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Sunburst Books in Station Road was one of very few shops in the area who managed to produce a patriotic window display for the Royal Wedding on April 29th. For previous celebrations Rainham has literally 'put out the flags' I wonder if we will show any more enthusiasm next year when we are again treated to a double bank holiday, but this time in June, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1952 accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth II. See page 9 for more about the 1953 decorations.

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Editorial

At last a little sprinkling of very welcome rain. You could almost see the grass in our garden breathing a sigh of relief, lapping up the unusual moisture and turning from scorched brown patches to green before our eyes. All the vegetables immediately looked better and began to grow in leaps and bounds – it is amazing how a few decent showers are so much better for the plants than all the artificial irrigation and watering with cans of the past few weeks. Now we need a lengthy spell of gentle rain (preferably at night) for the foreseeable future. We are not used to the reliable spell of warm sunny weather we have recently enjoyed – it was almost like living in Australia knowing you could venture out minus coat and wet weather protection and actually plan ahead for outdoor events! On the whole, however, I think I prefer a bit of variety, whatever would we talk about if every day were the same?

At the moment we are enjoying a battle of wits with a visiting squirrel. Only in the past few days has he decided to honour us with his presence and attack our bird food with great gusto. I suppose his winter stash is exhausted so he needs supplements. I don't actually object too much to feeding him if only he would learn some table manners and stop breaking all the feeders in his haste to eat as much as possible. Watching how he overcomes the obstacles put in his path is very entertaining. Step one the feeders are hung from a thin, plastic coated wire several yards long. Easy peasy, a trapeze artist he is not but by using teeth, tail, paws and feet he manages to slip forwards, sideways, upside down and backwards along the wire to reach his objective where he carefully selects whether he would like fat balls, seeds or peanuts today – round one to the squirrel. Next construct a round plastic barrier around the wire in front of the food, in seconds he has worked out how to flatten the plastic and simply leap across – two/nil to the squirrel. Now a complete round container with lid, the wire goes through the centre so it simply slips round as soon as he tries to land on it and deposits him in the garden below. Defeated - not on your life, in that case I will take the long route round and approach from the other end over the house he immediately works out! However that approach is too long winded each time he is scared away so after several attempts he eventually manages to jump the rolling barrel back on to the nuts. Game set and match to the squirrel at the moment but I have a cunning plan to hang the feeders

from an old netball goal the children used to have. The disadvantage is that it will have to be a sufficient distance from the bushes to prevent him just leaping across and the fledglings birds do like to sit among the branches whilst waiting for their parents to feed them. Still we will see what happens, we haven't given up yet and neither has he!

We offer plenty in our pages for you to enjoy during the next month. The recent weather has encouraged many to organise outdoor activities so I do hope it continues so everyone can have a great time. Please do read on and select the events you would like to attend - I am sure you will be made very welcome. Have a good month until July. We will see you then.

Correspondence

TWYDALL SHOPS

Dear Editor,

I was visiting friends in Kent a few weeks ago and saw your March issue of Action Forum. My father Ronald Hadlum was one of the first to have a shop at Twydall Green when the shopping centre opened. It was a grocery store called Arcade Stores. (There was another grocery shop World Stores.) I think I am correct in recalling there were: 2 greengrocers, 2 butchers, library, hairdressers, post office, cleaners, fish & chip shop, bicycle and draper shops, chemist, off-licence, cafe, hardware and bakers.

I remember just before we opened when dad was getting the shop ready people knocking on the shop door asking if they could be served as the shops in the area were very few and far between and in those days not everyone had a car.

Dad loved to write on the window the offers customers might buy. Every Saturday evening or Sunday he would alter the window display and often had specific promotions, I remember one for OMO. We had good staff and Neville Bowra who was our shop boy delivering customers orders by bicycle became my husband.

Regards
Pamela Bowra
pamela.bowra@virgin.net

TWYDALL

Dear Editor,

Good news! We Twydall residents, who do not all receive Action Forum did see a copy of the April edition through friends at our local church and noted with interest a letter from Mr David Lucas about the Twydall Estate.

That brings me to a second piece of good news. I can report that the Twydall Baptist church continues and has not disappeared as reported by Mr Lucas. The people of that church did hand over responsibility for the building to the Rainham Christian Fellowship group, who used to meet in a school, in the late 1990's but the use of the building as a Baptist church has continued.

In fact, the community use of that building has

increased greatly since then with continued regular Sunday worship services, thriving youth work, a day time friendship group and a toddler group. In fact the building only just manages to cater for the number of people who attend, particularly the last two groups in that list. The toddler group has often had waiting lists. We are now looking at expansion plans. This is excellent news for our Twydall community and we look forward to continuing our work in this community helping support and maintain friendships with all ages that live here. If you are reading this letter and you live in or near Twydall, please feel free to come along and find out what we do and perhaps join in our activities. Anyone wanting more information, please email church@rcftwydall.org.uk

Mr Lucas did also talk about Holy Trinity Church and the granting of grade 2 listing for the main church building. On the one hand it is good for this iconic building to be recognised. On the other hand, our friends there are struggling because the timber tiles need replacing and the electrical wiring is well out of date. Since being granted Grade 2 status no funds have been made available for the very expensive work required to maintain that building. Sadly this has meant the building cannot be used. This is a loss to our community so all you supporters of this iconic building need to help get funds for its upkeep or you will simply see it begin to fall apart; nature doesn't understand grade 2 listings!

Yours sincerely
Roger Martin
Roger.Martin@volkerstevin.co.uk

SUMMER FAIR

Dear Editor,

St. Margaret's Infant and Junior School PTA's are this year holding a joint summer fair on Saturday 2nd July at the Junior School, Orchard Street playing field and playground area from 1.00 to 4.00pm.

The Fair will be officially opened by Phil Gallagher, who plays Mr. Maker on children's BBC TV and has appeared in local pantomimes at Chatham. Phil was a previous pupil at St. Margaret's Junior School. There will be loads of stalls including plants, cards, homemade cakes and plenty of games to try.

Entertainment is from the Amanda Jayne Dance School, Divas Dance Troupe, the Rainham Majorettes, the school choir and a Martial Art team. A raffle will be held on the day with lots of exciting prizes

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including for first prize a Digital TV. All the proceeds raised are used by the Infant and Junior schools to pay for books, equipment and experiences that the schools would otherwise not be able to afford. Come along and join the fun.

Yours sincerely
Catherine Hamill

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

Sunburst Books invite you to a their first Local Arts & Craft Exhibition - Free Admission
Saturday 11th June, 10.00am – 4.00pm
Millennium Centre, Rainham

Come and browse fine pictures, marvel at the intricate craft workings, discover local societies and amenities that you can join if you wish. Light refreshments will be available from the kitchen area.
Stands Include:-

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June 5th - Village Market. Iwade Village Hall, First
Sunday each month, 10.00am - 1.00pm. Fresh local
produce, organic meats, cakes & preserves etc Free
Parking: Meals Served. Please contact Amanda to book
a stall thchurrells@fsmail.net

June 5th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, 6.5 miles
Meet Marian Gilham by bus stop beside the steps over
the A249 (at junction of Chestnut Street and Chestnut
Wood Lane 0.35 miles south of Tudor Rose PH). Route
easy with some good views. Bring a snack. Pub at end
(Tudor Rose) lunches available booking recommended.

June 5th - Grand Craft Fair, 11am - 4pm Bredhurst
Adoption Centre, Matts Hill Free parking, entrance 50p
June 6th - The Monday Hub, St Paul's Church,
Deanwood Drive, Parkwood 10.00am - 1.00pm, lively
conversation, table tennis, scrabble and much more,
details Jennie Spalding 01634360664.

June 6th - Rainham Wives meet 8.00pm Methodist
Church Hall, Wakeley Road, Rainham, An Evening
with Sam Funnell. 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 more details contact Sue on 01634 230639.

June 7th - Capstone Farm Country Park, Bird Sounds of
Capstone, 7.00 - 9.00am, stout footwear & suitable
clothing, not suitable for under 12s, Free.

June 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
ring 01634 338710 or 376270 for details.

June 7th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 7.00pm, 4 miles
Meet Peter/Ann Green 01634 718895 at The Stone
Horse PH, Wainscott just off the B2000 north bound
Cliffe Road from the A289. A short evening walk round
the local farms and surrounding areas. Pub at end.

June 7th - Gillingham Horticultural Society Floral Art
Group, 7.30 - 9.00pm United Reformed Church (rear
hall), Balmoral Road, Gillingham, 'Imposed' night.
Visitors welcome contact Kay Buss 01634 232998

June 8th - Bredhurst WI, 7.30pm Bredhurst Village
Hall, Nikki Brown - Belly Dance Costumes and
Demo, ring 01634 389966 for more details.

June 8th - Rainham Poetry Group meet second
Wednesday each month, 40 Birling Avenue Rainham,
7.30 - 9.30pm. All are welcome to listen or read
poetry. Ring 01634 260228 for details.

June 9th - Fairview Tadpoles parent/carer baby and
toddler group, every Thursday in term time, 1.15 -
2.45pm Fairview Community Primary School. Meet
other mums for a chat and drink ring 01634 338710 or
376270 for details, Toddlers now welcome.

June 9th - Riverside Country Park, Tiny Tots, 10am-
1pm. Arts and crafts for younger children. Suitable
for accompanied children aged 2 to 5-years-old.
Please wear old clothes, as it could get messy! Drop
in any time, no need to book in advance. £1 per child.

June 9th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Journalism at the
BBC - Clive Lawrence, St Matthew's Community
Centre, Drewery Drive, Wigmore, 2.00pm. For
people over the age of 50, ring 235507 for details.

June 9th - Hempstead Leisure Club. - AGM followed
by games, tea & chat. Hempstead Village Hall,
behind All Saints Church, 169 Hempstead Road, 2.00
-4.00pm. New members welcome 01634 366907

June 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
01634 364309 for details.

June 10th - MKAS, Members Exhibition Meeting,
Bredhurst Village Hall, Hurstwood Road second and
last Friday in the month, 7.45pm. For observing we
meet on other Fridays at the Victoria Hotel,
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June 11th - RSG Youth Academy for year 5 and 6
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School for Girls 01634 362746 rya@rsg.org.uk
June 11th - Summer Fayre, Deanwood School, Long
Cattis Road, Parkwood, 12noon - 3.00pm, Adults 50p,
Child 20p, Under 5s free, 01634 231901, all welcome.
June 11th - Concerts @ GMC, 'Just in Time' Gillingham
Methodist Church, Third Avenue, Gillingham, 7.30pm.
Tickets: £5.00 on the door or 01634 575139
June 11th - Concert of Popular Music by the Kingfisher
Singers, 7.30pm, St Peters Church Bredhurst. Tickets
£7, £3, children (inc refreshments) from 01634/364309
or on the door. Proceeds to St Peters Lighting Fund
June 11th - Medway Folk Dance Club, United Reformed
Church Hall, Balmoral Road, Gill 7.30 - 10.00pm.
New and experienced dancers welcome, with or
without a partner information ring 366189 or 388546.
June 11th - Exhibition by local artists, photographers
authors, and craft producers, the Millennium Centre,
Rainham, 10.00am - 4.00pm Entrance free
refreshments proceeds to St. Margaret's Church.
June 11th - Instep Dancing, Rainham School for Girls,
Summer Ball - ticket only 7.30 - 11.00pm. Enquiries
01634 363738 email s.collins02@btinternet.com
June 12th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, 8 miles
Meet Mike Collins 364818 at Harrietsham Rail Station
(check charges). Easy walk Bring picnic. Pub at end.
June 12th - Capstone Farm Country Park, Race for Life,
11.00am - 1.00pm, ring 01634 338191 for details.
June 13th - Rainham Bereavement Friendship Group for
those still in employment, Millennium Centre,
Rainham, 7.15 - 9.00pm for people who have lost their
spouse or a close relative, ring Julie 01634 364309.
June 13th - Rainham Wives 'Help for Heroes', talk by a
speaker from the charity (see 6th Jun).
June 14th - Medway Antique & Collector's Club, 7.30
for 8.00pm, St George Hotel, New Road, Chatham,
'Edison phonographs' Visitors welcome 01474 823606
June 15th - Riverside Country Park, Junior Ranger Club,
3.45pm - 4.45pm. For accompanied children 5 to 12.
Book in advance on 01634 337432. £1 per child.
June 15th - Bredhurst Garden Club, Summer Supper
7.00pm, Bredhurst Village Hall, ring 01634 233554.
June 16th - Rainham Women Institute 1.45 - 4.00pm
Methodist Church Hall, Speaker on 'I am a tulip, what
are you?' Visitors welcome for small charge per visit.
Ring 01634 36627 for details.

June 16th - Hempstead Leisure Club. - Games, tea &
chat (see 9th Jun).
June 16th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Strawberry Tea,
musical entertainment from the Lyre, (see 9th Jun).
June 16th - Medway Film Makers, 7.30pm, Davis
Estate Community Centre - Five minute film
competition, 360401 www.medwayfilmmakers.com.
June 17th - Freedom to Read, Talk by Christine
Ronaldson, Strood Library 10.30am, Free but booking
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June 18th - Fort Amherst, Dock Road, Chatham,
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Medium Richard Ware, Tickets £45 over 18's only,
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June 18 - 19th - Capstone Farm Country Park, Survival
Challenge, 10.30am - 10.00am accompanied children
aged 7 plus, £20 per person, book 01643 338191.
June 18th & 19th - Wigmore Open Gardens Weekend.
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various times over the weekend to explore and enjoy.
June 19th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, 8 miles
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walk the Darenth Valley. Pubs Horton Kirby.
June 19th - Tea and Cake in Hartlip, 3.00 - 5.00pm,
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wet) 3.30pm a short talk "Stories from the Hartlip
War Memorial" Proceeds to Hartlip Church,
Enquiries Peter Blandon 01795 843086
June 20th - The Monday Hub, (see 6th Jun).
June 20th - Wigmore WI, 7.30pm, St Matthew's
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Lee - Osteopathy 'a spine chilling experience',
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June 20th - Rainham Evening Women's Institute,
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June 20th - Rainham Wives, Citizenship, What do you
know? with Hazel (see 6th Jun).
June 21st - Gillingham Horticultural Society Floral Art
Group, 'Handbags at the ready' - a workshop with
Carol Lane. (see 7th Jun).
June 21st - RSPB Medway Local Group Talk, Strood
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UPCHURCH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC
The Thirteenth Biennial Upchurch Festival of Music
will take place between 5th and 10th July. All
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See the Diary for programme details.
Regular supporters know the committee does all it
can to keep admission prices as low as possible.
Single Ticket (Church) £3.00, Season Ticket (5
concerts) £10.00, Family Ticket (Single Church
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KINGFISHER SINGERS
A Concert of Popular Music by the Kingfisher
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Church Bredhurst. Tickets £7, £3 children (including
light refreshments) from 01634 364309 or on the
door. Proceeds to St Peters Lighting Fund

FREEDOM TO READ
Friday 17th June, 10.30am
Strood Library 01634 335890
A talk by Christine Ronaldson, head of literature and
audio book production at Calibre about their work in
providing free audio books for people who cannot
read because of sight problems or a disability such as
dyslexia. The event is free, but booking is essential.

COFFEE MORNING
Rainham Methodist Church Hall, Wakeley Road
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Deanwood School Summer Fayre, Parkwood
Saturday 11th June, 12noon – 3.00pm
Fairview Community Primary School June Fair
Saturday 25th June – Gates open 1.30pm.
Bredhurst Summer Fete, Saturday 25th June
St. Augustine's School Summer Fair
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Nature Notes

NATURE NOTES FOR MAY

This Month's Notes record a visit to Holborough Marshes, a nature reserve at Snodland managed by the Kent Wildlife Trust. About half a dozen pairs of nightingales breed there each spring. Early one evening, in early May, I parked in Church Field, a road leading from the level crossing at Snodland Railway Station.

I took a footpath along the western edge of the reserve. To my left was the embankment of the Medway Valley Railway Line and to my right an area of marshy grassland. The land appeared to have never been ploughed and was a mass of wild flowers.

Among others were yellow or hay rattle, meadow vetchling, ragged robin, early march orchid and marsh marigold. Once a common sight throughout the English countryside, mass displays of wild flowers are now largely confined to nature reserves.

In due course I came to a chalk stream, the waters of which emerge as a spring from the nearby base of the North Downs. The stream dissects the reserve and empties into the River Medway. Approaching carefully, I was able to observe several trout facing upstream and maintaining their positions with movements of their tails. Growing along the banks of the stream were water betony or water figwort, whose red flowers were not yet out, water forget-me-not and brooklime (blue flowers).

I crossed over the stream by means of a bridge and walked down a concrete road which once led from a cement factory to a wharf on the Medway. Along the road was a wide belt of trees and scrub made up of sycamore, hawthorn, willow, elderberry and bramble, among other plants. Here in the scrub two or three pairs of nightingales usually nest. On two occasions during my visit I heard the remarkable bubbling "choc choc" call of a male nightingale but these repetitive notes did not develop into the rich, loud warble for which the bird is famous.

Upon reaching the tidal Medway I turned right and walked along the top of the river embankment. From there I had views over the Medway towards the medieval Burham Church and, in the background, the

North Downs between Wouldham Common and Bluebell Hill. In the other direction I could see the reserve as a whole, which is divided up by fresh water dykes, Snodland Parish Church and the dominating buildings of the Townsend Hook paper mills.

The dykes are lined with common reed and bulrush (greater reed-mace). At one spot along the embankment I paused to listen to the song of a sedge warbler, which consists of a loud and varied chatter. Sedge warblers, along with reed buntings and reed warblers, nest in the reeds. All three species will feed their young next month with caterpillars found in the oak, hawthorn and willow trees that grow on the reserve. The call of a male cuckoo reminded me that its mate, once it attracts one, will seek to lay an egg in any nest of the three above species that it might find.

The dykes of Holborough Marshes are also home to one of the largest concentrations of water voles in the Medway area. I kept my eyes and ears open for the mammal (it dives into the water with a characteristic "plop") but I failed to see or hear one. The water vole often sits upright on the bank side, feeding on a water plant or washing its face. One sign of the vole's whereabouts is a patch of the bank where plants have been nibbled off. The vole feeds mainly on succulent grasses, yellow flags, purple loosestrife, sedges and other aquatic plants.

Towards the end of my circular walk around the reserve I passed through a copse of mainly sycamore and hawthorn trees. The hawthorns were covered in creamy white blossom whose bitter-sweet smell drifted in the early evening air. As I walked under an overgrown buddleia bush what I would describe as a deep, melodic warble or chuckle broke out above my head. It was the definite and distinctive song of a nightingale, albeit not one in full flow. My slow moving about trying to spot the bird did not disturb it but, not surprisingly, I failed to locate its position. Unlike the song thrush, which usually sings from a tree top, or the blackbird, which often perches on a TV aerial, the nightingale sings from deep cover. What might be a surprise to some readers is that the chosen habitat of this particular male nightingale

was adjacent to the embankment of a busy railway line, an electricity sub station and an area of cleared land on which some houses had just been erected and with more planned. Not many people living on a modern housing estate have nightingales at the bottom of their gardens, but some residents of Snodland do.

Joe Ennis

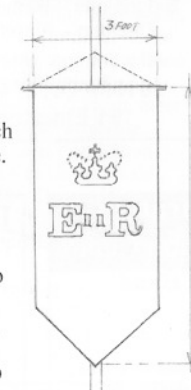
1953 CORONATION DECORATIONS

Looking carefully at the 1953 Coronation Decorations festooning Rainham High Street on the front cover of the May edition of Action Forum I spotted a lamp post banner I made, painted and lettered in my mums box-room bedroom at 140, Hawthorn Avenue. It is attached to the lamp post just beyond the pedestrian crossing. I can't now recall how as a nineteen year old art student I was roped into the job but I remember that the late Freddie Cooper was on the committee that oversaw the Coronation Decorations for Rainham. The idea was to hang one of these five foot or so banners from each High Street lamp post from Holding Street to Mierscourt Road. Sadly this target was not quite reached, partly due to my mum!

The banners were made from sisal craft paper which has a layer of tar consequently the paper has a strong aroma which soon spread through the house. This together with paint spots on the Lino and burning the midnight candle after a long day at Art School Mum soon called a halt 'Coronation or no Coronation' she said. I recall completing about ten banners. A few years before Freddie Cooper died I was speaking to him about the banners 'I never did thank you' he said.

On June 2nd 1953, the day of the Coronation, we at 140 were one of only a few families with a television set. Ours had a nine inch screen however the black and white picture was enlarged to a staggering eleven inches by a magnifying glass addition in front of the screen.

Dad spent the early morning arranging a back row of



chairs on bricks and planks of wood behind the settee and easy chairs while mum was busy in the kitchen making piles of sandwiches and countless sausage rolls to feed our gathering of good neighbours all eager to see the ceremony on TV. Happy, happy days.

John Austin
Retired Art Teacher

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Sunday 26th June, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

The inaugural market will take place at Upchurch Village Hall, with free visitor parking available in Upchurch Paddock. The official opening will be carried out by a pupil of Holywell School. We anticipate some 30 stalls, including bakers, butchers, Kent cheeses, plants, greengrocers, sweets, fudge & chocolate, fresh fish, cherries, delicatessen and crafts. Other attractions include hog roast & children's rides. Barbecue meals, tea, coffee and cold drinks also available. The market which, after the June opening, will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month, is a wholly village enterprise, run by volunteers and with any residual monies being used to the benefit of village good causes and voluntary organisations.

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June 23rd – Hempstead Leisure Club. – Glen Jones -
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June 24th – MKAS, Sara Russell—Meteorites, 10th Jun).

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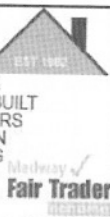
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July 4th - The Monday Hub, (see 6th Jun).
July 4th - Rainham Wives, Hearing Dogs for Deaf
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July 5th - GHS, Floral Art Group, Basic shapes and
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July 5th - Upchurch Festival of Music, Bearsted
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July 7th - Hempstead Leisure Club. - Wilf Lower -
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July 7th - Upchurch Festival, Opus 32, (see 5th Jul).
July 8th - Upchurch Festival of Music, Burt Butler's
Jazz Pilgrims, (see 5th Jul).
July 8th - MKAS, Martin Morgan Taylor -
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July 9th - Upchurch Festival of Music, City of
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