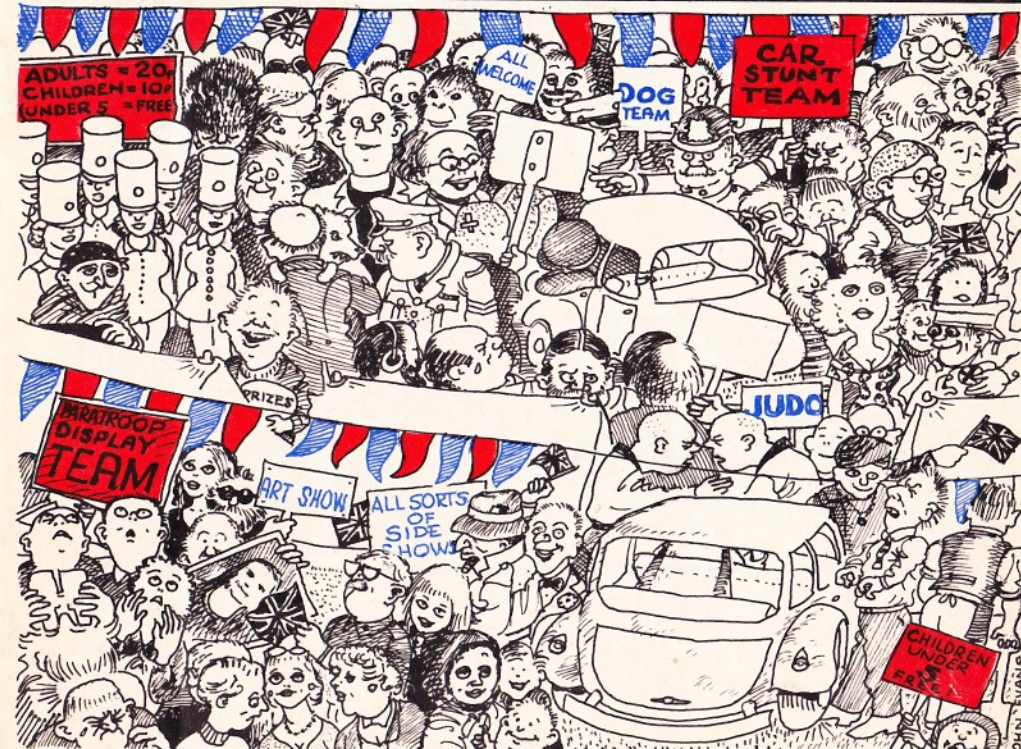




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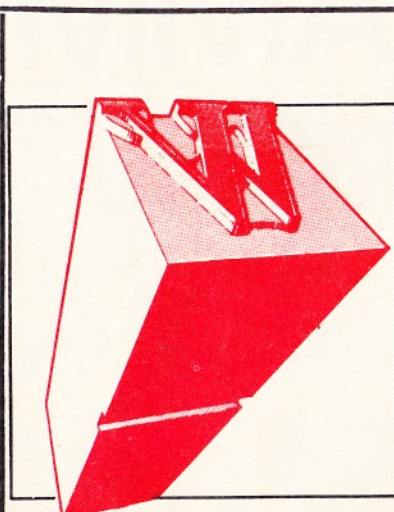


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The Dads are not forgotten and we are featuring again this year the ever popular Miss Rainham Spectacular sponsored by the Evening Post and Debenhams, and of course our major attraction this year, the Car Stunt Team (See Page 5).

There's something for everyone in the whole family — a thrilling car stunt team, the national drum majorette champions demonstrating baton twirling and precision marching, and the 'Chuting Stars Sky Diving Display Team to round off the afternoon.

Don't forget all the local traders stalls and the home made cake stall, garden stall, soft toy stall, secondhand book stall, tombola, white elephant All this extra entertainment for the same price as last year — how's that for beating inflation!

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As a special feature this year The Spectacular offers a variety of contests, races and games, organised by staff and former pupils of Deanwood Junior School, for boys and girls under the age of 10. Full details will be circulated in advance to all schools and "Jubilee Year" prizes will be presented to all winners. The competitions start at 2.30 p.m. in the No. 2 arena, so be sure to come early for a ringside view.

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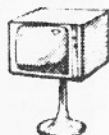
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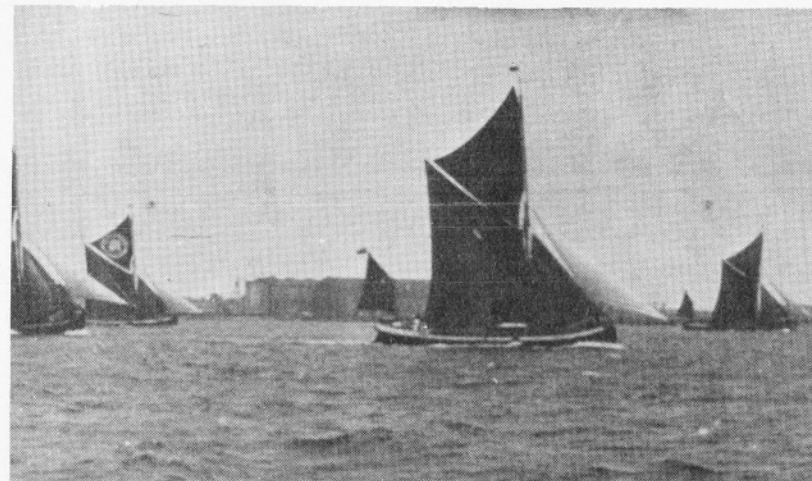
Come and meet local historian Frank Willmott at the Rainham Spectacular. After nine years of intensive research his second book, "Cement, Mud & Muddies" will be published at the end of May. It tells the story of the rise of the cement industry in North Kent with particular reference to the sailing barges used to dig blue clay from the Estuary Saltings.

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Other activities will open in stages as the outstanding works being supervised by Gillingham Council are completed (see Progress Report below). Activities planned for the Centre include Badminton, Table Tennis, Bridge, Junior Discos, a Youth Club etc., besides the provision of a bar and a tea/coffee lounge. It is also hoped to provide accommodation for outside bodies who are at present experiencing difficulties in finding a place to meet.

In order to comply with the club licensing hours it will be necessary for all those using the centre more than as occasional guests to join the Community Association. Membership fees are modest for the facilities provided. Full details on page 21. Please give us your support by joining the Community Association.

Progress Report

During the past year much work has been done, almost entirely by a small band of dedicated volunteers. The plumbing work is virtually complete. The electrical system is finished on the first two floors and well under way in the main hall. Gas, water and electricity supplies have all been laid into the building. Burglar and fire alarms are installed, much painting done and a host of other jobs too numerous to mention.

What remains to be done? The major items are the installation of the heating system, (the boiler we were able to purchase at 1975 prices through your generosity in our house to house appeal), making the road and car park, floor coverings and the purchase of furniture and other equipment.

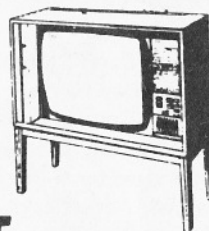
We are very grateful that Gillingham Council have stepped in to help us over this last hurdle. As you may have read in the local press they are making a grant of up to £6,000 and helping to supervise the main outstanding work.

However there is still plenty of work for volunteer labour and we shall continue to work every Sunday morning and some evenings. All welcome!

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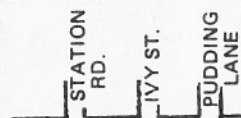
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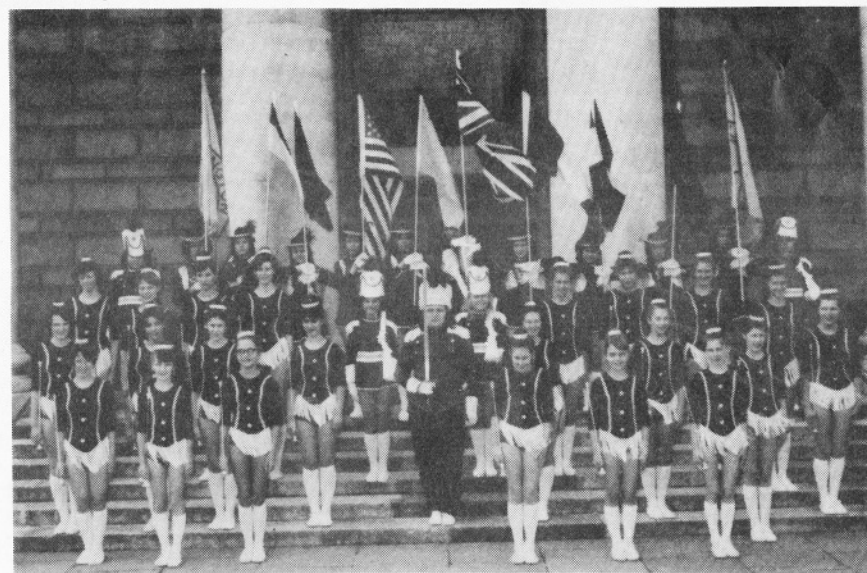
Drum Majorettes

Britains most successful Majorette Corps, the Kent Carolettes (Willington) Majorettes from Maidstone will be demonstrating the arts of baton twirling and precision marching in the central arena at this year's Spectacular.

The Carolettes record since the Corps was formed 11 years ago is quite staggering. They won the National Majorette Championship in 1974 and 1976 and for the past three years have walked off with the International Baton Twirling Association Championship.

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