Rainham Heritage Walk - Places of Interest

D • The Phoenix Pub
The Phoenix has certainly lived up to its name, being rebuilt in the late 1700s, and again in the early 1800s. A posthouse in the 1820s and 1830s, the pub also became a telegraph office in the 1870s.

E • Vicarage
The original vicarage had probably disappeared by the mid 17th century and in 1710 the dwelling was rebuilt. Grade II listed, the building is now a private residence.

F • Redbury House
Dating from around 1800 this Grade II listed building is now a guest house. The carriageway at the side retains its stone and granite set paving and its oriel window on the first floor overlooks the yard; it is believed that John Harle may have had an office there.

G • The Angel Inn
Adjoining Redbury House, the Angel Inn was rebuilt in 1907 and together with ‘The Bell’ on the opposite side of the road, forms the gateway to the village from the north along Bridge Road.

H • Rainham Wharf
Used for local stock in the 13th century, by the 17th century, goods and passengers were being brought from London. John Harle acquired Rainham Wharf in the early 1700s, and began importing building materials and coal. His business prospered and by 1729 he had built Rainham Hall.

I • The Bell Pub
Situated opposite ‘The Angel’, the Bell has retained its Victorian appearance, complete with sash windows. In the 17th century its owner bequeathed the land on which it stands to the St-Giles-in-the-Fields-Charity ensuring its continued support for almshouses near Drury Lane, London.

To the right of the pub is a Grade II listed red telephone kiosk.

J • The War Memorial
Unveiled in 1921 the memorial originally commemorated those who lost their lives during World War I. It stands on a site formerly known as ‘The Green’ and now includes those that were lost during World War II and civilian casualties.

Did You Know?
Rainham Hall was used as a crèche during World War II.
The Ministry of Defence used Rainham Marshes as a firing range. The pub, The Three crowns, on Ferry lane became a resort for daytrippers during the late 19th century.

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