst from their buds by early April.

About thirty mute swans could be seen at Leeds, either on the moat around the castle or on the Great

Water which feeds the moat. Since the 12th century all unmarked mute swans on open water have been owned by the Crown. In practice the Queen, as Seignior of the Swans, claims ownership only of those on certain parts of the Thames and its tributaries, where she shares ownership with two of the ancient livery companies, the Vintners and the Dyers. The Abbotsbury Swannery in Dorset, the home of the largest colony of mute swans in the world, was granted a royal right to own swans in Tudor times.

The mute swan is Britain's largest native species of bird. Like the jackdaw, the mute swans at Leeds were beginning to nest at the time of our visit. Although the males in a colony coexist fairly happily in Winter, in the breeding season they can become quite aggressive towards each other. A skirmish is inevitable if a male swan swims determinedly in the direction of another male with its neck drawn back and its wings arched above its back.

There were a number of sand martins hawking for insects above the Great Water. The bird is among the earliest of the summer visitors to arrive in this country. It is smaller than the swallow and house martin and is weaker in flight. It typically feeds low over water with frequent tight twists and turns. The sand martin has earthy brown upper feathers with white under parts and nests colonially in holes in sand or gravel banks. The nearest colony to Leeds is probably in the sand pits at Ryarsh and those birds seen over the Great Water would be merely passing through.

We could hear the songs of a chaffinch and a missel thrush as we headed for the Culpepper Garden. It consists of flower beds on an informal pattern within low box hedges as borders. It is a very English garden. In bloom in early April were tulips, primulas, forget-me-nots and honesty, among other flowers. By contrast, the Lady Baillie Garden has an Italian atmosphere. The brick walls of the garden enclose sun traps in which certain Mediterranean and subtropical plants flourish. The flowers of mahonia, euphorbia and hellebore, among other plants, were out during our visit.

From the Lady Baillie Garden we had a view across the Great Water to the parkland beyond in which lambs were bleating for their mothers. One or

two swallows had joined the sand martins in their search for insects above the water. A bitterly cold wind was ruffling the surface of the lake and I wondered whether there were many insects about for the newly arrived summer migrants. The missel thrush, also known as the storm cock, was still singing in the face of the wind. A black shower cloud hung ominously above Maidstone. Oh, to be in England now that April's here!

Joe Ennis

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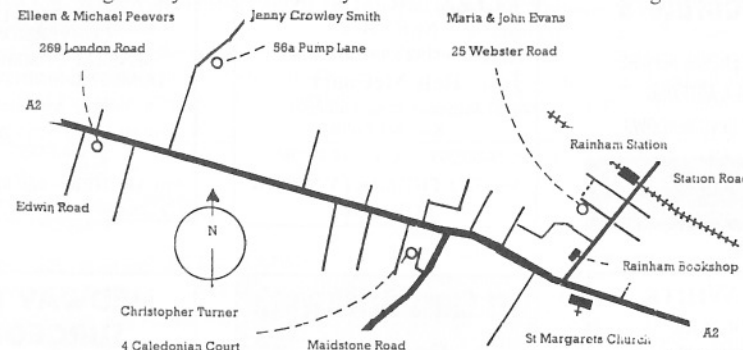
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We all remember the film in the 1960s that launched Mark Lester and Jack Wilde to childhood fame in the roles of Oliver and the Artful Dodger and with those unforgettable musical numbers 'As Long As He Needs Me', 'Food Glorious Food', 'Who Will Buy' and 'Oom Pah Pah' it's surely not to be missed!

Performances from Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th June 2005. 2.30pm Saturday matinee, 7.30pm nightly at the Central Theatre, Chatham. Tickets priced from £7.50. Box Office: 01634 406271.

has over twenty contributors this year but it is those five local to Rainham who particularly invite you to see their wares. All five studios will be open on Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th and Monday 20th from 11am to 5pm. They will also be open at other times but you will have to examine the SEOS brochure that lists all the Kent entries. This brochure will be available from mid May from the Rainham Bookshop, Rainham and Wigmore Libraries and the Adult Education Centre, Rochester.

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