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We hope you enjoy a wonderful period of relaxation and come back refreshed and ready to explore and get involved with all the events and activities that are going on nearer to home. Page 5 and our events diary on p.13 list a number of different things going on locally.

Whatever you do, stay safe and we look forward to hearing from some of you ready for our September edition.

## ***Editorial***

As I sit and write this, we are experiencing the first rain for almost a month. My water butts have all run out but I am not sure what we are getting today is going to redress that particular problem. Instead it means my veg beds are now being watered with water from the washing up bowl, cold, un-finished tea and dregs from the family water bottles, alongside the inevitable hosepipe.

The water shortages haven't yet reached Rainham but lots of areas within the county have suffered and it is beholden on all of us to be really thoughtful about how we use such a precious resource as clean, fresh water. As somebody informed me the other day, one large paddling pool can use the same amount of water as a family of four do in two weeks normally!

Seeing the letters come in has been a delight, as always! There is such a mixture of content but it is always a pleasure to engage with people about issues in the area that matter to them. The Lidsing campaign article last month generated such an amazing response and you can read more about progress on p.5. The number of dirty buses within Medway and idling issues continue to be a subject for discussion and Alan is working hard on continuing to chase that with all parties concerned (see p.4).

We heard that some of you missed a history article in the July edition, so this month Andy is focusing on Rainham Station and all the changes it has seen over the last one hundred and fifty years.

The schools have now broken up and many folk will be starting to plan and pack for holidays elsewhere in the UK or further afield.

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

### **Rainham OastHouse Theatre**

Dear Editor,  
 Thanks for putting details of our July production in the diary section. Our last production 'The Vicar of Dibley' was very well received and it is great to see the Theatre returning to full capacity following the pandemic.

There are still a lot of people who live in Rainham that don't know there is a Theatre right on their doorstep so any way you can help to promote the society is much appreciated.

Regards, Dean Caston  
 Public Relations Manager  
 Oasthouse Theatre, Rainham



### **Lidsing Proposal**

Dear Editor,  
 Regarding the item in Action Forum No 580, that Maidstone Council is pressing ahead with it's plans to decimate hundreds of acres of prime agricultural land, despite many thousands of objections, in an area of AONB - what is the point of having these protected areas if local authorities can ignore them? What makes it even more galling is that, although Maidstone Council would receive the council tax from these properties, Medway council tax payers would be responsible for providing the services and facilities.

Yours Faithfully, Michael J. Locke,  
 Hawthorne Avenue,

### School Memories

Dear Editor,  
I live in Hastings now but am originally from Rainham. I still get Action Forum passed on to me.  
I saw, in last month's issue, a letter thanking your distributors from a Miss R. Hadley-Wright. I wonder if this is the Miss Hadley who taught cookery at Woodlands Girls School and was one of the teachers who took us on our first skiing holiday to Italy. I still have the photographs of that trip. If it is Miss Hadley I wish her well.

Yours sincerely, Cheryl Luck (nee Easter)

### A Silent Spring

Dear Editor,  
I've lived in Rainham for many years and this is the first year that I've not heard the beautiful song of a Nightingale in the area. Even in recent times several birds could be found from Eastcourt Meadow right the way along to Rainham Dock East, but this year, to quote the title of a famous book, it's been "A Silent Spring".

A small population of Turtle Doves are just about hanging on and although we get a few Cuckoos back every year I wonder how long this will continue. Undoubtedly housing pressure reducing the area young birds can spread out into has played its part along with disturbance from increased human activity

especially during the lockdown.

Whatever the reasons I find it very sad that these iconic songbirds have probably gone from our area for good.

Richard Lusted

*One of the editors has also responded to this letter with his own thoughts and some potential recommendations we can all take on board - see p.9*

### Oasthouse Beer festival

Dear Editor,  
Thanks for letting your readers know about the Oast Beer & Music Festival which took place on 24/25 June. Despite the train strike affecting some visitors, the event was a huge success with nearly 1000 people attending over the 2 days.

We raised over £7000 for the Oast Community Centre to help maintain the fabric of the building.

We will be running the festival again next year and look forward to welcoming everyone on the 23rd and 24th June, 2023.

Oast Festival Committee



**Thank you to all those who contact us. This month we had so many letters there wasn't room to print them all!**

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## Climate Conversations

**‘Still Smokin’!!’** by Alan Stockey

Our article on smoky buses last month seemed to spark your interest with three emails to our editor, for which I thank you.

Firstly, John Coppen, I wrote the piece on behalf of the editorial team, led the survey of buses with a great support team from Rainham Eco-hub and followed up with complaints to Arriva, DVSA and Medway Council.

I also share the frustrations of Ross Elliot over the number of large 4x4 vehicles, often ferrying one child to school and adding to the significant congestion and idling on the A2, in the peak periods between 08:00-9:00 and 15:00-16:00. Something has got to give if we are to encourage more to walk and cycle to school, and people should be able to do so without suffering the significant air pollution. And finally, Steve Mason, thank you for the additional data concerning Arriva moving less polluting buses to other parts of the country where Councils have set more stringent emission requirements.

I have written a question to Medway Council asking if the Bus Companies have signed up to the commitments in the Medway Bus Improvement Plan, and if they will be setting minimum emission targets when contracts are next negotiated. I will share their response in our September issue.

### **Aug Monthly Eco Challenge**

*‘Decide a weekly menu in advance and only buy what you will need for that menu plan.’*

### **Have your say and nominate your Rainham Champions Groups, Schools and Local Projects**

After the tremendous Rainham Eco-hub awards last autumn, this year they will partner in a combined Rainham Community Awards and Rainham Eco-hub Awards.

There are a wide range of categories, including: Young Green Hero, Eco School Champion, Eco Community Group, Biodiversity Champion and Eco Community Champion of the year.

This year’s new Community Awards include categories of: Community Project of the year, Teacher of the year, Business of the year, Sporting hero, and Moment of the year.

To nominate you need to provide your name and contact details, the name of those you are nominating and their contact details, along with the reason you are nominating them. You can do this online via the Rainham Eco-hub Facebook page, by post to Rainham Awards, C/O the Vicarage, 80 Broadview Avenue, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent ME8 9DE or via email to [therainhamecohub@gmail.com](mailto:therainhamecohub@gmail.com). Don’t worry if you are not sure which category they fit in, but do include all the details requested to allow follow-up if needed.

Spice Fusion has already generously offered sponsorship for the awards but there are further opportunities available, so please contact Liz at [LOHfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:LOHfundraising@gmail.com) if interested.

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## Community

### Rainham Rec over Summer

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On the 24th Aug, the dog wardens will be at the rec, giving advice to any dog owners who may have questions - also from 10-12 noon.

### Summer at Riverside and Capstone

There are lots of activities planned so don't forget to head to the Medway website to help plan your summer.



Activities at Riverside (for a small fee) include:

Tues 2nd Aug 10am, Flying fish  
Wed 3rd and Wed 24th at 1pm, Butterflies for Beginners  
Thursday 4th from 10am and 1pm, Creative Clay  
Wed 10th Aug, at midday you can relax and join in with some Spoon Carving  
Wed 17th Aug from 10am and 1pm there is the opportunity to combine clay and natural objects to create faces  
Thurs 20th Aug, Kitemaking, 10am, 1pm

The Big Bug Hunt runs on Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 16th Aug from 10 and 1 and don't forget that on Wednesday 31st Aug at 11 you can join in Ted's Picnic!

If you are over the age of 12, you could even partake in a 3-session workshop on Woodland Craft, Tuesday 19th, Tuesday 30th Aug and Tuesday 27th Sept.

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### Against Lidsing Garden Development – Legal Team Appointed

What a fantastic response to our article in the July edition, concerning the fund-raising efforts needed to hire a legal team to fight the planning request by Maidstone Borough Council to build 2,000 more homes in Lidsing, right on our doorstep.

I can report that there was a significant surge in donations as a result of our article and the legal team have now been hired to fight the case. There is a total of just over £41k (including £8k from BPC).

It isn't over and fundraising is ongoing. MBC are still submitting lots of new evidence, which all takes time (and money) to go through so we must have sufficient funds to effectively fight.

If you missed last month's article and still want to help, please send a cheque made out to Bredhurst Parish Council, c/o Englefield Dunn Street Bredhurst ME7 3LY or search online for 'Against Lidsing Garden Development'.

It just goes to show what a community can achieve when it works together.

On behalf of the  
**Against Lidsing Garden Development**  
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Spice Fusion Fundraising Evening  
28th August, 2022  
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## ***Rainham Station through the years***

(AJ)

It was first suggested a railway service be provided for Kent in 1824. A prospectus was drawn up and accepted in 1825.

The topic was raised in 1832, again in 1835, and in 1836 the South Eastern Railways Act was passed (although a Whitstable-Canterbury line already operated).

The South Eastern Railway, when it eventually appeared, had government blessing - a point which must have weighed heavily in its favour when engaged in battle with rival companies, namely, the East Kent which became the 'London, Chatham & Dover Railway' along with the 'South East and Chatham Railway'. A main line to Rochester also started at Fenchurch Street and proceeded via Tilbury, the ferry and Gravesend.

The line from Chatham to Faversham was opened in January 1858 (the Chatham to Strood link in March). With this extension to Faversham came stations at New Brompton (Gillingham) and Rainham Newington. In 1862 Newington got its own station.

As the railway opened up in Kent, one comment at the time was *'all the parishes became very populous and places which were once quite rural are now covered with houses for the toilers of the metropolis'*.

Transport was now cheap and easy, so available to the ordinary people and thus were born 'commuters'.

Only a single track in 1858, fortunately the Chatham and Gillingham tunnels had been

built sufficiently wide to later allow a double track without major rebuilding.

All three major companies had bridges over the Medway at various times and it was not until 1927 that re-alignment of the track made the South Eastern bridge the sole survivor.

There were suggestions to close Rochester and Chatham stations in the interests of economy, much to the delight of Gillingham Council who saw a very rosy future for New Brompton. It would have been almost impossible though, since Chatham was a major station and the only way to Rainham involved changing there. June 1899 saw the amalgamation of the three major railways into 'Southern Railway', which it remained until 1948.

1899 also saw the Continental Service out of Victoria via Queenborough to Flushing.

In 1948, the new British Rail suggested re-naming the station to Gillingham East. There was outcry and the idea was quietly dropped. Then in 1958 the first electric train ran to Rainham as one of five pilot runs - no ceremony, just electricians and engineers on board.

The cover photo was taken prior to the rebuilding of the station in 1968. Rainham was expanding and the station carrying more than 2,000 commuters each day.

This building lasted much less time than the original and was redeveloped again in 1990 to the current building.

The most recent expansion has been the addition of platform 0 in 2015, enabling Thameslink trains to start from Rainham.

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## *Nature Notes* (Joe Ennis)

### TITSEY

In July, a year or two ago, Mrs Ennis and I visited Titsey Place, situated in one of the largest surviving historic estates in Surrey. The estate was originally bought from the Crown, in 1534, by Sir John Gresham, one-time Lord Mayor of London. The gardens have always been a feature of Titsey Place and the recreated Victorian kitchen garden is said to be one of the best surviving gardens of its kind in this country. The house and gardens sit high on the escarpment of the North Downs, near the Kent and Surrey border and are encircled by a plantation of beech trees that spill down from the lip of the escarpment.

We motored along the A25, passed through Sevenoaks and Westerham then turned right at Limpsfield, for Titsey. In due course we went through parkland dotted with beech, oak, lime, horse chestnut and disease-resistant elm trees. Feeding among the trees was a flock of sheep and a herd of red Sussex beef cattle (the latter have replaced a herd of unprofitable dairy cows).

Mrs Ennis joined a guided tour of the house, whilst I sat in the sunshine on the terrace, facing a long parterre with circular patterns of box plants, beyond which was a garden of roses and lavender plants. I could smell the roses and see bees buzzing amongst the line of lavender. From my seat, I had views of the parkland we had just crossed and, on the horizon, the high ground of the Sandstone Ridge around Crockham Hill. Above me, house martins, both adult and young, were flying to and from a ledge high on the front wall of the house. The young, presumably, practicing their flying and strengthening their wings. Swallows were hawking for flies just

above the green sward of the extensive lawn. After some time, my wife's tour finished and we both visited the Jubilee Rose Garden and Old Rose Garden before walking around the lake, fed by a spring from the base of the North Downs which firstly enters into the River Eden and then the River Medway. The lake was surrounded by the fragrant flowers of meadow sweet. Water hens and their young fed on the surface of the lake whilst dragonflies and damselflies of various species darted above it.

We entered the kitchen garden, which is an illustration of Victorian horticultural techniques.

Glass houses have been repaired or rebuilt and contain peaches, apricots, nectarines, bananas, tomatoes, kiwi fruit and grapes. A central conservatory contains a wide range of colourful and exotic orchids and other plants. The top half of the garden is quartered with low box hedges. Within the hedges stand two wrought iron gazebos; each covered in climbers with a large urn of flowers underneath. As for produce, there was top fruit (including apples, pears, cherries, plums, figs and quince), soft fruit (gooseberries, raspberries, red currants, strawberries and blackberries, among others), vegetables, and flowers such as dahlia, gladioli, Sweet William, camelia and alstroemeria, all mixed in with the vegetables. The vulnerable soft fruits and the brassicas were either covered with netting or enclosed in cages, doubtless to deter blackbirds, starlings, wood pigeons, pheasants, squirrels and rabbits. Hazel poles and sticks, from the woods of the estate, are used extensively to support climbers and clumps of flowers. The inside garden walls facing the sun are draped with roses, clematis, honeysuckle, triple cordon red currants and some more unusual climbers.

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important out-of-doors employee in Victorian times, the Head Gardener had a magnificent house overlooking the garden with elaborate barge boards, decorative roof tiles and fancy brickwork. Today's head gardener also lives there and fully deserves the privilege.

We left the kitchen garden for refreshment in the tea room. Thereafter, we admired Home Farm Cottage and the rest of the cottages; of a kind one finds on a model estate - picturesque, built of sandstone, half timbered or tile hung. We could not resist looking into the gardens of the cottages, presumably inhabited by retired employees of the estate.

Our visit ended with the low fly-past of a Spitfire from Biggin Hill aerodrome, which appeared suddenly, with little warning, skimming over the trees at the top of the Downs. It was marked with black and white bands around its wings and fuselage; the markings used in the invasion of Europe to identify Allied planes.

## *Response to Silent Spring*

(by Hamish Mackay Miller)

In reference to the letter received from Mr Lusted on p3, I would add bats to his list.

When I moved to Meresborough in 1972 they were a common sight in our garden on a warm summer evening, but I have not seen one for several years. The loss of woodland and farms to housing is certainly a major factor in this decline in wildlife generally. When Action Forum was first published in 1969 there were 10,000 homes in the Rainham area. Today we deliver to over 20,000 within the same boundaries.

But it is not just building that has caused this decline as most homes have, at least, a small garden.

The problem is our obsession to keep these neat and tidy using pesticides and weed killers. We are killing the food and shelter that nature provides for the birds, bees, butterflies, hedgehogs and other wildlife we want to see around.

Most pests have natural predators which will keep them under control over time but unfortunately, pesticides kill the beneficial predators as well as the pests. Left alone nature will create a reasonable balance. Hand-weed rather than use poison to remove them where necessary but leave plants if you can, as they provide food and shelter for many creatures.

Compost your weeds and prunings rather than put them in your brown bin. A compost heap is an excellent home for many beneficial invertebrates, as is a heap of dead wood left to rot naturally.

Mow your lawn less frequently to let daisies, dandelions and many more flowers provide nectar for bees and butterflies.

Although most gardens are small, if a sufficient proportion of them become wildlife-friendly, the Rainham area could attract back the missing songbirds, bats and others. Why not get together with neighbours and co-ordinate what you can do as a group.

It is 60 years since Rachel Carson's 'Silent Spring' first made us aware of the harm chemicals like DDT were doing to the environment.

Dave Goulson, Professor of Biology at Sussex University and one of the UK's leading insect experts, has written 'Silent Earth: Averting the Insect Apocalypse'. It is now in paperback at £9.99 and a stimulating read that I would recommend to everybody interested in the future of our planet.

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**Friday 23rd September** sees him flocking South with thousands of others, starting at Portsmouth and heading to Southampton, via Eastleigh FC.

On **Saturday 24th September** Paul will head to the Midlands, starting at the Birmingham City ground and finishing at Wolverhampton Wanderers home turf, via Edgbaston County Cricket ground, Aston Villa and Walsall.

Finally, on **Sunday 25th September**, with any remaining strength (!), he will come back South, to London, from AFC Wimbledon's Plough Lane to Millwall FC.

As we mentioned in our last edition, Paul was diagnosed with the illness last year. His type is aggressive and terminal and, with a 5- to-8 year prognosis, Paul is focusing on raising funds whilst creating great memories.

So far he has raised over £29k but there is a lot of work to be done - over 11,500 men die from prostate cancer in the UK each year. Paul is aiming to walk 11, 500 miles and

Has just passed the 3,000 mile mark. Progress is all the more remarkable as treatment destroys testosterone.

In July he walked a very hot and humid 30 miles of Hempstead and Wigmore, starting at 5.30am and finishing around 8.45pm with some very damaged feet! He had some fantastic conversations regarding what he was doing and truly appreciated people's generosity with drinks and support along the way.

He now has a bit of time to toughen his feet up for the September marathons but is also hoping that the weather is not quite as hot as it was in July!

Although he worked in Wimbledon, Paul studied at Aston, and as a keen cricket fan he is most excited to walk the Birmingham route.

If you feel able to support either Paul or Prostate Cancer UK then either scan the QR code below, or head over to the Prostate Cancer UK website for further details.

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**29th July** - The Craig Telescope, Bredhurst Village Hall, 8pm [www.midkentaastro.org.uk](http://www.midkentaastro.org.uk)

**4th Aug** - Cliffe Pools RSPB Dusk Visit, 6pm  
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**7th Aug** - Afternoon Tea at St Michael and All Angels Church, Hartlip - 3-5pm (every first Sunday until Sept)

**13th Aug** - Rainham Horticultural Society Show, 2pm, Millenium Centre, free entry

**14th August** - Medway Ramblers - Urban, Maritime & Heritage circular 7 mile walk, starts 10am, Rosebery/Medway Rd junction, contact Adam on 07976 969912 or [aprince\\_nthgill@hotmail.com](mailto:aprince_nthgill@hotmail.com), or [www.medwayramblers.weebly.com](http://www.medwayramblers.weebly.com)

**18th Aug** - Bredhurst Garden Club, Russell Bowes talk 'The Painted Garden', also a bring and buy produce sale, 1.45pm, Howard Memorial Hall, contact 07791 781910

**21st August** - KSS HorseRide, 8 mile route of Bilsington Priory Estate, Ashford, raising money for the Air Ambulance, see [www.aakss.org.uk](http://www.aakss.org.uk) for **details**

**27th August** - Hempstead Crafts & Produce Festival, open to the public at 1.30pm, application forms available in advance from Hempstead Library, All Saints Church and Hempstead Allotment Association.

Green Drinks (environmental networking), 1st Monday of month, Manor Farm, 7.30pm, [therainhamecohub@gmail.com](mailto:therainhamecohub@gmail.com)

Oast House Community Choir, every Tuesday, 10-11.30am, Rainham Oast Community Centre, £5, Bob Carling on 07800 522724

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Medway Organ and Keyboard Club 50th Anniversary Concerts, 2nd Monday of month, 7pm/7.30pm start, Parkwood Community Centre, £7, [phil.burt@ntlworld.com](mailto:phil.burt@ntlworld.com)

Kent Classic & Sports Car Club, 2nd Thursday of month, Three Mariners, Lower Rainham, 01634 362612

Rainham Historical Society, 4th Wednesday of month, regular outings arranged, Millenium Centre, 01634 263622

Wigmore Ladies, 3rd Wednesday of month, 2pm, Howard Memorial Hall, 01634 388912

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