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A Walk along Woodside



In 1946 Cheryl Domoney was having fun in the garden of number 28 Woodside. Reminisce with Geraldine Tomlin about the Woodside she remembers from her childhood. (p11)

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with the first high cut of the lawn in some areas, whilst others are deliberately left to wild. It will be down to home owners to encourage the pollinators this year, ready for the apple and pear blossom, the leaves of which are now appearing - see our notes on the 'wilder garden' on p9.

Enjoy!

Editorial

With Spring in the air, a spring clean was definitely in the offing and it started with a bottle of cooking oil we found at the back of the cupboard, which I seem to recall only putting there recently! Sadly, it was dated 'best before Sept 2017' and is now destined for the recycling centre. But that led me to a variety of packet sauces and pickles further back in other cupboards, also past their best. Too many cupboards appear to hold on to things that should have been eaten or are really in need of new homes. Much of what we went on to find is definitely serviceable but just not for us anymore, so I look forward to the next front-yard 'safari sale' to help them on their journeys.

It is clear that there are other areas also in need of a spring clean and our finances is one I have focused on this week. The doubling of our monthly fuel bill for gas and electric, the 3.1% annual increase in Council Tax, a 20p per litre added to petrol and the knock-ons to pretty much everything else we consume has meant the budget spreadsheet we maintain looks very different now!

I was drawn to Martin Lewis (of Money Saving Expert fame) and his 'Cost of Living Crisis Survival Guide' for inspiration in re-balancing the books, which started with 'heat the human - not the home' and there is a complete guide to download free from the www.moneysavingexpert.com website. There are also 90 ideas and tips in the survival guide, including a reminder to keep a check on all regular bills to ensure you still need the things you are paying for, as well as ensuring you are continuing to get the best value for money.

Spring cleaning the garden is also now due,

Letters to the Editor

Air Quality Improvement Plans

Dear Editor.

With reference to your stop press in the last edition of Action Forum, regards Medway Council trying to improve the air quality. Perhaps if Medway Council tried to organize the situation which us motorists face at the moment in the Parkwood area, where we meet temporary traffic lights and road works around virtually every corner, then they won't have to spend money trying to improve the air quality.

John Reynolds

Bredhurst, The Street, Yew Tree Cottages

Hello,

With reference to the article from Colin Greaves on page 2 of Action Forum issue 577, I think we will undoubtedly be able to help with his ancestral research.

At Bredhurst School we hold pupil records dating back to 1867 when the school was built, through the war years and into the mid-20th century. Furthermore, we hold dates of birth, home addresses and names of the parents. Home addresses will also give him an insight into how many Yew Tree cottages there were.

Please can you pass our details to Colin and I'll be more than happy to meet him at the school to allow him access to our archived records.

Pat Hewitt
 Business Manager
 Bredhurst CE Primary School

Yew Tree Cottages (cont.)

Dear Editor,
I have received with pleasure today the latest April edition of Action forum. Glancing through this, my eyes were immediately drawn to the letter from Mr. Greaves. He makes mention of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, in particular a Gunner Frederick Brooks whose grave lies in Bredhurst church yard.

Colin, and other readers, might be interested in the links below. This website was set up by my son to try and add flesh and bones to the fallen dead of WW1. The first link takes you to the home page of 'Death and Service' whilst the second will take you directly to the page for Gunner Brooks.

www.deathandservice.co.uk
www.deathandservice.co.uk/2020/11/26/cwg-funner-frederick-brooks

Many thanks,
Ken Cooper

Grammar in Action Forum

Dear Editor,
In your article on p7, 4th para, you write
“... to find an alternate sport.”

Please, this should be

“... an alternative sport.”

The word you have used is the American version, which in British English means 'every other one'. Unfortunately, there seems to be an increasing use of American

words in our language. Can at least Action Forum maintain standards!

Incidentally, you also misspell “grandad” numerous times - it should be “granddad”. Otherwise, an enjoyable read, as always. Thank you for your hard work.

John Coppen

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*Mr Coppen,
Many thanks for keeping us on our toes!
You are correct regarding 'alternate' and as soon as I read your email I could see it.
Regarding the term 'grandad' though, I had to disagree! But it is always worth checking so here is the English Oxford Dictionary:*

'grandad' noun
(also 'granddad', especially in North American Eng-

I sympathise though - I feel the same way about 'focused' and 'focussed' despite the dictionary allowing for both!

Wigmore Open Gardens

Dear Editor,
Please let your readers know that there has been a good response and that the Wigmore Open Gardens will be happening over the weekend of the 2nd/3rd July. Details will follow in due course. Thank you again for the help Action Forum has prompted.

Kind regards, Paul Bellerby

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Nearly New Sales

NCT is the UK's leading charity for parents and in March 2022, the Medway branch held a Nearly New Sale for the first time in over two years. Held at Rainham Mark Grammar, 85 local families were selling their preloved items. 130 people attended and a total of £5,057 was spent on the day.

Items available to purchase included preloved toys, games, prams, scooters, books, clothing and footwear. Mums-to-be enjoyed browsing the maternity section for good quality, nearly new and brand-new items.

In total, 1894 items were sold that might otherwise have ended up in landfill, ranging from a 50p sleepsuit to a £250 double pram set.

Rachel Ward won the competition to be our VIP Shopper and was in the enviable position of having the pick of the sale, in addition to having a personal shopper to carry her bags!

Nanna Gudmundsdottir, NCT Medway sale co-ordinator: "Amazing volunteers came together to make this happen, by helping set-up, manning tills and queues and being on hand for sellers and shoppers. Our team enjoyed chatting with parents and telling them more about the NCT and support the Medway branch offers to local families. The sale raised over £1,000 for the branch which will be used to support our local community and families."

We're working hard on setting a date for an autumn sale so follow us on social media and on www.nct.org.uk/medway to be the first to know.

Park Your Mower for a Month and Save Our Orchards! (Stuart Bourne)

This May we are encouraging Rainham residents to put away their lawn mowers for the month in support of the 'No Mow May' campaign.

The campaign was set up by Plant Life to help the endangered bee population of the UK.

35 bee species in the UK are under threat due to 97% of their vital grassland habitat being lost.

Bees pollinate 75% of our edible food crops for us so their loss would have dire consequences for both us and the many orchards around Rainham. So we're asking people to let the flowers in their lawns grow during May, a month where bee food sources are especially scarce, and help feed the bees.

Rainham Toy Exchange

We aim to keep toys being used for as long as possible by rotating them through the Community.

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Rob Crockett's 'Hour Record Challenge'

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Pride of Medway Awards

It was fantastic news that Rainham Eco-hub had been nominated and shortlisted for the 20th 'Pride of Medway Awards', sponsored by Medway Messenger.



Even better, just as we go to print, we have found out that on Earth Day 2022 they have won the 'Green Champion Award' category! A huge congratulations to Kayleigh Ward, Liz O'Hanlon and all in the community who contributed with the work of the Eco-hub.

Become a School Governor

The Local Governing Body (LGB) of St Margaret's Church of England Junior School, in Orchard Street, Rainham, is seeking a co-opted governor.

The LGB comprises the Head Teacher, a staff member, two parent and six co-opted members. We are looking for someone who will be committed to helping the LGB to both challenge and support the School Leadership Team in its role of improving the quality of teaching and learning. At our most recent OFSTED inspection, in July 2018, we were pleased to retain our 'Good' judgement.

The LGB meets six times a year, usually in the school and sometimes spending the whole day there. Training will be given, usually in school and online. If anyone wishes to put their name forward, or would like further information, please contact me, Chrissy Hornby, on 387348/07762601545, or Laura Probert on 366481.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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Rainham Eco-Schools

Some of our local schools were asked the following questions recently:

- What projects have been your biggest success and why?
- What are your future plans?
- Why is being an Eco School important?

It's been a pleasure to discuss what some have been up to over the last few years with Kerry Briffitt from Hempstead Junior School

This month we feature answers from St Margaret's Junior School.

St Margaret's Junior School

At the start of the academic year, our Eco Squad asked all classes what aspects of our school they thought we could change/alter/adapt in order to help the environment and to help us be good stewards of the world. They wrote their answers on leaves and this helped formed our school Eco pledges. From this, we have then set up several projects.

The projects they have been most engaged in so far are the following:

- Composting - we have set-up compost stations in each year group. Our Eco team go collecting after break and lunch, for a new initiative called 'Crunch and Sip', emptying leftovers into our new school compost bins.
- Julia delivered a virtual assembly on the importance of recycling; this fed into our next project which was recycling the pens in every class. This has helped children realise the amount of plastic previously

being thrown away and how we can aim for renewable/recyclable products.

- Planting 60 trees on our school field
- Putting up bird houses/feeders and partaking in the RSPB Big Bird Watch
- Establishing a new Eco Code to tie in with our new School values.

Future Plans include:

- Setting up litter picking stations
- Further advancing the biodiversity on our school grounds and setting up more to attract different wildlife.
- The ultimate long-term aim is to grow vegetables at school and use this within our Crunch and Sip time or School meals, however, we are a long way from this at the moment so short term want to set-up a gardening club.

Being an Eco School is important as it is fundamental that children learn the importance of looking after our planet, as resources and our world are so precious. The aim is to fully engage our pupils so they are inspired to carry on the work we do in school out in the wider community - even when they leave school.

It is great to hear that our school children's education includes environmental matters from the outset and they are being encouraged to look after their environment. With support from their respective heads their successes are truly inspirational. If you have school stories you want to shout about, let us know by sending us an email at editor@actionforum.co.uk.

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Nature Notes (Joe Ennis)

SPRING

The first sign of spring in the countryside can be seen early in the new year. Male hazel catkins, often called “lambs’ tails”, dangle from leafless twigs and release clouds of golden pollen in the wind. Sweet violets appear in February and are most noticeable when growing in short grass. By March a good number of plants are in flower. They include the white flowers of sloe (or blackthorn) and cherry plum, both of which can be seen in our hedgerows.

The nectar of the golden-yellow, male catkins of the great sallow (or pussy willow) attracts insects such as bees, wasps and butterflies just out of hibernation. The latter can include brimstone, comma, peacock and small tortoiseshell. Other flowers of March include those growing in woods, such as primrose, lesser celandine (with glossy, golden petals) and wood anemone (with star shaped white petals). But it is perhaps not until April, after the March winds have relented, and once the evenings are much lighter, that we feel spring has eventually arrived.

Bluebells usually come into flower in April, as do other woodland flowers such as greater stitchwort, ransoms (wild garlic) and early purple orchid. Also in April, the delicate white leaves of the wild cherry appear.

Male birds will have begun to defend their territories and to attract mates with their songs or other calls. I have a CD of the dawn chorus recorded in woods in East Sussex, Hampshire and Devon. The songsters that feature most in the recordings are blackbird, song thrush, robin, wren, chiff chaff, willow warbler and cuckoo. It is noticeable that the top four are resident birds who have got off to an early start.

It is, perhaps, bluebells that encourage most people to visit a wood in the spring. The bluebell is popularly regarded as Britain’s national flower and a sea of bluebells provides one of the most glorious spectacles in the botanical world. No other country has bluebells on so large a scale, according to the late Dr Oliver Rackham, a renowned botanist.

Those that grow in deciduous woods seize the opportunity to emerge and flower before the leaves of the trees in the wood come out and cut down on the light. Only ransoms have the same capacity as bluebells to take possession of a whole wood. Persistent plants, they shade out wild flower competitors through sheer force of numbers and stockpile poisonous glycosides that deter foraging animals like rabbits, hares and deer.

The pear-shaped bulbs of the bluebell generate starch, once used to stiffen Elizabethan ruffs, whilst the flower stalks exude a versatile glue once used for binding the pages of books or fitting feathers onto arrows.

An impressive display of bluebells can be seen in Scathes Wood, which is part of the estate surrounding The National Trust’s Ightham Mote. This 14th-century moated manor house is in a romantic and secluded setting. The estate as a whole, sits in a remote landscape of woods, pastures and fields to the south east of Sevenoaks. Two sets of oast houses and a row of hoppers’ huts are an indication that hops were once grown in some of the fields on the estate. Scathes Wood consists of standard oak and sweet chestnut trees with an under-storey of coppiced sweet chestnut. Coppiced wood at Ightham would have been used in the past for hop poles and in the making of charcoal. The latter would have been used to dry the newly-picked hops in the oast houses on the estate.

Apart from the carpets of bluebells, on our last visit we came across primrose, cowslip, lady’s smock (or cuckoo flower) and wood anemone. We saw a tree creeper, a nuthatch and a couple of great tits and heard a chiff chaff, a great spotted woodpecker and a cuckoo. The tree creeper makes jerky, spiral movements on tree trunks in search of insects and grubs. It is tiny and mouse-like. The nuthatch is a stumpy, big-headed bird with a blue-grey back. In probing

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for food, it constantly moves up, down and around tree trunks. If disturbed, the nuthatch will take swift flight during which not much more than the bird's silhouette is seen. The chiff chaff and the cuckoo are two well-known harbingers of spring and their calls are also well-known. Whilst most male birds attract mates by means of their song, the male greater-spotted woodpecker advertises his presence to any females in the area by drumming loudly on dead branches.

After an enjoyable walk in Scathes Wood, we retired to the restaurant next to the Mote for tea and cake.

May in the Wilder Garden

(Victoria Golding)

What a wonderful year it has been for spring magnolias! But March was "in like a lamb, out like a lion" and so far in April it is just cold - with rain, at last.

Keep watching your garden and respond to its needs. Is that plant drooping because it needs water, or is it responding to an insect attack? Remove heavily infested leaves, rather than reach for the spray of death. The spray will not only kill the pest, but also the beneficial insects that work for you, including beautiful lacewings, active from May with both adult and larvae eating aphids. Truly an insect to cherish.



Plant of the month

Wallflowers, bluebells, hawthorn, kingcups in the pond - so many beautiful colours

and scents in the garden that I'm spoiled for choice for just one plant. I think I'll go for aquilegia, or 'Granny's bonnet'.

This year I am growing a variety called "Tequila sunrise" and hope that I will have flowers soon. These plants seed easily and I have the blue variety popping up all over the place, to my joy.

There are plenty of colourful tulips blooming in May, but I'm giving up on buying the larger varieties as they are disappointing in following years and need so much in the way of resources to bring them to market.

Earlier bulbs, like snowdrops and daffodils also need more time to build up reserves for next year, so need to be left in peace.

As money gets tighter it is so beneficial to share excess and unwanted plants. How about a swap session at your next coffee morning?



Exciting news though, my radishes have started to grow!

Job of the month

"No mow May" has come round again, to enrich our lives, our gardens and our communities. It doesn't have to be messy; paths through tall grass add to the mystery and allure of your garden.

www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may

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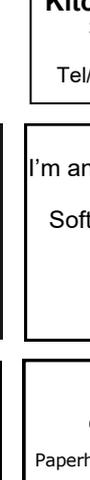

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Walking along Woodside

(by Geraldine Tomlin)

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The corner house at Hoath Lane was originally a stopping-off tea place for town-people coming to their country plots. It later became a green- grocers. Opposite, was waste ground before the Spyglass was built in the '30s, and a few doors down a tennis court where players could also get icecream. Fruit trees covered most land along to Bredhurst Road and on that corner 'old iron' was collected for the war effort. Opposite was a house called The Parsonage, where the Priest-in-Charge of the Mission Hall lived.

On the west corner of Springvale a small building sold fresh fish, later becoming Beale's butcher's. We had a resident policeman and his family living on the south side of Woodside. The Smallholders Club, a well-known institution, was originally for exchanging or selling home-grown produce, hence the name. The first building was a tin shed, before Springvale was developed. The Post Office, another well-known place since the early '30s, also sold petrol and paraffin oil. It was small but had all sorts of pots and pans hanging from the ceiling. Sweets in glass jars were ready to be weighed up - "An a'peth of those, please" (an a'peth was a halfpenny, pre-decimal). Some bought a farthing's worth (quarter of an old penny)!

It was always busy and friendly, as it is today. Along a little further, a footpath stretched from Woodside to Durham Road known as 'the six foot pathway' - said to be six foot wide... and very muddy! Opposite the Post Office was St Matthews, originally built as Wigmore Mission Hall in 1925. It's beautiful sanctuary in dark oak opened up on Sundays to become the church. This was modernised with lighter-coloured wood around 1935-1937 (the carpenter lived in Springvale), but with a growing population it was necessary to extend out front in '52. Now the Howard Memorial Hall, it is the Lodge of the Masons and St Matthews relocated to Drewery Drive.

Towards the Queen's Head, north side, a family opened up their front room as a general store and a little further along was a nursery full of produce in greenhouses, the owner living in Maidstone Road.

On Woodside's south side, where the Osteopathic clinic now is, the front room held a Haberdashery, somewhere I loved and the next door garden was full of daffodils every year.

The site of the Queen's Head was another patch of waste land, opposite was a shop which became Tarry's and there was a red telephone box at either end of Woodside.

I have lived here for 93 years. In my younger days there weren't many residents but everybody knew everybody. Modern Woodside is so different but we have a, much needed, pedestrian crossing thanks to our Mayor.

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3rd May - Rotary Club of Gillingham, Upchurch Golf Club, 1pm, 01634 852712, (also 10/17/24/31)

3rd May - Sunbeams toddler group, 1.45pm, All Saints Church, Hempstead, contact sjcross13@outlook.com

3rd May - Medway Brain Tumour Support Gp meetings, 11-1pm, 07565 881564

3rd May - Bredhurst Whist Club, 7.30pm, Bredhurst Village Hall. Contact Chris (eve) 07707 669915 (also 10/17/24/31)

3rd May - Medway Concert Brass, Hempstead, contact manager@medwayconcertbrass.uk (also 10/17/24/31)

3rd/4th May - Medway Towns Bands, Hempstead Infant School, mail@medwaytownsbands.uk (also 10/11/17/18/24/25/31)

4th May - Upchurch Horticultural Society - 7.15pm, 07703 339290 or upchurchhortsoc@gmail.com

5th May - Crafty Friends 6.30pm, Rainham Oast Community Centre, wilsons2@aol.com (also 12/19/26)

6th May - Rainham Bereavement Friendship Group, AM, 01634 364309 (also 13/20/27)

6th May - Medway Model Club, all ages, Holy Trinity, Twydall, 7-10pm, contact kimmmary18@hotmail.com

9th May - Rainham Ladies Choir, 7.30pm Rainham School for Girls, Contact 01634 262214 (also 16/23/30)

9th May - Green Drinks (environmental networking) Manor Farm 7.30pm, therainhamecoghub@gmail.com

9th May - Rainham Community Choir, 7pm, Rainham Oast Community Centre (also 16/23/30)

9th May - Medway Scrabble Club, 2pm, St Stephen's Church Hall, Chatham, new members welcome, contact eamonday9@gmail.com or 07523 124668

9th May - Medway Organ and Keyboard Club 50th Anniversary Concerts, 7pm/7.30pm start, Parkwood Community Centre, £7, phil.burt@ntlworld.com

10th May - Kent Classic & Sports Car Club, Three Mariners, Lower Rainham, 01634 362612

11th May - East Medway u3a at Smallholders Club, ring 07816 159668 or visit www.u3asites.org.uk/east-medway

11th May - Rainham Chess Club - 7.30pm, Rainham Oast Community Centre, robspringett@yahoo.co.uk (also 25th)

13th May - New Adventures with Robotic Imaging by Nik Syzmanek, Bredhurst Village Hall, suitable for all and also on Zoom

15th May - 'Jubilate Regina' by Upchurch Choral Society, St Mary's church, Upchurch at 7.30pm. £10, under 18's free, refreshments available, contact 01634 234780

18th May - Rainham Flower Club, Bredhurst Village Hall, 7pm, contact 01634 307855/01795843180

18th May - Wigmore Ladies - 2pm Howard Memorial Hall - 01634 388912

19th May - Rainham WI, open from 1pm, Berengrave Cricket Club, contact 01634 234997

19th May - Bredhurst Garden Club 'Floral Clocks' bring and buy product sale, 1.45pm, Howard Memorial Hall, contact 07791 781910

21st May - Macklands House Flower and Cake Sale, all welcome, 10am - 2pm

22nd May - Hempstead Village Fayre - for a stall, contact valeriegorf@blueyonder.co.uk

25th May - Medway Woodturners, Bredhurst Village Hall, 7pm, howardoverton123@btinternet.com

26th May - Rainham & District Dollhouse & Miniaturist Group, 7.30pm, Howard Memorial Hall, Wigmore, 01634 264295

27th May - Medway Geographical Society, 2pm Twydall Church Hall, contact 01634 572139 or lorna_bailey576@hotmail.com

27th May - Science of Parallel Universes, Stuart Clark, Bredhurst Village Hall, www.midkentastro.org.uk

28th May - Saffron Waldon Excursion with Rainham Historical Society, £26 non-members, pickup from Lukehursts, Rainham and Barnsole Rd, Gillingham contact Mrs Val Ware - 01634 366276

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