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## Development of Rainham's Post-War Prefab Housing



Taken around 1954 - from left to right: David Davies, Sandra Willingham, Graham Black, Rita Reid, Jean Reid, Anne Black, Barry Black, Stevie Smith, Johnny Rankin, ? Thomas, Ricky Thomas, Pat Smith

(see editorial for more)

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It turns out there is a prefab museum website ([www.prefabmuseum.uk](http://www.prefabmuseum.uk)) which details the prefab design and origins and includes many photos and memories shared.

The photo elicits for me memories of my Aunt Dolly cooking in the small kitchen, the chiming clock on her mantelpiece, the shiny brass tools around the fireplace. Strange how a single photograph can trigger so many nearly sixty-year-old connections.

## ***Editorial***

The front cover picture was taken on the site of what is now Clematis Avenue, (off Fairview Avenue) Wigmore. It was shared by my cousin Mrs Anne Pearce, now retired in Bexhill, and with her by her life-long friend Mrs Pat Kay. It shows the youngsters from that tight-knit community and was taken by Pat's late father, Mr Steve Smith.

They think the photograph was taken in 1953 (the prefabricated houses having been built post war in 1947 and lasted to 1967-68 when residents were rehomed to alternative council houses in Rainham and Gillingham).

They were common sights across the UK, where housing shortages were met with these asbestos and corrugated iron constructions. Loaded onto lorries the prefabs were delivered where they were needed and erected on 30ft by 22ft pre-built brick foundations in a matter of hours. They are remembered fondly, with all 'mod cons' provided but freezing cold in winter. There were long gardens to these plots, with a shed provided, and my Uncle Bert kept chickens and grew many fruits and vegetables.

There were other similar prefab communities across Rainham and Gillingham, perhaps recalled by our readers? Locations mentioned to us have been:

Russells Avenue (end of Scott Avenue) and the top of Salisbury Avenue in Rainham. They were also in Scott Avenue leading from Solomon Road up to the A2 opposite Meredale School, Solomon Road and Sunderland Square, Maidstone Road (below what is now Bettescombe Road), Derwent Way, Taverners Road, Wakeley Road and some opposite the Railway Hotel by the Station.

The retention of old family photographs, kept in shoe boxes or albums, some with names and dates carefully written on the back, assist our recall, whilst others lose their significance by the year as relatives pass who could put a name to a face, place or date to when they were taken. I rescued our family photo archive from Australia when my mother passed, which she had assembled over many years. Such archives are precious family treasure and dug out occasionally to refresh memories of older times.

When I contrast the delayed pleasure of retrieving a latest set of snaps from the chemist, versus the instantaneous joy of the latest digital images shared across our family WhatsApp group, I find I have mixed emotions. Whilst I still savour the portrait shots and holiday pictures I took of our family, many are stored in boxes, unindexed or inaccessible, and still need hours of careful organising - I am not sure that effort will be prioritised any day soon. The technology of today wins in my view, having been digitally encoded, with date, time, location, names #tagged, and sendable to loved ones and friends in seconds to any place on the planet. My joy at capturing and sharing is hopefully matched by theirs of receiving.

If you have treasured old photographs of Rainham you are willing to share, along with the memories they elicit, do drop us a line at the editorial team.

## ***Letters to the Editor***

Dear Editor

John Austin's recent article brought back many memories concerning my life in the 1930's. I was born right at the end of 1932 in

Webster Road, opposite the fire station. In January 1938, aged 5, I started primary education at the Council School, Solomon Road. As I lived only a short distance from the school I went home for my mid-day meal so have no experiences of Mrs Barrett's canteen food. Thank you John for reminding me of the Headmaster's name (Mr Pilcher), together with the caretaker, Mr Barrett. As mentioned, the parish of Rainham at the time was under the control of Faversham Council. I believe the changes in local government took place prior to the war. Yes, the Rainham Water Company was subsequently acquired by Chatham & District Water Company during the 1940's. Referring to local hairdressers, a barber shop (gents-only salon) was situated in the front room of a dwelling between Longley Road and Webster Road, however I am struggling to remember the name of the barber. Further down Station Road before Webster Road Miss Woolley had a newsagents known as 'The Paper Shop' which served many properties with their daily newspaper. Turning to local buses, the No 2 service started from Webster Road and travelled to Huntsmans Corner (top of Maidstone Road, Chatham), via Chatham town centre. My last three years of day school was spent at Chatham Tech. Consequently, my travelling was by a regular and frequent bus service. My first year at Holcombe School

was 5 1/2 days a week, with Wednesday afternoons set aside for sports. Saturday mornings consisted of lessons. With regard to visits to the cinema (Bug Hutch), I can recall going there Saturday mornings at a cost of pennies - wonderful times. Furthermore, during the school holidays we spent most of our time in the playing fields of Rainham Rec. In the summer evenings the entrance gates were shut at 9 o'clock and on occasions we had to climb the locked gate to exit - happy times!!

Vic Wickenden

Dear Editor,

In 1975, Miss Vicki Budge, later to be my wife, arrived from Australia and ventured down to visit her sister at Gore Court CC, Sittingbourne, where her brother-in-law was playing cricket. To cut a long story short, she met me there and, as they say, the rest was history!

Before marrying, Vicki got a job at Lower Halstow School where she spent a most enjoyable 5 years teaching, with Miss Stanes as Headmistress and other colleagues including Gail Maidment, Shirley Nielsen and Mrs Stevens.

Vicki particularly enjoyed teaching with Miss Stanes and spoke very affectionately of her. My wife left the school to have our first child in 1979 and later taught at the convent in Sittingbourne.

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## ***Roads around Rainham***

(David Wood)

Many of our roads are named after former residents of Rainham, but who were these people and what did they contribute to the community?

There are three streets, found in the lower half of Station Road, and named after a former resident. **William Henry Wakeley** resided at 'Macklands' at the lower end of Station Road. He became part of the Wakeley Brothers farming business.

After learning about milling, William went to America for more experience then returned and managed the Wakeley Brothers milling business and steam mill at Otterham Quay. He represented Rainham on the Milton Board of Guardians. He also became chairman of the Rainham Freehold Land and Allotment Company which played a big part in the development of Rainham. A member of Rainham Horticultural Society, he obtained fame as a champion rose grower, winning many awards at the Rainham Flower Show and other venues. He died aged 73 on October 17<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Just over the railway line is Solomon Road, named after **Solomon Brice** who lived in Milton House at the far end of Webster Road. Solomon Road passes over a former field that used to be called 'Mr Brice's Meadow' where cows grazed and Rainham Cricket Club played occasional matches during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Born in Halling, Solomon moved to Rainham in 1854 and formed Brice & Sons. He became a successful farmer, barge owner, quarry owner, clay merchant and contractor. He served Rainham as a churchwarden, became a director of the Kent Barge Owners Mutual

Insurance Association and the Rainham Freehold Land and Allotment Company. He also played cricket for Rainham Cricket Club during the 1870s. With an interest in first-aid he introduced the Brice Ambulance Shield to encourage people to learn about the subject. He died aged 72 in 1904.

Webster Road was previously known as Milton Road. This was re-named after **Dr Irby Webster** who served Rainham from about 1905 to 1932, residing at Parsonage House in Rainham High Street. The son of a Lincolnshire vicar, he studied at Edinburgh University and had a practice in London before he arrived in Rainham and took over from Dr Tippett. Highly regarded, he gained great respect from local residents. He was an ardent churchman and regularly attended services at St Margaret's. He was also an authority on church history. He gained fame as the first Rainham resident to own a motor car and he supported social organisations such as Rainham Cricket Club, where he became President. He also helped organise fetes and other money raising events. He died aged 64. Finally, is Longley Road, named after former National School headmaster **John Longley** who originated from Rochester and worked at the school from 1850 to 1882. He became organist and choirmaster at St Margaret's church and a part-time manager and collector at Gillingham Gas Co. for 30 years. He was instrumental in getting gas for Rainham but also became a collector for the Rainham Water Company. He managed several houses and estates in Rainham and worked as a part time tax assessor. He became a member of Rainham Horticultural Society and played for Rainham Cricket Club.

Respected as a man of integrity and honour, John Longley died aged 77 on May 26th 1900.

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### Rainham Litter Heroes

Over the last 12 months it has been amazing to see so many Rainham residents out every day making our town a better place by litter picking. Under hot sun or in cold rain, these fantastic volunteers have shown what can happen when we roll up our sleeves and get stuck in. Some of these volunteers have taken it a step further and created an online community, with the aim of supporting and encouraging other community-spirited litter pickers.

Jo Bourne, one of the organisers of the Rainham Litter Heroes, said 'It's been great seeing so many people out doing their bit in keeping Rainham tidy, so we thought it'd be good to have a place on Facebook where people can share what they've done and encourage more to join in. The response has been wonderful, and we now have 195 members and 342 page followers.'

The group is not stopping with just an online Facebook page though; looking at new ways they can assist the growing army of residents wanting to keep our streets clean. They have plans to create litter picking hubs across Rainham to help more people who want to join in. Jo also noted, 'We've found the biggest hurdle for people wanting to do a litter pick was not having their own litter pickers. We're planning to set up litter picker stations across Rainham run by volunteers; initial funding has been received for the first one in partnership between Rainham Eco Hub and Spice Fusion in Parkwood. The litter picking equipment will



be stored in secure places in other volunteer gardens. That way if individuals or groups want to do some litter picking for an hour they can contact us and we can direct them to the nearest one available.'

The equipment purchased has already had its first outing and been borrowed by a group from Sittingbourne to litter pick a local nature reserve, which is great news!

Yet for their plans to succeed they need help from other members of the local community. 'Obviously we need people willing to have a garden box in their front garden and allow people to access it.' Jo continues, 'But we are also looking for other local businesses or organisations that would like donate and sponsor these hubs.'

So if you are looking to assist these heroic litter pickers you can contact them via Facebook or Instagram by searching for 'Rainham Litter Heroes'. Stuart Bourne

### Rainham's Eco-Community Stars

Last month I attended Rainham's first Green Drinks and given the nature of these national events, and the restrictions still in place at the Manor Farm, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Kayleigh and Liz from Rainham's Eco-hub, still managed to engage a dozen or more of us to talk about the green initiatives underway across the town, and it was truly great – really inspiring! Amongst others, we

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heard stories from Kerry of Hempstead Junior School, Katy from Pinky's Beauty, Faran and Sharron from Towards Plastic-Free Medway, Alex from Luxurious Glitter, and Leon from Wild-about-Rainham. Eco Penny's story led me to further engage with Claire Thornton (Claire's Mini Recycling Facebook Page, or +44 7482 332353) to find out what got her started and how she is doing. Claire explained that she saw an advert on the Gillingham Eco-hub Facebook page, asking for volunteers and it has gone from there. She now has two bins on her driveway at 26 Elmstone Road and at least one is full every day. It takes her about 30 minutes to sort through the various donations but there is a double benefit of her efforts; the items don't go to landfill and they also support various good causes. Claire coordinates each weekend with Penny (Eco Penny's Front Garden Recycling) and Gina (St Mary's Crisp Package Project) to swap dedicated items that they deliver to charity, or package and send off. Claire noted how expensive it is to package items off, and they have a donations webpage to support the Crisp Packet project. She remarked how amazing the Rainham community has been in supporting her efforts, either dropping items off, or occasionally knocking on her door to ask questions and chat - "really lovely". There are over 30 such driveway-recycling points now across Medway and Maidstone but there has to be room in Rainham for more local recycling points like Claire's.

Do get in touch with Claire, truly one of our first Rainham Community Eco-Stars, if you

are interested and need information how to get started.

If you want to share your "green success story" or hear more what others are doing to improve Rainham's green status, get in touch with Rainham Eco-hub and come along to the next Green Drinks, now to be held monthly on the first Monday of each month currently at Manor Farm.

Don't forget to access the weekly newsletter: [therainhamecohub@gmail.com](mailto:therainhamecohub@gmail.com)

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## *Nature Notes*

(Joe Ennis)

### ST GEORGE'S

In July the delayed 149<sup>th</sup> Open Championship took place at Royal St George's Golf Links at Sandwich on the Kent coast. The Links have been described as one of the most famous and difficult in the world. They were created in 1887 among sand dunes overlooking the sea at Sandwich Bay. The very first golf links were established at St Andrew's in Fife, in 1754. Initially, the short grass, nibbled by sheep and rabbits, served as fairways and greens and the mounds of sand, held together largely by marram grass, became natural obstacles.

Most, if not all, of the golf links on the coastal sand dunes in this country have been designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest. This is because, among other reasons, they are the habitats of amphibians such as natterjack toads, reptiles such as sand lizards and rare flowers which survive in dry, sandy habitats, such as certain species of orchid.

Those readers who have watched BBC TV's live broadcasts of past Open Championships will have seen the affable commentator, Ken Brown, demonstrating the run of the ball on fairway or green before the start of play. Ken first played on the Royal St George's Links in the 1981 Open. After St Andrew's, it is his favourite course. "I like the different grasses, the butterflies, the flowers. I like the open space. It so big," he has been reported as saying.

The live broadcasts from Sandwich usually include shots of the Link's flowers and birds, presumably taken by cameramen with no golfers in sight. I remember seeing, on one of the broadcasts, a hare disturbed from its form, a meadow pipit on a post, a skylark singing in the sky and a display of pyramidal orchids. Swallows could often be seen flying across the TV screen as they hawked for insects on the fairway or green. Also, any golfer caught in the rough may have been shown finding his ball next to a clump of blue-mauve viper's bugloss or yellow lady's bedstraw, two typical plants of sand dunes.

Any first-time visitor to St George's from the United States, familiar with the annual venue of the US Open in Augusta, Georgia, would clearly notice the differences between the two venues. He (or she) might be surprised at the somewhat featureless nature of the Links compared with Augusta. The American venue has wide fairways, mature trees, a hazardous lake and colourful flowering shrubs. By contrast the Links are treeless; a result of the sandy soil and salty atmosphere. The dunes at St George's have been formed over centuries by a combination of wind and rain and their natural features have been left much as they were found. In hot and dry summers the fairways and rough grass of the Links can turn yellow; a contrast with the ever-green fairways of Augusta.

Some time ago I walked across the Links on a public footpath from Sandwich (described as "England's Most Complete Mediaeval Town") to Sandwich Bay. On the approach to the course, the footpath crosses over the North Stream, one of Kent's few chalk streams. The path passes closely by the Club House which, unusually, is quite some distance from the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. The links are exposed to the prevailing south-westerly wind and rain, which is why there are distinctive, circular, thatched, wooden shelters scattered around the course. Our American visitor may have viewed these quaint shelters, in which swallows nest and bats roost, with a mixture of delight and bemusement.

The oldest of the dunes at Sandwich are furthest from the sea and these have formed a layer of humus that supports mosses, lichens and pastoral grasses. Some are quite high and sometimes, as one walks along the public footpath, one can hear golfers talking but never see them. Quite surprisingly, one can come across evidence of fresh water in the

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form of a bed of common reed and clumps of slender sage. Here natterjack toads would have spawned in the spring. In summer dragonflies can be seen darting about. I came across a number of butterflies including meadow brown, gatekeeper and common blue. Skylarks and meadow pipits were about during my walk. One of the pipits parachuted down in distinctive fashion and landed on a boundary post quite close to me. The birds are clearly used to golfers, groundsmen and footpath walkers. In due course, I passed through a swing gate onto the embankment of sand and shingle which overlooks Sandwich Bay. I had a short walk along it, coming across sea holly, yellow horned poppy, sea kale and sea dock. These plants can tolerate the harsh habitat of the embankment and the incursion of sea water. I had a sit down and a drink. Ahead of me was Pegwell Bay, the low white cliffs above the Bay and the port of Ramsgate. Turner would have made a superb watercolour of the sand and shingle, the distant land, the sea and the sky.

## ***August in the Wilder Garden*** (Victoria Golding)

August means “Summer Holidays” to us. Whether or not we go away this year we want to keep our gardens alive with colour and sound. To keep gardens looking at their best, keep deadheading and put more supports in for the plants that have grown so big this warm, wet year. Hedges, although shaggy, need to be left alone for birds having second broods. Swap plants with neighbours to increase the range of flower types available in your garden. You can also take softwood cuttings from many different shrubs, so if you see one growing locally that looks happy, it would probably be

good for your garden as well. This is a great way to swap gardening advice and make new friends.

While still keeping an eye on our gardens, we need to get out. Visiting our wonderful range of open gardens in Kent is something that we Oldies like but many children don’t find much fun. Yet we want to encourage their interest in the natural world as we have talked about before. Visiting our countryside and going on a Wilder Kent Safari, or Nature Explorers event helps to expand all our horizons.

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/events>

### **Plant of the month**

Rudbeckia, also known as Coneflower, is a beautiful yellow daisy with dark centres that loves sunny spots, but needs moisture as well. There are other colours, although they are more short-lived. The seedheads last into winter and are useful for birds.



### **Job of the month**

It is summer! Enjoy your garden and keep putting out water at ground level for birds and insects. A shallow dish with stones in means that any hedgehogs passing through won’t drown as they drink. Bear in mind that we are past the change of days and now is the time to think about potential refuges for wildlife in the later months of the year.

This is a good time for planning a new pond. There is always room for another one, even in the front of your house you could have a container pond with plants and a solar-powered bubble fountain.

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You can find out more on our website: [www.u3asites.org.uk/east-medway](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/east-medway) or telephone our membership secretary: 07816 159668 with any questions.

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- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Fightmilk
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Broken Chanter

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We are hoping to be able to resume meeting together in person from 6th September and although we still cannot be certain what the future may hold, one thing IS certain, the friendly and enthusiastic group, that is Rainham Ladies Choir, will continue with the same purpose that has been with us for the last 63 years, namely to have fun singing together and be part of an award-winning choir that is proud to carry on despite current difficulties.

We are always keen to welcome new members, so if you want to try something new and you love to sing, please consider joining us. We perform a variety of music (many in three part harmony arrangements) from pop classics such as Bohemian Rhapsody through to the Hallelujah Chorus with all styles in between.

You can find out more on our website:  
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## ***Dates for the Diary***

**Any organisation can request an entry in the diary (free of charge) by contacting: [diary@actionforum.co.uk](mailto:diary@actionforum.co.uk)**

### **Rainham Rec Summer Activities**

'The summer holidays can become dull and boring for children, stuck in front of the TV or computer. Luckily, Medway Council are organising several activities to help keep children entertained and make new friends. Some of them are happening right here in Rainham at the recreation ground. On every Saturday between 17th July to 4th September, they are running free football drop-in sessions in the park. Split between different age groups, each session lasts an hour and all you have to do is turn up. The timings for the sessions are:

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8-12 year olds between 11-12pm  
13-16 year olds between 12-13pm.

In addition, Medway's Youth Services are running 'Summer Dayz', a multi-sports, games and activities event for 8-18 yr olds. It is completely free and will run from 12-3pm on Aug 10th, 17th and 24th. Please book in advance on 07956 656815

8th Aug - Cancer Research Sponsored Walk  
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13th Aug - Rainham Bereavement Friendship Group  
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22nd Aug - St Mark's Summer Garden Party, G'ham  
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3rd Sept - Rainham Bereavement Friendship Group  
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3rd Sept - Upchurch Choral Society practice  
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4th Sept - Walk for Peace (Medway) 1-7pm  
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5th Sept - Wealdway 40 with Medway Ramblers 10am  
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6th Sept - Green Drinks (environmental networking)  
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8th Sept - East Medway u3a at Smallholders Club  
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10th Sept - Catenary Wires/Pete Astor & European Sun  
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