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One hundred years ago when this picture was taken hop picking was a family affair. This shows my grandmother, Ada Harris (before she married Leonard Cheeseman and moved to Rainham in 1906) as a young woman aged about twenty in the centre with her aunt Olive Bramble and grandmother Eliza Bramble to the left and her brother Austin and aunt Alma Bramble to the right. The picture was probably taken at Throwley near Faversham where they lived but the scene could have been anywhere in Kent where baskets, as opposed to bins, were used by the pickers. The variety of bin sizes allowed the hops to be stored until just before the tally man came for the daily count and then tipped gently into the bushel baskets with plenty of air to bulk up the volume as payment was based on full baskets. Experienced hoppers knew all the tricks! Imagine working today in the hop gardens dressed as they were with multi layers, we would be comfortable in shorts and tee shirt.

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Editorial

Over the past few months real improvements have been made to many of the children's playgrounds scattered around the area. At Riverside and Capstone Farm Country Parks the updated play areas are very busy and the participants obviously enjoy themselves. During the spring work began on the small park on the old orchard in Mierscourt Road. A small zip wire and a large swing were installed and as I walked home in the evening I was pleased to see that the local children made full use of these new attractions having a great time. Unfortunately it seems they also proved irresistible to the gangs of older teenagers who hang around late into the evening, and sometimes all night, making themselves a nuisance to the local residents. Complaints were received and so just as the summer holidays approached the new expensive play equipment was removed. Result - the playground has reverted to the quiet almost deserted area it was before. Southern Water apparently have work to do on the site - under the concrete slabs are giant tanks to catch the run off water from Mierscourt Valley during heavy rain storms to help prevent flooding - so the play equipment will certainly not be reinstalled before that is completed and the jury is still out as to whether it ever will be. It seems a great pity that a few youngsters by their thoughtless behaviour can ruin a simple pleasure for many others. Are the youth of today so out of control that parents allow them to stay out all night causing havoc?

Since I wrote a couple of months ago about the proposed name of the new Premier Inn 'Gillingham East' several people have joined in contacting the company hoping to persuade them to adopt a more acceptable name. If you wish to add your voice, apparently nothing is yet decided they are still seeking opinions. Whitbread Group PLC Whitbread Court, Houghton Hall Business Park, Porz Avenue, Dunstable, Beds. LU5 5XE is the address to use. Since last month two more of the young athletes on the front cover in July have been identified, standing centre back are Gillian Gower and Janet Martin, now only one remains unnamed. Less success with last months photo but one lady was delighted to receive her copy of Action Forum and immediately see her grandmother looking at her from the front page. Edith Chapman who lived next door to the family shop on the corner of Durham and Edwin Road is standing behind Rev Bickley and another reader identified Winifred Durling who is standing at the extreme right hand side of the picture.

September always used to be the month for hop picking. In fact, when our front page picture was taken in the early 1900s so important was it to the local economy that the schools had a September hop picking holiday to allow the children time to accompany their parents and help with the harvest. Now no hops are grown in Medway it passes us by. We have none of the stimuli, the trailer loads of hops being carried to the oasthouse or the smell of the drying hops to remind us. However, I am sure there are many readers who remember the hours they spent in the hop gardens, how their hands at the end of the day were black after stripping the hops from the bines but how it was all eventually made worthwhile at the end of the season when they received their pay packet. Regrettably we have to accept the shorter evenings are fast approaching. September sees the beginning of autumn but we often still have pleasant warm, sunny days so do make the most of them and get out and enjoy the countryside and we will see you again in October.

Correspondence

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING for Children

Dear Editor,
 Classes will resume in September for children from 7 to 15 years. Anyone is welcome, you do not have to be or have Scottish connections, only a wish to dance. The pupils are taught the steps and formations for Scottish Country Dances and may be entered for the RSCDS Medal Tests when the appropriate standard is reached. All the current students achieved success in their grade in examinations held last term. The children are encouraged to take part in activities arranged by the Medway and District Caledonian Association which are suitable for children and their parents and have on occasions been asked to give demonstrations at School Fairs in the area. Classes are held on Friday evenings from 4.30pm at Wakeley Road in Rainham.

Fees are paid in advance for a 10 week term at £2 per session. For further details, contact Mrs. Margaret Anne Robertson 01634 304372. For details of adult classes visit www.medwaycaledonians.co.uk.

Yours sincerely
 Barbara Meade 01634 372823

MEDWAY GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Dear Editor

Medway Geographical Society begins their Autumn Season on Friday 24th September with 'A walk in the clouds' - a love affair with mountains. The presentation will be given by Kev Reynolds, an author, explorer and entertaining speaker. The meeting will be held in the Adult Education Centre, Green Street, Gillingham starting at 7.30pm

We look forward to seeing newcomers and old friends, as well. The entrance fee (for visitors) is only £1.50! For further information please contact Mrs Pat Meredith on 01634 362683.

Yours sincerely
 Pat Meredith

SCHOOL RUN

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Bredhurst Rd I often observe the arrival of Mum's dropping off their children to school whilst I'm on my way to work. Most of the Mum's I have to say are considerate but some not only do not care about other peoples children they also do not care about their own. One mother was driving down Bredhurst Road in her Silver Merc with her own children still on board clearly texting on her phone putting who knows how many lives at risk. It then seems once their children are now safely in the playground the speed which many then drive away from the school is no longer an issue. I find this quite unforgivable, please if you are one of those Mothers then think about what you are doing for one day the consequences may be more than you will be able to live with.

Name and address supplied to the Editor

BAT & TRAP CONTEST

Dear Editor

I am writing to inform readers that Bredhurst Woodland Action Group are holding a 'Bat & Trap' contest & BBQ on 11th September at Arran Bank Farm, Dunn Street, Bredhurst. The Bat & Trap will start at 3pm, followed by a BBQ with a selection of meats, salads & deserts available - soft drinks supplied or please bring your own. Tickets are £10 per person (£5 for under 12s) from Jim Chalmers on 07870 878907 or Pam Newman on 01634 233433 (tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be on sale on the day). BWAG members and non-members most welcome.

Yours faithfully
 Vanessa Jones
 BWAG Trustee

OASTHOUSE THEATRE

Dear Editor

As the autumnal evenings draw nearer why not pay a visit to Rainham's very own theatre, the Oasthouse Theatre where a programme of events are planned.

'Silhouette' A thriller by Simon Brett
 September 9.10.11.16.17 & 18th
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Yours sincerely
 Dean Caston

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Dear Editor

It's "Back to Church Sunday" on 26th September. St Paul's Church, Parkwood (Deanwood Drive), is having a special weekend at the Church, and invites you to come and meet us. If you live in the area this could be the ideal opportunity to "come back to church" or to come for the first time. On Saturday 25th September, the church is open for coffee, scones and cakes (all free) from 10.00am - 12.30pm with a Traidcraft stall, information about us on display, "footprints in the sand", something special for the children. During the afternoon, from 2-4pm, you can pop in, to sit quietly, pray, light a candle.

On Sunday, you may like to come early (from 9.30am) for coffee and Fairtrade cookies before our service of Holy Communion at 11am or come at 6.30 for a peaceful short (half an hour) service. The church will be open until 8pm. More information from 306806 or 230780. You will be very welcome.

Yours sincerely
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September 5th - Open Day Bredhurst Cat Adoption Centre, Matts Hill Road 11am - 4pm, 50p entry.
September 5th - Medway Ramblers Walk, meet Mike & Coral Patrick, 10.00am, for a 5 mile walk Hucking, Hook and Hatchet PH, Pub at end.
September 5th - Medway Towns Footpath Group, meet Chris Morris 01634 374923, 10.00am, Goudhurst Public Car Park, Balcombes Hill for a 7 mile walk, mostly flat, a few stiles. Dogs Allowed
September 5th - Help for Hero's, Paul Kaye in Concert, Bredhurst Village Hall, 5.00 - 9.00pm, Tickets £8, 01634 235797 or 01795 842014
September 5th - Service with Guest Medium 6.30pm free healing from 6.00pm entrance £1 The Centre, Farthing Corner 01634 366944
September 7th - Fairview Frogs parent/carer and toddler group every Tuesday in term time, 10.00 - 11.30am Fairview Community Primary School, messy and fun activities, details 01634 338710.
September 7th - Gillingham Horticultural Society Floral Art Group, 7.30 - 9.00pm United Reformed Church (rear hall), Balmoral Road, Ask the Experts pre show talk. Visitors welcome 01634 232998.
September 7th - Every Tuesday at The Centre, Farthing Corner. Free Healing, Reiki or Spiritual, 7.30-9.00 pm. For more information call Alan 01634 362121 www.thecentreonline.co.uk
September 8th - Rainham Flower Club, 7.30pm Upchurch Village Hall, Workshop 'Take a chance' 01795 425700 www.rainhamflowerclub.co.uk
September 8th - Rainham Poetry Group, 7.30pm, 40, Birling Avenue, all lovers of poetry welcome, ring 01634 260228 for details.
September 8th - Bredhurst WI, 7.30pm, Bredhurst Village Hall, Marie Curie Foundation - Mrs A Menezil, ring 01634 232617 for more details.
September 9th - Fairview Tadpoles Parent and Baby Group every Thursday in term time 1.15 - 2.45pm Fairview Community School, 01634 338710.

September 9th - Upchurch Short Mats Bowls Club, Ponder and pizza Quiz Night, Upchurch Village Hall, 7.30pm, £6 per head (Tables of 6) BYOB, contact Julie 01634 373723 Brenda 01634 388425
September 9th - Hempstead Leisure Club for over 50s. Apples Brogdale Collection. Hempstead Village Hall, 2-4pm. New members welcome, Phone 01634 366907.

September 9th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Seamstress to the Royal Family - Daphne Majors, St Matthew's Community Centre, Wigmore, 2.00pm. For people over 50, ring 235507
September 9.10.11.16.17.18th - Oast House Theatre present 'Silhouette' A thriller by Simon Brett. Curtain up 8.00pm. Box Office on 0844 8793224
September 10th - Rainham Bereavement Friendship Group, Millennium Centre, Rainham, every Friday 9.45am - 12noon to help people who have lost their spouse or a close relative, join us for a cuppa and chat, ring Julie on 01634 364309 for details.
September 10th - Gillingham and Rainham Local History Society, United Reformed Church, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, 7.15pm. Mr. G. Cramp, The River Thames through the Lens of a Magic Lantern. Contact Mr Baker, 01634 854982.
September 10th - MKAS meet at Bredhurst Village Hall second and last Friday each month, Chris Lintott. For observing they meet on other Fridays at the Victoria Hotel Canterbury. Details phone Trev on 07717 678795 www.midkentaastro.org.uk/
September 11th - Ladies Art Group meets every Saturday morning at St. Barbara's Garrison Church Hall, Brompton, to paint in watercolour. Small friendly group with a tutor. New members of any level skill welcome. Phone Barbara 01634 235733 or e-mail barbara.trigg@sky.com for details.
September 11th - Bredhurst Woodland Action Group, 'Bat & Trap' contest & BBQ, Arran Bank

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September 11th - Friends of Kent Churches Annual Cycle or Walk www.friendsof Kent churches.co.uk
September 11th - Medway Folk Dance Club, United Reformed Church Hall, Balmoral Road, 7.30 - 10.00pm. New and experienced dancers welcome, with or without a partner ring 366189 or 388546.
September 11th - Upchurch Horticultural Society's, Flower and Produce Show, Upchurch Village Hall, 2.00pm, prizes 3.00pm details 01634 366822
September 11 & 12th - Medway Beekeepers Annual Honey Show, Elm Court Garden Centre, Capstone Road, Sat 9.00am - 6.00pm, Sun 10.30am - 4.30pm Details E-mail: john.f.chapman@care4free.com
September 12th - Bredhurst Woodland Action Group (BWAG) Reptile Ramble, 9.30am - 12.30pm Hurstwood Road, Bredhurst Contact 07813 785940 or www.kentarg.org/component/eventlist
September 12th - A Countryside Experience, Riverside Country Park, 11.00am - 5.00pm. Local Kent produce & crafts. Phone 01634 337432 for details or to book a stall. Free Entry.
September 12th - Medway Towns Footpath Group, meet Mo Fleisig 01634 362743 07976 600393 10.00am, Swan PH car park, West Peckham for a 6 mile walk with two hills, one steep. No Dogs.
September 12th - Medway Ramblers Walk, meet Tony & Ann Faulkner 01634 406634, 10.00am, Faversham, Market Place for a 7.5 mile walk. Bring picnic lunch. Pub at end.
September 13th - Rainham Bereavement Friendship Group for those still in employment 7.15 - 9.00pm, Millennium Centre, Rainham, ring 01634 364309.
September 14th - Medway Antique & Collector's Club, 7.30 for 8.00pm, St George Hotel, New Road, Chatham, Mrs Pat Mortlake - Henry VIII, Husband and Monarch, Visitors £2.50 anyone interested welcome, ring 01474 823606 for details.
September 15th - Tiny Tots, Riverside Country Park, 10.00am - 2.00pm. For accompanied children 5 - 12 years, Please wear old clothes as it could get messy. Drop in any time £1 per child.
September 16th - Rainham Women Institute 1.45 - 4.00pm Methodist Church Hall, Wakeley Road,

Trading Standards. Visitors welcome for small entry charge per visit. 01634 364639.
September 16th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Foolish, Ridiculous & Offensive Women - Thelma Grove, (see 9th Sept).

September 16th - Hempstead Leisure Club - whist, scrabble, games, tea & chat. (see 9th Sept).
September 16th - OPUS 32. This talented choir will be performing in St. Mary's Church, Upchurch, 8.00 p.m. Tickets: £7, 01634 233576
September 17th - World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, 10.00am - 12 noon, The Cricket Club, Berengrave Lane, Rainham, Entrance £1 (including a drink).
September 17th - Breakthrough Mid Kent invite teams of 6 or 8 to our charity music quiz, Rainham Mark Social Club, 7.30pm, £5 per person Licensed bar, bring your own nibbles! call 01634 304399 or info@breakthroughmidkent.org.uk
September 18th - Gillingham Horticultural Society Floral Art Group, Autumn Show (see 7th Sept).
September 18th - Final Produce Sale 10.00am to 12.30pm. St Margaret's Church, Lower Halstow variety of Home-made cakes, preserves and garden produce. local craft stalls. Refreshments.
September 18th - Multiple Sclerosis Society, Medway Branch Ramble, 9.30am. Volunteers wanted for 10 mile sponsored ramble around the Upchurch area, contact Ray on 01634 238502
September 18th - Instep Dancing, Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, Ballroom, Latin, Sequence dancing, 8.00 - 11.00pm, ring 01634 363738 or s.collins02@btinternet.com for details.
September 19th - Volunteer Taster Day, Capstone Farm Country Park, 10.00am Help the Capstone volunteers. Book in advance 01634 338191, Free
September 19th - Medway Ramblers Walk, meet Derek Kent 07768 448633, 10.00am. Wye, car park off Churchfield Way for 8.5 mile walk Pub at end.
September 19th - Berengrave Nature Reserve Walk, 10.00am - 12noon. Meet at entrance just below Chalky Bank Road. Book 01634 337432, £1.
September 19th - St Matthew's Community Concert Mazaika present prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf' 7.00pm Tickets, £7.50 from 01634 372508

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 Upchurch Village Hall, Thursday 9th September
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 For more information contact Julie 01634 373723
 or Brenda 01634 388425

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 Contact Sylvia 01634 245767

AUTUMN PLANT SALE
 The Upchurch Horticultural Society's Autumn Plant
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ANNUAL HONEY SHOW
 The Medway Beekeepers Annual Honey Show
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 6.00 p.m. & Sunday 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.
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Nature Notes

NATURE NOTES FOR AUGUST

Last month I wrote about a visit to Oare Marshes Nature Reserve from where I had a very distant view of a group of seals resting on Hall Sands in the middle of The Swale. In order to get a closer look at the seals, I journeyed to Seasalter, where I parked my car near to The Sportsman Inn.

From the sea wall I could see the large expanse of sand and mud, in Whitstable Bay, that had been exposed by the low tide. There was little sign of any life, apart from a couple of bait diggers. Their activities were a reminder that sand and mudflats are rich in invertebrate life such as bivalves, marine worms and snails, which form the principal food of thousands of waders, especially in the winter. I set off along the sea wall in the direction of Faversham. Wild carrot, with its white, umbrella-shaped flower heads, was the predominant plant on the embankment. Others included yellow and tufted vetch, agrimony and common fleabane. Gatekeeper, small heath, meadow brown and skipper butterflies flitted above the vegetation on the landward side of the sea wall.

On the seaward side, growing among the shingle, I came across yellow horned poppy, viper's bugloss, sea holly, sea kale and sea beet. The latter two plants are edible, sea kale being a member of the cabbage family and sometimes on the menu of fashionable restaurants. Sea beet is a close relative of certain cultivated beets and can be cooked as a spinach. Swallows were flying low over the sea wall and swifts circled lazily much higher in the sky. As I walked along the embankment, the white seeds of creeping thistle were blowing in the warm sea breeze. A combined harvester was at work, among a cloud of dust, in a wheat field on the Cleve Marshes. A large, mixed flock of rooks, jackdaws and black headed gulls had been attracted to another field where the stubble was being broken up. The vegetation was no longer universally green. Although it was still high summer, signs of autumn were all too evident. In due course I met up with a volunteer warden of Kent Wildlife Trust on the edge of Castle Coote,

which is an area of salt marsh on the seaward edge of which is a semi circle of cockleshell bank. He explained that his job is to carry out surveys of the flora and fauna, to welcome visitors and to keep an eye on any vulnerable nesting sites, I had passed a couple of notices asking walkers, and particularly dog walkers, not to disturb nesting marsh harriers. The warden told me that three pairs of these harriers had nested this year in the reed beds on Cleve Marshes. Marsh Harriers feed on small mammals and birds and various small reptiles and amphibians. Introductory conversation over, our attention turned to a group of seals hauled out on nearby Hall Sands. We could see some twenty of them, of varying sizes, which indicated that there were some fast growing pups among the adults. In the sunshine and shadow, they varied in colour from fawn to almost black. One had a ginger colouration on its head which indicated that it was grey seal among the remaining common seals. Grey seals have their young in the autumn and it is the grey species that is seen on BBC TV's Autumn Watch programmes broadcast from Northumberland. Common seals swim up to 50 kilometres to their feeding grounds at sea. As well as fish, they eat crustaceans, squid and whelks. All of the seals on Hall Sands were lying all near to the water's edge, presumably to enable them to get back into the water quickly in the event of danger.

We finally got round to having a look at Castle Coote, just below our vantage point on the sea wall. On the salt marsh, growing among the more common sea purslane, were golden samphire and sea lavender. Ringed plovers and oyster catchers had recently nested on the shingle between the salt marsh and the waters of The Swale. The warden explained that eggs and young of nesting birds can be adversely affected by high tides, human disturbance and predation by carrion crows, gulls and foxes. He added that common terns have been unsuccessful in rearing young at Castle Coote for the last five years.

Thanking the warden for his help, I headed back to Seasalter, where I hoped to get a cup of tea at the Cafe Bistro 400 next to Walden's shop. On the way I followed a wheatear, with its characteristic white

rump, as it flew ahead of me, stopping at intervals to perch on the sea wall. I also met a hare, travelling in the opposite direction. He was loping casually along the shingle foreshore. He instinctively knew that, because I was walking behind a high concrete wall, I was not an immediate threat to him.

Joe Ennis

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16th October - Raven - female string quartet;
13th November - Jill Daniels- WWII show
19th March - Norvic Concordia, accordion quintet;

30th April - Signature Singers and Enigma Barber Shop Quartet

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- September 20th – Rainham Evening Women's Institute, 7.30pm, Millennium Centre, Rainham, Soups – Julia Davies, competition Wood, 372282
- September 20th – Wigmore WI, 7.30pm Scout Hut, Edwards Close, Wigmore, ring 263405 for details.
- September 20th – Rainham Wives meet 8.00pm Methodist Church Hall, Wakeley Road, Rainham, Post Card Gallery – Holiday Thoughts. New members of all ages are very welcome. We have a variety of speakers/activities etc. Subs £1.50 per meeting contact Sue on 01634 230639.
- September 21st – The RSPB Medway Local Group Talk, Strood Library, 7.45 – 10.00pm, £3.00. Contemporary Bird Artists, David Cromack www.medway-rspb.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk.
- September 21st – GHS Floral Art Group, Workshop – Viv O'Sullivan. (see 7th Sept).
- September 22nd – Rainham Poetry Group, 5.45 – 8.15pm, Sunlight Centre, Richmond Road, all lovers of poetry welcome, ring 01634 260228
- September 22nd – Bredhurst Garden Club, AGM, Potato Competition, Betty Carroll – demonstration Floral Arrangement, 8.00pm Bredhurst Village Hall, 01634 233554, new members welcome.
- September 23rd – Wigmore Thursday Club, The Music of the Lyre – Members of the Blackthorn Lyre Group, (see 9th Sept).
- September 23rd – Hempstead Leisure Club – "Journey thru the ear" – Ms Alison Allman-Brown. (see 9th Sept).
- September 24th – MKAS, Peter Meadows - Solar Observing (see 10th Sept).
- September 24th – Medway Geographical Society, 7.30 – 9.00pm, Gillingham Adult Education Centre, Green Street, 'A Walk in the Clouds' A love affair

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September 25th – Medway Folk Dance Club, (11th

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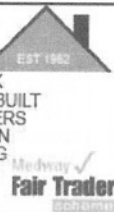
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September 30th - Hempstead Leisure Club - whist,
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September 30th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Service
and Singalong. (see 9th Sept).
September 30th - Rainham & District Dolls' House
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