

ACTION FORUM

AN INDEPENDENT MONTHLY FOR RAINHAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA ■

OCTOBER 2012

NUMBER 481



This month Joe Ennis ventured to Newington, and Lower Halstow to compile his Nature Notes, (see page 8). The Edith May Barge - pictured here during a snowy winter - is once again moored in Lower Halstow creek and will be re-opening an on board tea room on Thursday October 25th, 10.30am - 4.00pm, then Thursday to Sunday throughout the winter season, serving homemade cakes and light lunches. For more details see www.edithmay.com

Robert J. Kitney

Building Contractor of Repute and Distinction

BRICK EXTENSIONS AND
COMPLETE HOUSES
ALSO MAINTENANCE
DIVISION



Medway 363669

NO JOB TOO BIG
OR TOO SMALL

WHERE **NO** INFERIOR TRADESMEN OR MATERIALS ARE USED



Next Issue November 3rd 2012
Copy Date: Oct16h, Sm Ads Oct 23rd
Editorial: Barbara Mackay Miller
Advertising: Hamish Mackay Miller
Action Forum Office
21 Station Rd, Rainham ME8 7RS
(above Sunburst Books)
Telephone: 01634 310011
Email: af@thenet.uk.net

Editorial

After seven years of anticipation the Olympics have come and gone and as a country we have to move on to the next challenge. I must admit I could not raise much enthusiasm when the tickets for the games first went on sale, certainly not to compete in a bidding war only to end up with nothing at all as I understand was the fate of many hopeful spectators. But in common with a large proportion of the population when the games actually arrived I began to wish I had previously made more effort. Eventually it transpired a friend, who had been more persistent, had a spare ticket for the final session of athletic competition of the Paralympics in the main stadium. So on a gloriously hot, sunny, late summer afternoon we spent the time in the Olympic Park. I was very impressed even though this was the final day of competition everything was still running very efficiently. Despite the vast crowd the only queues were for refilling drinking water bottles and that was hardly arduous and offered celebrity spotting opportunities, open theatre events and banter amongst the crowd. Of course six weeks on from the opening ceremony the blooms in the wild flowers meadows, which I had been particularly interested to see, were mostly over but enough colour remained to show what a splendid sight they will be again in years to come. It will be well worth visiting the park next July. After all our GB medal achievements we only had two national competitors to cheer during the evening but several of our party were Polish and Poland achieved three medals during the session, one bronze and two golds, so we were able to join in the reflected glory during the Victory Ceremonies. As this was the concluding session all the events were finals and we were able to cheer Oscar Pistorius to victory in the T44 400 metres, a fitting finale to the Paralympics track and field competition. All in all it was a very enjoyable experience which showed Britain at its best – hats off to the volunteer Games Makers who even at eleven o'clock at night, as we made our way out of the park, were still leading sing songs and keeping the crowd entertained.

It hardly seems possible but this month we begin the long run up to Christmas with some sales and events already anticipating the festive season! Before then we have Bonfire Night and the Upchurch Family Fireworks invite you to join them in the 17th year of their celebrations at Westmoor Farm off the A2 in

Rainham on Saturday November 3rd. Various other spooky events are planned around Halloween at the end of October by Fort Amherst. If these do not appeal we have many more events listed within our pages and in the Diary so do please read on to discover more. Have a good month - we will see you again in November.

Correspondence

BLOORS PLACE GHOST

Dear Editor

I have been doing some research into the Bloor family of Rainham for a number of years. I am particularly interested in Bloors Place itself, and in the story of Christopher Bloor's ghost. I seem to recall reading a letter in Action Forum some time ago (could be a decade!) from someone who claimed they had heard the sound of a carriage while staying on the A2 in Rainham. I don't have any further details I'm afraid, but I would very much like to know more. I would also be very interested to hear any stories that Action Forum readers might have about Bloors Place, or anything to do with the farm, its history (and ghost). It has long been my intention to write a book about it.

Many thanks,
Stephen Holley
01634 230544
e-mail eh006e6857@blueyonder.co.uk

A SOUND OF RAINHAM PAST

Dear Editor

Living in Tufton Road a childhood sound I remember was that of the maroon rocket going off in the air with a loud bang to summon the part-time firemen to the fire station in Milton/Webster Road. In seconds they would arrive on foot, bicycle and a few by car to man the fire engine whenever this was needed. In summer this was frequently for grass alight on the railway embankment or a cornfield burning adjoining the railway line, set alight by sparks from a passing steam train. All this, of course, created great excitement among witnessing children – unless it was in school time when we would be in school being taught by your writer, Helena Thomas.

Yours sincerely
Alan Major
41 Heaton Road,
Canterbury CT1 3PY

WINE AND WISDOM

Dear Editor

St Matthew's Church fund raising committee are holding a Wine and Wisdom on Saturday 24th November in St Matthew's Community Centre, Drewery Drive Wigmore. Tickets are £6 with suggested tables of 6-8 people. Bring your own food and drink. 7.00pm for 7.30 prompt start.

Yours sincerely
Alan Spearink 01634 370492
atspearink@yahoo.com

MUSICAL 'BILLY'

Dear Editor,

The Three Towns Theatre Company are proud to present their latest show "Billy". Billy is a musical based on the novel and play "Billy Liar". It was a three-year smash hit at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane in 1974, which launched the stage career of Michael Crawford.

Billy Fisher lives with Mum, Dad and Gran in Stradhoughton and is an undertaker's clerk - but he is an inherent dreamer and in his own mind he is President of Ambrosia, a film star, a scriptwriter and anything else that happens to occur to him! However, nobody else believes him, certainly neither Barbara nor Rita, to both of whom he has promised marriage, though there is only one engagement ring! He frantically tries to lie his way out so he can run away with Liz, the only girl who understands him.

With songs such as 'Ambrosia' and 'Some of us belong to the stars', this is a funny, fast paced show.

The show is at The Brook Theatre, Chatham from 1st -3rd November at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are £12 with £10 concessions available by calling 01634 338338 more information is available on our website www.threetownstheatrecompany.co.uk

AUTUMN BAZAAR

Dear Editor

St. Margaret's Church, Rainham Autumn Bazaar. Saturday 3rd November 10.00am – 2.30pm

On 13th October 1952 St. Margaret's held it's first Autumn Bazaar. Sixty years later we are still going strong and raising, with your help, vital funds for the upkeep of our Parish Church and it's pastoral care in the community! This is not just a Bazaar, it is also a pleasant break to catch up with 'chums' and chat. Perhaps over a Ploughmans Lunch or 'cuppa and cake' either before, or after, visiting the good variety of stalls and buying a winning ticket for the various raffles.

Our Vicar, Rev'd Judy will be opening the event and will be around to join in the proceedings and say hallo. (She is already aware of the special character and humour of Rainham folk!)

See you there!
Margaret Meinertzhagen
Bazaar Organiser
01795 475907

THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

Inspired by Samantha Dickson

A Charity concert was held at St Margaret's Parish Church, Rainham on 15th September and raised £502.50 from tickets and donations. Many thanks to all who helped.

Next Event: Charity Day Table Top Sale
Holy Trinity Church Hall Twydall, Gillingham
Saturday 3rd November, 12noon – 3.00pm
Stalls available and refreshments will be provided
Please support your local charities.

Further information contact Olwen 01634 263622

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

by Rogers & Hammerstein

Presented by GDS

The Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone

10th – 13th October, 7.30pm

Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

Tickets £10 - £14

From Box Office 01622 758611

or book online www.ticketsource.co.uk

DISTRIBUTION

Volunteer door to door distributors of Action Forum are needed for:

Rainham

Part of Solomon Road, Gloucester & Chichester
Sandringham Road, Burnham Walk, Ormsby Green,
Hunstanton & Standen Closes
Hawbeck Road, Thorpe Walk, Sedley, Roper &
Rowbrook Closes

Hempstead

Meadowdown, Thistledown, Tamarind & Mulberry
If you live near any of these roads or are able to travel to them and could help for about an hour or so during the first week of each month we would be very pleased to hear from you on 01634 310011 or email af@thenet.uk.net

www.SALMON WINDOWS.co.uk

Installers of quality products for 25 years

•Conservatories – designed and built

•Upgrades to existing roofs

•New energy rated "A" uPVC windows & doors

•Misted units replaced • Soffit & fascia replacements

For advice and very competitive quote:

01634 363881 / 07973860369

FENSA

MEDWAY FAIR TRADERS

Berengrave Service Station

Car & Bike MOTs

Servicing – Repairs – Diagnostics
Clutches – Exhausts – Welding



666 Lower Rainham Road 01634 233619

WE CARE FOR YOU IN YOUR OWN HOME

From short daily visits to full live-in care

BLUEBIRD CARE

provides a realistic alternative to
residential care

01634 780909

www.bluebirdcare.co.uk/medway

Diary 2012

No charge is made for Diary entries
Copy should be in writing either by email to
af@thenet.uk.net or 5 Meresborough Cottages,
Meresborough, Gillingham, Kent ME8 8PP

Diary Copy Date: 16th October

October 5th & 6th - 'An Evening with Billy Bragg', celebrating 40 years in show business with a trip down memory lane, Oasthouse Theatre, Rainham, 8.00pm
Tickets £10 0844 8793224 www.oasthousetheatre.co.uk

October 6th - Jumble Sale, St Augustine's Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham, 2.00pm, Admission 20p.

October 6th - 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 01634 366189 or 388546

October 7th - Medway Ramblers Walk, Meet Pete & Kate Ware 07751 879003, 10.00am at Hollingbourne Railway Station for 5 mile circular walk, pubs at end.

October 7th - Medway Ramblers Walk, Meet Chris Strachan & Karl Martin 10.00am at Market Car Park, Rochester for 9.5 mile walk to Wouldham steep climb to North Downs Way, bring picnic lunch.

October 7th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group Walk, meet Kevin Nicholas 07515 330276, 10.00am at Eastry High Street car park near the church for 5 mile generally flat circular walk, dogs allowed.

October 7th - Bird Box and Animal Home Making, Riverside Country Park, 10.00am - 12noon, £5 per home, book 01634 337432.

October 7th - The Lions Club of Gillingham Harvest Teas The Millennium Centre, Rainham, 3.30 - 6.00pm. For free invitation ring Brenda Woodrow 01634 379062 or Mrs Yvonne Iles 01634 373840

October 8th - Parkwood Leisure Club, Bingo, St Paul's Church, Deanwood Drive, Parkwood, 2.00 - 4.00pm, new members welcome ring 01634 366056 or 373594.

October 8th - Rainham Wives, 8.00pm, Methodist Church Hall, Wakeley Road, 'Norway' illustrated talk by June & Alan Parkin. New members of all ages welcome, subs £1.50 per meeting, details 01634 230639.

October 9th - Medway Antique and Collectors' Club, AGM and Speaker St George Hotel, New Road, Chatham, 7.30 for 8.00pm all visitors are made most welcome. Enquiries Miss E Boyes 0147 482 3606

October 10th - Bredhurst WI, 7.30pm Village Hall, Martyn Harrison - A-Z of Musicals, ring 01634 389966 for more details.

October 10th - Medway Poetry Group meet 40, Birling Avenue, Rainham 7.30 - 9.30pm, all interested welcome, ring 01634 260228 for details.

October 10th - Rainham Flower Club, Upchurch Village Hall, 7.30pm, Workshop "A few of my favourite things" Tutored by Pat Williams, For further information please telephone 01634 863034

October 10th - 13th - The Sound of Music by Rogers & Hammerstein, Presented by GDS, The Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, 7.30pm, Saturday Matinee 2.30pm, Tickets £10 - £14 from Box Office 01622 758611 or book online www.ticketsource.co.uk

October 11th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Is the Yeti Real? - Rupert Matthews, St Matthew's Community Centre, 2.00pm, For over 50, ring 235507 for details

October 11th - Hempstead Leisure Club, Village Hall, behind All Saints Church. Speaker Robin Bush, 'Fun at the Factory'. Tea and chat, 2.00 - 4.00pm, new members welcome, Phone 01634366907.

October 12th - Rainham Bereavement Friendship Group Millennium Centre every Friday 9.45am - noon to help people who have lost their spouse/partner, join us for a cuppa & chat, ring Julie 364309 for details.

October 12th - Gillingham & Rainham Local History Society, United Reformed Church, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, 7.15pm 'My Family at War' John Wigley, information Ron Baker 01634 854982

October 12th - MKAS, Bredhurst Village Hall, Hurstwood Road, second and last Friday each month, 7.45pm. Konrad Malin Smith - Time and Space. Details 07983 398326 or www.midkentakro.org.uk.

October 13th - 'Pumpkin Day' Friends of Bredhurst School School Fete 12noon - 2.00pm. BBQ, Cake Stall, Face Painting, Craft Activities, Teddy Tombola, Welly Chucking, Raffle & lots more!

ART EXPERIENCE DAYS

IN LOWER HALSTOW

WATERCOLOUR / CALLIGRAPHY

www.suninthewoodcraftdays.co.uk

PHONE JACKY: 01622 861983

October 13th - Concerts @ GMC, The Chatham Citadel Band, Gillingham Methodist Church, Third Avenue, 7.30pm, Tickets £5.00 on the door or 01634 575139

October 13th - Rainham Ladies Choir with The UK Paper Band and special guests the Minnesingers 7.30pm, Britannia Theatre, Dickens World, Outlet Centre, Tickets £10 (child 12 and under £5) 01634 370797, 371880 Raffle / progs in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support www.rainhamladieschoir.org.uk

October 14th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group Walk, meet Roger Norman 01634 232404, 10.00am at Kings Wood, Challock car park(1km down White Hill) for 5.5 mile walk with one slope, dogs allowed.

October 14th - Medway Ramblers Walk, Meet Mike Collins 07855 929404, 10.00am at Aylesford Village car park just south of village for 12 mile walk, steep climb to the North Downs Way and descending to Wouldham, bring picnic lunch

October 14th - Volunteer Task Day, Riverside Country Park, 10.00am - 2.00pm Free 01634 337432

October 15th - Rainham Evening Women's Institute, 7.30pm Millennium Centre, Rainham, From Medway to the Med - Mr Michael Bunn, competition Mis-Shaped Vegetable, ring 01634 372282 for details.

October 15th - Parkwood Leisure Club, Library Services - Sarah Jenkins, (see 8th Oct).

October 15th - Rainham Wives, AGM and Harvest Supper (see 8th Oct).

October 15th to 20th - Sunburst Books, 21-23 Station Road, Rainham, Big Stock Clearance Sale, Half Price Sale of Second Hand Books, Videos, DVDs, CDs and Vinyl Records, Shop open Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm

October 15th - Wigmore WI, 7.30pm, St Matthews Community Centre, Lucy Allen - Stuntwoman From Titanic to Harry Potter, Visitors welcome

October 15th - Autumn Indoor Fair, Wigmore Darby & Joan Club (social club for persons over 50) 2.15pm Howard Hall, Woodside, Wigmore, Admission 25p For details about the fair or club ring 01634 362662

October 16th - The RSPB Medway Local Group Talk, Parkwood Community Centre, 7.30 - 9.45pm, £3.00. A Year in Mote Park - Simon Ginnaw, For Walks see www.medway-rspb.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk.

October 16th - Gillingham Horticultural Society Floral Art Group, 7.30 - 9.00pm United Reformed Church (rear hall), Balmoral Road, AGM and Show schedules. Visitors welcome contact Kay Buss 01634 232998

October 17th - Bredhurst Garden Club, Ken Turner - 'House Plants Care and Purchase', 7.30pm, Village Hall, 01634 233554, new members welcome.

October 18th - Rainham WI 1.45 - 4.00pm Methodist Church Hall, Wakeley Road, Speaker on Doodlebugs and Rockets. Visitors welcome small charge per visit. Ring 01634 366276 for details

October 18th - Hempstead Leisure Club, (see 11th Oct).

October 18th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Fire Safety in the Home - Kent Fire Service, (see 11th Oct).

October 19th - Jazz Gig, RAF Association Club, Dock Road, Chatham, 8.30pm, Enrico Tomasso/ Alan Barnes Quintet, Admission £10, All Enquiries 01634 365352 or 07544312743 Website Coljazz.webs.com

October 20th - Rainham South Ward Councillors will be holding a surgery at Parkwood Community Centre from 9.30am - 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

October 20th - Junior Ranger Team, Riverside Country Park, 10.00 - 11.00am For youngsters 5 - 12 years accompanied by adult, £1.50, book 01634 337432

October 20th - Pamper Day, Medway & Swale (West) Breast Cancer Support Group for Breast Cancer Patients 10.00am - 4.00pm, Medway Maritime Hospital, details 01634 825033

October 20th - The Friends Of St Margaret's Church Knowledge & Nibbles Evening, The Millennium Centre, 7.30pm (prompt) Food provided bring own drinks & glasses Tables of 8 - £6 pp Advance booking essential, Contact Kay 230430 or Lesley 379796

October 20th - Medway Folk Dance Club, (see 6th Oct).

October 20th - Instep Dancing, Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, 8.00 - 11.00pm. Enquiries 01634 363738 email s.collins02@btinternet.com

October 21st - Medway Ramblers Walk, Meet Bob & Kath Dyson 10.00am Chequers PH Old Loose Hill for 4 mile walk to Tovil ponds, pub at end.

October 21st - Medway Towns Footpaths Group Walk, meet John Williams 01622 764821, 10.00am at Meopham Green for 5 mile hilly walk with 16 stiles, dogs allowed.

October 21st - BWAG, Volunteer Task Days, 10.00am - 2.00pm, Meet at Hurstwood Road, Bredhurst, Lunch and refreshments provided, Steve Wright 07801 386264 or stevewright50@btinternet.com

October 21st - The Lions Club of Gillingham Harvest Teas (see 7th Oct).

Continued on Page 11

P. Gillard
Interior & Exterior
Decorator
Plastering # Tiling
Established 30 years
NO JOB TOO SMALL
FREE ESTIMATES
Tel: (01634) 320846
Mobile: 07834 851 004

A.C. Domestics
reg. 206985
Gas safety checks
Landlord certificates.
Service, repair and
installation of gas central
heating, boilers, fires, gas and
electric cookers.
01622 730960 / 07799887754

LOGS
TURF
TOPSOIL
BARK
LANDSCAPE PROJECTS
UNDERTAKEN
INVICTA
LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES
01634 263700

AERIALS
• Freeview
• Freesat Dishes Installed
• Extra TV/SKY Points
• TV Wall Mounting Service
• Free Estimates
Call Nick 07949 588464
Or 01634 262582
AP DIGITAL SYSTEMS

Medway Bathrooms
Luxury to basic
Design & Install
NO JOB TOO SMALL
Friendly service
Free quote
01634 387075 or 077383 66444
www.medway-bathrooms.co.uk

Whiskers Lodge Cattery
Willis Cottages, Dunn Street,
Bredhurst, ME7 3NA
Sited in a quiet rural location in an area
of outstanding natural beauty, boarding is
for cats only.
A completely new cattery, fully compliant
with all new legislation. F&B accredited care
provided.
Visitors welcomed by appointment.
Contact: Nichola
Telephone: 01634 235032
Email: info@whiskerslodge.com
Web: www.whiskerslodge.com

J|A|D CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
CHARTERED IN COMMON SENSE
ESTABLISHED OVER 30 YEARS

4 Bloors Lane, Rainham,
 Kent ME8 7EG
 Tel: 01634 375222
 Fax: 01634 371318
 E Mail: admin@jadaccountants.co.uk
 www.jadaccountants.co.uk

- Accounts
- Tax
- Book-keeping
- Payroll
- Audit
- Associated Services

DOIT4U Qualified technician. References available
home improvements/handyman

Bathrooms • Cloakrooms • Kitchens • Tiling • Radiators
 Sockets • Flooring • Lighting • Blinds
 Small jobs welcome!

Call Rob now for a free estimate!
 01634 261502 | 07759 635678 | www.doit4u.org

Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning
Using the most powerful system in the world
Carpets dry within 2 hours!
 Safe for children, pets, allergy and asthma sufferers.
 No solvent, detergents or enzymes!
For a free quote ring 01634 261014
HYDRO-DYNAMIX

GREG BRYANT
CONSTRUCTION LTD
REGISTERED HOUSE BUILDERS
EXTENSIONS
AT RATED BY NHBC
01634 231321

T.J. BUILDERS
 All General work Undertaken, Interior Decorating
 Plastering, Laminated Flooring & Much More...
External Work:
 Painting, Guttering, Fascias, Rendering,
 Fencing etc...
 Phone for FREE Estimates on:
 Home: **01634 581072** Mob: **07968 852558**

Beauty Room
 Wigmore—Est 13 years

Non surgical face lifting — Facials — Waxing
 Electrolysis—Manicure—Pedicure — Body Treatments
 Reflexology—New Geleration Manicure & Pedicure
 Massage — Bridal — Make up — Lash & Brow Tinting
 Thread Vein Removal — Lash Extensions
 Telephone Sally on **01634 375999** or **07957 242 268**

Craniosacral Therapist
 Gentle and effective therapy for all ages and conditions including:
 neck/ back/ joint pain ~ headaches
 stress & anxiety

Sharon Cresswell RCST
01634 373344 or mob. **07896 468456**
 Email: sharon.cresswell@blueyonder.co.uk
 Web: www.craniosacraikent.co.uk

MIRANDA
DOUBLE GLAZING REPAIRS
 WE REPAIR ALL TYPES OF DOUBLE GLAZING.
 FOR A FAST, FRIENDLY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
 CALL THE REPAIR SPECIALISTS NOW ON
01634 717400
 NO JOB TOO SMALL — FREE QUOTATIONS

WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES
 We handle everything from the initial quotation,
 manufacture to the installation. **We only fit quality...**
Eden Windows
 telephone **01634 840 999**
 www.edenwindows.co.uk

Puma pvc
 Approved installers of
 Fascia Soffit Guttering Cladding
 * 10 Year Guarantee * Free Quotations
WE GUARANTEE TO BEAT ANY COMPETITOR'S PRICE !!
CALL NOW 01634 235900
159 Edwin Road, Rainham

Paul's 1-8 Seater Taxis
 Bookings Only
 Airports - Hospitals - Days/Nights Out
 Nightclubs - Friendly & Reliable
 - Theatre trips - seaports
Tel 01634 268567 Mob 07904955375

Back & Body Health Care.
 Upper & Lower Back pain, Sciatica, Frozen shoulder,
 Neck pain, Tennis & Golfers Elbow, C.T.S & R.S.I.
 Sinusitis, Asthma, Eczema, Hay-fever,
 Everyday as well as Sports injuries.
 Bowen Therapy, Massage & Reflexology
Bren Barry—ECBS. BTER. ITEC. IFR.
Phone: 01634 234 835 Home visits available

HARVEST TEAS
 Lions Club of Gillingham Teas for Senior Citizens
 Sundays 7th and 21st October, 3.30 – 6.00pm.
 The Millennium Centre, Rainham
 For a free invitation write to Mrs Brenda Woodrow,
 Flat 1, Macklands House, Station Road, Rainham
 ME8 7QX, or telephone Brenda on 01634 379062 or
 Mrs Yvonne Iles on 01634 373840. Transport can be
 arranged if required.

RAINHAM LADIES CHOIR
 In Concert with
 The UK Paper Band (Sittingbourne)
 and special guests the Minnesingers
 Male Voice Choir from Wales
 Saturday 13th October, 7.00 for 7.30pm
 Britannia Theatre, Dickens World, Outlet Centre,
 Leviathan Way, Chatham ME4 4LL
 Tickets £10 (child 12 and under £5)
 From 01634 370797, 371880 or 365806
 Raffle / programmes
 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
 www.rainhamladieschoir.org.uk

'PUMPKIN DAY'
 Friends of Bredhurst School School Fete
 Saturday 13th October 12noon – 2.00pm. BBQ,
 Cake Stall, Face Painting, Craft Activities, Teddy
 Tombola, Welly Chucking, Raffle & lots more!
 Bredhurst C E P School, Bredhurst Kent, ME7 3JY

AUTUMN INDOOR FAIR
 Wigmore Darby & Joan Club
 (a social club for persons over 50)
 Monday 15th October, from 2.15pm
 Howard Hall, Woodside, Wigmore
 Admission 25p
 Cakes, preserves, gifts, craft items, tombola, raffle,
 refreshments etc
 For more details about the fair
 or club ring 01634 362662

Neat Feet
 Fully qualified & insured visiting Foot Health
 Practitioner
 * Corns & Hard Skin Removed
 * Verruca Treatments
 * Thickened & Fungal Nails
 * Ingrown Toe Nails
 * Diabetic & Routine foot care
 Call Naomi for an appointment on:
01634 322591

Plumbing & Heating
DAVID TATTON Fully qualified engineer
 Installation • Maintenance • Service • Heating Systems
 Gas Fires • Bathrooms • All general plumbing
 • Power Flushing
 Corgi Registered No. 205861
01634 262659 Mob 07901 654306

PAMPER DAY
 Medway & Swale (West) Breast Cancer Support
 Group for Breast Cancer Patients
 Saturday October 20th, 10.00am – 4.00pm,
 Medway Maritime Hospital,
 Relexology, Reiki, Manicure, Facials etc
 Raffle & refreshments
 For information or to register please contact
 Breast Care Nurses 01634 825033

KNOWLEDGE & NIBBLES EVENING
 The Friends Of St Margaret's Church
 The Millennium Centre, Gatekeeper Chase, Rainham
 Saturday 20th October, 7.30pm (prompt start)
 Food provided please bring your own drinks &
 glasses. Tables of 8 - £6 per person. Advance
 booking essential. Contact Kay 01634 230430 or
 Lesley 01634 379796

VICTORIAN OLD TIME MUSIC HALL
 An Evening of Variety, Gaiety, Music & Song,
 Magic, Tribute Acts, and your favourite
 Sing-a-longs. Central Theatre, Chatham. For One
 Night Only. Saturday October 27th, 7.30pm
 All proceeds to Great Ormond Street Children's
 Hospital. Tickets £12 and £10 from Box Office
 01634 338338 or www.medwayticketslive.co.uk
 Come in costume to add to the atmosphere

OCTOBER CHARITY QUIZ
 Saturday 27th October
 St Margaret's Millennium Centre, Rainham,
 7.00 for a 7.30pm start
 Teams of up to 8, £5 per person
 Bring your own drinks and nibbles
 Organised by the Medway Branch of
 The Multiple Sclerosis Society
 To reserve a table phone Medway Branch Helpline
 01634 238502 or ring Jane 01634 374938
 or email JaneMSMedway@gmail.com

KITCHEN SPECIALIST
 18yrs experience
 • Full Installation Service • Worktop Joining
 • All Major Brands • Competitive Prices
 • Large Selection of Quality Kitchens
Convenient, Friendly, Reliable Services
CONTACT PAUL ON:
T: 01795 426868 M: 07950210799

MASTER ALARMS
 FAMILY BUSINESS ESTABLISHED OVER 37 YEARS
Alarms—CCTV—Access Control
www.masteralarms.com
mail@masteralarms.com
TELEPHONE: 01634 379762
Fair Trader
 Medway Council's
 Trading Standards Accredited

Nature Notes

NATURE NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

In September of last year I walked between the churches of St Mary, Newington and St Margaret, Lower Halstow. I started my journey down Wardwell Lane, Newington which is an ancient, sunken lane lined with ash, dogwood, elderberry, holly and oak, among other trees and shrubs. The leaves of the deciduous trees were starting to turn yellow and ripening berries were evident among the foliage. In years gone by visitors came by train, car and charabanc to Newington to see, paint and photograph the cherry blossom. Although cherries figure prominently on the village sign by the side of the A2, most of the cherry orchards have now gone. However, one remains to the west of the church and a view of it, with the church tower in the background, can be had from the bottom of Wardwell Lane. At the time of my own visit a small flock of sheep was grazing under the trees of the orchard and jackdaws were strutting about looking for grubs.

I soon left the lane and walked along a public footpath beside the stream that flows into Halstow Creek. Alongside the stream is a long line of three and a half acres of disused and overgrown water cress beds through which flows water from an artesian well. At the height of production, baskets were used to transport the picked cress to market by train from Newington station. These baskets were made from withies that were cut from osiers that were grown in the wet meadows alongside the stream. According to an article in a past edition of "Bygone Kent", eels were plentiful in the beds years ago and were caught and eaten. They would have found their way up the stream from the Medway and the sea. Mallards and moorhens tended to uproot the cress in search of invertebrates and were either shot and eaten or scared off with gunfire. There were so many frogs that their spawn was a nuisance. On previous visits I had seen evidence of water voles in the form of gnawed sedge stems and droppings, but not on this occasion.

I paused on the high ground of Broom Downs, whose sandy soil is riddled with rabbit burrows, and from where I had views over the Medway estuary towards

Kingsnorth power station and the cranes at Thamesport. The countryside between Newington and Lower Halstow is one of mixed farming. I could see orchards, a chicken farm and fields of wheat, maize, sheep, beef cattle and riding horses.

I both heard and saw flocks of rooks and jackdaws feeding in those fields.

I regained the footpath alongside the Newington Stream at the bottom of Broom Downs and at the place where the clear spring water flowing from the deserted water cress beds empties into the stream. Crack willow trees line the banks of the stream and the trunks of the oldest and tallest of them are perforated with woodpecker holes. Both great pond sedge and common reed grow in the bed of the stream as it flows down towards Lower Halstow. Water hens use the broad leaves of the sedge in the building of their nests which sit just clear of the water. Sedge and reed warblers suspend their nests from the stems of the common reed. As I walked down the stream in the afternoon of a warm September day, I heard common frogs, which had been sunning themselves on the banks, jump back into the water with a loud plop. Earlier I had disturbed a grey heron which was clearly stalking these frogs.

The stream runs alongside the Three Tuns Public House at Lower Halstow before emptying into Halstow Creek near St Margaret of Antioch Church. Waders, gulls, ducks and geese can often be seen, at low tide, washing in or drinking the fresh water of the Newington Stream. I met up with Mrs Ennis at Halstow Quay, alongside which was moored the Thames spritsail barge Edith May, built in 1906 at Harwich. Day trips can be had in the barge and, when she is berthed at Halstow, she serves as a tea room. My wife and I did not miss the opportunity of having a cream tea on the boat. After refreshment, and before motoring home, we paid a visit to what is a tiny remnant of salt marsh at the quay; it is on the east side of the quay and adjoins the churchyard. Only sea lavender remained in bloom by the time of our September visit but, on an earlier occasion, in July, sea campion, golden samphire and sea pink or thrift were also in flower. On that hot July day we

arrived as the Edith May was about to sail on an afternoon cruise. The last cream teas had been served to those customers not remaining on board. A man, his dog and two young daughters, who had arrived in an elderly Range Rover, were swimming in the high tidal waters. Two families were enjoying a joint picnic under the churchyard wall. There was a jolly, seaside atmosphere about the place.

Joe Ennis

WCRA AUTUMN DROP IN

Once again Wigmore Community and Residents Association will be holding their 'Autumn Drop In' event at Wigmore Library. This event is open to all residents of Wigmore and provides us with a great opportunity to meet and to speak, on a one to one basis, with our MP, our Councillors, Council Officers and Police Officers.

The event will be held on Friday 26th October, starting at 7.30pm finishing just after 9.00pm. Please do attend you should find it most interesting. We will be delighted to see you there.

Bob Dunn Deputy Chair WCRA
01634 378769

TELLING TALES

Storytelling for Adults
Hastings Arms

18, Lower Rainham Road, Gillingham

Tuesday 30th October

doors open 7.15 for prompt 8.00pm start
June Peters 'Sugar Skulls and Love Spoons'
Admission £6

For more information ring 01634 852614

UPCHURCH FAMILY FIREWORKS

Celebrates the 17th year of entertainment
Westmoor Farm off A2, Rainham, ME8 8QF
Saturday 3rd November - Gates open 5.30pm
Usual family mix of food, fireworks and one of Kent's largest bonfires.

Entrance prices:

£5 for Child under 16, £7 for an Adult
£20 Family Ticket (2 adults + 2 under 16)

Car parking free on site

No advanced tickets just pay at the gate

For more details, visit our website

www.upchurchfireworks.co.uk or email us at

info@upchurchfireworks.co.uk

Boarding Cattery

Located in an area of
outstanding natural
beauty

Owner FAB trained
Built to FAB specifications
Individual luxury heated chalets
Larger pens available to accommodate
up to four cats from the same household
Viewing welcome, by appointment only please
www.catnapbredhurst.co.uk
Tel: 01634 386263
Mobile: 07772 276906
Email: catnapbredhurst@yahoo.co.uk
Elspeth, Blind Lane, Bredhurst, Kent, ME7 3JR



TAURUS LOCKS

UK LOCKSMITH ASSOCIATION MEMBER

24 Hour Service (No call out charge)
Emergency Non-Destructive Entry
Domestic and Commercial Work
All Locks Fitted, Repaired Upgraded
Rainham Based
Free Lock Surveys and Estimates
O.A.P. Discounts
So call today for a great deal, peace of
mind and security

Phone Brian 01634 351244
Mobile: 07775 423744

MEDWAY PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE

Leaks—Bursts—Ball Valves
Taps Repaired/ Replaced
Cylinders/Repaired/ Replaced
Tanks—Cisterns— Blockages
No Job Too Small

**FAST, AFFORDABLE,
RELIABLE, 24 hour call out**

Medway Fair Trader
All Work Guaranteed
Fully Insured
01634 301711
Mob 07976 438435

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 3rd November 11.00am – 2.30pm
Methodist Church Hall, Station Road, Rainham
Admission 30p
Spaces available £10 each
contact Ruth 01634 389502

BARNARDO'S PRE-CHRISTMAS EVENING

Friday 9th November, 8.00pm

Lower Hall, Millennium Centre, Rainham
Help the festivities begin by joining us for this
popular evening

Special Buffet, Bring & Buy, Raffle, Tombola,
Cards & Gifts,

Donations and gifts much appreciated

Admission £3.50, children £1

(refreshments included)

Tickets are available from any committee member
or 01634 233405, 01634 375486 or on the door.

RSG YOUTH ACADEMY

Bookings are now being taken for the next session
RSG Youth Academy, an exciting opportunity for
year 5, 6 and 7 students to come to Rainham School
for Girls to learn a new skill and to experience a
secondary school environment whilst having fun!

A variety of courses are being offered on:

Saturdays 10th, 17th, 24th November and
1st December, 10.00am to 12noon.

Please see the website for details of the courses
available (www.rsg.org.uk), contact RSG office, or
ask at your local Primary School.

Courses are £25 for the four sessions.

Choose from Angry Birds Maths, Clay Creations,
Easy Christmas Baking, Fencing, Jewellery
Making, Lights Camera Action!

Make Your Own Healthy Junk Food.

Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way,
Gillingham, ME8 0BX

01634 362746 email rya@rsg.org.uk

APPLAUSE RURAL TOURING THEATRE

Bredhurst Village Hall

Friday, November 16th, 7.30pm

A toe-tapping live music and physical performance
of the classic Grimm's Fairy Tale of
Hansel & Gretel by the Fairgame Theatre
Tickets at £8 from Ann Keeble 01634 361263

D.H. MILLER

For all your Plumbing Services
HELP is on its way

UPGRADING CENTRAL HEATING
BOILER EXCHANGES
POWER FLUSHING
LUXURY BATHROOMS & SHOWERS

01634 235831 – Mobile 07860 471210

Reg No.
6629



• TREE MANAGEMENT

- CHIPPING
- STUMP GRINDING
- PLANTING
- MULCH
- FIREWOOD

**LINDSAY
& COMPANY**
TREE SURGEONS

TEL/FAX 01634 366923

WHY MISS WORK ?

Washing Machines, Dishwashers, Dryers, Cookers Etc.
ALL LEADING MAKES REPAIRED Monday to Saturday 7am to 9pm

BY SQUADMATIC

Free call out—Free estimates

OFFICE 24hrs (01634) 373515 Mobile 07702 255105

CITY & GUILD TRAINED ENGINEER Ex R.E.M.E

Munn Academy of Dance

Pupils from age 2yrs to professional

Subjects include: Ballet, Tap, Modern, Gym,
Street Dance, Drama and Singing Tuition

Exams Shows Competitions Cabarets

Principal: Lesley Munn, Fellow & Examiner I.D.T.A.

Medway 234168

Kent Garage Doors

Your friendly local experts

Electric Roller Doors, Automation,
Sectional and Up & Over Garage Doors,
All repairs. No call out charge. Free estimates.

01634 871402 01795 459105

For 24 hour service call 07738 921296

Builders & Decorators

EXTENSIONS • GENERAL REPAIRS

PLASTERING • GARDENING

REPLACEMENT UPVC WINDOWS

Telephone: 01634 235383
86 Berengrave Lane
Rainham Kent ME8 7NJ

DAVID WHITE BOILER CARE

- Member of Gas Safety Register
- All Boiler Servicing & Maintenance undertaken, New Systems Fitted
- Landlord Gas Safety Reports
- Fires, Cookers, Hobs Fitted & Serviced
- 24hr Emergency Service with NO CALL OUT FEE

Medway 376929

Engineer 07956 630003

N.P. SUMMERFIELD

20 Years Experience

CARPENTER

Kitchens, Floors, Bedrooms, Doors

32 Swain Road, Wigmore, Gillingham,
Kent. ME8 0SN

Tel/Fax 01634 361107 Mobile 07967 300269

CARPENTRY • DECORATING • PROBLEM SOLVING • DECKING

CDS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Call Chris Smy

01634 362541 or 07919 270599

www.cdspropertymaintenance.freeindex.co.uk

GARDEN MAINTENANCE • FLOORING • GUTTER & FASCIA CLEANING

NICK EASTER – CARPENTER

Kitchen design and fitting

Extensions – Bathrooms – Doors – Artexing –
Decking – Fitted Wardrobes – Plastering.

All work guaranteed ~ For a free estimate:

01634 260874 mob 07778 380285

91 Elmstone Road, Rainham

11+ Preparation Rainham Tuition Centre

Help is at Hand

Maths
Literacy
Reasoning

Effective tuition for children working
towards the 11+ grammar school
selection tests in Medway and Kent

05602 538 882

(local call rates)

www.rainhamtuitioncentre.co.uk

DA CONSTRUCTION

CARPENTRY & JOINERY
SPECIALIST

EXTENSIONS LOFT
CONVERSIONS

GENERAL COMMERCIAL/
DOMESTIC MAINTENANCE

City & Guilds / Institute of Carpenters
TOP QUALITY AT COMPETITIVE
RATES

MR ARCHER – Tel: 01634 389604
Mobile 07961 839328

MEDWAY TREE SURGEONS

A qualified & insured service



All aspects of
tree work
incl stump grinding
Free quotations

Joel Sims

11 Megby Close Rainham ME8 9EP

01634 669949 Mob 07899 995798

Diary 2012

October 22nd - Parkwood Leisure Club, Cards - Debbie Highams, (see 8th Oct).

October 22nd - Rainham Wives, 'Journalism after the Menopause part 2' - Barbara Stevens (see 8th Oct).

October 22nd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 30th & 31st - Halloween Horrors Fort Amherst, Dock Road, Chatham, Tickets £5 to £20, see www.fortamherst.com 01634 847747

October 24th - Medway Poetry Group, Sunlight Centre Radio Room, reading on air from 6.00 - 8.00pm, for more information ring 01634 260228.

October 25th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Service followed by True or False? (see 11th Oct).

October 25th - Hempstead Leisure Club, Helen Allinson, 'Postcard view of the Edwardian Era' (see 11th Oct).

October 25th - Rainham & District Dolls' House and Miniaturist Group, Howard Hall, Woodside, 7.30pm, ring 01634 312038 or 366183 for details.

October 26th - Medway Geographical Society, Byron Primary School, Gillingham, 7.30 - 9.00pm, 'Bruges is not just chocolate' - Melanie Gibson-Barton, Everyone welcome, details Pat Meredith 362683

October 26th - Wigmore Community and Residents Association, Autumn Drop In. Wigmore Library, 7.30pm, information Bob Dunn, 378769

October 26th - MKAS, Mike Foulkes - Saturn (see 12th Oct).

October 27th - Multiple Sclerosis Society Charity Quiz, St Margaret's Millennium Centre, Rainham 7.30pm Teams up to 8, £5 pp, Bring your own drinks and nibbles, ring 01634 238502 or Jane 01634 374938 email JaneMSMedway@gmail.com

October 27th - Autumn Show, Upchurch Horticultural Society, Village Hall, 2.00pm Presentation 3.30pm, Details ring 01634 373723

October 27th - November 4th - Kent Coastal Week, Riverside Country Park, A celebration of the Kent Coast, Free or subsidised activities along 350 miles of coastline see www.coastalkent.net

LOCAL PLASTERER ALL PLASTERING WORK UNDERTAKEN

Flat smooth Ceilings and walls.
Professional Reliable Service
01634 389675 / 07721 365 630.



HPR Ltd: The Modern Building Company
189 Bredhurst Road Wigmore.



DISCOUNT WINDOW COMPANY

TOP QUALITY PVCU

Windows / Doors / Conservatories

All repairs undertaken. Misted sealed units replaced.
ALL AT TRADE PRICES!

Phone 01634 370515
Mobile 07971 554335
Fax 01634 329771

CALL: GRAHAM RALPH for
Prompt & Friendly response!
Professional Survey Service
(over 30 years' experience)

October 27th - Halloween Paranormal

Investigation, Activities 9.00pm, Finish 3.00am approx, Medium Richard Ware, Investigating areas of Fort Amherst not normally open to the public, Limited Tickets £35, Book on line, Over 18's only, Fort Amherst, Dock Rd, Chatham, For more Info 01634 847747 www.fortamherst.com

October 28th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group Walk, meet Gillian Smith 01622 710569, 10.00am at Chevening, park St Botolph's Church approach road, for 5 mile hilly walk including one steep climb, no dogs.

October 28th - Medway Ramblers Walk, Meet Mike Collins 07855 929404, 10.00am Richmond Tube Station for 9 mile walk along the Thames Path to Putney, flat and easy but may be muddy.

October 28th - Medway Ramblers Walk, Meet Geoff Ettridge 07525 161766, 10.00am Pluckley Railway Station for 6.75 mile walk to the 3 most haunted villages in Kent, pub at end.

October 30th - Family Discovery Walk, Riverside Country Park, 10.00am - 12noon £1.50 per person, Book in advance 01634 337432

October 30th - Telling Tales, Storytelling for Adults, Hastings Arms, 18, Lower Rainham Road, Gillingham, prompt 8.00pm start, June Peters - 'Sugar Skulls and Love Spoons' Admission £6, information ring 01634 852614

October 31st - Marvellous Mammals, Capstone Farm Country Park, 9.00 - 11.00am Suitable for 10 years plus & adults, £1.50 pp book 338191

October 31st - Halloween Spirit Walk, 8.00pm for 2 hours (approx) Fort Amherst, Dock Road, Chatham, £12.50, Book on line, No under 18's ring 01634 847747 www.fortamherst.com

November 1st - 3rd - Three Towns Theatre "Billy" Brook Theatre, Chatham, 7.30pm - Sat matinee 2.30pm, Tickets £12 (£10 con) 01634 338338 www.threetownstheatrecompany.co.uk

November 3rd - Bonfire and Fireworks Night, Great Lines Heritage Park, 7.00pm Free no need to book

ADP Building & Carpentry Ltd

For all your Building and Carpentry
Needs. No Job Too Small

Free Quotes
Contact ADP on

01634 234371 or 07590 322 662

CL DECORATORS

Complete Painting & Decorating Service
Interior / Exterior

Paperhanging, Specialising in Hall, Stairs and Landing
For Your Free No Obligation Quote

12 De Mere Close, Rainham

01634 261913 Mobile 07900 190564

STUMPMASTERS

Professional Tree Care

All tree work undertaken. Stump grinding specialists
Local Authority Approved. Medway Fair Trader Member
Free quotes and advice. Fully qualified & insured.
SEASONED LOGS & CHIPPINGS FOR SALE
FREE DELIVERY

01634 361472 or 07789 632438

ZAMMIT ROOFING

SLATING & TILING - LEADWORK
CHIMNEY STACKS REPOINTED OR BUILT
UPVC FASCIAS, SOFFITS & GUTTERS
ALL REPAIR WORK UNDERTAKEN
NO JOB TOO SMALL OR TOO BIG
Your Local Reliable Contractor
James Zammit
01634 375129 - 07802 698300

Medway Fair Trader

Solicitors

Fixed Fees ~ Home Visits
Extended opening hours ~ Saturday opening
Wills ~ Business Law ~ Road Traffic Law
Criminal Law ~ We come to you

01634 544544
www.mybrief.com

my brief
SOLICITORS

Bredhurst Bodyshop

Car & commercial - Paintwork & repairs
Insurance work undertaken, from small
scratches to complete respray.
Call for a free quote.

Blind Lane, Bredhurst, ME7 3JS
01634 264753

STANNAH STAIRLIFTS

Reconditioned and new Thyssen Stairlifts
for straight or curved stairs.
Tel Mr Derek Organ on

01634 374524

or
07850 262 156
for a free estimate.

LUKEHURST

Come and Visit Us in Our New
Carpet and Curtain Showroom
Free advice and Quotations

The Chapel, 1 Orchard Street, Rainham
Carpets 01634 362170 Curtains 01634 387749



Double Glazing & Garage Doors Specialists

01634 313821

Upvc Windows Doors & Conservatories
Repairs ~ Entrance Gates ~ Automation
Garage Doors ~ Fascia & Soffit

10 Year Guarantees on all products
www.kent-home-improvements.co.uk



AJ ROSS ELECTRICAL

Extra sockets to full rewires

Call Andy on 07766 457999 or
01634 372411

11 Farnham Close, Rainham, ME8 8NS
Domestic Installer

FASCIA PLASTICS

FASCIAS • SOFFITS • BARGEBOARDS • CLADDING • GUTTERING

Where Quality Counts!
Removal of Old Timber
Maintenance Free Exteriors
Full Ventilation with Bird Guard

01634 321202

243 Edwin Road, Rainham, Kent ME8 0LJ

Linwood Home Electronics

Your local
Panasonic specialist

GET READY FOR DIGITAL - SERVICE & REPAIR

Retune & Set up • Digital Aerials / satellite
Out of warranty repairs (all brands) • Accessories
70 Station Road, Rainham. 01634 230261
www.linwoodhe.com

J W DECORATORS

All aspects of decorating and small
building works undertaken including Block
Paving, Brickwork & Patios
Family run business for 20 years

Call 01634 375290 or 07831 149458

Johnthedec@hotmail.com



For Free quote ring
Mick Eardley
01634 264266

Licensed Waste Carrier
Fully Insured

M & D DECKING

Decking and Gardening Services
Paths, Patios, Turfing, Patio Cleaning,
Garden Clearance, Garden gates made to measure,
Mowing weekly—fortnightly.
Odd Jobs and much more
No job too small
Prompt and Reliable Service

Diary 2012

November 3rd - Guy Making, Riverside Country Park,
10.00am - 12noon Demonstrate your creativity and
make the best guy for bonfire night Bring some old
clothes to dress your scarecrow, stuffing provided,
Suitable for aged 5 - 12 years must be accompanied by
an adult, £2.50 per child, book 01634 337432
November 3rd - St. Margaret's Autumn Bazaar. 10.00am
- 2.30pm, Millennium Centre, Rainham. Various stalls,
raffles, Ploughmans Stall donations 01795 475907
November 3rd - Craft Fair, 11.00am - 2.30pm, Methodist
Church Hall, Station Road, Rainham, Admission 30p,
Spaces available £10 each contact Ruth 01634 389502
November 3rd - Upchurch Family Fireworks, Westmoor
Farm off the A2 in Rainham, ME8 8QF, Gates open
5.30pm £5 under 16, £7 Adult, £20 Family Ticket Car
parkfree, pay at gate, www.upchurchfireworks.co.uk or
email info@upchurchfireworks.co.uk
November 3rd - Medway Folk Dance Club, (see 6th Oct).
November 4th - Medway Ramblers Walk, Meet Mike
Patrick, 10.00am south of for 8 mile walk to Harty
Church Short pub stop or picnic stop halfway. Pubs,
cafes and other entertainment in Leysdown at end.
November 4th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group Walk,
meet Patricia Daniels 07960 295164, 10.00am at Strood
Civic Centre Car Park (Charges allow 4 hours) for 6.5
mile 6 bridges walk mainly flat two thirds tarmac, 1
stile, opportunity to visit Temple Manor, no dogs.
November 5th - Parkwood Leisure Club, Newington
Concert Party, (see 8th Oct).

November 5th - Rainham Wives, Quiz Time plus
nibbles (see 8th Oct).
November 6th - GHS Floral Art Group, 'Remembrance'
own choice arrangement. (see 16th Oct).
November 7th - Medway Ramblers Walk, Meet Allan
Buchan, 10.00am at Newington car park (behind
Acorn Car Wash on A2) for 10 mile walk Circular,
mainly flat via Lower Halstow, Otterham Quay and
Breach. Bring picnic lunch
November 7th - Rainham Horticultural Society, 7.30pm
Cricket Pavilion, Berengrave Lane, Rainham,
Woodland Trust - John Harvey, New members
welcome, ring 366276 for details.
November 8th - Donn Barcott Band, Jazz Five 5 Live,
44two Sports and Social, Featherby Road,
Gillingham, 8.30 - 11.00pm, Licensed Bar, Quality
Raffle, Light Bites at the Table, Special Guests, Ring
01634 405037 for more information
November 9th - Gillingham & Rainham Local History
Society, 'Kentish Ghosts' Dennis Chambers, (see
12th Oct).
November 9th - MKAS, Ian King, (see 12th Oct).
November 9th - Bamardo's Pre-Christmas Evening,
8.00pm, Millennium Centre, Special Buffet, Bring &
Buy, Raffle, Tombola, Cards & Gifts, Donations and
gifts appreciated. Tickets £3.50, children £1
(includes refreshments) from committee members
01634 233405, 375486 or on the door.
November 10th, 17th, 24th & Dec 1st - RSG Youth
Academy, Rainham School for Girls, 10.00am to
12noon. See www.rsg.org.uk or ring 01634
362746, email rya@rsg.org.uk for details

Security Installation and Maintenance

- CCTV & Intruder Alarms
- Fire Alarms
- Access Control
- Automated Gates/Barriers



t 01634 387762
m 07711 082415

Total Security Services

COMPLETE ELECRICAL SERVICES

Inspections & Testing to Latest Regulations
Insured and Registered
ALSO ARTEXING—COVING—DECORATING
No Job too small— free estimates
Neil Mace

19 Gayhurst Close 01634 312633
Rainham 07792 244 315

V E WHITE & CO.

Solicitors

10 Parkwood Green Rainham ME8 9PN
Medway (01634) 376555
For a complete legal service
Contact us or pop in for a competitive quote
Saturday/evening appointments may be available
email: enquiries@vewhitesolicitors.co.uk



LW Decorating

20 years experience

For a professional and friendly service
Call Louis on 07792 240041

65 Norman Close, Wigmere, Kent ME8 0TQ

The Door Doctor

UPVC Specialist

Handles, hinges & locks replaced
24 hour emergency door opening
No call out charge. Discounts for OAPs
01634 263539

CANNON

CURTAINS, BLINDS & CANOPIES LTD

BLINDS - CURTAINS & TRACKING
WOODEN SHUTTERS - AWNINGS
01634 582116

M: 07896 501690 E: cannon-m@sky.com
www.cannon-limited.co.uk

Small Ads

Price: £2.20 per line per month
Box Ads: £27.00 per month
£75.00 3 months paid in advance
See p2 for contact details & copy dates

FINANCIAL ADVICE. Qualified
and experienced local adviser. Advice,
consultations and reviews free of
charge. Contact Theresa on 01634
264322. www.theresaalsey.co.uk

INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE @
44Two Medway Community Sports
Centre Ltd, Featherby Road,
Gillingham, ME8 6AN. November
10th, £6.00 per Table. Sellers from
7am & buyers from 8am.
Refreshments available. Free Parking.
Please call and speak to Clare on
01634 388706 or email
clare@44two.net to book your table.

HAND EMBROIDERY CLASSES
Offering Workshops or one to one
lesson based learning for all ages.
Call me for a chat to inspire you - Jane
01634 575101 or 07967 932 189

PAMPER YOURSELF WITH A
massage: Indian Head, Aromatherapy;
Hollistic; hot stones; Hopi ear candles;
Crystal Reiki. ITEC qual. Unbeatable
prices. Call Roy for free consultation.
01795 843774 / 07941 027 594

HAIR TO ETERNITY. Mobile
hairdressing and spray tanning
Competitive rates. Contact kelly
on 01634 323585 or 07963260744

TBF CARPENTRY SERVICES
Customised furniture for home or
garden, decking, and any household
carpentry jobs, including flat
pack furniture assembly / installation.
Ring 01634 306387 or 07824 430537

HAIR BY SUE. Professional Mobile
Hairdresser. Competitive rates.
01634 370323 or 07817 825 859

RUGGED CARPET CLEANING
Competitive prices, fully insured.
For free quote Tel 07591 563 114

SMALL ALTERATIONS & repairs
Hems, zips, seams etc. Very
reasonable prices. Call Margaret 01634
363315 / 07766 980 732

M D LOCKSMITHS - 24 Hours
Local, Reliable and Honest
No W/end or Bank Hol Surcharges
Keys cut on site / Home Mover Pack
Miles 01634 304719 / 07500 860510

PLUMBING, HEATING &
Handyman services. No job too small.
No call out charge. Call Andy
01634 377138 or 07870 168 516

KEY STAGE 2/3 LITERACY
support for strugglers, ASD, Dyslexia
or 11+. Call Hilary Harris BA (Hons)
QTS 01634 234105 / 07866 315 471

STEJEN COMPUTER SERVICES
Repairs, upgrades, troubleshooting.
No fix, no fee.
City & Guilds qualified engineer. Phone
Steven 01634 302624 Mob 07775 793738

GARDENING TLC:- Lady Gardener
Garden maintenance: digging, pruning,
mowing etc. Baskets & pots refilled.
Chris 01634 372844 / 0796 3842 503

INTERIOR DECORATOR.
Quality guaranteed.
Tel Jim Jefferys 01634 378157
for a free no obligation estimate.

MAN & VAN at competitive rates.
www.vanworker.co.uk. 01634 365427

COMPUTER HELP for Beginners
Everything from taking it out of the
box to sending your first E-mail.
Call PC-Aid on 07905 440433

LADY DECORATOR. Neat & tidy.
Call Debbie 01634 611919

MATHS TUITION GCSE & A Level
by a current teacher. 20+ years'
experience. Phone 01634 378199.

BALLROOM, LATIN & Sequence
Dance Classes. New adult beginners'
lessons Rainham area. Wed & Fri
evenings. First lesson FREE. For more
info call Julie 07983 397 439

BANJO TUITION 5 string & tenor
Fun, easy to learn, all ages, 1-2-1 or
group lessons. Graham 01634 260281

New Shine OVEN CLEANING
High quality, deep clean, oven
cleaning. Treat your oven to a
valet to bring back that New Look!
01634 350025 / 0771 450 6996

TOPCAT TUITION CENTRE
Bredhurst - 11 Plus preparation for
Medway and Kent grammar schools.
GCSE Maths and English. Junior and
secondary Maths and English booster
classes. Fully trained, CRB checked
teachers. Improve your child's chances in
2012 and beyond! Call Catherine -
01634 712062 or Mob 07983 525538
topcattutors@aol.co.uk

RUBBISH CLEARANCE
House, garden, sheds, builders rubbish
commercial etc. Single items from
£14.95 Also garden maintenance. Call
Doug 01634 363008 / 07708 293 745

LANDSCAPE & PROPERTY
Maintenance, Tree & Conifer Surgery,
Felling, Lopping, Topping, Hedge
Cutting, Sheds, Garages, Gardens
Cleared, Sheds Repaired and Refelted,
Fencing repairs. No Job too Small.
Free advice and estimates for a first
class job. Friendly, professional
service. Call Colin: 01634 261749,
07970 759404.

DENTURE REPAIRS
While you wait service by established
quality Rainham Laboratory.
Tel: Mardale 01634 263766

LEAKING TAPS RE-SEATED
Loft & toilet overflows repaired.
01634 262912 Mob 07790 496387.

GENERAL GARDEN
Maintenance. All year round service.
Grass mowing, hedge cutting, weeding
& tidying. Established 10 years
Friendly service. 01634 378763.

MOBILE FOOT CARE
Nail trimming, reduction of thickened
nails, removal of corns and hard skin,
ingrowing nails. For treatment in the
comfort of your home by registered
and insured practitioner contact
Ann on 07880 893614

GET SLIM FOR CHRISTMAS
Slimming World, Hempstead Infants
School. Thursdays 6pm & 7.30pm.
Call 370390 or 0774 226 1053.

STUMP GRINDING & TREE
SURGERY. Roger Alsey
01634 376776 (Wigmore)

YOGA Classes /DANCE Meditation
Join us to improve health & wellbeing
Beginners welcome. Call Evi 01634
317463 Website www.freed-om.co.uk

CARPENTER EST 30 YEARS
Property maintenance including doors,
windows, flooring, roofing, general
building/lofts/extensions. 01634 230821
or 07950 802370.

PARKWOOD CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP PRE-SCHOOL
For children from 2½ to 5 years.
Enquiries please phone 01634 366574.

LES GENERAL BUILDER
All building work. Repointing, Patios,
Drives, Walls, Garages. No job too
small. Free estimates. Phone Les on
01634 264388. Mob 07743 128240

Fully Qualified ELECTRICIAN
Friendly and Reliable service. All
electrical work undertaken. No call out
charge. All works fully insured and
guaranteed. NICEIC fully Approved.
Part P registered. Contact Ian on 07977
432799.

BRISTLES Painters & Decorators
City & Guilds qualified. Contact Lorna
01634 683605 or Barbara 01622
682736 or mob 0777 986 3977.

MASSAGE / BEAUTY / Spray Tan
Extensive range of treatments. Very
competitive prices. Rainham area. Call
Jan 01634 377522 / 07930 378834.

DENTURE REPAIRS.
Same day service by registered
technician. Home collection &
delivery included. 01634 387824

DRUMS, PIANO & PERCUSSION,
lessons. 16 years' experience.
Roan Kearsey-Lawson. MA, MA,
BAHons. ISM member. 01634 365453

NEED A PLUMBER?
For that small job or annoying leak
07960 111 266

RAINHAM CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP. Sunday Services
10.30am at Begonia Avenue Church,
Twydall. Further details from
01634 302631.

CHIROPODIST JOHN JUDGE
M.InstCh.P. Home Visits - Clinic.
Corns, Calluses, Ingrowing Nails.
01634 361720.

PC TROUBLESHOOTERS solving
all your computer problems. 01634
362294. I come to you eves &
weekends. No fix no fee.

RALPH'S BARN DANCE
Calling to CDs. Tel 01634 375481

TONY'S PLUMBING SERVICES.
No call out fee.
Bathroom and Kitchen refits.
Call 01634 374332 or 07961 951 254

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE
All gardening work undertaken. Grass
cutting, hedge cutting, tree work, fencing.
Patios, decking, design & build available.
01634 364985 07930 183466.

WATERLOO PLUMBING & Heating.
No job too small. Over 30 years'
experience. 07712 760 147

DISCO - professional entertainment for
any occasion. "The Black Pepper
Roadshow". Jim Lindsay 01634 375552.

MATHS TUITION to GCSE and
A Level. Former Head of Maths.
33 years' experience. 01634 234732.

PARKWOOD CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP, Parkwood Green.
Sunday Morning Service is at 10.30am
to 12 noon. For any other details about
the Fellowship and its activities, please
contact Richard Hayton, 01634 235799.

ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES
Accounts, VAT, Tax Returns,
Payroll. If you have a problem
just give us a call. We come to you
and the first consultation is free.
Phone Michael on 01634 328537.

THE WINDOW WIZARD.
Replacement glass, hinges & handles.
UPVC specialist. 01634 871808.

WIGMORE EVANGELICAL Free
Church, Durham Rd. Sunday services
11am and 6.30pm. Treasure Seekers (3-
11 yrs) Sunday 10am. Bible Study &
Prayers Tues 7.30pm. Tots'n'All (pre
school & mums) Fri 1.30 to 3.00.
Friday Club (school years 1-5) 6.15. Fri
Club Extra (school years 7-10) 7.30
Visitors welcome. Pastor Rev T.J.
Wood. 01634 388187.

ST MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY
Centre, Wigmore - modernised centre
with main hall, meeting rooms and
kitchen available for hire. Disabled
access and hearing aid loop. To book
phone 01634 231350.

AROMATHERAPY. MFHT VTCT
Dip fully qualified insured therapist
helping with Stress, Fatigue,
Depression, Anxiety, Insomnia,
Arthritis, Poor circulation, Muscular
pain etc. Free consultation please
contact 07890 764639

WE TRANSFER OLD CINE FILMS
& slides to DVD. We also want old cine
projectors & films. 01634 230799.

ANDREW'S GARDEN SERVICES
01634 314099 or 07708508193

CATS SORTED Cats visited, fed &
pampered whilst you are away. Contact
Gill - 01634 233571 or 07999 979 202

TJC FENCING & DECKING. Fencing
repairs & erection. All types of decking
undertaken. 01634 364985
079580 72928

UPCHURCH VILLAGE HALL.
Ideal for Weddings, Parties & Meetings.
Facilities for the Disabled.
Attractive Setting - Ample car parking.
To book phone 01634 364859.

MEMORIES OF UPCHURCH
By David Wood. Over 300 pages & 200
photos. £15.00 in Sunburst Books, 21-23
Station Road, Rainham.

SMALL PET BOARDING & DOG
walking. Home visits - insured - Police
checked, local collection & delivery.
Claire 01634 230921 / 07775 946065
www.snowwitchbirmans.co.uk

GARDEN TIDY UPS.
Garden clearance, turfing, mowing, lawn
repair, hedges trimmed. City & Guilds
qualified. Shane 01634 300313 or
079234 76573

C & J CLEARANCE
Houses, garages, lofts, sheds & gardens
cleared. Individual items or complete
houses. Rubbish clearance carried out
efficiently. Professional, reliable, prompt
& friendly service. Free estimates. No job
too small. KCC & Environment Agency
registered. 01634 261749 Mobile 078127
34570 / 07970 759404

DENTIST: RUTH LINDSAY.
BDS. Home visits for elderly housebound.
Dentures made and repaired. Free of
charge for people receiving guaranteed
pension credit or income support. Tel.
842566 (surgery hours).

CRAFT MARKET
Saturday 20th October
9.00am - 12.30pm
Millennium Centre
Rainham
Proceeds to
St Margaret's Church
FREE Entry to the public
Next Market: 17th November

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

All Roofing & Roofing Repairs
Guttering / Fascias / Soffits
Roof Windows/Skylights
Extensions & Renovations
Loft & Garage Conversions
Loft Access & Insulation

Call Nick: 07949 588464
01634 262582

AP Systems RAINHAM

LADY DECORATOR Karen Spooner

Apprenticeship served
Fully qualified with
20 years' experience
All aspects of decorating undertaken
Competitive Prices

No job too small - Special rates for OAPs

Tel: 01634 233845
Mobile: 0778 0810 346

LOCKSMITH call Loyal Locks

for a trusted locksmith and
carpentry service for all your
doors and windows.
UPVC/timber.

Tel 07986 464970

Raise money for St Margaret's Church
Recycle your old printer
cartridges and toners

Place them in a special collection bin at

Sunburst Books
21-23 Station Road, Rainham
Open 9.00am-5.00pm
Monday-Saturday

Cartridge World of 11, Watling Street,
Chatham purchase these empty
containers for refill - not landfill.

JOHN STYLES FLAT ROOFING

Strip & Re-felt
All Work & Materials Guaranteed
Also General Roof Repairs
Free Written Quotation
MEDWAY 374028
Mobile: 07810 583 882

SUNBURST BOOKS
BIG STOCK CLEARANCE SALE
Monday 15th - Saturday 20th October
Half Price Sale of Second Hand Books, Videos, DVDs, CDs and Vinyl Records
Come and browse our fantastic varied selection and bag yourselves a real bargain
We look forward to seeing you
All profits support St Margaret's Church Heritage Fund
Donations of books always welcome in the shop
21 & 23 Station Road, Rainham
Shop open Mon - Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm

H P H Hallett's
Plumbing & Heating
Est. 1983
CENTRAL HEATING
Boiler Servicing, Breakdowns & Luxury Bathrooms
47 Lakewood Drive, Wigmore, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 0NS
01634 370697 07711 362898

Chris Hallett



Est. 1971

DAVE MOON ROOFING

REPAIRS, GUTTERING, VERTICAL TILING, FLAT ROOFS, NEW ROOFS

For free estimates telephone: **01634 375069**
No Job too LARGE or SMALL - We do them "all"

B. HAYFIELD & SONS

Builders
Established 1971
All Building / Maintenance Work
Carpentry & Painting
Roofing & Plumbing
Medway 234072 or 078605 10222

abilityOutlet
.CO.UK

What we do... We sell, service, hire, install, insure, part exchange, deliver, train, fix.

Mobility Scooters, Rise & Recline Chairs, Stair Lifts, Bath Lifts, Walk in Baths, Wheelchairs & lots more
7 London Road, Rainham. ME8 7RG
Tel 01634 375537

 **CRYSTAL Curtains & Blind Manufacturers Ltd**

Made to Measure Curtains	Free Quotation and Fitting Service	Verticals
Roman Blinds	Visit Showroom Unit 8	Rollers
Tracks and Poles	Invicta Business Centre	Venetian
Wide Range of Fabrics	Bredgar Rd, Gillingham (near McDonalds, Beechings Way)	Conservatory
	01634 817807	Awnings
		Patiola

S.B Plastering & Construction Services

All aspects of plastering rendering, pebble dashing, skimming, screeding and coving. Insurance repairs.
All work Guaranteed.
Over 25 years experience.
Call Scott
07515 630545 or 01795 841387

In time of need ...

JOHN WEIR

Funeral Directors

A private family owned and run business

- 24 hour Personal Service
- Home visits if preferred
- Private Chapels of Rest
- Monumental Masons
- Pre-arranged Funeral Plans
- Horse Drawn Hearse available

01634 373111

130-132 High Street
Rainham
Kent ME8 8AR

01634 855558

127 Watling Street
Gillingham, Kent ME7 2YJ
Car parking available

01634 408777

25 New Road, Chatham
Kent ME4 4QJ
Car parking available

01634 386999

31 Parkwood Green
Parkwood
Kent ME8 9PW

