

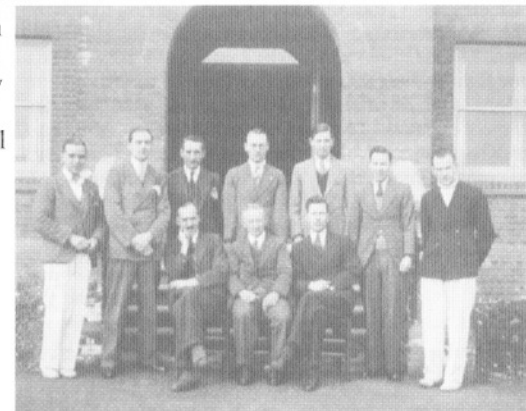
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Rainham County Secondary Schools built in Orchard Street, Rainham in 1932 to provide all the requirements for a modern Secondary education (boys school to the left and girls to the right). The masters of the Boys School pictured soon after the school opened long before 'Tich' Rotherham joined the staff in the 50s, however he may have recognised some of the long serving members. Standing from the left: ?, Mr Newell, Mr Sneath, Mr Thomas, Mr Chisholm, Mr Pharaoh, Mr Fenton. Seated: Mr Sargeant, Mr Smith (Headmaster), Mr Nye. See page 3 for more about Mr Rotherham.



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## Editorial

The Hawthorn blossom has been fantastic this year, except that is in our garden where we hardly get more than half a dozen small patches of white throughout the entire tree. Still we can admire the many miles of hawthorn hedgerow enclosing the local fields and lining our lanes. The air around the hawthorn is heavy with scent and insect life. According to Jonathan Tulloch in his Nature Notebook feature in The Times the hawthorn, besides giving shelter to birds, is home to more than 300 British insect species, third only to oak, willow and birch that can claim more dependants. Apparently hawthorn is such a mainstay of the ecosystem that they are the most frequently used tree in English place names and when given the alternative name of May the only plant to be named after a month. This of course is where we get the saying 'Change not a clout till May be out' referring to either the tree or the month whichever suits the occasion the best.

Joe Ennis writes this month (see page 8) of the 'Coronation Meadow' at Marden, one of an ambitious project undertaken by the Prince of Wales to nurture a truly outstanding wild flower meadow in every county to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's coronation in 1953. On a glorious spring afternoon in May, inspired by his article, I took a sneak preview of Marden Meadow. The carpet of orchids was magnificent, we obviously hit just the right week. I do hope if you decide to visit you are able to enjoy the many other wild flowers in the meadows even if the orchids are over.

Unbelievably, I still think of it as the 'new' school, this year Rainham School for Girls is celebrating 50 years on their campus site. The Boys school moved from Orchard Street (Rainham Secondary Boys) and Third Avenue (Gillingham Grammar) to combine as a bilateral school a year earlier. If you were one of the original girls school pupils or staff in the new building in 1968 you are invited to contact the school via Ms K Moon 01634 362746 or email kmoon@rsg.org.uk for an invitation to the celebrations. Coincidentally, following David Wood's article in March, several readers have written with memories (good and bad) of 'Tich' Rotherham a long serving master at the Boys school. It seems that many of us have very long memories when it comes to our school days.

Whilst the sun is shining, the sky is blue and everything around us is fresh and green, now is the time to get out

and enjoy the 'Garden of England' and all this corner of the country has to offer. Do have a very good month and we will be with you again in July.

## Correspondence

### MEMORIES of RAINHAM

Dear Editor

Every now and again I see something in AF that catches my eye and I say to myself I really must write something about that, but being the lazy individual that I am I never do. But, in the last edition there were two articles and I thought, I really must get my act together. Hence, a couple of rather long stories. Story number 1: Hmmm! 'Tich' Rotherham: 'Long term serving Rainham teacher', no doubt many of your male readers who thought P.T. and football and cricket were wonderful, will remember Tich and have fond memories. Hmmm! I am not able to say the same. There was I, eleven years old in 1958, my first week at Orchard Street Secondary Modern School and not having a clue (life hasn't changed much for some of us). First week, first games lesson, football (oh, but I hate football), our first games teacher is Rotherham. Five of us didn't have football boots. We are 11 years old! We didn't even know we were supposed to have football boots! We had plimsolls, vest, shorts, towel, all stated in a letter as sent to parents, nothing about football boots. Large numbers of parents, including my own, at that time were not very well-off (unlike teachers), and with a school uniform and all the rest were made even worse off. All five of us, a detention from this awful little man! Just like that. I didn't even know what a detention was. Parents were brought into play for that. We were 11 years old! I will never forget that, and I never ever forgave it!

Every now and again we were slipped (more correctly plimsolled) by most, but not quite all of the staff. I think everyone in our form received a whack. Most of the times (not all that many) I was whacked I never even knew what I had done wrong. Unlike many people I still believe in adolescents (and adults) being whacked (in public). Yep, I know that is totally, politically incorrect. But if you are a bully, or continually violent, or a compulsive vandal that is the only thing such an individual understands. That's called a punishment, nothing else, just punishment for not being prepared to treat other people with respect. But, running down a school corridor or not wearing a tie when it is 70 degrees in the shade. Oh, 'come on?'. I ended up being a prefect (I wouldn't have done it now) and one day at the 'bun shop' the lads were larking around (as lads do) inside. I was outside. Crash, a window gets broken. One of those inside, who shouldn't have been there was a Piers Morgan in the same class as myself. (Yep, he did become a newspaper reporter, but it's not *that* Piers Morgan, unbelievable). Anyway, Piers was quickly out and all the rest of us made cover stories. The lies I had to tell the headmaster, 'Rasher' Bacon. Whilst Piers wasn't a

close friend he was still a mate and that's what you do. It was an accident, not vandalism. Should those who were larking around have to pay for a new window, 'Yes, of course they should', whether then or now, but it was an accident, no-one planned to do something wrong. The amount of whacking and detentions that would have been handed out for that - the 'larkers' would probably still be in detention. I was not over-fond of school.

Most of us are not good at every sport, many of us are not good at any sport. Sports-wise I only enjoyed the 100 yard and 200 yard sprint. If that is what you are reasonably competent at, then get the training / teaching for that specific sport. The proper bending, weight lifting, breathing exercises. I doubt if most sports teachers then (or now?) even knew there were specific exercises you could do which may have made you that little bit faster, stronger, fitter. I now know what those specific exercises are, but only found out decades later. There was no point in muggins, a total weed, putting the shot, I could hardly lift the thing. As for playing 'team sports'. Oh how I hated team sports and as for learning to swim at the Strand at 9 a.m. on an April morning. You are of course joking! The teachers, including Tich, never went into the water. I wonder why not? I was also pretty useless in the class room as well, but a few subjects, such as history I did, thankfully, enjoy.

Alan Ward

18 Fane Way, Parkwood, ME8 9TD

Editor: Second Story to be included in a later issue.

### ERIC 'TICH' ROTHERHAM

The end of the Christmas term 1949, when I left Orchard Street Boys, Mr Rotherham arrived on his hand gear change motor cycle in ore to all the boys. Until that time Mr Newell, 'Old Bert' as he was affectionately known, who could aim a piece of chalk with great precision at any boy not paying attention,

was the sole and greatly respected art teacher. He could turn his hand to anything creative with great skill and professionalism. With the school roll increasing there was need of another art and craft specialist namely Mr Rotherham. As with the help of Mr Newell I had left Rainham Boys, after gaining an Art School Scholarship, Eric and my paths did not cross until I returned in 1957 as an Art Teacher having completed my National Service in Suez. Becoming involved as an art examination assessment chairman in the 1970s and 80s for the C.S.E and GCSE Art examinations we frequently met and due to our Rainham Boys connection became friends. Eric's great enthusiasm for creativity was an inspiration to all art and craft teachers. Sadly this is lacking today especially among head teachers who seem to consider Maths and English as the only subjects that matter. (How wrong they are!)

Recently talking to Heather Haythornthwaite, of Hazelnut Press in Rochester who taught with Eric, we agreed that the devotion he put into his pottery and other crafts is sadly deficient in schools today. If this is not resolved the world will be a poorer place.

Eric Rotherham was a great role model for both staff and students, although small (hence his nickname 'Tich') even with senior boys towering over him he was greatly respected. (Incidentally the teacher recently crowned 'Teacher of the Year' is an art teacher.)

After spending 43 very enjoyable years in secondary and art school teaching I have come out of retirement at 83 to teach drawing voluntarily at a local primary school. I have been greatly impressed with the eagerness shown by the children but also very concerned about the small amount of time devoted to creative education.

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June 2nd – Fun, Food & Craft Day, Medway Queen

Restoration, 10.00am – 4.00pm, Gillingham Pier

June 3rd – Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, Leisurely

circular walk 6 miles / 9.7km finish 1.15pm, park

Sissinghurst Castle, £2 non-members, TN17 2AB,

TQ803375, Nice flat walk. Contact: Len, 01634

319391, [lenbeadle@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lenbeadle@blueyonder.co.uk)

June 3rd – Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,

Meet Margaret Poll 01634 376080, Tankerton Marine

Parade near café, opposite St Anne Road, toilets, CT5

2BW GR118673 for 8 mile walk to Herne Bay along

coast path & return. No Dogs

June 3rd – Spring Fair, Cats Protection Adoption Centre

Bredhurst, 11.00am – 3.00pm Fun for all the family,

Adults £1, Children Free, Details 01634 232471

June 3rd – Afternoon Tea, St Michael and All Angels

Church, Hartlip, 3.00 – 5.00pm.

June 4th – Medway Scrabble Club, 2.00 – 4.30pm, St

Stephens Church Hall, Maidstone Road, Chatham, new

members welcome, details 01634 230500

June 5th – Breast Cancer Support Group, Medway

Hospital, Level 2, Area 7, 7.00 – 9.00pm. Penny

Auction, details 01634 861802 or 07761 853750

June 5th – Rainham Horticultural Society, 7.30pm,

Rainham Cricket Club, Berengrave Lane, Russell

Bowes – The Arts of the Folly. New members

welcome, details from 01634 366276.

June 5th – GHS Floral Art Group, 7.30 – 9.00pm, United

Reformed Church (rear hall) Balmoral Road, Workshop

with Viv O'Sullivan with a contemporary twist

(layering), new members welcome, first visit free, no

experience needed. Just come along for a friendly

welcome, 01634 232998 or [kayebuss@btinternet.com](mailto:kayebuss@btinternet.com)

June 6th – Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, Leisurely

circular walk 8 miles / 12.9km, finish 2.30pm Meet

outside church St Nicholas-at-Wade. CT7 ONG,

TR264667 Across country to Reculver Towers. No

stiles, hills or mud. Bring snacks, pubs near finish.

07989 753278, [graham.jenkinson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:graham.jenkinson@blueyonder.co.uk)

June 6th Evergreen Club for over 55s meets Bredhurst

Village Hall every Wednesday 2.00pm. New members

welcome, ring Barry 01634 301031 or Doris 365510.

June 6th – Fish & Chip Night. Upchurch Horticultural

Society, 97 Chaffes Lane 7.30pm, [sean@totamail.com](mailto:sean@totamail.com)

June 7th – Hempstead Leisure Club, Talk 'Wrinkles don't

matter' – Helen Tobias, All Saints Church, Hempstead

2.00 – 4.00pm. New members welcome, 07583 343 782

June 7th – Wigmore Thursday Club, St Matthew's

Community Centre, 2.00pm, 'Canterbury City' – Lenny

Clark, for over 50s ring 01634 234712 for details.

June 7th – Talk, Frankie Seeds on Preserving Produce.

Stockbury Cottage Gardeners. Stockbury Village Hall,

8.00pm email [sean@totamail.com](mailto:sean@totamail.com) for details

June 8th – Rainham Bereavement Friendship Group,

Millennium Centre, Rainham every Friday 9.45am to

help those who have lost a loved one. Join us for a

cuppa and chat, ring Julie 01634 364309.

June 8th – Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 6.30pm,

Meet Stephen Manning 07551 712438, Mote Park,

Maidstone car park, charges apply ME15 7SU

GR773553 for 4 mile Evening walk around the Park

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June 8th – Local History Society, Byron Primary School,

Gillingham, ME7 5XX, 7.15pm – Members Evening,

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visit website [www.grlhs.org](http://www.grlhs.org)

June 9th – Craft Market, 9.00am – 12.30pm, Millennium

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June 9th – Country Folk Evening, St Margaret's Church,

Lower Halstow, 7.30pm, Vicarage Lane and support

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Mayes 01795 841425, David Hadley 01795 842654

June 9th – Quiz Night, 7.30pm start, Carmel Hall, Upton

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June 9th – Medway Folk Dance Club, United Reformed

Church hall, Balmoral Road, Gill 7.30-10.00pm. New

and experienced dancers welcome, with or without a

partner, for more information ring 366189 or 388546.

June 10th – Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, Easy

circular walk 4 miles / 6.4km finish 12.15pm, Boughton

to Herne Hill, Park and meet as close as possible to the

corner of The Street and Bounds Lane. ME13 9BE,

TR062592, Contact: Sally and Dave, 01634 574552,

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June 10th – Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,

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GR671600 for 5.25 mile walk through woods & past

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June 11th – Concert Medway Organ & Keyboard Club,

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7.30pm, Organist – David Ingle, details ring Brian

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June 11th – Rainham Evening Bereavement Friendship

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June 12th – Caring for Carers – Pop In, 10.00am –

12noon, St Paul's Church, Parkwood, All welcome.

June 12th – Medway Antique & Collectors' Club, 7.30 for

8.00pm, St. George Hotel, New Road, Chatham. For

further information ring 01634 851512 or just turn up

June 13th – Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, Moderate

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June 13th Evergreen Club, (see 6th June)

June 13th – East Medway U3A Smallholders Club,

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June 13th – All Saints Women's Fellowship, 4.00pm,

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for details contact Rhonda Peck 07951 629444

June 13th – Bredhurst WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm, Jack

Deans talk 'Fingerprints & Murder'. Details from Pam

Ormiston 01634 365789

June 14th – Wigmore Thursday Club, Strawberry Tea –

Margaret Springett & Phoenix Singers, (see 7th June).

June 14th – Free Technology Session, Holy Trinity

Church, Twydall, 2.00 – 3.30pm. Ring Hands 01634

577984 for further details.

June 15th – Rainham Afternoon Women's Institute,

Speaker on 'Lord Nelson & Lady Hamilton', Wakeley

Hall, Oast House Community Centre, Granary Close,

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June 16th – Upchurch Horticultural Society have a stall at

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# Nature Notes

## NATURE NOTES FOR MAY

Marden Meadow, between Marden and Staplehurst, has been designated one of the "Coronation Meadows" which commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Queen's coronation in June 2013. The Prince of Wales has been the inspiration behind the project to identify and nurture an outstanding wild flower meadow in every county. Marden Meadow is one of the best remaining examples of a traditional, unimproved wild flower meadow in Kent. The meadow was bought, in 1983, by Kent Wildlife Trust, from the executors of the will of a Marden farmer. For various reasons the meadow was suitable only for mowing for hay. Throughout three generations of the farming family, the meadow had been spread with a limited amount of dung, applied occasionally, and a light harrowing. It received no artificial fertilisers and the very minimum of mechanical treatment. A late cut of hay was taken each year and carted to the farm, about a mile away, where it was stored in ricks and provided winter food for livestock. In May and June, the meadow is covered with thousands of green winged orchids along with their completely unrelated, but very closely associated plant, the diminutive adder's tongue fern. The "hood" of the orchid is shot through with delicate green veining, hence the alternative name of green veined orchid. The orchids are very modest little flowers which are distributed throughout the country and sometimes, as at Marden, grow in great numbers. The majority of the orchids in the meadow are of a breathtakingly deep purple colour, although a small proportion vary from pale lilac through pink to white. The green winged orchids in the meadow grow in a relatively low sward of grasses and other flowering plants, including the widely spread meadow buttercup, with its brilliant yellow petals.

Later in the year, in high summer, there is a much higher sward of grasses and other flowering plants and the predominantly purple colour of spring has changed to the pale green of grass flowers, the white of ox-eye daisies and the yellow of hay rattle, dyers' greenwood, fleabane and bird's foot trefoil. In late July to August

the hay is cut and removed from the meadow, after which it is grazed by sheep. As one observer has put it, "The meadow contains a surviving sward of modest little orchids living in harmony with meadow grasses, herbs and ferns; they are a charming remnant of a redundant farming age." In 1999 Kent Wildlife Trust bought the two fields adjoining the original meadow; they contained few wild flowers. For the past few years, hay from that first purchased meadow, which contains thousands of wild flowers seeds, has been strewn over the immediately adjoining of the two newest fields; green winged orchids and other flowers are now growing in that field. The other field of the two, the one furthest from the original meadow, is very damp, with areas of clumps of rush, and is being grazed by sheep. H E Bates, the author of "The Darling Buds of May", moved to Kent, from his native Northamptonshire, in 1931. His recollections of childhood summers ache with regret for the lost wild flowers, butterflies and birds which used to coexist with the farmer's crop of hay. At Marden Meadow, however, one can still walk through a traditional flower-rich hay meadow of the kind that Bates recollected from his childhood.

A small pond on the reserve is occasionally covered in water violets, which have lilac flowers on long stems. Some relatively rare wild service trees overshadow the pond and are covered in blossom in June. The trees' fruits are very acidic but edible when they are fully ripe and were once eaten by children as sweets. All three fields at Marden are bounded by hawthorn hedges which are covered in white blossom in the month of May. Bates described May blossom as "the risen cream of all the milkiness of May time." He wrote these words in 1936, after his arrival in Kent, but he doubtless had in mind the long hawthorn hedges of the 18th century enclosure fields of his native Northamptonshire. The late Professor W G Hoskins, the author of "The Making of the English Landscape", wrote that, in May of each year, the miles of snowy hawthorn hedges of the Midland counties of England reach perfection, so dense and far reaching that the entire atmosphere is saturated with the bitter-sweet smell of May blossom, whichever way the wind is blowing. And so it is at Marden Meadow in May,

despite the combined scent of a profusion of green winged orchids. The reserve lies on the Marden Road, near Mountain Farm. There is a small car park at the eastern end of the reserve. The Trust's handbook notes, quite rightly, that this idyllic reserve serves to remind visitors how much of the classic English landscape of a traditional, flower-rich hay meadow has been lost.

Joe Ennis

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## 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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If you are thinking of joining a choir, enthusiasm for singing in harmony with others is all that is needed. Don't worry if you don't read music - many of our ladies learn by ear. Why not give it a try and come along to a rehearsal to meet and listen to us? We get together every Monday at St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School, Romany Road, Gillingham ME8 8JH from 7.30 - 9.45pm. For more information please Contact: 01634 373132 or 01634 370797 or visit our website on [www.rainhamladieschoir.org.uk](http://www.rainhamladieschoir.org.uk) Join email: [secretary@rainhamladies.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rainhamladies.org.uk)

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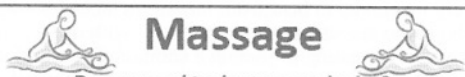
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members of the orchestra, 01634 376979 e-mail  
oldbarnos@gmail.com or on the door

June 17th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,  
Meet Brian Gevaux 01634 235883, Lower Halstow,  
Lapwing Drive ME9 7DZ GR585674 for 5 mile walk  
via Saxon Shore Way, Upchurch and golf course using  
footpaths and roads. Dogs Allowed

June 17th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 10.00am, Leisurely  
circular walk 5 miles / 8.1km, finish 12.45pm meet at  
the Guildhall in Faversham's Market Place. ME13 7AG,  
TR015613, A little town walking and footpaths parts of  
the Saxon Shore Way. Contact: Heather, 07887 750881

June 18th - Medway Scrabble Club, (see 4th June).

June 18th - Rainham Evening WI, St Paul's Church,  
Parkwood, 7.30pm, 'Women of the First World War',  
Anna Astin, All welcome, Kate Archer 01634 360797.

June 18th - Wigmore WI, 7.30 - 9.30pm, St Matthews  
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events. Visitors Welcome, contact Chris Ellson 01634  
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June 19th - RSPB Medway Local Group Illustrated Talk,  
Parkwood Community Centre ME8 9PN. 7.30 -  
9.45pm, £4, Broadwater Warren: How to make a  
Nature Reserve - Alan Loweth, For Field Trips:  
www.rspb.org.uk/groups/medway.

June 19th - GHS Floral Art Group, 'Beside the Seaside' -  
a seascape arrangement, (see 5th June).

June 20th Evergreen Club (see 6th June)

June 20th - Wigmore Ladies Club, Howard Hall,  
Woodside, 2.00 - 4.00pm, new members welcome to  
this cheerful group, just come along or ring 01634  
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June 20th - Medway Ramblers Walk, 7.00pm, Leisurely  
circular walk 4 miles / 6.4km finish 9.15pm, Evening  
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June 20th - Bredhurst Garden Club, Village Hall, 7.00pm,  
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June 21st - Wigmore Thursday Club, 'Two Guide dogs' -  
Angela Brigenshaw, (see 7th June).

June 21st - Hempstead Leisure Club, AGM, games, tea  
and chat (see 7th June)

June 21st - Free Technology Session, St Barnabas  
Church, Nelson Road, Gillingham, 2.00 - 3.30pm. Ring  
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June 22nd & 23rd - 12noon onwards, Oast Kent Beer  
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June 23rd - Dog Show, Lower Halstow Village Hall

June 23rd - Summer Fayre, Friends of Meredale

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June 23rd - Medway Folk Dance Club, (see 9th June).

June 23rd - Friends of St Margaret's Church Rainham,

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June 24th - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,  
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June 27th Evergreen Club (see 6th June)

June 27th - Gillingham Horticultural Society, 7.00 for  
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June 27th - All Saints Women's Fellowship, Walk -  
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June 27th - 30th - Kentish Players, Monty Python's  
'Spamalot', 7.30pm, Central Theatre, Chatham, Tickets  
£15.50 (concessions available) from Box Office 01634  
338338 or [www.medwayticketslive.co.uk](http://www.medwayticketslive.co.uk)  
June 28th - Wigmore Thursday Club, Social Meeting,  
(see 7th June).  
June 28th - Hempstead Leisure Club, whist, scrabble,  
board games, tea and chat. (see 7th June).  
June 28th - Jazz at the Hastings, 8.00 - 10.30pm, Lower  
Rainham Road, ring 01634 405037 for details.  
June 29th - Summer Fayre, 3.15pm - 5.30pm, Deanwood  
Primary School, Long Catlis Road, Parkwood. Lots of  
stalls, games and refreshments. Free entry. Have fun!  
June 30th - Rainham Historical Society outing to Marlow  
& Henley & River Thames Cruise, Bring packed lunch.  
Cost £45 non-members, Pick-up Lukehurst, High  
Street, Rainham, 8.00am, and Barnsole Road, 8.15am,  
ring Mrs Val Ware 01634 366276 to book.  
July 1st - Medway Towns Footpaths Group, 10.00am,  
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[brown2918@gmail.com](mailto:brown2918@gmail.com)  
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Church, Hartlip, (see 3rd June).  
July 2nd - Medway Scrabble Club, (see 4th June).  
July 3rd - Breast Cancer Support Group, AGM and a  
general chat, (see 5th June).  
July 3rd - Rainham Horticultural Society, Steve Harmer -  
'History of Sissinghurst Castle Garden'. (see 5th June).  
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horizontal arrangement, (see 5th June).

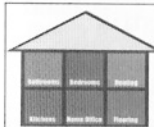
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July 9th - Concert Medway Organ & Keyboard Club,  
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July 9th - Rainham Flower Club, Demonstration

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