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This photograph was taken in September 2007 when work was underway renewing the frontage of Jacksons Estate Agents at the corner of Rainham High Street and Orchard Street. Looking in various Kelly's Directories I find the shop now numbered 76, High Street listed as empty in 1908, Miss Mary Maria Lane shopkeeper in 1926 and as a Confectioners with the name Parker in 1957, Murray in 1963 and Blacker in 1967 and 1971. I wonder how many people remember these shopkeepers and the changes.

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Editorial

As this is one of the rare bright and sunny days of this summer I took the opportunity this afternoon to walk across Queendown Warren. The wildflowers in late August were fantastic and clouds of butterflies flew up as I approached. I am afraid they do not stay still long enough for me to be able to identify them. I am sure Joe Ennis would have named them for you but it was still a lovely sight and particularly as I had been reading that we have a distinct lack of some of the more common varieties this year. Over the last decade much has been accomplished at this wildlife site and the Rangers and volunteers can be justly proud of their achievements, it is a great pleasure to be able to wander across the open chalk downland often with no-one else in sight. Views across the valley to more land that has been acquired by the Trust gives the impression of miles of open countryside, only rarely can you hear the M2 motorway that is hidden in the distance to remind you that civilisation is only a stones throw away. We now have very good Country Parks in our area to enjoy entirely free of charge. It is good that Riverside attracts lots of visitors but if you prefer solitude perhaps now is the time to visit the Warren instead.

This month sees the start of the St Matthew's Concert Season for the coming year, they have an ambitious programme prepared for your enjoyment starting on the 20th September with an Evening of Gospel Music. If you have not yet booked your tickets, don't delay, ring 372508 today. In the middle of September St Margaret's Church in Rainham is holding a Flower Festival. It is several years since the last such event and I am sure this one will be every bit as spectacular. On the Saturday during the Festival, 13th September, the church tower will be open for you to climb and admire the view. If you have never been to the top of our highest building it is worth the climb (67 steps I think) particularly on a clear day. A completely different perspective opens from the roof, the fun comes spotting your home from the air and trying to name buildings that look so different from above. September is the month when many clubs and societies return after a summer break and their programmes are featured in our Diary. Any of those listed welcome new members and if you do not like to just turn up the printed telephone number gives you a

point of contact beforehand. Why not try something new this year – it may open up a whole new chapter to your life!

It has already felt like autumn for the last few weeks but let us hope we now have a long warm spell to delay the approach of winter. Have a very good month and we will see you again in October.

Correspondence

HARVEST TEAS

Dear Editor,

The partners of members of The Lions Club of Gillingham are again arranging Harvest Teas on Sundays, 5th and 19th October.

We would like to invite Senior Citizens of the Rainham district to join us for tea and entertainment. FREE tickets are available by post from Mrs. Brenda Woodrow, Flat 1 Macklands House, Station Road, Rainham, ME8 7QX, or telephoning Brenda on 01634 379062 or Mrs. Yvonne Iles on 01634 373840.

Transport can be arranged, we would particularly like to see people who either live alone or who do not have the opportunity to get out too often. Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to attend.

Arrival time is 3.30pm and we hope many of you will take the opportunity to join us and enjoy the afternoon at The Millennium Centre, Rainham; we expect to finish about 6 o'clock..

Yours sincerely,
Beryl Brenton

on behalf of The Lions' partners

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Dear Editor

There are currently vacancies in the beginners class for children (boys and girls) from 6 years of age upwards. Classes are held on Friday evenings at 4.30pm at Wakeley Road. The new term starts on 12th September.

The children are taught the steps and formations of Scottish Country Dances and acquire the social skills needed to work as part of a team.

When pupils have reached the required standard they may be entered for the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Medal tests. Current pupils achieved excellent grades in the tests held in May.

A group of pupils performed recently at the Mierscourt School Fete and, earlier this year, at the Medway and District Caledonian Association's Annual Ceilidh.

For further information please contact Mrs Margaret Anne Robertson 304372 or Mrs Barbara Meade 372823.

Yours sincerely
Mrs B Meade

ST MATTHEW'S CONCERTS – AVE – The

Adventist Vocal Ensemble

Dear Editor

September sees the first concert in the 2008/9 Season of St Matthew's Community Concerts: a concert series which is aimed at providing a wide range of very high quality musical entertainment at a realistic price for our local community. The programme comprises eight concerts all featuring national or international performers.

We open the season by welcoming the Adventist Vocal Ensemble, led by Ken Burton, who will be performing a range of Gospel music in an easy, warm style with shades of jazz, soul and classical.

AVE may be regularly seen and heard on BBC's TV *Songs of Praise* and Radio 2 *Good Morning Sunday*. They are an extremely popular Gospel group and are in much demand. We are privileged that they are able to perform for us.

The concert is on the 20th September and tickets are priced at £7.00. The concert commences at 7.30pm. Please contact me (for bookings or further information) at 42 The Goldings, ME8 0AX, e-mail mattsconcerts@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 372508.

Yours sincerely
Paul Warren

RAMASES STUDY DAY

Forensic Aspects of Ancient Egypt

Dear Editor

Ramases, the North Kent Egyptology Society, is holding a study day at Newington Village Hall on Saturday 4th October from 10.00am to 4.30pm.

We have a nationally recognised Egyptologist, Joyce Filer, who will be speaking on a range of subjects connected with mummification in Ancient Egypt.

Anybody who is interested in the history of Ancient Egypt is welcome to attend. Please contact Barbara Peterken on 01795 437480 to purchase a ticket, price £21. This price includes morning and afternoon refreshments. A separate ticket for a hot lunch, with a vegetarian option at £9 can also be purchased. Anybody wishing to find out more about Ramases can also contact the secretary by email

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Dear Editor,

The Friends of St. Margaret's Church will be having a Knowledge & Nibbles evening on Saturday 11th October at 7.30pm in the Millennium Centre, Gatekeeper Chase. Food will be provided but please bring your own beverage. Tables of 6 to 8 people at £6 per head must be booked in advance. There will be prizes and a raffle. To book please ring 379796 or 230430.

Yours faithfully,
Kay Jarvis

THE KENTISH CAT SOCIETY

Dear Editor,

The Kentish Cat Society will be holding their 37th Championship show at the Black Lion Leisure Centre in Gillingham on Saturday 18th October. This is the first time in over forty years that the club has been in the Medway area. We expect to have over four hundred pedigree and household cats in competition and on show. There are many cat related toys and gifts on sale as well as cat charity stalls. The public are allowed into the main hall to watch the judging and view the lovely cats from 12.30pm, admission £2.00 adults plus concessions.

The Blue Peter cats Socks & Cookie will be the 'special guests' and the theme for this years show is HALLOWEEN so witches and broomsticks with pumpkins are very welcome to come and join in the fun.

Yours sincerely
Miss H. A. Hendra
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September 6th - Rainham Horticultural Society,
Show Day, 2.00 - 4.00pm Methodist Hall, Station
Road, Rainham including flowers, plants, fruit,
vegetables, home made cakes & jams and
handicraft, ring 231972

September 6th- Upchurch Horticultural Society,
September Show, Village Hall 2.00pm, details from
Mick 01795 844759 or Julia 01634 373723.

September 7th - Countryside Event, Beginner's Trees,
South Wood, 9.00am - 12noon, book in advance
812196, £1 per person.

September 7th - Fun in the Sun, 2.00 - 4.00pm,
Riverside Country Park. Afternoon of various
activities celebrating God's Creation followed by a
service led by Rev Sam Funnell of Medway
Methodist Circuit, ring Denise Bryant on 374231 for
more information.

September 7th - Medway Towns Footpath Group
walk, 10.00am, Wouldham Recreation Ground, 8
miles, no dogs, ring 01634 31027(work).

September 7th - Monthly Sunday service at The
Centre, Farthing Corner. Medium, - Janice Perry.
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September 8th - Wigmore WRVS Darby & Joan Club
meet each Monday for bingo, a raffle, tea and
biscuits at Howard Hall, Woodside 2.00 - 4.00pm.
All over 50s welcome, ring 362662 for details.

September 8th- Rainham Bereavement Friendship
Group, NEW group for those still in employment,
7.15pm, St Margaret's Millennium Centre,
Rainham. Ring Julie on 01634 364309 for details.
September 9th - Fairview Frogs, Toddler Group meets
Tuesdays in term time 10.00 - 11.30am in the
Foundation Stage Unit at Fairview Community
Primary School, £2 per family, more details from
01634 337810 (term time).

September 9th - Medway Antique & Collector's
Club, 7.30 for 8.00pm St George Hotel, New Road,
Chatham. Mrs M Clift - 'Buttons', Visitors

welcome, £2.50 per visit, ring John Orr 365861 for
details.

September 9th - Gillingham & District Fuchsia &
Pelargonium Society, 7.30pm, Rainham School for
Girls, Derwent Way, Rainham, Pelargoniums at
Gosbrook - David Taylor, all welcome, ring Eric
Searle 01634 852519 for more information.

September 10th - Rainham Poetry Group, 7.30pm,
40 Birling Avenue, all lovers of poetry welcome,
ring 01634 260228 for details.

September 10th - Rainham Flower Club, 7.30pm
Upchurch Village Hall. Demonstration 'All that
Glitters', www.rainhamflowerclub.uk.com or ring
363601 for more information.

September 10th - Bredhurst W.I. 7.30pm Village
Hall, Hurstwood Road. Kent Air Ambulance, ring
232617.

September 11th - 15th - Flower Festival, St
Margaret's Church, Rainham, details from church
office 362023.

September 11th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Bingo
2.00pm, St Matthew's Community Centre,
Drewery Drive, Wigmore. For people over the age
of 50, ring 235507 for details.

September 11th - Fairview Tadpoles, Parent and
Baby Group meets Thursdays in term time 1.15 -
2.45pm at Fairview Community Primary School,
£2 per family, more details from 01634 337810

September 11th - Countryside Event, Capstone
Farm Country Park, Lets go Batty, a walk with a
difference starting at dusk, £2 per person, ring
812196 to book.

September 12th - Rainham Bereavement Friendship
Group meets each Friday, Millennium Centre,
Rainham, 9.30am - 12noon to help people who
have lost their spouse or a close relative, join us
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September 12th - Ramases A.G.M. and Illustrated
talk by David Wise, travel writer. 7.30pm,
Newington Village Hall, see Swale Borough
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ramases@hotmail.com

September 12th - Mid-Kent Astronomical Society,
7.45pm, Bredhurst Village Hall (opposite the Bell
PH), Peter Parish - Constellation of the month, ring
Trev 077717678795 for details.

September 12th - Quiz Night in aid of The Wisdom
Hospice, Palm Cottage Social Club, Canterbury
Street, Gillingham, 7.00 for 7.30pm start, Tables of
6, £5 pp bring your own nibbles, licensed bar
available, details from 01634 831163.

September 13th - St Margaret's Church Rainham,
Tower Opening 10.00am- 2.00pm, £1 adults, 50p
children in conjunction with the Flower Festival.

September 13th - Gillingham Horticultural Society
United Reformed Church (rear hall), Balmoral
Road, Gillingham, Autumn Show, 2.30 - 4.30pm,
ring 01634 234734.

September 13th - Charity Quiz Night, proceeds to
Leukaemia Research, Millennium Centre, Rainham
7.30pm start. Bring your own nibbles and drinks,
tickets £5 from 264902 or 864642.

September 13th - Medway Folk Dance Club, United
Reformed Church Hall, Balmoral Road,
Gillingham, 7.30 - 10.00pm. New and experienced
dancers welcome, with or without a partner. For
more information ring 366189 or 388546.

September 13th - Instep Dancing, Rainham School
for Girls, Derwent Way/Ballroom - Latin -
Sequence Dancing, 8.00 - 11.00pm, ring 363738.

September 14th - Medway Towns Footpath Group
walk, 2.00pm, Boughton under Blean, 5 miles, dogs
ok, ring 01795 535941.

September 14th - Countryside Event, Miniature
Gardens, Riverside Country Park, 10.00am -
12noon £2 per child, for accompanied children
aged 5 - 12 years, book in advance, 337432.

September 15th - Countryside Event Junior Ranger
Club, 4.00- 4.45pm, Riverside Country Park, for
accompanied children aged 5 to 12 years, book in
advance 337432 £1 per child.

September 15th - Rainham Wives meet 8.00pm
Methodist Church Hall, Wakeley Road, Rainham,
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Summer Break. New members of all ages are very
welcome. We have a variety of speakers/activities
etc. Subs £1.50 per meeting, this includes coffee
and biscuits, for details contact Sue on 230639.

September 15th - Rainham Evening Women's
Institute meet 7.30pm Millennium Centre,
Rainham, 'Cooking Demonstration Speedy
Colourful Salads', ring 364702

September 16th - Gillingham Horticultural Society
Floral Art Group, 7.30 - 9.00pm United Reformed
Church (rear hall), Balmoral Road, Gillingham,
'Autumn Glory', new members welcome ring
01634 234734 for details.

September 16th - Every Tues at The Centre, Farthing
Corner. Free healing is available from 7.30 -
9.00pm. All are welcome. For more information
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September 17th - Bredhurst Garden Club, 8.00pm,
Village Hall, Hurstwood Road, A.G.M. Moira
Bostock - Talk 'My Life continued - In the
Wrens', Potato Competition, all welcome, visitor
fee £1.00, ring 233554 for details.

September 18th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Jeremy
Clark talks about the Guildhall Museum and its
artefacts, (see 11th Sept)

September 19th - Gillingham & Rainham Local
History Society, 7.15pm, United Reformed
Church, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. World War
II Memories - Members personal recollections,
ring Mr R.W. Baker on 01634 854982 for details.

September 20th - Countryside Event, Bird Walk,
Riverside Country Park, 8.00am start, £1 per
person, book in advance, 337432.

September 20th - Rainham Barnardo's Helpers
Group, Charity Quiz Night, 7.30pm Lower Hall,
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September 20th - Chatham Grammar Association
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September 20th - Whist Drive, 7.30pm Lower
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 friends purchased the new notice board facing the
 Cricketers car park and have donated £8500 towards
 necessary drainage repair work to the church.
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 are interested contact Shirley on 01634 322193.

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 Sunday 14th September 10.30am Parish Eucharist
 Flower Festival open Noon - 4.00pm
 Monday 15th September 10.00am - 2.00pm

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 Rainham Barnardo's Helpers Group
 Saturday 20th September, 7.30pm
 Lower Hall, Millennium Centre, Rainham
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 Tickets from 01634 233405 or 375486

**SPECIAL 50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR
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Nature Notes

NATURE NOTES FOR AUGUST

This month's Nature Notes are about the natural history around the hamlet of Hucking here in the North Downs. Next month, by way of comparison, I shall record a visit to the hamlet of Saddlescombe in the South Downs.

Hucking lies in the heart of the downs, about halfway between Stockbury and Hollingbourne. It is a remote hamlet, reached along miles of single track lanes. There is a diminutive church, Norman in origin, but extensively rebuilt in Victorian times, opposite which is a terrace of tile hung cottages. The buildings of Hucking Court Farm, which once housed a herd of beef cattle, have been converted into dwellings. A yellow brick barn, formerly used by a woodsman in the making of chestnut hurdles, has also been turned into a house. Apart from the church, the only sign that this isolated spot is the heart of a local community is a red painted GR post box.

The landscape around the hamlet consists of hedged fields on a raised plateau dissected by dry valleys. Interspersed among the fields are several semi-natural woods and narrow lengths of trees called shaws. Until the recent past, Hucking was characterised, in the main, by the mediaeval Kentish pattern of small farms within a single parish. A large part of the parish consisted of the Hucking Estate which had been developed as a mixture of coppiced woodland, sheep pasture and arable farming since Norman times. Arable intensification in recent decades had resulted in the loss of many hedgerows and woodland from the estate.

In 1997 the Hucking Estate was bought by the Woodland Trust whose objective is to restore lost woods and hedges by enlarging and linking existing woodland elements. Development of native grassland is being encouraged, particularly along the dry valley in the centre of the estate.

On arrival in Hucking I parked my car in the car park provided by the Trust off Church Road. I walked in the direction of Stubbs Wood across an area of grassland. A skylark was singing in the air above me and a kestrel was hovering, a short distance away, on

the lookout for voles. At the ground level of the grassland I came across a number of small copper butterflies which have a fidgety movement and rapid flight. The upper wings of the species are of a golden red colour with black spots and a dark border.

Adjacent to Stubbs Wood I crossed an area being replanted with native trees such as oak, field maple, yew, cherry, whitebeam and small-leaved lime. During my stroll through the wood I heard the call of a green woodpecker and spotted a couple of jays. August is a comparatively quiet month for most birds. The breeding season is over, they are moulting and keeping under cover.

Furthermore, not many flowers grow in woodland in August, because the dense leaf canopy cuts down on the light. I did however come across some foxgloves in a sunny, open glade. They are, of course, a well known and well loved plant with handsome flowers in the shape of purple-pink bells, occasionally white. In the same glade I spotted a male speckled wood. The upper wings of the butterfly are strongly patterned in orange and brown. The insect has a slow, fluttering flight and is commonly found in shady areas with dappled sunlight, such as woodland edges or clearings.

I returned to my car via the dry valley that runs through the estate. Here, among the pasture land, typical chalk downland flowers such as field scabious, common rock rose, marjoram, carline thistle and greater knapweed were in bloom. Where the valley meets Church Road I stumbled across a cast iron cover to a well. The latter would have been sunk at a point nearest to the water table but at a cost of carrying the water to the hamlet up a steep hill. Sheep and other animals would have been watered at dew ponds, one example of which still survives, full of water, at Pond Farm. Experiments have shown that the bulk of the water in dew ponds, which were more common on the South Downs than the North, would have come from rain water rather than dew.

Once back in my car I headed for the Hook and Hatchet Inn. The way there is narrow and winding and up and down. It is an ancient road, at times in the form of a sunken lane and lined with very old

hedges of many species. It was not built for cars and one hopes not to meet one coming in the opposite direction. Sunday lunch time is the time, in particular, to avoid all roads leading to or from the Hook and Hatchet at Hucking.

Joe Ennis

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WCRA

Once again Wigmore Community and Residents Association are holding their Autumn 'Drop In' at Wigmore Library on Friday 3rd October. The evening starts at 7.30pm aiming to end about 9.00. The evening is open to all residents of Wigmore, not only our members, however it will be possible to join the Association if any resident so wished. This event is a unique opportunity to meet with and discuss matters with your Ward Councillors, Ward Community Police Officers, Council officers for Road Safety and Community Safety, all of which have been invited to attend. Please do attend and make the evening a great success. We the Committee look forward to seeing you there.

Bob Dunn

For WCRA Committee

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Wendy Draper

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GHS AUTUMN SHOW

Gillingham Horticultural Society are holding their Autumn Show on Saturday 13th September at the United Reformed Church Hall, Balmoral Road, Gillingham from 2-30pm- 4-30pm. There will be a wide variety of exhibits, fruit and vegetables; domestic and crafts and flowers; as well as beautiful floral designs from the societies Floral Art Group.

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September 20th & 21st – Countryside Event, Survival
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out at Capstone, for children aged 7 plus
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September 21st – Medway Towns Footpath Group
walk, 2.00pm, Staplehurst Station, 6 miles, dogs
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September 21st – Peace Day. Special event at The
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movement to bring PEACE FOR ONE DAY. Ring
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September 22nd – Rainham Wives Talk by our
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Harrall. (see 15th Sept).

September 24th – Bridge Drive in aid of St
Margaret's Heritage Fund, 10.00 for 10.30am,
Millennium Centre, Rainham, cost £10 (includes
lunch), ring 364531 to book.

September 24th – Rainham Poetry Group, Sunlight
Centre Radio Room 5.45 – 8.15pm, ring 260228.

September 25th – Wigmore Thursday Club, Service
and Quiz. (see 11th Sept)

September 25th – Rainham & District Dolls' House
and Miniaturist Group, 7.30 for 8.00pm, The
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September 26th – Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee
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September 26th – Indulgence Evening in aid of
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September 27th – Upchurch Horticultural Society,
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September 27th – Rainham Indoor Craft Market,
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September 27th – The Medway Singers present a
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September 27th – Folk Dance Club, (see 13th Sept).

September 27th – Instep Dancing, (see 13th Sept).

September 28th – Countryside Event, Capstone
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September 29th – Wigmore WRVS Darby & Joan
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September 29th – Countryside Event, Junior
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September 29th – Rainham Wives, AGM and
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October 3rd – Wigmore Community and Residents
Association, Autumn 'Drop In' Wigmore Library,
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October 4th – Rainham Indoor Farmers Market,
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October 5th – Medway Towns Footpath Group walk,
10.00am, Sheldwich Village Hall, 5 miles, no dogs,
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October 5th – The Lions Club of Gillingham Harvest
Tea, 3.30pm, Millennium Centre, Rainham. Ring
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October 8th – Bridge Drive in aid of St Margaret's
Heritage Fund, 10.00 for 10.30am, Millennium
Centre, Rainham, cost £10 (includes lunch), ring
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October 8th – Bredhurst W.I. 7.30pm Village Hall,
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October 10th – Gillingham & Rainham Local History

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October 11th – Quiz Night, 7pm, Holywell School,
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