

Street. The visitors included Councillor Mrs. N. M. Fisher and the Rev. C. W. Chastel de Boinville.

NO PRESERVATION ORDER FOR SANDGATE HOTEL

F.G.
6/10/62

FOLKESTONE Town Council will be recommended tonight not to make a building preservation order in respect of the 18th century Royal Kent Hotel at Sandgate.

The Housing and Town Planning Committee, of the opinion that an order would delay and retard the redevelopment of the area, will ask the Council to confirm their previous decision granting outline permission for the redevelopment of the site which involves the demolition of the hotel.

The committee report that the Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the Sandgate Preservation Society and the Joint Sub-Committee for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings of the Committee for the Preservation of Rural Kent relating to the proposed demolition of the hotel and development of the site.

NOT INCLUDED

The Town Clerk stated that the Royal Kent Hotel was not included in the list prepared in 1949 by the Ministry of Town and Country Planning of buildings of special architectural or historic interest.

It had been mentioned, however, on a supplementary list of buildings of architectural or historic interest which were brought to the attention of the Local Planning Authority and the local authority for consideration when applications were received for development

of the buildings.

The Ministry stated that the architectural and historic interest of the building had been re-appraised and the Minister was advised that, as an hotel dating from 1775, it had a certain historic interest.

Considered architecturally, the building was the best pre-19th century building in Sandgate High Street and was now regarded as a borderline case for inclusion in the statutory list.

The letter from the Joint Sub-Committee for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings requested that the building be preserved. The Sandgate Preservation Society supported the Joint Sub-Committee's request.

CONFIRMATION

The Town Clerk referred to the outline planning permission granted on May 9th, 1961, for demolition of the existing buildings, erection of shops, restaurant and flats with rear access and car parking, and stated that if the building were to be preserved, it would be neces-

sary to make a building preservation order, which would require confirmation by the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

In the event of any such order being confirmed, the Corporation would be liable for compensation (which would include the benefit of the planning permission) and in addition, there would be costs of restoration and subsequent maintenance.

COMMITTEE'S VIEW

The committee felt that the character and condition of the building did not justify the making of a building preservation order with the consequent heavy expenditure and, furthermore, a proposal to make an order would inevitably delay redevelopment of the area.

The Borough Engineer submitted to the committee sketch plan and drawing for the redevelopment of the site of the hotel for the erection of shops, licensed premises, restaurant and flats showing the manner in which similar development could be undertaken on adjoining sites.

He stated that the proposed developers desired the informal views of the Corporation.

The committee decided they would require further information about the effect of the proposed buildings upon the daylight to premises opposite the site.

RECOMMENDATION

They are recommending the Council to invite Mr. Geoffrey Jellicoe, C.B.E., M.T.P.I., F.R.I.B.A., whose name had been forwarded by the Royal Institute of British Architects in connection with the town centre redevelopment proposals, to advise them on the scheme and its probable effect in relation to redevelopment of adjoining areas in Sandgate.

MONEY TAKEN FROM OFFICE

AFTER forcing open a window at the back of Nisbet and Company's butcher's shop in Cheriton High Street on Friday night, a raider stole £7 from the office.

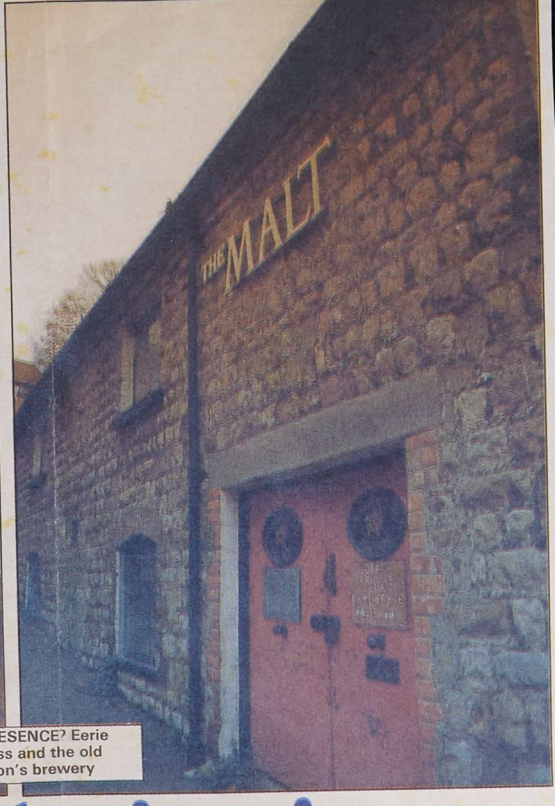
GIRL WAS UNCONSCIOUS IN WARDROBE

cheque, which was purported to be signed by him and was made in favour of Miss Reeves. She had been present at the meeting of the Society, and her

Royal Kent Hotel
formerly New Inn

Cheriton Over

Pictures by Jane Potter



FEEL A PRESENCE? Eerie Dungeness and the old Mackeson's brewery

Tales of death, intrigue, adventure and smuggling

LOCAL TALES OF GHOSTS

By ALEX HOAD

THE history of ghosts in Folkestone stretches back centuries. One of the most famous is that of Grove House at the upper end of Mill Lane.

The house was built in 1770 by a wealthy tradesman. For many years local grocer Richard Godden admired the house.

When the owner died the grocer, who lived on Cow Lane opposite the Guild Hall, took more of an interest in the house.

The house eventually moved into the ownership of George Kingsmill but after a few months he moved out claiming it was haunted. Godden, being a religious man, said ghosts don't exist and moved in with his wife and 20 year-old daughter Ruth.

A series of strange noises including thuds, grinding noises and doors opening were heard, but no one was found. One of the noises sounded like a horse crunching over the gravel outside the house.

Ruth's lover, John Sturt, had been away with the navy for months and she was getting nervous. Her nervousness spread to the rest of the family and eventually they left the house. The

family went back to their Cow Lane flat and dozens of people claimed to see strange things at Grove House. Many accounts described a headless horse being led by a ghostly man.

Godden was distraught. The house was falling into disrepair and no one wanted to live there. He was losing money on it.

Sturt returned at Christmas and was told about the situation. Over the coming weeks he spent hours prowling around the property. One night he saw a light glimmering through the cellar shutters. He approached but the light went out and after waiting fruitlessly for someone to emerge, he left.

The following day he returned and looked around. In the cellar he found smuggled goods including tobacco, gin and tea. He decided to hide in the cellar and wait for the smuggler.

That night a man dressed as a miller and covered in flour arrived and took some of the casks. Sturt heard the sound of a horse on gravel.

The following night half a dozen people hid in the cellar and pounced when he arrived.

He appeared the next day in

the magistrates court where Godden identified him as George Kingsmill. His horse was used as evidence after it was revealed it was pure white except for soot on his head.

Kingsmill had uncovered a gang of smugglers who used tunnels built under the house to bring goods from Copt Point. Kingsmill had made up the ghost story so people would leave the house alone.

John Sturt was the hero and married Ruth later that year. He later fought and died heroically in the Battle of Trafalgar.

ONE of the most famous stories from Hythe is that of the old Mackeson's Brewery Building, now called the Malthouse, in Hythe High Street.

In 1997 a man was seen wearing a 1930's style suit one morning. He walked until he was questioned by a stallholder. He just smiled and without saying a word turned and went to where the only exit was a locked door. The stallholder followed him but the door was locked and he was nowhere to be seen.

Not long after the incident an electrician working in the

premises before opening time saw a man of the same description walk up the stairs onto the upper floor before vanishing into thin air.

A recent book, *Haunted Kent*. Today, was told the suited man is believed to be the ghost of Albert Thorndike, who hanged himself from the stairway when he learned Mackeson's was to close, making him redundant.

UNLIKE most haunted buildings, the famous Ship Inn in Sandgate has only been housing ghosts for ten years.

Landlord Stewart Whiffen was talking at the bar when his friend turned white as a sheet.

He had seen a black robed hooded figure wearing a long dress. The figure stayed for a couple of seconds before vanishing. After this incident Stewart Eamonn Rooney who found the premises used to be a wet fish shop. The ghost was thereafter known as the 'fish lady'.

Since that incident two bar staff saw an old woman standing in a passageway to the kitchens, on a TV monitor in the bar. One went to investigate but saw

nothing. The one watching on the monitor saw him pass right through the figure.

DUNGENESS can appear a rather bleak and desolate place at the best of times with two sombre nuclear power stations, a line of pylons strung across the countryside to the north, a lonely black lighthouse and an endless expanse of shingle dotted with wooden houses.

When the wind whistles across the shingle on a cold winter's night it would be easy to imagine the cries of long lost souls drifting on the wind.

The area is said to have its own ghost, that of Katherine Eve, a young woman who saw tragedy throughout her life and who now is said to lure young male nighttime wanderers into the sea and their death by drowning.

Few people have seen her but one man who has is Andy Mullen who works for the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway.

He says he was staying at the Dungeness Station House one dark, moonless night when he saw a young woman in a long old fashioned style dress wandering across the shingle. He said she seemed distraught.

● Stories were taken from *Ghosts of Shepway* by Paul Harris.

Have you had a ghostly feeling? Write or phone to the usual address

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	<u>Sandgate</u>	
T8	<u>Papers relating to a wall adjoining the Military Tavern, Sandgate</u> [Original wrapper: 'Frederick Flint Esq. Title Deeds and Writings relating to a messuage and hereditaments known as the Military Tavern. ']	
T8/1	Military Tavern; deeds, including abstract of title of trustees of the will of Mrs. Ann Reynolds, beerhouse keeper (8 items)	1868 - 1886
2	Abstract of title of Herbert Pierce Jenner to land ' with two cottages now in one tenement situate on the south side of Gough Street formerly Mill Lane. ' (2 items)	1921
3	Site of a wall adjoining the west side of the Military Tavern situate on the south side of Gough Road. Conveyance by Miss Beata Margaret Jenner to Flint & Co. Ltd., with certificate of search in Land Charges register. (3 items)	1940
4	Plan, numbered 72, showing situation of Military Tavern. [OS Map, sheet TR 2035SE, 50" = 1 mile]	[1957]
	<u>Hythe</u>	
T9	piece of land consisting of approximately 1929 feet linear of the disused railway track and embankment of the Hythe and Sandgate Branch of the Southern Railway	1938

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Know a good pub?

Do you know a local pub you would like to recommend to *Kent Life* readers? Send in your nominations to the editor:

sarah.sturt@kent-life.co.uk

Please include the name of the pub, landlord's name and telephone number and your own details (name, a daytime telephone number and email address if available)

Pub of the month

Launching our new feature, pub of the month, we introduce the Clarendon at Sandgate and invite you to nominate your favourite local

Words and pictures by Diana Crampton



People make a good pub, but what draws the public most is good landlords. When Henry Noonan and Judith Andrews moved into the Clarendon as landlords for Shepherd Neame a few months back, they knew they had the support of a great bevy of friends in Sandgate. Since then the pub has been throbbing, with no chance of getting a Sunday lunch unless you book it in advance.

The Clari, as locals know it, is composed of the saloon and the public bar, and while the new landlords have refurbished it a little, with a good coat of fresh paint, the original character of the pub remains, with walls decorated with many pub signs in miniature and Castella cigar cards, along with some interesting photographs of old Sandgate.

Shepherd Neame's good beers, Spitfire, Kent's Best and Master Brew, are kept well on tap, and you can find the seasonal beers, Porter in winter, Early Bird in spring, Goldings in summer and Late Red in autumn. You would also have found the "luscious" (Judith's description) Tapping the Admiral, a special Trafalgar celebration brew with added brandy essence.

Besides the real ales there are at least 16 single malts available, and the Clarendon's food is renowned.

Only the best selection of farmhouse cheeses is used in the sandwiches and cheese plates, and many of the hot dishes are cooked using beer. Refreshingly devoid of pool tables and fruit machines, this pub is a great place to sit and chat.

Want to go there?

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Tel: 01303 248684

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Jazzing it up

She's dreamed of being a singer since she was a child and now Helena Jessie, 25, is on the brink of stardom

Tell me about yourself

I am 25 and a jazz singer. It's been my dream to become a singer since I can remember. Even as a child I was always listening to the great divas and crooners like Ella Fitzgerald, Shirley Bassey, Frank Sinatra and Ray Charles. I recently released my debut album, *Music Play*, so it's all very exciting at the moment.

I studied Art History at UEL in London and after working in a top London gallery, I finally plucked up the courage to ditch the job, and immersed myself in the jazz scene, met some great musicians and began working on the album.

I'm the youngest of a big Irish family with three sisters and a brother, so although I was raised and schooled in Dublin, I have lived in Sevenoaks and have family members living in Kent.

What are you doing now?

I'm spending a lot of time promoting the album, rehearsing for gigs with my musicians, doing lots of live performances, and selling as many of my albums as I can.

I've just had my first album review in *Jazzwise* magazine, it was a positive review so I was delighted.

What are your ambitions for the future?

I am doing some gigs with a fantastic gypsy swing band called *Radio Daze*. The music they play is so lively and passionate and works really well with my voice.

Another project I'd like to be involved in is getting a DJ to sample my jazz vocals onto dance tracks. There's a track on my album called *Close Your Eyes*, which I think would lend itself rather well to such a thing. So, if you're reading this Mr Fat Boy Slim, let me know if you're interested!

My biggest ambition is to front a big swing band and perform somewhere exciting like The Hammersmith Apollo or The Royal Festival Hall, but that's only a dream for now.

What's the best thing about living in Kent?

I think the best thing about Kent is you have London on your doorstep, but you can enjoy a rural lifestyle as well if you so wish. I really like the beautiful Kent countryside, it reminds me a bit of Ireland, so I'm happy when I'm there.



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Want to hear Helena Jessie sing?

see page 4 For Good Times

or visit
www.helenajessie.com

Where do you like to go out in your area?

I do a regular monthly gig at the Brasserie St Nicholas in Sevenoaks. It's a gorgeous restaurant and I like having a post-performance glass of wine with my musicians in the glamorous bar area.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I try to go to gigs and concerts with my friends as often as I can. We went to see Michael Buble in concert recently, it's so refreshing to see someone young doing all that big band swing stuff.

My style icons have always been the Hollywood screen sirens of yesteryear like Rita Hayworth and Marilyn Monroe, so I've built up quite a collection of vintage poster prints and MGM films, which I never tire of watching. I also enjoy hunting for vintage style clothes to wear on stage.

Art is still a passion of mine and when in London I often take a trip to The National Art Gallery. I love good food and wine, so on the rare occasion when my budget permits, I enjoy going out for dinner to lovely restaurants with friends and family. Belly dancing is my preferred form of exercise.

What was the last book you read?

The Traveller, by John Twelve Hawks. I haven't been that gripped by a book since I read *The Da Vinci Code*. I'm about to read Patricia Cornwell's new book, I do like a good suspenseful page-turner. ■

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Townsmen's Diary

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Leisurely days at Sandgate when there were horse trams, missing arc lamps, drivers of early cars like the one pictured who did not have to bother about "No Waiting" signs, horse-drawn landaux, and the Royal Kent Hotel (with Union Jack flying) was still there!

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have been on the landing.

She had fallen and he and his wife picked her up and carried her into the bedroom.

Mrs. Winifred Hawkins, daughter, said her mother was very deaf and suffering from old age. She complained of her shoulder hurting. The next day the doctor had her removed to the Royal Victoria Hospital for an X-ray, and it was found she had broken the neck of her left femur.

The following day she was transferred to Ashford Hospital, where an operation was performed.

Mrs. Allebone died on April 7th at Ashford Hospital.

MISADVENTURE

Dr. Victor H. Bowers, consultant pathologist, said death was due to acute bilateral broncho pneumonia due to the fracture and to senility.

Summing up, the Coroner said it was a simple case of misadventure. Mrs. Allebone must have been wandering about when she fell.

Social evening at Dymchurch

A SOCIAL evening for members' wives and friends fol-

THE TOWNSMAN

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against this indiscriminate dumping.

"If there were better facilities," declared my visitor, "you would not have to protest like you did in your notes last week."

Possibly the local authority can take action that will at least help to stop this dumping.

Sighted on the wing on Good Friday—a butterfly at Morehall, the first of the year. It looked like one of the tortoiseshell variety.

GUEST OF HONOUR

Well-known townsman, Mr. Jimmy Heath, was the guest of honour at a party the other night.

The gathering was arranged by Captain Harry March, of Folkestone Town F.C., so that a number of Jimmy's friends could have the opportunity of spending an enjoyable evening with him before he leaves for Marjorca, which will not be for a little while yet.

During the party, which went on quite late, Capt. March presented Jimmy with a gold car key medallion which the recipient said would always remind him of Folkestone whenever he used it to start the engine!

Mr. Heath used an old Spanish custom to show his friendship towards those entertaining him. He tapped each on the shoulder and explained that in

Association are holding a May Queen dance at the Institute Hythe, on Thursday, May 2nd. During the evening a May Queen will be chosen.

END OF A CINEMA

Workmen are pulling down The Playhouse, one of Folkestone's first cinemas.

During the past week considerable progress has been made by those engaged on the demolition.

There is a lot of speculation as to what will replace the cinema. The site was acquired some time ago for a Fine Fair supermarket like those at Morehall and Hythe, plans for such being approved by the Corporation. So it looks as though Folkestone is to have another supermarket.

DIVERSION FOR VISITORS!

So much demolition is going on in Folkestone that for our Eastertide visitors a sightseeing tour of the spots might have offered an interesting diversion! Such was the suggestion made to me.

Yes, indeed, the face of Folkestone is being greatly changed.

Changes there must be, and they are to be welcomed, but unfortunately in some parts of the town we are confronted with pictures of completed demolition which appears to have no future. In fact, they are in a state of indecision and are an



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Name of Pub / Bar	When
Allied Arms - Sandgate High Street	c.1858-66
Alma - site unknown	c.1854-8
Alexandra Hotel & Alhambra Theatre - formerly Bricklayers Arms. 103 Sandgate High Street	c.1825-1914
British Flag - Sandgate High Street	c.1855-71
Castle Tavern formerly Martello Tower - 11 Sandgate High Street	c.1805-1911
City - Sandgate High Street	c.1859-69
Duke of Cambridge - poss Sandgate High Street	c.1857-69
Clarendon Inn - Brewers Hill	c.1859-present
Duke of York - 5 Sandgate High Street	c.1815-1911
Fleur De Lis - 23 Sandgate High Street	c.1725-1974
Flower Pot - Sandgate High Street	c.1859-69
Good Intent - possible Castle Road	c.1838-64
Marine Hotel - Sandgate High Street	c.1838-62
Military Tavern - Military Road (Military Hill)	c.1868-1963
Plates & Basins - site unknown	c.1863
Sandgate Fort - site unknown	c.1765-72
Sandgate House - site unknown	c.1717
Victoria Beerhouse - Sandgate High Street	c.1861-9
Prince of Wales formerly Inkerman Arms - Sandgate High Street	c.1858-69
Providence Inne - 47-49 Sandgate High Street	c.1843-present
(Old) Rose Inn - 152 Sandgate High Street	1864-1968
Rose Tavern - Prospect Road	18th century
Royal Kent Hotel and Tap formerly New Inn - 79-83 Sandgate High Street	c.1775-1962
Royal Norfolk Hotel formerly Ship Inn - 7 Sandgate High Street	c.1800-present
Royal Oak - Sandgate Hill	c.1865-1973
Sebastopol back bar of Ship Inn	c.1843-69
Ship Inn - 65 Sandgate High Street	c.1798-present
(Old) Trotting Horse - Castle Green	c.1792-1804
True Briton formerly Duke of Cumberland - Chapel Street	c.1858-69
Union - corner of Military Road/Sandgate High Street	c.1856-60
Victoria Tavern - Sandgate High Street	c.1830-71
(Duke of) Wellington - Chapel Street	c.1841-69
Gate 28 -28 Sandgate High Street	1999 - current
Bar Vasa - 4-5 Sandgate Esplanade	1996 - current
Sandgate Hotel - 8-9 Wellington Terrace	1993 - current
Gees - rear of Royal Norfolk Hotel	current

BREWERIES & PUBS IN SANDGATE.

- 1843 Brewery run by Richard Hills recorded at Hillside. Possibly transferred to Brewers hill in 1852.
c.1866 Frederick Sladden ran a brewery in Camp Rd. In 1851 became Ordnance Rd then Brewhouse Hill and by 1896, known as Brewers Hill. Brewery was

BEERHOUSES AND PUBS.

ALLIED ARMS c.1858-66 Exact location unknown. First mentioned in 1858 close to British Flag & George Worsall's butcher shop.

ALMA c.1854-58 Exact location unknown. First mention in trade directory 1858. Possibly on Military Rd. Alma cottage may have been the site.

ALEXANDRA HOTEL. Formerly BRICKLAYERS ARMS.

1838 John Elgar listed as butcher and beer retailer.

1858 Newly built room at rear of premises opened as a Music hall.

1863 Named the ALHAMBRA.

1867 Renamed ALEXANDRA.

1890 Sold by auction to Tom Maltby who named it NEW ALHAMBRA

PALACE OF VARIETIES or commonly, Maltby's Mansion of mirth.

1925 Became Sandgate picture palace.

1939 Rex Cinema.

1951 Closed. Demolished. Block of flats on site.

BRITISH FLAG c.1855-71 Possible location next to what is now Sandgate Café.

CASTLE TAVERN c.1805-1911. Formerly MARTELLO TOWER. Located opposite Enbrook Park. Became a garage in 1911.

CITY c.1859-69 Location unknown except it was in the High St.

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE. c.1857-69 Location unknown.

CLARENDON INN c.1859- present. Located on Brewers Hill. Named after the 4th Earl of Clarendon. Damaged in landslip of 1893 noted unable to cook for customers. Sladden's Brewery stood at the rear in Wellington Place.

DUKE OF YORK c.1815-1911. Located a few buildings east of the Royal Norfolk. In W.W.1 it became ALLIES CAFÉ. Remained a café for a number of years and also Le BOUGIE BISTRO.

FLEUR DE LIS c.1725-1974. Recorded in 1778 only 3 houses in Sandgate one being the Fleur. Said to have been a meeting place for smugglers and haven of rest for shipwrecked sailors.

1888 Almost completely rebuilt.

Licence remained in the Flisher family for 175 years from 1741.

FLOWER POT c.1859-69. Location thought to be across High St from Providence Inne.

GOOD INTENT. C.c.1838-64. Possible location what is now York House in Castle Rd.

MARINE HOTEL. No dates. Located on the site where the present Coastguard Cottages stand. Duke of Wellington known to have stayed there.

MILITARY TAVERN. c.1868-1963. Popularly known as the Hole in the wall. Demolished. Site now village green and car park opposite War Memorial bottom of Military Rd.

PLATES AND BASINS c.1863. Site unknown. Only mention of it by Colonal Fynmore in 1863 report.

SANDGATE FORT. C.1765-72. Location unknown. Possibly became Castle Tavern.

SANDGATE HOUSE. c.1717. Location unknown. In 1717 list of Folkestone beerhouses. Foot of Sandgate Hill to the Fleur De Lis was Folkestone until boundary changes in 1934.

VICTORIA BEERHOUSE. c.1861-69. Location unknown. Near site of Rose Inn possibly. One of two names Victoria.

PRINCE OF WALES c.1858-69. Formerly INKERMAN ARMS.
1860 Records show Inkerman Arms
1863 Records show Prince of Wales. Exact location unknown.

PROVIDENCE INNE c.1843-present. Exact year of opening unknown.
1826 Directory lists John Elgar as Pork Butcher.
1838 directory now a butcher and beer retailer.
1852 Slaughter house built at the back.
1854 Named PROVIDENCE.
1970s Extended into Sea Breeze Café on corner.

ROSE INN c.1864-1968. On High St.
Listed in 1864
Closed 1968. Early 70s was an Art Gallery. Now private dwelling.

ROSE TAVERN c.18th century. Prospect Rd. Only information is a consultancy document in 2000 stating that Lawn Cottage was an 18th century inn named ROSE TAVERN.

ROYAL KENT & TAP c.1775-1962. Formerly NEW INN.
1848 Tap built.
1859 Refitted and refurbished, name changed to KENT HOTEL.
1866 Renamed ROYAL KENT HOTEL due to discovery that Princess Victoria (later Queen) had stayed there.
1890 Extensive damage in severe storm.
1962. Finally closed to be demolished. Opposition to this resulted in the formation of the Sandgate Society. Unable to stop it. Block of flats now on site.

ROYAL NORFOLK HOTEL. C.1800-present. Formerly named the SHIP.
1861 First referred to as the ROYAL NORFOLK due to the Duchess of Norfolk
having an extended stay there with her children.
1901 Old building demolished to make way for new building opened in June
1902.

ROYAL OAK c.1865-1973. Sandgate Hill. Last Licence holder was Ena Pafford a
retired Music Hall and ENSA artiste under the name of Ena Dayne. She lived in
the property until her death in 1977. Now a private house.

SEBASTOPOL c.1843-69. South View. (back bar of Ship Inn)
1861 Owner and tenant fined for state of repair. No further record of Sebastopol.

SHIP INN c.1789-present.
1798 Documents show building was built.
1838 Directory shows Mr. Hogben carried on business as a Fishmonger and Beer
Retailer in the SHIP.
1890 Beer is now sold in front part of building as Fish shop has ceased. Extensive
alterations took place resulting in present appearance.
1929 Granted Full Licence to sell Beer, Wines and Spirits.
1954 Extensive alterations to interior.
Said to have a ghost of a "Fish Lady" whose appearance is accompanied by a
strong smell of fish.

TROTGING HORSE. c.1792-1804 Castle Green.
1792 Earliest reference.
1798 Plan shows the location near the Castle when the building was up for sale.
In Fynmore's reference to Castle Green School, he says it was originally the
Trotting Horse Inn. This would indicate that the Trotting Horse and the Good Intent
were in fact two different houses.

TRUE BRITON. c.1859-69 Formerly DUKE OF CUMBERLAND.
1858 Directory lists Duke of Cumberland.
1859 Directory now lists True Briton.

UNION c.1856-60. Corner of Military Hill & High St. Rear of premises opened
onto Reynolds Lane (now Gough Rd.)
1860 1860 Folkestone Chronicle reports on state of building and nightly
occurrences that outrage public decency.
1861 Demolished.

VICTORIA TAVERN c.1830-71. Located where War Memorial now stands.
1859 For sale with Spirits bar, livery stables and assembly room.
1871 Licence not renewed. Premises sold.
1873 Demolished.

(DUKE OF) WELLINGTON. c.1841-69 Chapel St.
1868 Had a skittle alley
1869 Licence refused.
1893 Badly damaged in landslip,

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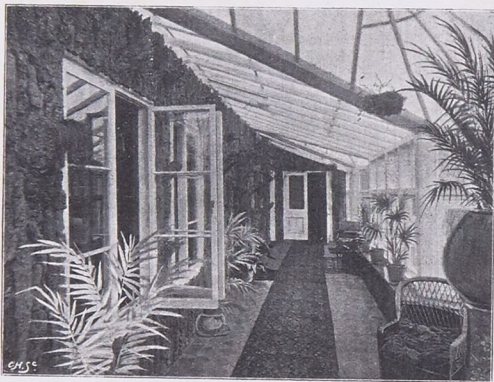
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Farewell To the Hole In The Wall"

Long Association With Shorncliffe Camp

THE Military Tavern, better known as the "Hole in the Wall," one of the many public-houses opened in Sandgate during the last century, ended a long association with the Army and Shorncliffe Camp on Monday, when the landlord called "Time, gentlemen, please," for the last time.

The tiny public-house, at the bottom of Military Road, was opened in about 1868 as a beer house.

At that time the Government, in an attempt to change people's drinking habits, allowed many houses to sell beer but not spirits. In the area near to the camp and in Folkestone many premises which now house more respectable businesses were converted into rather dingy beer houses.

The experiment was far from successful; most of the beer houses closed down after a few years and the problems of drink were not solved.

SURVIVED

But the better beer houses, which included the Military Tavern, remained open, and many survive to this day as public houses.

The virtual "founder" of the Military Tavern was the 18-year-old son of an old Sandgate family who, in 1868, took out

remembers his first drink in the bar when he came to Shorncliffe 60 years ago on his return from fighting in the South African War.

He still dropped into the Military Tavern for a drink from time to time.

At that time the beer sold there was Flint's Canterbury ales, a very popular brew in this area. The brewery was taken over by Premilins in 1940.

FOR THREE YEARS

The present licensees of the Military Tavern, Mr. Jack Fieldsend and his wife Eileen, both Londoners, have been pulling beer there for the last three years.

Mr. Fieldsend, now 43, was born and brought up in Ilford. He joined the R.A.F. before the Second World War and served for nine years until 1947.

In the years that followed he and his wife managed a number of London public-houses, including the Teyor Arms in Knightsbridge and the Meron Lounge in Trafalgar Square.

Moving to Hythe seven years ago, Mr. Fieldsend worked for Messrs. Newman's for a few years.

The Military Tavern was the first public-house of his own, and he has worked hard to build up a good regular clientele. The



Very little change has taken place on the corner over the years. This photograph was taken outside the public house on St. Patrick's Day at the turn of the century, when the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers marched down Military Road.



The Military Tavern a few days before it closed. The building alongside was demolished some weeks ago.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fieldsend spent their last evening behind the pumps in the Military Tavern on Monday. The next day they moved across to the Fleur de Lis.

the first licence to convert a private house into the beer house.

Mr. Henry John ("Mack") McLachlan, who died in 1940 at the age of 90, at Quesied Road, Cherton, later became far better known as the oldest Freeman in Kent, engineer and chief engineer with Sandgate Fire Brigade for over 40 years, and a life-long member of Sandgate Parish Church, as well as for his association with the Druids.

But in the middle of the last century Mr. "Mack" was a very young landlord.

NICKNAME

It was probably at about this time that the Tavern got its nickname "The Hole in the Wall." No doubt to prove it soldiers getting inside the house they were served with beer through a hatch in the wall of the bar.

The "pub" has had a long association with soldiers stationed at Shorncliffe. One of its oldest Regulars, 88-year-old Mr. Jim Richmond, of 90, Chichester Road, Sandgate,

pub now has a thrift club which pays out £2,000 a year, and during the time they have had the pub, the landlords have collected about £100 for charity.

ACROSS THE ROAD

When they moved on Monday they did not have to go far. They are the new landlords of the Fleur-de-Lis, on the other side of Sandgate High Street, about 20 yards away.

Mr. Fieldsend said on Tuesday: "I would like to thank all my customers for their support in the last three years. I hope they will drop into my new pub for a drink and a game of cribbage."

At Seabrook Court for the transfer of the licence of the Fleur-de-Lis from Mr. Tom Shakespeare to Mr. Fieldsend will be Mr. C. Hebdon-Phillips a hotel valuer of Whitstable.

He remembers that in 1800 he was working as an office boy with a firm of valuers who transferred the licence for the public-house. He clearly recalls the horse-drawn trams which ran between Hythe and Sandgate.

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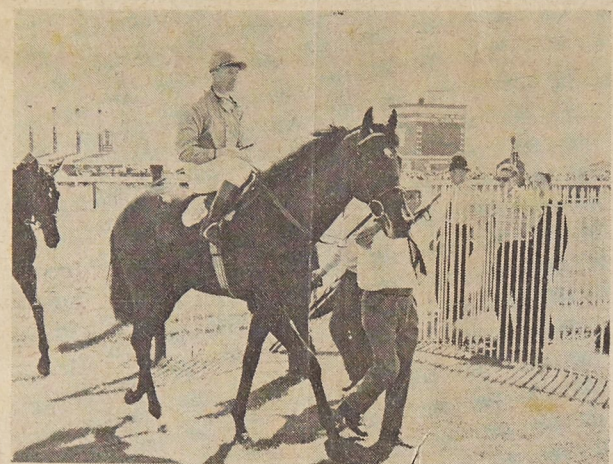
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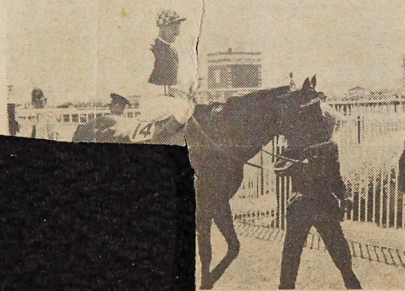
Mr. E. F. Webb.

THREE Folkestone men were awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.



Two of the winners at Monday's meeting at Folkestone Racecourse—champion jockey Seobie Breasley (right), who rode China Drake to victory in the June Handicap Plate, and (above) Ron Hutchinson, winner of the Deal Maiden T.Y.O. Plate, riding Swift 'Oss.

Folkestone Man Wins



Folkestone Decision

THE future of Folkestone Racecourse will be decided next week when the Horserace Board is expected to make a final decision on the support. Earlier this year the Board intended to withdraw support from eleven other racecourses in the "condemned" category.

Since then the directors of Folkestone Racecourse have been doing their utmost to persuade the Board to reverse their decision.

On the back of the official racecard at the big United Hunts and Premiers "Elephant" Meeting on April 29th they printed a form which racegoers were invited to sign, supporting the continuation of racing at Folkestone after 1966.

IN FAVOUR

More than half of the forms were returned, the collection boxes on the course, and all who signed were in favour.

This was very encouraging for us," said the Clerk of the Course, Mr. Bryan E. Robinson, told the "Folkestone, Hythe and District Herald" on Thursday.

"At about the same time we wrote to the Levy Board giving our opinion why we thought they were wrong in their decision and asking them to reconsider it."

"We are waiting to hear from them one way or the other, and we hope to have some news by next week."

If the decision goes against them, the directors of the course will campaign for support from the public.

£1,000 RACE

Mr. Gerald Glover, Managing Director of the New Metropole Hotel, Folkestone, has already given a splendid lead by putting up £1,000 to sponsor a new race.

This race, to be called the Metropole Hotel Handicap, will

Story Of Army Sergeant With Explosives

The Middlesex Regiment, said he had known Rafael for three years, and at no time had he been in charge of assault pioneers.

The battalion went to Stanford practical training area on March 1st until March 23rd for section and platoon training. His company did not use any explosives during the training, although he did believe that Rafael had used some plastic explosive to light a fire when it was raining one day.

"Witness stated that his company did not have any explosive to use other than thunder-flashes.

The regimental sergeant major of the battalion, W.O. Dodkins, said that on March 18th he was ordered to search Rafael's private car. On the way to the car Rafael told him that "I would find it anyway and he would give it to me."

The accused had earlier been asked whether he was in possession of explosives and had replied that he was making no statement at all. "Rafael opened the glove

suggested that we could only get a small amount through the unit, and so would have to go to an organisation that had a large amount of explosives.

"I accepted it and told him to keep his mouth shut, and not to discuss it with anybody else in the mess," witness said.

When they arrived at camp at Stanford P.T.A. a week or so later, Rafael told him that he would have to be low for a while because he had been on a job in London, indicating a criminal escape.

LOOK-OUT

"He said he had been a look-out, sitting in a car with a young lady, and that the lady had come and arrested the other two. But he had got away. He also said it was not his own car," witness stated.

In these conversations he was quite serious, but on the other hand it is difficult to know when he is playing big or is genuine, am still not sure whether the whole thing was a hoax, even now.

"At the time he appeared to be serious. Frankly, I was a bit scared and I did not hesitate to report the matter the following day.

"I found that in joining in



MEMORIES

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Their 'locals'

PETER and Sally Russell, of The Street, Postling, Hythe, are both descended from publicans in either Folkestone or Sandgate and thought Memories readers would be interested to see some photographs of the old public houses.

Mrs Russell was prompted to contact me after the publication of the excellent locally produced book "Tales From the Tap Room" by local history enthusiasts Eamonn Rooney and Martin Easdown.

She was quick to notice that the only photograph the authors had been able to track down relating to the ill-fated South Foreland public house, was a 1912 view showing a glimpse of the corner of the building and the Pavilion Livery Stables, which once stood on the opposite corner of Seagate Street – which ran from Dover Street to Beach Street.

Obscuring most of the ground floor was a big

charabanc, stacked with passengers, standing outside the Wonder Tavern, which stood on another street corner.

Eamonn and Martin tell us that the South Foreland was opened in 1855 as wine and spirit vaults by James Golder Robinson. He died just two years later but his widow carried on the business for another five years, until 1862.

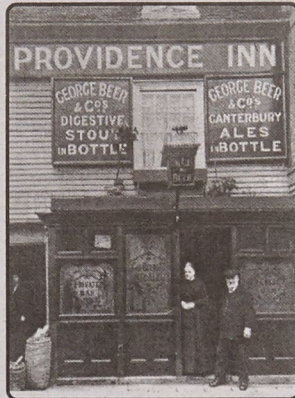
Then Charles Jordan obtained the lease. He was the first of five of his family to hold the licence until the South Foreland's untimely end – blown to pieces by a German parachute mine on the night of November 18, 1940. The damage was photographed by the Herald.

It is hardly surprising that it was a member of the Jordan family who should turn up with family photographs of the South Foreland public house. For Mrs Russell is a descendant of Charles Jordan and, as well as photographs, she has copies of documents concerning the lease of the public house to members of the family.

On the death of Charles Jordan in 1874, his widow Maria took over the lease for 14 years, the first seven years at £80 per annum and the second seven at £90 a year. Unfortunately Mrs Jordan failed to see out the term of her lease, dying on September 7, 1883.

According to Tales From the Tap Room she was succeeded as mine host at the South Foreland, in turn, by son Henry (1853-1913), known to all as 'Harry', Harry's widow Annie (1913-24) and then 'grandson' Frank Jordan from 1924 until 1940, when it was destroyed.

The authors probably meant the grandson of Charles Jordan, for Mrs Russell points out Frank Charles Jordan was the son of Henry and Elizabeth Ann Jordan. Fortunately for Frank he wasn't



Harry Jordan's South Foreland pub, on the corner of Seagate Street, with his daughters Florence and Nancy Jordan in the doorway. Nancy, the youngest is believed to have been the winner of the county's first beauty contest at the Folkestone Hippodrome, in 1902. Brother Frank was a later licensee. LEFT: The Providence Inn, Sandgate, picturing Peter Russell's great-grandparents, Charles and Annie Russell. The family also had the Ship, at Dymchurch.



A SNAP of licensee Mr Frank Jordan and daughter Dorothy Jordan, later Mrs John Cooper, at the bar of the South Foreland. Dorothy, who married John Cooper in 1934, was Sally Russell's mother.

in the public house during the air-raid. But, sadly, Ronald Early, aged 20, was, and he was killed.

According to Mrs Russell's copies of the leases of the South Foreland, 'Harry' Jordan was granted a 28 year lease of the South Foreland in 1888 by Rebecca Robinson.

He died on January 30, 1913 but his wife Annie carried on the public house and, by agreement, became the official tenant from March 25, 1916, on a yearly tenancy at £85 rent per year.

Previous to taking the South Foreland Charles Edward Jordan was described as a fly proprietor. Mackensons took over the pub around 1920.

Next door to the South Foreland according to my 1938 Kelly's directory, was another public house, the Chequers Inn.

Mrs Russell is a grand-daughter of Frank Jordan and his wife Clara Ellen (née Herring). She and her husband have three children, Nicola Trimble, Neil and Matthew Russell.

It was unusual for a licensee's name to be painted on a public house in such large letters – bigger than the name of either the 'local' or the brewers, Loney's of Dover.

But Harry Jordan was an institution. Bluff and outspoken, he was a typical John Bull, says a glowing tribute in "Rambles Around Folkestone" (1891-1913.)

Harry Jordan was quite a celebrity, being well known as a bit of an expert on horses and greyhounds and also for his roses and sweet peas. And he did his share of what one may term charitable work behind the scenes, particularly in the Fishmarket area.

Peter Russell's great-grandparents, Charles and Annie Russell, were licensees of the Providence Inn, Sandgate. The Russells also had the Ship, at Dymchurch at one time.

I slipped up in the caption to Alan Taylor's picture in Memories of the turbine steamer *Onward*, in saying it was pictured leaving Folkestone. It was Boulogne. Sorry Alan!

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Call For Meeting Over Hotel Demolition

ALTHOUGH Folkestone compensation (which would include the benefit of the planning) are not prepared to make a budget of the costs of restoration and subsequent maintenance of the 18th century Royal Kent Hotel at Sandgate, they will ask the developer to make a budget for the development of the area. The committee felt that the character and condition of the building did not justify the heavy expenditure and further, a proposal to make an appeal to the Minister for the development of the area.

OUTLINE PERMISSION
The committee resolved: "That, in the opinion of the committee, a building preservation order should be made for the redevelopment of the area and after receiving correspondence received, they confirm their previous decision granting outline permission for the demolition of the site and involving demolition of the existing buildings."
The committee also decided to draw up a sketch plan and draw up a plan for the redevelopment of the area and to make a budget for the creation of shops, licensed premises, restaurant and flats, which should be developed on adjoining sites.

The proposed developers of the site are Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Green, who are in partnership with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Green. The committee decided they would require further information on the proposed buildings upon the day after tomorrow, 11th May.

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TWO FRONTS
The Chairman of the Housing Committee explained that the Council were being assailed on Sandgate, but were they going to stymie development in the town centre? He said that the building because there appeared to be sufficient architectural merit on historical merits for it to be placed on the statutory list. "You cannot have it both ways," warned Alderman Willmott.

SUPPORT
The letter from the Joint Sub-Committee on Ancient Buildings requested that the building be preserved. The Joint Sub-Committee on Ancient Buildings requested that the building be preserved. The Joint Sub-Committee on Ancient Buildings requested that the building be preserved.

Christian Literature Sunday
SPECIAL address given in the church on Sunday, 10th May, 1967, at 11.00 am. The subject was "The Christian Literature of the 17th Century".

The Town Clerk referred to the fact that the building was on the statutory list for demolition of the existing buildings, erection of shops, access and car parking. He stated that if the building were to be preserved, a building preservation order, which would require confirmation by the Government, Housing and Local Government.

In the event of any such order being confirmed, the Corporation would be liable for the cost of the building's preservation.

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Final curtain for an old stager

WHETHER she was pulling audiences or pulling people, Ena Pafford was the sort of person who could not help being well known. A former licensee and one-time music hall star, it took only a few short years for her to become an integral part of life in Sandgate where she lived.

Mrs. Pafford, whose real name was Kathleen died last week following a road accident near her home. She was 76.

She was born in Tottenham, in 1900 and, by the age of 16, had begun her stage career. Working under the name of Ena Dayne she sang her way round the music halls under contract to Moss Empires.

During her time on these stages she met and married her third husband, Leslie Pafford, and she came to Sandgate to run the former Royal Oak public house.

When he died in 1967, she carried on with the pub until its closure four years ago. At the time of her death she still lived in the converted Hill premises on Sandgate Hill.

In recent years she had been a regular customer of the Royal Norfolk Hotel opposite her home. "She was a very nice person who used to come in every night," said landlady Mrs. Pafford. "Everyone was very fond of her. It was a terrible shock when this happened."

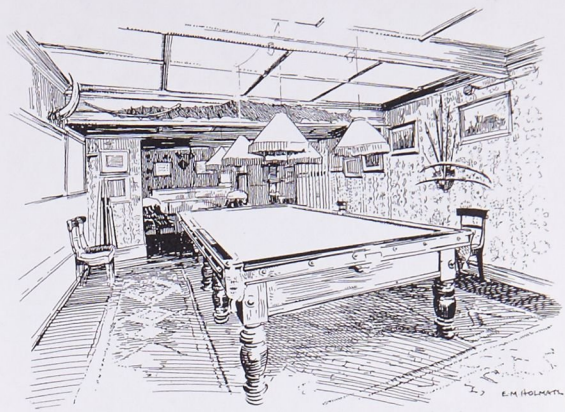


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The Billiard and Smoking Room

Still Time To Save The Royal Kent

Sir—On reading in last week's "Herald" of the imminent demolition of the Royal Kent Hotel, Sandgate, I am amazed that there was, apparently, no attempt on the part of the Council to save this historic 17th century old coaching inn. Once the Royal Kent is pulled down, the continuation of Sandgate as a quiet, unspoiled fishing village of great charm is doomed. This in itself will be most detrimental to Folkestone whose visitors always find the contrast between Folkestone's spaciousness and modernity and Sandgate's quaintness and old world charm, quite enchanting. The assumption that Sandgate residents have no voice whatsoever in the destruction of much that is part of the history and charm of their village and homes is quite extraordinary. It may not be known that there is now in existence Sandgate Preservation Society, which is affiliated to and being helped by the Committee for the Preservation of Rural Kent. The Society also has as its honorary advisor the well-known architect, Mr. Anthony W. Swaine, F.R.I.B.A., who was Chairman of the Canterbury Preservation Society, and who has appeared on Southern TV speaking on behalf of these historic and interesting old buildings and villages. Sandgate Preservation Society is doing all in its power to stop the destruction and exploitation by speculators of the village and its buildings. There is still time to save the Royal Kent Hotel and with it, Sandgate. The Council could and should immediately place the Royal Kent Hotel on the list of buildings for preservation. It is already on the Ministry of Housing and Local Government's list of buildings worthy of preservation. How then can this demolition be justified? I appeal to all who care for the quiet charm and character of Sandgate to join with us in a fight to preserve it. R. ESTELLE GREENWALL, Chairman, Sandgate Preservation Society. Aughrim House, Sandgate. F.H. 15/9/67

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Site For Flats At Sandgate

THE Royal Kent Hotel in Sandgate High Street, the oldest hotel in Folkestone, is closing down in a fortnight's time and will be demolished by the end of the year. It has been sold to a group of property developers who plan to put up a Riviera-style block of luxury flats with restaurant and garages on the site.

It is understood that the developers are negotiating to buy Caffyn's Garage next to the hotel, using both sites for their proposed building. A spokesman at Messrs. Caffyn's Ltd. head office at Eastbourne told the *Folkestone and Hythe Herald* on Thursday: "We have had some enquiries but nothing has been fixed yet."

Folkestone Corporation are aware of the proposed development, although no plans have yet been officially laid before the Council's Building Plans Committee.

Both the hotel and the garage are within an area in respect of which the Council have decided to engage planning consultants to advise on future redevelopment.

THIRD HOTEL LOST

The Royal Kent Hotel, which was built about the year 1600, has 28 bedrooms. It will be the third important hotel lost to the town this year.

The former Majestic Hotel at the corner of Sandgate Road and Castle Hill Avenue closed down on March 31st, and the Queen's Hotel, opposite Folkestone Town Hall, will be empty by the end of December, awaiting demolition preparatory to the building of a shopping and office centre.

The developers of the Royal Kent Hotel have not been named to the Press, but Mr. Christopher Fyson, the hotel proprietor, said that they plan to start demolishing the building on November 1st, whether or not their development plans have been approved by the Council.

"I have seen the plans," Mr. Fyson said, "and I can tell you that the flats they intend to build are quite unlike anything Folkestone has seen before. They will be large luxury flats—the sort you would expect to find at a place like Cannes."

A BAD SEASON

Mr. Fyson said that, although he and many others would be sad to see such a historic building as the Royal Kent demolished, he was not worried about the effect on Folkestone of the loss of another hotel. "Folkestone is finished as a

seaside resort," he said. "Despite some reports to the contrary, we have had a very bad season in the town. My hotel has been full for only one fortnight, and it will be full for another fortnight until I close down."

"You cannot run a hotel on good business for four weeks of the year and forget about the other 48. If I were continuing as a hotelier in Folkestone I should be very worried about my prospects."

Mr. Fyson has no definite plans for the future. When he leaves the hotel at the end of October he intends to take a three-month holiday with his wife before deciding what to do.

The Royal Kent Hotel, which Mr. Fyson took over in 1948, has a long and honourable history.

Ruskin was a regular visitor, and Mrs. Siddons, the actress, was so enchanted by it that she had her own house built in the grounds. This house was subsequently taken over as part of the hotel.

ROYAL GUESTS

The most illustrious guest, however, was Queen Victoria, who, in the days when she was Princess Victoria, stayed there with her mother, the Duchess of Kent.

The result of her visit was the addition of the Royal appellation to the name of the hotel.

The Royal Kent has been associated with the Army for centuries, and was a regular use by the militia during the Napoleonic Wars.

During Mr. Fyson's proprietorship the military traditions have been maintained, and many officers and men from Shorncliffe, Hythe, and other garrisons have been entertained there.

In those 14 years Mr. Fyson has built up a unique collection of regimental plaques which have been presented to him by satisfied customers.

There are now about 160 of them, handsomely mounted, on the walls of his bar, and they will be presented to the Bedfordshire Regiment by Mr. Fyson in February.

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