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## Lest we forget!



Do you recognise any of these names? Were they a member of your family?

The Anchorians Association are seeking to compile a more detailed memory bank as they reach the milestone of 100 years.

Turn to p12 to see how you might be able to help.

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## ***Editorial***

And so we head into a new school year and all the excitement and nerves that it brings; parents sending little ones to school for the first time or not-so-little ones to a much bigger secondary school further away from home, university students heading away from home for the first time and some leaving school to begin their journeys in the world of work - lots of change for all involved! We wish them well.

But whilst some are looking forward, others are reaching back in time and I would ask you to look at the article on p12 and see if there is any way you can help The Anchorians Assoc. in their task. We have such a wealth of history in this area and people's memories are a rich source to be tapped for future generations.

People in general are amazing and a constant source of inspiration to me. Just reading about the Rainham Mark Grammar Eco Club left me speechless. In a short space of time they have achieved such a lot and now have a clear vision moving forward, supported by the school staff. See our Climate section (p11) to be inspired by what our youngsters are doing.

On Sept 30th, the Eco-hub celebrates all this with the 'Rainham (and district) Community Awards' in St Margaret's Church. It is your chance to let everyone know about those around you who help you, support you, inspire you, make your days brighter etc.

You have until 10th Sept to highlight them. From an ethical business to the really helpful shop assistant, from the dedicated teacher to that neighbour who is always available - there is a category for all on the Eco-hub website.

Happy Browsing!

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

### **Regarding the August Front Cover photo**

Dear Editor,  
 Readers might be interested to know that the photo of the Hop & Vine pub shown on the front cover of the August issue of Action Forum was originally known as the Belisha Beacon.

Michael J. Locke

### **Wigmore RVS Darby & Joan Club**

We recommence on Monday 4th September after the summer break. We meet every Monday afternoon at the Howard Memory Hall in Woodside, Wigmore between 2 and 4, welcoming anyone over 50 years of age. You are very welcome to come along for the afternoon and make new friends. Have a natter over a hot drink and biscuits, along with a game of bingo.

Interested, give me a phone call for a chat and more details 01634 362662.

Hannah Hendra

### **Hempstead Festival - Save the Date**

Dear Editor,  
 We have a date for the diary of all crafters and horticulturists - 2nd of Sept 2023 at Hempstead Community Hub (library).

There is just enough time to plan an entry of their produce, or show their crafting talents!

Last year's festival had over 200 entries in various classes and the event is open to anyone with a connection to Hempstead Village.

Craft stalls are welcome to purchase a space in the courtyard of the library grounds in order to sell produce.

Contact Hempstead Library for more info.

### **Action Forum in Upchurch**

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editions through your door then please know that additional copies are placed at the Co-op and in the Post Office.

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### **Rainham Eco-hub Podcasts**

Rainham Eco-hub now has a podcast on Spotify. It's titled 'Eco in your lunchbreak' and is a short insight into the amazing things local (and not so local) people are doing in their busy lives, to protect the planet. Not always huge things, but a collection of impactful, local and often simple solutions, delivered by inspiring but 'normal' people, like you and I.

We hope you enjoy having a listen (we have 2 released so far, with more scheduled).

If you'd like to talk to us about an area of environmentalism which is important to you or nominate someone who you think we should be talking to, please give us a shout - this is about real people telling their stories.

No doom and gloom, no judgment, just real and accessible conversations. The hub knows no other way - haha!

Recently, we launched Thames View Primary School's interview - they've been Trail Blazers in our town for bringing sustainability into schools. We'd love to know what you think.

Here is the link:

**<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4Ni1JjMZWCH4j8fagRJJ6p?si=W0W1MO6oTcqpywH88lvAXO>**

All the best, Liz and Kayleigh  
Rainham Eco Hub.

### **2023 Poppy Appeal**

Dear Editor,

We have a stall at Hempstead Valley the week before Armistice Sunday, raising vital funds to help those in our Armed Forces community.

We would be very grateful for anyone who could help us knit poppies to sell. The pattern can be provided.

Many thanks, Sandra 07592 301151

### **Great Ormond Street Gift Fayre**

Dear Editor,

On Saturday 28th October, at the Howard Memorial Hall, Woodside, ME8 0PN, we will be hosting our annual craft/gift fayre in aid of the Children's Hospital.

It will run from 10.30 till 12.30 and we still have a few stalls available if anybody is interested.

For further details contact Paula on 07930 595856 and book the date in your diary.

Many thanks,  
Kind Regards, Paula SIBBICK

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## Community

### Gillingham Lions Club Harvest Teas

"We Serve" is the motto of Lions Clubs International and Gillingham Lions Club members look forward to serving you once again at our Harvest Tea Party in St. Margarets Millenium Hall.

Sunday 15th October is the date for your diary this year - from 3.30 until 6.00pm.

If you are elderly or lonely you would be very welcome.

To apply for an invitation simply ring Brenda on 01634 379062.  
Transport can be arranged.

We very much look forward to greeting old and new friends again this year.

### Sat 21st October - 7pm

The seafaring Folk Group 'Swinging the Lead' will be performing a concert at St. Matthew's Community Centre, Drewery Dr.

A long-established group who perform regularly around the country, they will be bringing us a variety of sea shanties and other maritime themed folk songs. Lovers of groups like 'Fishermans Friends' will not want to miss this concert. Tickets (currently selling fast) are priced at £12.50 each which will include refreshments during the interval. It promises to be a terrific evening's entertainment.

For tickets, please phone Geoff on 01634 234712 or email [geoff.hufton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoff.hufton@hotmail.co.uk)

### What's On at St. Matthew's, Drewery Dr

#### The Place of Welcome

Join us very Thursday morning from 10am. Just come along for an opportunity to chat over a cuppa, completely free of charge.

#### St. Matthew's Film Club

Back on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

#### The Thursday Club

7th September with speaker Melanie Gibson-Bartonthe, a great favourite, speaking to us about the Suffragettes and Suffragists.

Other speakers lined up for the autumn include Lenny Clarke, telling us about 'Another Side of Canterbury' and Brian Carline with his intriguingly entitled talk 'Soil, Sweat and Tears'.

The club is open to anyone aged 50+ and a warm welcome awaits new members.

For any information on the above, contact Geoff on 01634 234712  
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We are especially pleased to welcome our new Musical Director, Cathy Robinson and accompanist, Marius. This new team promises some interesting and challenging projects for the choir.

If you enjoy singing and want to join a friendly group of ladies, come along for a free 4-week taster. We promise you'll enjoy it!

Contact our Secretary on 07954 604697 or 01634 370797 or [rlchoir@outlook.com](mailto:rlchoir@outlook.com)

### ***Word on the Streets***

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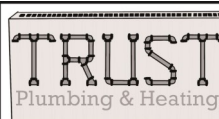
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## ***Nature Notes*** (H Mackay Miller)

### **More Trees for Rainham Campaign**

Last month, we published an article about the importance of trees; they make our town beautiful, lower the temperature, reduce the dangerous amount of air pollution effecting children and the elderly and, also, act as a unique habitat for many local species of wildlife that are important to maintaining our fragile biodiversity.

We have been contacted by many, asking how they can help reverse the decline of trees in Rainham, and offering to plant and care for any newly-planted trees. This was incredibly uplifting to us at Action Forum and got us thinking. Could we help organise a campaign to plant as many trees and hedges as possible this winter?

Is there a part of a field that could be turned into a pocket woodland, a boundary in a school for a native hedgerow or a small patch in your own garden which could become an oasis for wildlife? Each extra tree planted will help.

Action Forum will source trees for anyone willing to plant and care for them. Small “whips” are available free and larger trees at a small cost. All will be delivered to Westmoor

Nursery on the A2, when available, sorted into individual orders and recipients advised. Stuart Bourne, ex-royal gardener and experienced tree planter, has volunteered to advise on how best to ensure your tree is planted successfully and cared for.

We also want to work together with Medway Council and see if there any parks or grass verges that could take a tree or two.

This will not be an easy task.

People may have seen a report on how nearly 500,000 newly-planted trees were lost because there was no after-care plan for them. We would like to see individuals willing to have them in their gardens but, also, groups of people who can organise and plan the care these trees need during those first difficult years.

So, if you or a local group, want to see more trees in Rainham and are willing to find them homes or volunteer to help sort the trees when delivered, please contact Stuart Bourne at [stuartbourne\\_email@hotmail.com](mailto:stuartbourne_email@hotmail.com) who will be attempting to organise this campaign.

### **So, where are our missing trees? (A Stockey)**

After Stuart Bourne’s wonderful piece last month about ‘Our Local Street Trees’, I would

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like to ask our readers for some help. In your travels around the area, if you should see a damaged or missing urban street tree, please make a note and let me know.

We are talking about those on the pavement or grass verges between the road and pavement (not those in front gardens).

So, whether an empty square where one used to be; a cut off stump or an evidently dead or dying tree, drop me a line. All you need to do is tell me where it is located and why you are reporting it, e.g., 'Stump outside 4 Berengrave Lane'.

You can do that via text to 07515 284244 or email, [alanstockey@gmail.com](mailto:alanstockey@gmail.com). I will collate the results during September and share the results with Medway Council's team to agree next steps.

## September in the Nature-Friendly Garden

(by Victoria Golding)

While so much of the world has frizzled and burned this summer, our corner of Kent has had a mainly cool time, with enough rain. But, the reality of climate change has meant that I needed the stored water and have watered more than I used to.

Plants have benefitted from that, with noticeably stronger growth. Our light soil dries out quickly so I have tried to keep my plants healthy by watering, mulching, giving them space and, particularly, light. Plant growth creeps up on us and, suddenly, we realise that perennials and tall annuals are bending towards the light and becoming spindly (Autumn is a good time to open up shady areas as we don't disturb nesting birds).

As I write, the weather pattern seems to be giving heavy rain to the West and North, moving East but becoming patchy until we

receive virtually nothing. What happens next? My mantra is: 'Expect the worst and plan to counteract it'. So, I go on saving my kitchen water and putting it on the base of hedges each day. Woody plants have grown well this year.

### Plant of the month

I am a great fan of Michaelmas daisies. There is a huge variety of sizes, colours and shapes that give us such a boost of the delicate flowers so loved by butterflies. They are great survivors, particularly if pruned at the end of their flowering season and, with moderate care, they will last for several years.

### Job of the month

I have been potting up seedlings of things common in our garden: foxgloves, small flowered evening primrose, "Bill Wallis" geranium and red champion. Some will go to our Open Garden plant sales and some for home.

The foxgloves and evening primroses mustn't be too big before planting; they need to grow long tap roots and hate being moved late.

I have ordered more bulbs, some of which need deeper planting than I realised, and will get them in early, apart from tulips that hate sitting in the soil for too long.

We learn all the time, which is the wonderful thing about life!

There are still a couple of our Open Gardens to visit and the Wild about Gardens team is offering more of our great Workshops over the winter season.

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## ***Climate Conversations*** (Steph)

### **RMGS Eco Club**

It was reading the book 'Diary of a Young Naturalist' that encouraged me to take the leap to start an environmental committee at RMGS back in November. The book follows Dara Macanulty through his work to protect the natural world despite his struggles as a neurodiverse teen.

The Eco Club have at least one meeting each week with weekly eco-updates in the Student Bulletin. Since our formation, we have worked on a number of projects and achieved Eco-School's status along the way!

One of our first schemes was to set up 'Post-apen Points' around the school. (Rymans now collect all pens for recycling if you would care to join us!)

We spent a long time negotiating/organising a scheme to reduce single-use cups in the school canteen. Students will have a loyalty card stamped each time they use one of the 'Ugly Mugs' we appealed for or their own thermos; six stamps will equate to a free hot drink!

We set up the LCC (Litter Critter Crew) back in April which runs 3 times a week during form time and is led by a designated Eco Club sixth form 'Captain'. Students receive house points for their contributions.

Over summer, the Eco Club spent time doing heavy work in the school garden, clearing the docks and nettles from the raised beds to grow our own produce along with flowers for pollinators. It has been extremely gratifying to see the garden blossom and to be able to

at our School Trust event!

A 'Green Fund' for environmental initiatives then gained a head start with our veg stall and tours of the garden during Charity Week.

We have taken part in a number of outside-school activities, including the Rainham Anti-Idling workshop/competition (with our winning slogan '*Lights RED, Engines DEAD. #BemoreRainham*'), took part in the 'Big School's Birdwatch' and, more recently, had a stall at the Rainham Big Green Day where I also spoke about the importance of protecting the natural world, a subject I went into in more detail for a Rainham Eco-hub Podcast.

An initiative for September is our Uniform Bank. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting Thamesview Primary for insight into how their scheme works and have had plenty of donations so far!

Over the next school year, we hope to fully establish the Bank, roll out re-useable mug use, collect plastic bottles towards making our own greenhouse and sign up to a tree-planting scheme to reforest our school and make it greener for all!

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## Rainham History

(Nigel Fray)

To that end, I list their names below:

### Help needed by Anchorians Association

The Anchorians Association will be celebrating its centenary in 2026.

The Association was created as the old boys' association ('Old Anchorians') of the County Grammar School, later Gillingham Grammar School. This merged in 1975 with Rainham Boys' Secondary School to create The Howard School.

To mark its centenary, I am writing a book detailing the Association's history from 1926. An important chapter will be to commemorate those 65 Old Anchorians who gave their lives in World War II in service of their country. We know from our archives that some of those honoured on the Association's War Memorial were killed in action but we have little else to go on to determine how they served or the circumstances of their demise. We are, therefore, undertaking a research project to gather as much information as possible about them. The Memorial was, from its commemoration in 1949, originally located at the Grammar School in Third Avenue but, since 1975, has proudly hung in the Association's Clubhouse.

Recognising the close link that still remains between us, The Howard School has kindly agreed to assist with this work.

To aid the students, I wondered if any of your readers are related to (or know of) those OAs named on the Memorial and have information which could add to our research.

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I should be grateful if information would be sent to me:

[nigelfray@aol.com](mailto:nigelfray@aol.com) or

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**2nd Sept** - Hempstead Festival, Hempstead Library

**2nd - 30th Sept** - Rainham & District Dollshouse & Miniaturist Group exhibition at Rainham Library during normal library opening hours. Dollshouses and miniature items made by club members in all different scales.

**3rd Sept** - RSPB Medway coach trip, Minsmere Reserve, 7.30am with Trevor Hatton, £25, book on 07709 925613, see [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/medway](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/medway)

**4th Sept** - Wigmore RVS Darby & Joan Club restarts, Howard Memorial Hall, 2-4pm, Hannah Hendra on 01634 362662

**4th Sept** - Rainham Ladies Choir re-starts, 7.30pm, RSG, [rainhamladieschoir.com](http://rainhamladieschoir.com) or email [rlchoir@outlook.com](mailto:rlchoir@outlook.com)

**7th Sept** - The Thursday Club, St. Matthews Community Centre, Wigmore, 2pm, contact Geoff on 01634 234712/ [geoff.hufton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoff.hufton@hotmail.co.uk)

**7-9/14-16 Sept** - 'Billy Liar' comedy by Keith Waterhouse, Oasthouse Theatre, 8pm, [www.oasthousetheatre.co.uk](http://www.oasthousetheatre.co.uk)

**11th Sept** - Medway Music Club, 'with Mark Thompson', Parkwood Community Centre, 7.30pm, £7, 07795 576294

**13th Sept - East Medway u3a**, 'Fraud Protection' with Kent Police, 2pm, Smallholders Club, Wigmore, [sueu3acook@outlook.com](mailto:sueu3acook@outlook.com)

**13th Sept** - RSPB Medway Guided Walk, Black Barn Pools what3words: neat.power.crisis, 9.30am, [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/medway/www.facebook.com/rspbmedway](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/medway/www.facebook.com/rspbmedway)

**14th Sept** - Wigmore Voices Autumn Concert, 8.30pm, St Matthew's, £8 (incl. refreshments), 07990 837287

**16th Sept** - Upchurch Choral Society Singing Workshop, St Mary's, 10-4pm, £12, [suerossiter@waitrose.com](mailto:suerossiter@waitrose.com) or 01634 234780

**16th Sept** - Hempstead Air Scouts Indoor Boot Fair, 10-1, Dukes Meadow Drive, [abbie.obrien@live.co.uk](mailto:abbie.obrien@live.co.uk)

**19th Sept** - RSPB Medway Talk, 'Amazing Birds', Chris Collins, Parkwood Community Centre, ME8 9PN 7pm, £4.50 [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/medway](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/medway)

**20th Sept** - BWAG Club Night, 'Little things that run the Earth' Clive Nuttman, Blacksmith's Barn, Bredhurst, ME7 3JU, 7pm. £5 per person (w refreshments) 07772 920359/ [info@bwag.org.UK](mailto:info@bwag.org.UK)

**22nd Sept** - 'Guy Watson', P'wood Social Club, 8.30pm, £1

**24th Sept** - RSPB Medway Guided Walk, Minis Bay & Coldharbour, what3words: duration.grumbles.twist, 9am, [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/medway](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/medway)

**25th Sept** - St Matthew's Film Club, 2pm, 234 712, £2 for refreshments, [geoff.hufton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoff.hufton@hotmail.co.uk)

**26th Sept** - The Tuesday Social Club, Lower Halstow, 'The Old Forge War-Time House' by the Lepperts, £4, rafle, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall, School Lane, Liz 01795 842272

**27th Sept** - Rainham Historical Society, 'The Inter-War

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**Evergreen Club**, each Wed, 2pm, Bredhurst Village Hall, Rita on 07748 058770

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

**Rainham & District Dollshouse & Miniaturist Group**, last Thurs of month, 7.30pm, Howard Hall, Wigmore, 01634 264295 or [rainhamdhkent@gmail.com](mailto:rainhamdhkent@gmail.com)

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**Upchurch Horticultural Society**, 1st Wed each month, 97 Chaffes Lane, contact: [upchurchsociety@gmail.com](mailto:upchurchsociety@gmail.com)

**Rainham Community Choir**, every Mon 7pm, Rainham Oast, £4.50, contact [cdlmedway@gmail.com](mailto:cdlmedway@gmail.com)

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