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Berengrave Lane (above) in the early 1900s near the entrances to Cozenton Farm and Berengrave House. Further down the Lane below the railway line was a chalk quarry serving cement works by the river via a tramway under the Lower Rainham Road (left). This was abandoned in the 1930s when the industry closed. About fifty years ago the process of converting the quarry to a Nature Reserve began and it is now a haven for wildlife with archaeological remains indicating its origins. See pages 3 and 8 for more about Berengrave Nature Reserve.

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Editorial

Congratulations to the volunteers at Rainham Community Apple Orchard who have recently donated a further £2000 to Kent Wildlife Trust. This latest contribution is from the sale of apple juice which was processed last autumn from the surplus crop of Cox and Russet apples in the 2016 harvest. Russet juice is still available, at £3 a bottle, from Berengrave Service Station, Davey the Butcher and Sunburst Books in Station Road or The Net office at Saracen Close but it is expected to sell out before the next batch is produced. Rainham Community Orchard is situated on Lower Rainham Road at its junction with Lower Bloors Lane by the kind permission of the landowner Jimmy Zammit. Since July 2014 many man hours have been spent by volunteers initially simply clearing years of overgrowth so that the trees became accessible. Once this was partially achieved and the first rather sparse crop gathered the gigantic task of pruning 5000 trees began. This is an annual event through the winter months and more help will be very welcome in a few months time. At the moment pleasant summer days can be spent in a micro environment keeping the enthusiastically growing grass and wildflowers in check. The orchard is managed organically to produce a good crop of apples but also as a small 5 acre area where native flora and fauna coexists to their mutual benefit and for the enjoyment of us all. No pesticides or sprays are used so birds, butterflies, insects, badgers, foxes and rabbits are all welcome. A good place to spend time unwinding and relaxing from the stresses of everyday life. Experts at Kent Wildlife Trust have advised on the best ways to encourage diverse species of native wildlife whilst still maintaining a workable orchard. In this age of profit driven intensive agriculture, which is the only way our fruit can compete commercially with cheaper foreign imports, we have become used to the sterile rows of dwarf cordon trees. Still very pretty with spring blossom and certainly extremely productive they are more like factories for growing fruit than the orchards of yesteryear. So thank you to the volunteers who spend time each week maintaining the Community Orchard. They will be very pleased to welcome you 10.00am - 12noon any Tuesday or Thursday to see what they do and maybe join them and enjoy the sound of birdsong and the sight of butterflies and the occasional hedgehog. See www.thenet.uk.net for more information.

What a glorious few weeks we have experienced recently, lovely warm sunny days and just enough of the wet stuff to replenish supplies and give the plants a good drink. Probably tempting fate to hope it will continue but over half term would be good especially for those of us at Guide Camp! Whatever you are doing do enjoy this wonderful time of year and we will be with you again in July.

Correspondence

WIGMORE GARDENS WEEKEND

Dear Editor,

I would like to invite your readers to the 10th biennial Wigmore Gardens Weekend on the 17th & 18th June 2017. Over twelve gardens will be open during the two days for people to enjoy. Plants and other items will be available for sale, together with lunches, cakes and refreshments.

Admission into each garden on the day is £1 or by a programme allowing entry into all gardens over both days for just £6. Details of the gardens will be posted on www.stmattswigmore.org.uk and on St Matthew's Church notice board in Drewery Drive. Programmes can be purchased at any garden on the day or in advance from 01634 387328 or paul@bellerby.me.

Kind regards

Paul Bellerby, Gardens Co-ordinator.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY BAZAAR

Dear Editor

I am organising a Grand Christmas Bazaar at St. Matthew's Community Hall in Wigmore on the morning of Sat. 11th November, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Many well known charities and organisations will have tables, as well as local craftspeople. Many previous stallholders have already re-booked, but we may still have a couple of tables to hire, please contact me asap at lindaligarten@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01634 377267 if you are interested (preference will be given to charities and previous stallholders).

Very best wishes,
Linda Ligarten

KINGFISHER SINGERS CONCERT 13 May 2017

Dear Editor

Thanks to everyone who attended, donated money and raffle prizes. This includes the man who came into the church during the second half, put money on the table and disappeared too quickly for me to thank.

We raised £448 net which is a marvellous amount and all due to the Singers giving their time and to you, the audience, who turn out no matter what the weather to enjoy listening. Thanks also to Kate and Tony of St Margaret's who are so helpful.

With no programme from me we did not know what to expect and the varied mix of all types of music and the humour of the monologues created such a happy atmosphere.

Thanks again
Geraldine Tomlin

LOST CONTACT

Dear Editor

I am seeking information and contact details for Betty (nee Crossfield) who was born in the Newcastle area. Betty married Dr John Andrews who was doing his National Service as a doctor in Malaya but at one time they lived in the Medway Towns where John Andrews had a practice at a surgery either at 62, Second Ave, Gillingham or 5, Northfield Road. My aunt Jean Marshall (nee Gray) wife of David Marshall of Singapore met Betty in Malaya (probably in the 1960s) and is anxious to contribute to a book that is being written. I would be very grateful for any information about Betty, either past or present. If you can help do please get in touch.

Yours sincerely
Hilary Taylor
01634 372942

BERENGRAVE LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Dear Editor

The Nature Notes in this edition of Action Forum are about the above reserve, which is in an abandoned chalk pit. The pit, in which there are the remains of two wash mills, is a relic of Rainham's industrial history. Your readers may therefore like to read this short history of the pit. It was opened in 1901 by the Essex owners of the largest fleet of Thames sailing barges on both the Thames and Medway estuaries and, for the next twelve years, chalk was dug by means of pick, shovel and crowbar and loaded into side tipping trucks. The latter were pulled by cart horse, along a narrow gauge railway which went under the Lower Rainham Road, by means of a bridge, to a nearby quay on the Medway. Here sailing barges took the chalk to various cement works in the area. In 1913 the owners of the pit opened a modern cement works at the bottom of Motney Hill Road. To increase production, explosives were used to break up the chalk face. Workmen no longer had to work dangling by a rope and bringing down the chalk with a crowbar. However, the chalk still had to be loaded by hand or shovel. The chalk was taken by narrow gauge steam locomotive to a building in the pit in which were a series of machines, including the two wash mills mentioned above, all driven by a stationary steam engine. Here the chalk was turned into a slurry which was pumped through two large diameter pipes, under the Lower Rainham Road and to the cements works.

By 1923 the cement works had been doubled in capacity and the chalk was taken directly to the works in tippler trucks hauled by a steam locomotive. The wash mill and the rest of the machinery in the pit were shut down. In 1931 the cement works were deemed to be uneconomic and were closed. Subsequently part of the works and the chalk face reopened for the production of cement clinker (unrefined cement) but closed down for good in the late 1930s or early 1940s. There is a very interesting and exquisite model of the probable layout of the machinery in the chalk pit which has made by Mr Fraser Miller and which is on display in Rainham Library.

Yours Sincerely,
Joe Ennis

RAINHAM LADIES FOOTBALL

Dear Editor,

It is not unusual today for women to play football. In the past it was played by them until apparently the professional Football Association decided it a sport not feminine enough so eventually the ladies clubs declined and disappeared.

My cousin Katherine (Doodles) Major, daughter of my aunt and uncle Emma and Sidney Major who lived in Station Road in the 1930s, played for Rainham Ladies Football Team. She was their goalkeeper. Later she married into football, marrying Ken Dartnell of Rainham F.C. I have fond memories of Kath because she was often at family weddings entertaining us by playing her accordion, but I have no idea why in the family she was nicknamed 'Doodles'. Perhaps someone has a photo of these illustrious ladies who played the 'beautiful game', I would love to see one.

Yours sincerely
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- June 3rd - Lower Halstow 6th Annual Novelty Dog Show, Village Hall. Registration 10.00am, Judging starts, 11.00am, Entry £2 per dog per class.
- June 4th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am, meet John Trebill 01634 244045 Snodland Station car park, Fee £1 GR 707619 for 6.5 mile walk. No Dogs
- June 4th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, Leisurely circular walk 7.5 miles / 12.1 km finish 2.15pm. Len, 01634 319391, lenbeadle@blueyonder.co.uk
- June 4th - Medway Ramblers Walk, Faversham 18 Miles Ramble, 10.00am, Strenuous circular walk 18 miles / 29 km finish 7.45pm Park & Meet in the car park of Faversham Railway Station. Contact: Geoff, geoff.rambler@me.com
- June 4th - Volunteer Conservation Day, Capstone Farm Country Park, 10.00am - 2.00pm, Get involved by helping with practical tasks. Meet at the volunteer block near the orchard car park, for details ring 01634 338191
- June 4th - Medway Scrabble Club, 2.00 - 4.30pm, St Stephens Church Hall, Maidstone Road, Chatham, new members welcome, details 01634 230500
- June 5th - Medway Towns Bridge Club, Sociable duplicate Bridge every Mon, Tues and Fri, 7.30pm St. Luke's Methodist Church Hall, City Way, Rochester ME1 2BQ. Table money £3.50 guests, £2.50 members (£10 to join). We can usually find a partner for you on a Monday, details 01634 375706, 840094 or visit www.bridgewebs.com/medwaytowns
- June 6th - GHS Floral Art Group, United Reformed

- Church (rear hall) Balmoral Road, Gillingham, 7.30pm, Workshop 2 - Basic shape - Hogarth Curve (on candlestick/bottle), New members welcome, first visit free, no experience needed, for details contact Kaye Buss 01634 232998 or email kayebuss@btinternet.com
- June 6th - Rainham Horticultural Society, 7.30pm, Growing Dahlias - Darren Everest, Rainham Cricket Club, Berengrave Lane, Rainham. New members welcome, ring 366276 for details.
- June 7th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, Leisurely circular walk 8 miles / 12.9 km finish 2.30pm Meet outside church in St Nicholas-at-Wade. Park considerably in Stuart Lane next to church or other nearby roads. CT7 0NG, TR264667 No stiles, hills or mud. Bring snacks for breaks - two pubs near start/finish point. Contact: Graham, 07989 753278, graham.jenkinson@blueyonder.co.uk
- June 8th - Wigmore Thursday Club, St Matthew's Community Centre, 2.00pm, My Friend Fred and "You did What! Ley Liberson, for over 50s 01634 234712
- June 8th - Hempstead Leisure Club, speaker, Village Hall behind All Saints Church 2.00 - 4.00pm. New members always welcome, phone 07583 343782
- June 9th - UpARA Upchurch Active Retirement Ass, Monthly Meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm, Members Free, Guests £2, For details email Chairman David Powell davidpowell5@hotmail.co.uk
- June 9th - Gillingham & Rainham Local History Society, Byron Primary School ME7 5XX, 7.15pm, Members Evening, The North Kent Marshes DVD, Visitors welcome (charge) details Val Barrand 07947 583327 email lupusrufus@sky.com or see www.grlhs.org
- June 10th - Rainham Historical Society Chartwell Excursion, Sir Winston Churchill's home for 40 years, house, gardens, café and shop. Pick-up: Lukehurst/High Street, Rainham 9.00am & Barnsole Road at 9.15am, Cost £29 (£17 NT Members) contact Val Ware 01634 366276 for tickets and more information

- June 10th - Craft Market, St Margaret's Millennium Centre, Rainham, 9.00am - 12.30pm. Free entry, Stalls are £10 each contact cjdraftmarkets@yahoo.com or ring 07779 366054 for more details
- June 10th - Summer Fair, St Paul's Church, Parkwood, Rainham, 1.00 - 4.00pm, Fun for all the family
- June 10th - 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, information 366189 or 388546.
- June 11th - Medway Ramblers Walk, Maidstone Town Centre 10.00am, Leisurely circular walk 6 miles / 9.7 km finish 1.15pm meet in the Car Park at Mote Park ME14 5SS, TQ772552 Contact: Mandy, 07758 232871
- June 11th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am, meet Andy Boorman 07881 933358 Stalisfield Green Plough Public House GR 954530 ME13 0HY for 6 mile walk. could be difficult or muddy. Stiles 6, Dogs OK
- June 11th - Volunteer Conservation Day, Riverside Country Park, 10.00am - 2.00pm. Get involved with practical tasks, learn about the park, meet new people. Meet at the visitor centre ring 01634 337432 for details.
- June 12th - Monday Hub, 10.00am - 12.30pm, St Paul's Church, Parkwood, ME8 9PN, Board games, Table Tennis, use of Laptop and much more, Free light refreshments, phone Jill on 01634 230780
- June 12th - Rainham Flower Club, St Matthews Church Hall, Drewery Drive, ME8 0NX Demonstration by Avril Hill "Essence of Summer" 7.30pm, For more information see www.rainhamflowerclub.co.uk or ring 01634 864572 / 01634 863034 / 01622 884478
- June 12th - Concert Medway Organ & Keyboard Club, Parkwood Community Centre, Rainham, ME8 9PN, 7.30pm, Organist - Elizabeth Harrison, details ring Brian Leonard 01634 234694
- June 12th - Rainham Evening Bereavement Friendship Group, Millennium Centre, Rainham meets 2nd Monday each month to help those still in employment who have lost a loved one. Join us for a cuppa and chat, ring Julie 01634 364309.
- June 12th - Oast Centre, Rainham (by Rainham Station) AGM, 8.00pm, details email secretary@oastcentre.org
- June 13th - Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society, 7.30pm, Rainham School for Girls, ME8 0BX A Garden for all Seasons - David Fitton, Members £1, Non-members £1.50, New members and visitors always welcome, For details ring 01634 852519

- June 14th - 17th - The Kentish Players 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' 7.30pm, Central Theatre, Chatham Tickets, Wed & Thurs £14.50, cons £12.50, Fri & Sat £16.50, cons £14.50 from Box Office 01634 338338 or www.medwayticketlive.co.uk
- June 14th - All Saints Women's Fellowship, Hempstead Village Hall, 8.00pm, 'The Work of the League of Friends' - Eunice Norman. For details please contact Rhonda Peck 07951 629444
- June 15th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Strawberry Tea with entertainment from "2 in Harmony", (see 8th Jun).
- June 15th - Hempstead Leisure Club, AGM (see 8th Jun)
- June 15th - Rainham Women's Institute 1.45 - 4.00pm Annual Meeting, Wakeley Hall, Oast Community Centre, Rainham. Visitors welcome for small entry charge per visit. Ring 01634 366276 for details.
- June 15th - Chatham Historical Society, Lampard Centre, Sally Port, Brompton ME7 5BU. 7.15pm. Department Stores of the Medway Towns - a talk by Jean Lear For details see www.chathamhistoricalsoc.btck.co.uk
- June 16th - UpARA, Village Walk, 10.00am from Hall (see 9th June).
- June 16th - Hempstara Whist Afternoons, 1.30pm start, The Scout Hut, Dukes Meadow Drive, Hempstead, Whist players of all abilities welcome, A partner is not required, For details please ring Eunice 01634 231664.
- June 16th - Jazz Gig, Anchorians Rugby Club, Darland Avenue, Gillingham, 8.00pm, The Dan Banks Quintet featuring Dan Banks piano, Roberto Manzin saxes, Paul Higgs trumpet, Jose Canha Bass and Joshua Law drums. £12, Enquiries 01634 365352 or 07544 312743
- June 17th & 18th - Wigmore Gardens Weekend. Many local gardens of all types and interest open at various times over the weekend, www.stmattswigmore.org.uk for details or contact Paul Bellerby 01634 387328 or paul@bellerby.me.
- June 17th, Rainham South meet your local Councillor at 3:16 Cafe Parkwood, 10.00am - 12 noon. No appointment necessary.
- June 17th - Butterflies and Moths of Queendown Warren 10.00am - 1.00pm, KWT details 07808 085031 or kentwildlifetrust.org.uk
- June 17th & 18th - Flower Festival, In Support of Starfish Malawi, United Reformed Church, Balmoral Road, ME7 4PU, Sat 10am - 4.00pm, Sun 2 - 4.00pm, Free Admission, Donations plus sale of tea and coffee.

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BAKEHOUSE
Next to St Margaret's Church is Marlborough House,
with its large forecourt and garden.
The eastern part of the house abuts onto the
pavement and is a large two storey building. There
was a large low window, now bricked up. I have
been told that this was the bakehouse, where people
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Nature Notes

NATURE NOTES the FIRST HALF of SPRING

This month's notes are about recent visits to Berengrave Nature Reserve, which is situated in an abandoned chalk pit. Last used for the quarrying of chalk in the late 1930s or early 1940s, nature has taken over the abandoned pit. (There is a short history of the chalk workings in the pit on page 3 in this Action Forum.) On an early spring visit I entered the reserve at the entrance on Berengrave Lane just below Chalky Bank Road. There was a scent of blossom in the air - from wild cherry trees, blackthorn bushes and an overgrown cherry plum hedgerow. I sat down on a seat from where I had a birds' eye view of the trees in the pit bottom. Hidden among them is a lake, the level of which rises and falls according to the level of the water in the underlying chalk. The low lying, almost continually wet areas of the reserve have been largely colonised by willow and sallow trees, creating what is known as a willow carr. This is evident, in early spring, by the widespread extent of willow and sallow catkins, the male ones yellow with pollen and the female ones green. These catkins are the blossom of three closely related trees of the salix family collectively known as "pussy willows". The banks of the pit below where I often sit are covered in an impenetrable tangle of brambles and nettles, a favourite nesting site for warblers and certain other small birds such as dunnocks. Another attraction of Berengrave for birds is that some 450 species of insects and other invertebrates, such as caterpillars, live on the leaves of willow and sallow trees, more than any other species of tree, including close contenders such as English oak and silver birch. During one recent sojourn on the seat I saw or heard, among many other birds, willow warbler and blackcap, which are summer visitors. Unfortunately, I noticed that a pair of magpies had built a nest of sticks in an ash tree near to where I sat. The birds are notorious predators of eggs and young in the breeding season. Not far from the magpies' nest, I spotted, later in the season, a long tailed tit with a white feather in its beak. It was clearly lining its oval shaped nest made of moss and lichens, materials which are readily

available due to the humid atmosphere in the pit

I also recently visited the pit bottom, the main entrance to which is on the Lower Rainham Road. A little way inside the pit are the remains of two wash mills in a clearing, usually a good place to see flowers, butterflies and birds. With binoculars, notebook, pencil and a flask of coffee, I camped out on a block of concrete. There were clearly a lot of wrens about, not surprising bearing in mind that they are the most common resident bird in the UK. Their song is incredibly loud for such a small bird, with many trills, and it rattles along to a hurried climax. I could see a chiff chaff at the top of a tall silver birch tree, pecking at insects in between snatches of his familiar and somewhat monotonous song. I could also hear a blackcap's rich and melodious song and eventually noticed him on a prominent perch in a sycamore tree. Having had no response from one perch he would fly to another. Would he ever find Miss Blackcap with her fetching hat of reddish-brown feathers? A great spotted woodpecker flashed by, which was not unexpected, because I had noticed a newly created hole, about two inches in diameter, in a silver birch just yards from where I sat. After a while I saw the bird flying towards me and land on my blind side of the tree. It popped its head around the tree and had a good look at me. Having plucked up courage, it sidled into the hole and, in doing so, revealed its red rump. On a sunny, mid Spring day, I revisited the clearing in the pit, which was awash with the bitter-sweet scent of hawthorn blossom, which scent always take me back to my native Leicestershire. I headed towards a metal seat beside the northern arm of the lake. The water level was very low. I had hoped to see a kingfisher which species has nested in the reserve in the past. I had also hoped to see or hear any sedge or reed warblers nesting in the reed beds. My tally was largely confined to mallards, coots and water hens I did however spot a little grebe in its summer plumage of a reddish patch on its neck, slinking along the edge of the lake under cover of foliage. A heron flew over, but saw me, and did not land. Behind my seat was part of the willow carr. The willows are draped in fine roots, which are reminiscent of the beards of old wizards and which show the highest level to which the water in the

pit has risen in the rainy seasons. The trees are not unlike those in a mangrove swamp. Overall, the carr gives off a muddy, musty smell, and has a primaevial atmosphere about it. I retraced my steps to my favourite perch on a concrete block in the clearing. A blackbird, a song thrush and a robin were in song. Comma and red admiral butterflies flitted backwards and forwards. Hoverflies were also present. They mimic honey bees and wasps and, as a result, insect-eating birds steer clear of them. It occurred to me that, by now, there must be young in the great spotted woodpeckers' nest that I was keeping an eye on. Sure enough, the two parents came to and left the nest in quick succession, with what appeared to be grubs dug out of rotten wood, in their beaks. It was strange that both birds attempted to sneak into the nest without me seeing them but when they left the nest they poked their heads out of the hole, had a look around and then flew off more or less straight towards me.

Joe Ennis

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June 17th - RAMASES George Hart Lecture, Newington

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annette.crowder65@gmail.com or 07476 636803.

June 18th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,

meet John Williams 01622 764821 Teston Bridge Picnic Site car park (Fee) GR 707533 ME18 5BX for 5

mile walk. 1 hill, 5 Stiles & 10 Steps. Dogs allowed

June 18th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, Leisurely circular walk 6.5 miles / 10.5 km, finish 1.30pm Meet

at Charing Station. TN27 0AW, TQ950493 Bring

picnic lunch. Contact: Ade, 01634 306405,

adeballard@yahoo.co.uk

June 19th - Medway Scrabble Club, (see 5th June).

June 19th - Rainham Evening Women's Institute, St

Paul's Church, Parkwood, 7.30pm, Speaker Ley

Liberson "My Grandfather's Tale". All welcome, ring

Kate Archer 01634 360797 or just come along.

June 19th - Wigmore WI Meet every 3rd Monday 7.30 -

9.30pm, St Matthew's Community Centre, Drewery

Drive, Anyone interested please ring Chris Ellison on

01634 372976 or Barbara Strachan on 01634 268611

June 20th - GHS Floral Art Group, Workshop 3 - Wiring

night refresher + preservation of plant material (6th Jun

June 20th - The RSPB Medway Local Group Talk,

Parkwood Community Centre, 7.30 - 9.45pm £3.50. An

Introduction to Bird Ringing - John Buckingham. For

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June 21st - Wigmore Ladies Club, Howard Hall,

Woodside, Wigmore 2.00 - 4.00pm, new members

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June 21st - Bredhurst Garden Club, Third Wednesday

every month, Village Hall, 7.00pm, Summer Supper,

ring 07791 781 910 for details

June 22nd - Medway Ramblers Evening walk - Offham

Green, 7.00pm, Leisurely circular walk 5 miles / 8.1

km, finish 9.45pm Meet Offham Green, Contact: Len,

01634 319391, lenbeadle@blueyonder.co.uk

June 22nd - Hempstead Leisure Club, Whist, scrabble,

board games, tea and chat (see 8th June)

June 22nd - Wigmore Thursday Club, Policing Kent 943-

1943, Roy Ingleton, (see 8th June).

June 24th - Rainham Historical Society, Penhurst Place

& Gardens Excursion, Historic house and gardens,

parkland, walks, café, restaurant & shop. (see 10th Jun).

June 24th - Meredale Independent School Summer Fayre,

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June 24th - St Peter's, Bredhurst Summer Fete, 2.00 -

4.30pm in the field behind the village hall, all the usual

fete activities. Entry 50p, children free.

June 24th - Medway Folk Dance Club, (see 10th June).

June 25th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, Leisurely

circular walk 5.4 miles / 8.7 km, finish 1.00pm, Park

along the left side of Sheppey Way near old Sheppey

Bridge, ME9 8SP, TQ903684, one stile, could be

muddy. Pub near end. Contact: 07801 537317,

lesley.fielding43@gmail.com

June 25th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,

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June 26th - Monday Hub, (see 12th June).

June 27th - UpARA, Coffee Morning, Village Hall,

9.30am, Members £1, Guests £2, (see 9th June).

June 28th - All Saints Women's Fellowship, 4.00pm,

Walk: Eastgate House to Guildhall Museum, (14th Jun)

June 28th - Gillingham Horticultural Society, Visit to Hoo

Rose Nursery, 6.00pm meet outside United Reformed

Church Hall, Gillingham, details Sandie on 07962

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June 29th - Hempstead Leisure Club, Outing to Chelsea

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June 29th - Rainham Friendship Group, Millennium

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June 29th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Social Meeting, (see

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July 1st - Jubilee Concert, Upchurch Choral Society 50
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(children free) from Pat New 01634 374220, Bryan
Veale 01634 234047 and Helen Osborne 01634 361508

July 2nd - Medway Ramblers Walk, Ightham Mote to
Knole Park, 10.00am, Moderate circular walk 9 miles /
14.5 km, finish 3.00pm, Park in Ightham Mote
(National Trust) car park (top end) TN15 0NT,
TQ583534 Contact: John, 07749 760788,
billingsjc@blueyonder.co.uk

July 2nd - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,
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136403 Farthing Common off B2068 Stone Street Near
Lyminge, 6 mile undulating walk 10 Stiles, 1 flight of
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July 3rd - Medway Scrabble Club, (see 5th June).

July 3rd - Medway Towns Bridge Club, (see 5th June).

July 4th - Rainham Horticultural Society, Working in
Monet's Garden - Carol Halfpenny (see 6th June).

July 4th - GHS Floral Art Group, 'USA Independence
Day' - an exhibit (fresh flowers), (see 6th June).

July 6th - Hempstead Leisure, Whist, scrabble, board
games, tea and chat (see 8th June)

July 6th - Wigmore Thursday Club, One Crossing - Two
Railways, Rob Poole, (see 8th June).

July 7th - Rainham Bereavement Friendship Group,
Millennium Centre, every Friday 9.45am. Join us for a
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July 7th & 8th - St. Paul's Drama Group 'Guys and
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July 9th - Volunteer Conservation Day, Riverside Country
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July 9th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,
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walk. Generally flat (may be muddy if wet) on grass
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July 9th - Medway Ramblers Walk 9.50am, Tonbridge -
Wateringbury, Moderate linear walk 10 miles / 16.1
km, finish 3.00pm meet promptly in Wateringbury
public car park off Bow Road near traffic lights to catch
the 10.00am bus to Tonbridge. Bring picnic lunch.

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July 10th - Monday Hub, (see 5th June).

July 10th - Rainham Flower Club, Demonstration by
Helen Hare "East to West" (see 12th June).

July 10th - Concert Medway Organ & Keyboard Club,
Organist - Matthew Bason, (see 12th June).

July 10th - Rainham Evening Bereavement Friendship
Group, (see 12th June).

July 11th - Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society, In-House
Evening Mini Show - plants (given out in March) are
returned for judging, (see 13th June).

July 13th - Wigmore Thursday Club, 100 Years of
Children's Literature, Helen Allinson, (see 8th June).

July 15th - Rainham Historical Society, Deal & Sandwich
Excursion, Morning visit and time for lunch in Deal,
afternoon visit to Salutation garden in Sandwich with
tea rooms, shop and plant sales. (see 10th June).

July 15th - Friends of Riverside Primary School, Summer
Fete, 11.00am - 2.00pm School, St Edmunds Way
Rainham. Beach themed event with games, stalls, café,
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July 15th - RAMASES Jocelyn Gohary, Lecturing about
women travellers to Egypt & the Middle East in 18 &
19th centuries, (see 17th June).

July 16th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,
meet Jim Gevaux 07807896995 GR922646 ME10 3SB
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