

GEOFFREY EDMUNDS (1918-1999) A TRIBUTE

Knowing Geoffrey Edmunds and working with him as closely as I did, I am happy to enlarge upon the Editor's brief tribute to the Society's former Chairman (1989-97) and late President, as promised in the July Newsletter. It was a fortunate day when, in 1985, he and Ann decided to retire in Sandgate, a village they hardly knew and which has come to owe so much to their presence, in so many ways.

Geoffrey did not have an easy start in life. He was born in Broadstairs too late to know his father, killed in action just before the end of World War 1, but Geoffrey was forward looking and put the past behind him. After a fine record at St Lawrence College in Ramsgate, Geoffrey went on to Downing College, Cambridge, and the rigour of English Studies under F.R. Leavis, gaining an MA and a cap for Rugger. From University he went straight into the Army, Royal Corps of Signals, serving in North Africa and Italy with the 8th Army, achieving the rank of Major, suffering injury and twice mentioned in despatches.

Basically, however, Geoffrey was a railway enthusiast. On demob. his chosen career began as traffic apprentice with British Rail, later in charge of administration of Fenchurch Street and then Waterloo, rising to Assistant Principal ^{of} British Transport Staff Training College (Woking) concerned with all modes of transport. This work took him all over the world. In recent years he was elected to an Honorary Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Transport, only twelve in the world at the time. His connections with SAGA Group date from the time as BR Passenger Manager, he negotiated cheap rail travel with Sidney de Haan who had founded Inter-City Tours Ltd.

Geoffrey often regaled his friends with tapes of whistling, rumbling trains whose origins he could instantly recognise. These were only a fraction of his vast collection of music and opera, with Bach and Vaughan Williams' 'Lark Ascending' among his favourites.

Geoffrey's involvement in Sandgate life began at the start of a 4½ week-long Public Inquiry in 1987, into the damaging plans to build the Hythe Marina/Residential complex on Sandgate's border. As objector on behalf of The Sandgate Society, I had enlisted his valuable support. From then on, he became widely and deeply drawn into Sandgate affairs, taking over from the late Mollie Hornsby as Chairman. He never hesitated to ask question, to ascertain the facts before taking considered and resolute action. With his acute mind and grasp of essentials, he fought quietly and unremittingly against improper procedures at local and ministerial levels.

Sandgate People

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The Newsletter of The Sandgate Society

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Tributes to Ruby Estelle Greenwall our founder and President

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inda Rene-Martin writes:

She was a remarkable and somewhat formidable woman, without whose dedication and foresight Sandgate would have lost its essential character and identity and be very different today.

Ruby Greenwall's love of Sandgate stemmed from pre-war, when she, her husband Boris and young son Anthony used to rent a Coastguard cottage during the school holidays. As a neighbour I know how much her family enjoyed the seaside life and the Sandgate air, which was beneficial for Boris, a veteran gassed in World War 1. After World War II Ruby and Boris established themselves more firmly in Sandgate, taking over the former premises of Huntley's, a military boot-maker, and setting up a tasteful stationers and gift shop.

Before that Ruby carried on her father's antique shop in Highgate, and from 1947 to the mid-sixties was a JP in North London. As time went by she transferred her choice stock of antiques to premises adjacent to the gift shop - now the Sandgate Antiques Centre owned by Jonathan Greenwall. Apart from the long-established Nordens' this was the only other antique shop in Sandgate. Then Ruby encouraged Freeman and Lloyd to set up their fine antique furniture shop in the High Street, and gradually others followed.

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The Sandgate Society official headquarters since 1977 thanks to the initiative of Ruby Estelle Greenwall

**Most members will
already have heard
of the death of our
President,
Mrs Ruby Estelle
Greenwall, aged 89.
As founder, chairman
and life president, her
story was also that of
the Society; so we
begin with two tributes
to her.**

Our Vice President writes:

The Sandgate Society was formed in 1962 mainly through the efforts of Mrs Greenwall, with the object of saving the Royal Kent Hotel from being destroyed. A number of local residents who shared Mrs Greenwall's strong opposition to the plan to destroy this lovely old coaching inn came forward to join the Society and take up the fight. I was one of them and became the Society's first Secretary with Mrs Greenwall as Chairman. Sadly we failed to save the Royal Kent, but a strong local amenity society had been formed, which during its 33 years' existence has done much in the interest of Sandgate.

Mrs Greenwall was a strong-willed lady who liked to have her own way and usually succeeded in getting it. Although well-respected by all of us on the Committee I must say we hesitated to oppose her except for very good reason. Sandgate meant everything to her, and she was tireless in her efforts for its good and tackling anything she considered to be to its detriment.

DENNIS VORLEY
Vice President



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Ruby Greenwall b. 28/8/06 - 4/7/1995

The Victory Celebrations - a letter:

Derek St Clair writes:

At the age of about three I arrived, still in a pushchair, at 127 High Street, Sandgate, with my mother and father and 9 years old sister Joyce. My father, Captain F C G St Clair, RN, had been a victim of the "Geddes Axe" whereby huge cuts in the economy in 1922 had resulted in servicemen in particular being arbitrarily retired. The armed forces were far too numerous for peacetime after World War I and, along with thousands of industrial workers had to be scaled down drastically.

With difficulty, since there were so many unemployed chasing too few jobs, my father managed to be accepted as HM Coastguard Inspector for south east England. With this job went the residence in Sandgate rather grandly called "Admiralty House" at No. 127. His office was the last of a row of small coastguard cottages near the memorial to Sir John Moore (1761-1809), who was British commander in the Peninsular War.

Next to our house was a small building which housed life saving apparatus in the form of a large cart fully equipped with breeches buoys, miles of rope in oblong boxes, very big rockets to which rope was attached and fired over the ship in distress so as to rescue the shipwrecked mariners. This vehicle was hitched on to a lorry and towed to the nearest point on the coast to the wrecked ship.

Before the advent of sophisticated navigational aids such as radar there were frequent wrecks off the coast of Dungeness. My father and his coastguards were kept quite busy. Often cargoes were washed up on the beach by our house - cargoes such as boxes of white shirts and Huntley & Palmer's large square tins of assorted biscuits - alas no longer available these days in the shops. Once there were many cases of apricot brandy for the taking! I remember too a load of motor car tyres which floated by, and we children got

one shilling per tyre as salvage money. Most winters saw very heavy seas, and we had to have wooden shutters to protect the windows facing the sea from being smashed by the tons of shingle which were thrown up. In summertime we had a raft attached to an empty oil drum and anchored to a block of concrete. What fun we had swimming out to this raft when the tide was up! We also had our own lobster pot which we visited weekly to see what we had caught.

So many members and visitors came to the June meeting to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War that there was insufficient time for everyone to have their say.

One such contribution has been sent to the Newsletter by Mrs Jeannette Champion, of James Morris Court, who recently received an evocative letter from Mr Derek St Claire, now living at Godalming, Surrey. It paints such a vivid picture of what life was like in those days that we give it almost in full.

My mother, of Irish extraction, was fond of horse-racing. In 1930 she backed "Blenheim" the Aga Khan's Derby winner. I think all Sandgate had a flutter on it, as there was a strong tip for the horse from a well-informed resident. My mother won £250 (about £10,000 today) and straight away went out and bought my sister an Austin Seven from Martin Walters for £90.

Alas, the following March my father died suddenly of a heart attack, which came as a great shock to many hundreds of people from Folkestone and district. The funeral service in Sandgate Parish Church was attended by representatives of Legion branches from all over the country; and the funeral cortege stretched the length of the High Street.

I well remember the cinema in Sandgate when silent films were shown. The manager's son was a friend and I used to get free seats in the best part of the cinema - the balcony. A Mrs Lawton, who lived opposite, was the piano accompanist. Her son John joined the Royal Navy and became Chief Gunnery Instructor to the Fleet.

The highlight of the year as far as I was concerned was the "Cheerful Sparrows Fete" which took place on Sandgate Hill, moving later to Cheriton Road. My father was very active with this function which was a charity collecting money for the Victoria Hospital in Folkestone. There was always a tombola with tickets at half-a-crown with fantastic prizes. Martin Walter donated a car, while one year the first prize was a house on the Dover Road, to this day called "Tombola House".

After my father died my mother was befriended by a Mrs Phillipson who lived in a beautiful house called "Encombe" and we lived for a while in the thatched lodge at the entrance to the driveway. Built into the wall a few yards from this lodge was a special place for changing into bathing clothes which we used as changing on the beach was forbidden in those days. I spent many days at Encombe as playmate to the two adopted daughters of Mrs Phillipson - Betty and Barbara.

Goldsack and Holderness in Sandgate High Street were well-known car repairers as well as suppliers of accumulators for the early and rather primitive wirelesses of those days. Col-

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Derek St Clair's letter continued

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Colman's were our grocers and Mr Colman himself, in his best suit and bowler hat, would call on my mother at Christmas

time and present her with a big tin of biscuits.

Opposite Admiralty House was a small sweetshop run by white-bearded Mr Jordan, who would kindly see me across the road to catch the bus to school in Folkestone. The bus fare was one penny which dropped me off at Grimstone Avenue, from where I had



to walk to Feltonfleet School run by Mr Counsell. This school was obliterated by a landmine in World War II.

Among my contemporary pupils were the actors David Tomlinson and Michael Bentine. Often I would walk home to save the penny to spend on Mr Jordan's gobstoppers.

My father used to run the annual sportsday in Sandgate Parade when there was a greasy pole, a greasy pig to chase, and three-legged races. One year the two girls in this type of race came a cropper on the tarmac and one badly injured her kneecap and had to be fetched by ambulance. Once a neighbour who lived on the seafront rang my father to report that she had seen a boy dive off the breakwater and as far as she could ascertain had never surfaced. My father and two coast-guard officers, all trained in life-saving, rushed round and used a rowing boat to search the area. Eventually the poor boy was pulled up on the end of a grapnel, but although my father spent hours trying to revive him, it

was to no avail. It appeared that he had broken his neck when diving. The memory of this is indelible, and I have always been wary of the sea since.

After having danced the night away at the Leas Cliff Hall my sister would often take me to Seabrook to the "Black Cottage" which sold delicious bacon and eggs after the pubs had closed. This was a very popular venue for the young folk of the 30's.

In about 1929 there occurred a minimal wave after teatime. The sky went mauve, the wind dropped and all was still. Suddenly, far out to sea, a huge wave arose and rushed towards the shore at high tide. I was very frightened and my sister thought the end of the world had come. The sea water flooded our house and spilled out on to the High Street. My sister attended school on the Lower Road, Sandgate, not too far from the Castle. She and I would act as guides sometimes and spin lurid tales about dungeons and torture chambers to the horrified visitors. We got quite a few tips though, so they must have enjoyed our stories.

Another lasting memory is of the Star & Garter Home for disabled servicemen, of which my father was a Governor. There were some appallingly injured men there, some without limbs, yet who painted with their mouths as a hobby. My father organised concert parties to entertain them.

I loved Sandgate, and Folkestone too, and visit quite frequently to this day.

the lasting memories of a small boy

But this involves disappointments, too, I'm afraid. One such disappointment is to see the Grand Hotel carved up into flats. Each year as a small boy I went to a Christmas children's party there. Conjurers, dancers and comics were laid on. Best of all though were the vanilla ice-creams in little corrugated paper cups which were freely distributed. One year I ate 25 - a record for the time!



From the Chairman

Tributes to our late President appear elsewhere in this newsletter and indicate how much we are indebted to her pioneering spirit. She would appreciate the improved appearance of Sandgate. Several houses and shops have been repainted and the hanging flower baskets provided by Shepway Council and organised by our Committee Member Peter Daughters, have enhanced the general effect.

Assistance is required in the Archivist's area of activity and I shall be pleased to hear from anyone willing to help.

Many of you kindly contributed to the Chichester Memorial Hall Clock Re-

pair Appeal. My wife, who is vice-Chairman of the Committee of Trustees, has asked me to say that the first stage of work has been completed - the clock is now showing the time - but the casing has been found to be rotten and must be replaced during the next twelve months for safety reasons. This will add to the current shortfall of some £600 in the repair fund.

My best wishes go to Fred Moore, who has been missed in the village during his illness, and to you all for the autumn.

GEOFFREY EDMUNDS
Chairman



Sandgate's Shops

Sandgate's shops and their keepers, about which we promised some information, are warmly mentioned elsewhere. Relative newcomers include the Hayward Galleries, replacing the much-missed "Trumpet Banner". Weekly art classes for up to 10 beginners are held down there, as well as regular day courses. Diane Webb and Richard Down have been here, just below the

vided across the road by Barbara McGregor beneath the Ann Boleyn sign.

Sandgate's most flourishing business after the antique shops is undoubtedly Olde English Pine. For ten years now Andree Martin and her assistants have been part of the local scene, industriously polishing and varnishing the furniture which attracts customers from London, Norfolk and the Home Counties. Members will have noticed that she has recently taken over the adjoining premises, now offering Olde English Oak. What was a run-down shop with a refrigerated food store at the rear has been magically converted into an Italian-style conservatory with a bright atrium, small fountain and minstrel's gallery - designed by Mrs Martin herself.

Ken Morris, who admits to being 72, is Sandgate's only surviving butcher, and one of our longest serving shopkeepers, successfully competing with the supermarkets, and still supplying some of his original customers with chops, joints and sausages. He tells us

that when he came to Sandgate in 1959 there were 5 grocers, 5 green-grocers, 2 fishmongers, 2 chemists and 2 butchers. The antique dealers, he says, did not edge out other businesses, they just took over the shops as they fell vacant.

One of the latter is the Sandgate Kebab Restaurant, closed for some weeks now. It will be missed by Shorncliffe soldiers, who were frequent late-night customers.

Out and about in Sandgate's High Street

clock, for a year now, and their rare art supplies in paper and canvas attract customers from London. Their regular exhibitions of pictures, pottery and craftwork by local artists are a welcome addition to the cultural scene, complementing what is already pro-

"Nourishing" the beach

By the end of August the Dutch Ham dredging company had deposited on Sandgate's beaches 400,000 tons of pebbles dredged from Sandown Bay and Owers' Bank off the Isle of Wight, with another 1.6 million tons to come. It's rough work, and the big dredger Geopotes 14 (Geopotes 15 is in Hong Kong) has needed periods of maintenance. It's now gone off to fulfill another commitment, but should be back in a few weeks to fill in the big gap in the new beach at the bottom of Brewers' Hill. In the meantime a smaller replacement dredger, the Sliedrecht (named after the world's "dredging capital" in Holland) has been moored off Fisherman's Beach at Hythe, and the fishing boats will have to work around the thousands of tons of peb-

bles coming ashore which should soon make their life easier.

Users of the new beach will be relieved to know that Fellow International, a group of ex-army bomb disposal engineers, have surveyed the new beach in five-square metre grids to a depth of fourteen feet to check for wartime bombs, shells and other debris. They found a lot of six-inch nails, but little else. To check their work, Ham managers painted a one penny-piece white for identification purposes, threw it on the beach, and challenged the bomb disposal men to find it. In due course they returned it triumphantly to the Ham site office at Seabrook.

The Shepway notices about the beach nourishing are the latest victims of local vandals.

Damage to residents' cars on the Wilberforce Road car park has reached unacceptable levels. It is now regular, and includes setting fire to cars, and deliberately crashing them into one another. Residents forced to park there because they have no room for garages of their own deserve more protection. One theory is that the surveillance cameras in Folkestone have driven the vandals to places like Sandgate which are not monitored.

Maybe we should try to persuade our local police - who apparently know who the vandals are and tend to say there is not much they can do! - to attend a Sandgate meeting to discuss ways of combating the problem.

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vandalism
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Tribute to our President - Continued

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Their frontages brought new colour to the village scene as other traders were sadly overtaken by the supermarkets.

Sandgate has always adapted its economy to changing times. From its origins in the shipbuilding industry in the 1780's, to a select Victorian watering place, and a centre for the Shorncliffe military it became, as it is today, the Antiques Centre for the south-east coast. Ruby Greenwall was the catalyst in this last development.

Post-war Sandgate - Folkestone's "forgotten colony" - was at the mercy of the old Folkestone Council and ruthless developers, and in 1962 Ruby mobilised the local support to start the Sandgate Society. This was too late, alas, to save the 18th century Royal Kent Hotel (formerly the New Inn) from demolition and unsightly redevelopment. But as the Chairman for the next 20 years Ruby was the staunch upholder and defender of Sandgate's interests, vigorously supported by Lola Lachlan (after whom the street adjoining the public library is named), Dennis Vorley, Charles Bryant, Alex

Todd, Alfred Penfold, myself, and many others anxious to preserve the charm and integrity of the village. If Ruby was tough, even abrupt, the outcome justified it all.

"Hopefully a new generation will cherish and continue Ruby Greenwall's legacy.."

For 15 years, Ruby's home at Aughrim House was also home to the Sandgate Society. Then came the great day in July 1977 when, on Ruby's initiative,

the Sandgate Society was able to hang up its sign and rent official headquarters in the ground floor Engine Room of the Old Fire Station, which had been empty for 10 years. Her long-term aim was to acquire the Public Library premises above, and turn it into a permanent museum or venue for the Sandgate community. That aim was realised in 1982 when the Library moved to newly-built premises and,

following a hard-fought battle, the specially-formed Sandgate Heritage Trust succeeded in raising funds to purchase the Old Fire Station from Kent County Council. Ruby was among a distinguished list of contributors.

Another signal victory, in the face of Folkestone opposition, came in 1972 when designated conservation areas and tree preservation orders were confirmed for our historic village.

Other campaigns included the control of noisy off-shore watersports, and measures to counter the effects of Encombe earth movement, which had been seriously reactivated in the 1960's as a result of irresponsible planning permissions. Another shining memory was the three-day event organised by Ruby to mark the Royal Silver Jubilee, when Sandgate won third prize in an "Illustrated London News" competition for the best decorated village.

Hopefully a new generation will cherish and continue Ruby Greenwall's legacy to Sandgate.

♦♦♦ Linda Renee Martin

The Programme - forthcoming meetings - 7.30pm at Chichester Hall

Don't miss out - put these 1995 dates in your diary NOW!

11 OCTOBER

My World of Sound With the BBC
Harold Rogers

8 NOVEMBER

Kent In Defiance of Napoleon
Mrs J Page

13 DECEMBER

Christmas Party
Details to be announced.

Members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Acknowledgements

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Membership

A warm welcome to new members:

Councillor Mrs Macmillan and Mr Macmillan and Mr and Mrs C Wisdom from New York, who have taken over Mary Brooker's antique shop in the High Street. Another member to extend our geographical reach is Mr Bernard Sergeant of Sutherland, New South Wales, Australia. His main interest is the history of the houses in the High Street from West Lawn to Farleigh

House. The latter, now demolished, was bought by his grandparents, John and Annie Prescott in 1919; they divided it into two houses, Killarney and Roxana.

And "welcome back" to existing members Henry and Josephine Adams and their daughter Kate who have returned to live in Coastguard Cottages - in one of which Henry grew up when his parents lived there.

In order to reflect our members' views and preferences, we must first know what they are!

See Below



Feedback - Tell us what you think

✂ Your Committee would like to know your views in respect of the Newsletter. Please take a few minutes of your time to let us know what you think - we would like to take your views into account. Please complete the form below and return it now - there's no time like the present, whilst its fresh in your mind.

We still need more participation from our members and if you can contribute to a future newsletter, or help in some way with our activities, please let us know - we shall be only too pleased to follow it up.

Please tick the boxes as appropriate and PRINT any other responses. Return to: Jo Reed - Hon Treasurer & Membership Secretary, The Sandgate Society, The Old Fire Station, 51 Sandgate High Street, Sandgate, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3AH

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THE BLUE PLAQUE TRAIL

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Key

- - Location of blue Plaques
- - Main road
- - Important buildings of Sandgate

1. Jocelyn Brooke

2. B.M. Croker

3, 4 & 5. H.G. Wells

6 & 7. Sandgate Castle

8. William Wilberforce

9. Dame Sheila Sherlock

10. John Gough

11. Hattie Jacques

Campaign launched



APPEAL LAUNCH: Sandgate Society members, together with the Earl of Guildford and his wife, and Councillor Claude Poll.

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to raise thousands of pounds for repairs and improvements to Sandgate's Old Fire Station. The former voluntary fire station and reading room now belongs to the people of Sandgate.

It has been bought by a charity, the Sand-

gate Heritage Trust, from Kent County Council for £18,100.

Conservation watchdog the Sandgate Society set up a small steering group to raise money for the purchase.

And guests invited to the launch of a fund-raising campaign last Wednesday were told that response to the building buying campaign was magnificent.

Mrs Linda Rene-Martin, a member of the Sandgate Heritage Trust, said: "Sandgate is an extraordinary little place when faced with a crisis."

When the county council decided to put the station up for sale there were fears that it would fall into the hands of a private developer. But there was a surge of passion in residents.

Many of the society's members made generous gifts of money.

Dr Alan Fisk, the trust's secretary, said the charity had little left in the kitty.

Some money will be made when tax is given back on covenants and rent comes in from the Sandgate Society which is using the engine room.

The appeal to find at least £11,600 for structural repairs and another £12,400 for improvements is long term.

At the launch, support was given by one of the trust's distinguished patrons, the Earl of Guildford, a fire engine enthusiast.

He owns an old 1965 K2 engine which he uses on his farm.

Local dignitaries including the Chairman of Sheppey District Council, Councillor Claude Poll, and district councillors were also at the sherry reception.

Folkestone, Hythe & District Herald

11 November 1983

Also TVs

'Coast to Coast'

Nov 2 - 6 pm.

Chairman of the Sandgate Society Mr Dennis Vorley said he is particularly pleased that the society has been guaranteed a permanent headquarters.

Mrs Rene-Martin hoped the younger people of Sandgate would help to keep the building going.

It is hoped to make it a social centre for activities in the area.

And apart from money, physical help to smarten up the place and advice on running it would also be welcomed, she said.

If anyone can give any thing to help preserve the landmark they should contact the trust's treasurer, Mr Arthur Ruderman, Sheppey's former Chief Executive, care of the trust, 51 Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

Herald

COMMENT

AT A time when the motto seems to be Big is Best it is refreshing to see something is being done to preserve village life.

In Sandgate, villagers have not been content with just making loud noises about the fate of the old Fire Station, they have got together to do something about it.

Guided by the Sandgate Society, who have formed the Sandgate Heritage Trust, they have raised the money to buy the neglected building.

Now they hope to use it as the Society's headquarters and also provide a history room.

Money is urgently needed to carry out the repair work. Villagers have got this far and deserve support for their campaign. In a world of change it is vital to preserve little pieces of our history.

The Sandgate Society Greets you 50 years on



The words are taken from the old clock in Chester Cathedral:

When I was a child I laughed and wept
Time crept
When as a youth I dreamed and talked
Time walked
When I became a full grown man
Time ran
And later as I older grew
Time flew
Soon I shall find while travelling on
Time gone
Will Christ have saved my soul by then
Amen?

This statue once stood on a sundial by the steps to St Paul's Church, in memory of Digby Kenelm (Kt). It suffered badly from vandalism and is now in safekeeping. A copy in resin will replace it when funds allow. Contributions welcome.

Forever Sandgate

Here, ceaseless Enbrook meets a timeless sea,
Near Castle, Church and Ilex tree
And Wilberforce and HG Wells
Live deep in village memory.
A VC, too, among the dead
Is writ on stone with pain and pride.
Progress, now, among us dwells
As Saga spells prosperity.

Martellos echo times gone by,
Pebbles murmur with the tide
Clear we hear the seagulls cry.
Dawn and sunset paint the sky –
But creeping concrete, loss of green
Eat into our well-loved scene
Hard as we defy.
Though wind and waves are rarely still
Sandgate survives and ever will

What is Sandgate all about

*Happy, we note the scene without
What is Sandgate all about?
Brick, ragstone, stucco as we pass
And avant-gardish steel and glass
Ship-lap sides and slated roof
'Gainst salty seawinds weatherproof
Sandgate a-whizz with bikes and jetskis
Pubs on tap with beer and whiskies
Sandgatte folk and Bleriots
Enjoy its haunts and curios
Coastal traffic speeds along
Sadly, horse and tram long gone
Oh deary me: but cheery me
When blessed with woods and sky and sea
Here's the Sandgate we love well
Sometimes Heaven, sometimes hell
Please forgive my doggerel*

*Linda René-Martin, Founding Member 1962
Coast Cottage, Sandgate*



YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE TWO IMPORTANT NATIONAL EVENTS AT AN
OPEN HOUSE IN SANDGATE

SATURDAY 2ND JUNE (The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Folkestone Air Show)

WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY (The Olympic Flame passes through Sandgate)

*A good view of both events will be possible from the top of the tower and from the front lawn of the
Old School Building on Sandgate Hill*

Cucumber sandwiches and Pimm's will be served, together with lashings of Ginger Beer, from noon
until 5.00pm on both days

If you are able to attend one or both of these events, please reply to:

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The Sandgate Riviera

Riviera on the NAPOLEONIC COAST

Diana Crampton explores Sandgate

WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS: DIANA CRAMPTON

Eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth and now twenty first century: Sandgate bears witness to habitation with its wide variety of architectural styles. But even before this, we learn from village activist and historian Linda René-Martin's "Rise and Progress of a Village" (published 1998, available from the Sandgate Civic Society), Henry VIII ordered the building of Sandgate Castle. The engineer in charge was Stephan

von Haschenberg, a German. It was "a series of concentric walls in a complex geometrical shape" according to Pevsner's guide. Here Queen Elizabeth visited. In 1806 the central area was converted into a gun fort, effectively turning it into a Martello tower, a Napoleonic defence such as may be found around the coast up as far as Norfolk.

Later revellers have also been able to eat in Sandgate Castle. In one of its more recent

reincarnations, Sandgate Castle was a restaurant. Now, it has been turned into a "des res" by Geoffrey and Suzie Boot. Geoffrey is not the only one to come and find peace by the sea as well as to satisfy the hobby of interior decorating. George Austin has run an immaculate 'bed and breakfast' in Sandgate over the years, hosting in particular a German couple who, not living by the sea themselves and returning each year for eight years, have



Something out of Jane Austin or H.E Bates I guess. The architecture is easy: a timbered 15th Century manor house, a poor house, a hunting lodge slept in by E.1, an 11th century church with a secret passage and a war memorial with names that relate to people still living in the village. There is also a Victorian pub, a village school, a village shop, a village post office, a village blacksmith and a modern doctor's surgery just in case. Well I never, its Brenchley.

What is your favorite building in Kent and why?

The Light House at Dungeness because it is tall and stands in a flat place. You can see France, Derek Jarman's garden, the nuclear power station and the miniature railway. It was built not for glory but to save lives. Just along the beach is the Pilot pub with the best fish and chips in the world.

What would you change about Kent, or banish from the area?

Intensive urban and main road lighting that throws foul pink and yellow into the night sky. It is wasteful and ugly and shuts out the stars

What's the first piece of advice you'd give to somebody new to Kent?

Sign anything that says NO to the Cliffe airport plan.

The book they should read?

A history of Kentish place names.

Your favorite Kent walk?

Bedgebury Pinetum. It is unique. It has the best collection of conifers in the world, all labelled in the park and also has miles of forest that heaves with wild life, flowers and fungus. The forest is also big enough to escape away from people.

What activity or event best sums up Kent?

Hop picking or the idea of it.

Who or what should there be a Kent memorial to?

Wat Tyler, 1381 hero and leader of the peasants rebellion. He was stabbed by to death by a 'fat cat' but not before an immense protest against the breathtaking inequalities of the day had been made. He also lived just up the road.

What attitude best sums up Kent?

Good natured and tolerant as befitting a county endlessly tramped through by travellers from and to the rest of Europe.

Who would you most like to share a pint with?

Genghis Khan, but I would make sure he had the first swig.



ABOVE: *Regency and Grafton Cottages* are a pair of fine weather boarded cottages on the seafront, built 1822. BELOW: *Sandgate High Street*. BOTTOM: *The Saga building*, with the old shipbuilders' cottages in the foreground

everything, a bank, tailors, food shops and military shops because of the camp where there were about 3,000 soldiers and 'ladies of the town'. It was said that you couldn't get from one end of Sandgate to the other without going into one of the numerous drinking houses – if you were a man (or a "lady of the town" of course). Sandgate was a community unto itself. Getting into Folkestone was arduous and expensive. There were horse-drawn carriages which went along the lower coastal road as far as the Leas lift, which you could go up and then walk into Folkestone. People liked to shop in Sandgate if possible.

That has not changed. But Sandgate, according to Roger Joyce, who introduced himself to me as a "campaigning architect" (Chairman of the Sandgate Society and on the committee of the St. Paul's Restoration Appeals Group with Church Warden Rob Hudson and retired architect John Cutmore), is now undergoing a period of change. Partly this change may be attributed to the advent of the big Saga office building, with its hundreds of employees. I hear reiterated the plea that there should be more shops for the villagers. Indeed you would be forgiven if you drove through Sandgate from Hythe to Folkestone without really noticing the village. It is a thoroughfare more than a High Street, although many of its residents and traders passionately hope that new businesses will come into the several empty shops. They would particularly like to see bakers' and grocers', the sort of shops which have suffered because of supermarket development.

In the 60s and 70s, Sandgate was THE place for antique dealers, encouraged largely by Ruby Greenwall who was instrumental in forging this image. At one time dealers would come with large vans to buy up antiques from



thoroughly enjoyed the views from one of George's best rooms. This room, which George showed me, has three windows looking straight out on to the sea. George has lived in several different houses and cottages in Sandgate, moving not more than half a mile each time. He likes to buy a property and do it up.

"It keeps me out of pubs during the day", he told me!

Margaret Cameron, who has worked with the BBC Singers and the Monteverdi Choir, says "Sandgate has always held a magnetic attraction for me". She was first educated at Sandgate Primary School, when it was at the bottom of Sandgate Hill. "To me it looked more like a church with a romantic tower and stone walls, full of interesting nooks and crannies." Built 1866, the school is now a series of homes.

Margaret's first performance was at FHODS, the amateur dramatics society when she was 16. Margaret moved away and has recently returned. Her cottage, which she shares with her partner Nick, is currently totally without a roof and being refurbished. She commented that the Sandgate Society premises, where she had coffee one Saturday morning was filled with people who gave them a warm welcome and showed great interest and enthusiasm in the work they were doing to their cottage. The Sandgate Society itself is housed in the historic fire station and is host to very lively Saturday morning coffee sessions.

George Austin told me that about a third of the coastguard cottages built in the mid-nineteenth century, as we learn from René-Martin's booklet, are owned by people from overseas and by weekenders. This might be thought to create some problems, but those I talked to have commented on how convenient Sandgate is for reaching Continental Europe. This is what gives it its Continental feel.

Local builder Barry Reynolds and his family, who live in a modern development up on Hospital Hill, and has built several of the Spanish theme houses up there, told me that when they were building they found a lot of fossils. Many thousands of years ago this area was joined with France. He says it is a popular place in which to live, with good local pubs, peacefulness and it is pleasant to be by the sea.

Stewart Whyffin, the pubman at The Ship has tables and chairs out in the summer, and his pub has a small patio area looking out over the sea. He tells me The Ship has a wide catchment area, all ages, all types, with people from the relatively new Saga offices coming down both for lunch and for dinner. His pub is 100% traditional Free House, with no brewery money involved. He also has a ghost, a hooded lady!

Another ghost resides in the house, which used to be H.G. Wells's residence. Spade House, which, according to Pevsner's guide, was a seaside hide-out designed by Voysey in 1899 and extended, also by Voysey, in 1903.

Some of the earliest inhabitants of Sandgate were boat-builders; the weatherboard houses were built for the workers. Soldiers were housed in the Shorncliffe Camp. There are now barracks up on the hill, headquarters of the Royal Gurkha Rifles, but the original camp has disappeared. But in the 19th century, according to Ann Nevill, a historian and member of the Sandgate Society, Sandgate had



ABOVE: Chichester Hall, built early 20th Century; venue for educational and public events.
BELOW: The fine weather-boarded Vine Cottage, 84 Sandgate High Street.





The seven storey octagonal, white weatherboarded windmill, built in 1814 at the end of Stone Street

Familiar folk

Rich in history and blessed with beauty, the quaint town of Cranbrook is undeniably diverse yet renowned for its sense of community closeness

WORDS AND PICTURES: GEORGINA MEAR

Although unsubstantiated, there have been strong arguments to suggest that it was in a cottage on the outskirts of Cranbrook that Daniel Defoe, in hiding for political reasons, wrote the book for which he is most remembered, *Robinson Crusoe*. There is more than a little irony in idea that a story of a shipwrecked man who survived on an island for twenty-three years, living a solitary existence, was created near a town that is renowned for its sense of companionship, familiarity and friendship.

Indeed, the notion that 'familiarity breeds contempt' seems to hold little weight in a

town like Cranbrook. You need only stand in Wilkes' Butcher's shop for five minutes to see that familiarity is in fact what makes this Kentish town so special. The oldest business in the town, spanning over five generations, the shop has been an integral part of everyday life for its residents for over eighty years. Friendly customers beep their horns as they pass the shop, wave as they go by the window, and are greeted with a personal welcome as they walk in the door. Tony Briley who has worked there for a number of years said: "We know everyone here and we know if there are any outsiders." Indeed, they know the names

of their customers, the names of their partners and of course are familiar with the other shop owners on the high street. A local, Eric Veryard, who has lived in the town for 13 years after moving from Epsom with his wife said: "It really is a very friendly town. They call you by your Christian name here."

Cranbrook stands proud on a high hill above the weald, some 15 miles south of Maidstone. The community and church have been in existence since the early 11th century. A settlement was listed in the Domesday Book (1086) as *Cranebroca* being the name of the stream that ran through it. The Crane's Brook



ABOVE: *Craft Tea and Coffee, Sandgate High Street*

Sandgate, including traders from over the Channel. To some extent the antique trade has declined, but several residents point out that we are now seeing a development of leisure outlets: restaurants and eateries of many flavours, catering for a wide variety of tastes. One famous eating place was the Sandgate Hotel, which at one time had three Michelin rosettes for its food. Now taken over by Lois McKinnon, it will continue to serve food, but wishes to cater for the local inhabitants to a greater extent.

What do the people of Sandgate get hot under the collar about? Parking. Stewart Whyffin told me "If you've got a garage in Sandgate, you're a millionaire". Moves to promote a Parish council in Sandgate, an irredentist move with regard to Folkestone, might resolve that problem. However, some traders fear that recent moves to de-trunk the A259, heralded by many, will decrease their business. Who will then fill the already many empty shops? If a Parish Council is founded, will they be able to moderate rates to encourage business? Will the traders get a say, and if so, which traders? Can the parking problem be resolved?

What makes a village community? Not only the residents but a church, a theatre, pubs, school, restaurants and an active rowing club. Sandgate has all of these. For the Jubilee, the rowing club organised a magnificent barbeque, just one of the activities which took place. And the traders, co-ordinated by Shirley at the Casa de Tapas, are currently organizing to promote Sandgate to visitors to the British Golf Championships to be held in Sandwich, 13th–20th July. Also I hear there are plans to hold a fireworks display, as was done for the Jubilee, to coincide with the Shepway Air Show, August 30th and 31st. Active? The place buzzes.

If I were you, on a pleasant day, I would park right down the road and walk along the sea, or even up Sandgate Hill and admire the contemporary architecture of the Saga building with its splendid grounds. Walk around and enjoy.



ABOVE: *The Sandgate Society, housed in the old Fire Station, built 1884. BELOW: The former library, housed in the upstairs of the Sandgate Society and now for hire for groups and club events.*



Herald

CRIMEDESK

DO you have any new details you can give to police on these Crimedesk offences? If you think you can, here is what you can do.

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Or you can phone the Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Calls to this line are free and you do not have to give your name. You may also be able to get a cash reward.

Help fight crime with Neighbourhood Watch. See page 29.

TWO men stole £300 from a 63-year-old man as he cycled home along Trinity Road, Folkestone.

The Folkestone man was riding his bicycle along Trinity Road at the junction with Bouverie Road West last Tuesday between 10pm and 11pm.

He was hit by a man and pulled from his bicycle by another. The man had cuts on his scalp and forehead and was taken to William Harvey Hospital for treatment.

His wallet containing £300 was stolen by the men who are white, aged around 20-years-old, 5ft 8in to 5ft 10in tall, slim build with short brown hair.

Another person may have also been part of the group but was not necessarily involved in the

attack. Anyone with any information should call Det Con Simon Cole.

A STUDENT was verbally abused and attacked as he walked through Folkestone town centre last Tuesday at around 10pm.

The 19-year old was approached by two men one of whom beckoned the teenager towards him and hit him on the head with an unknown instrument. The victim fell to the ground and the offender stamped on his stomach twice.

The two men, one of whom was not involved in the assault, then ran away.

The student had a cut to the top of his head and bruising to his stomach.

The offender a white male, aged 24 to 27-years-old, 5ft 8in tall, of

medium build, clean shaven and has collar length blonde hair in a current style. He was wearing light blue jeans and a black puffed jacket and white trainers. He also spoke with a southern accent. Anyone with any information should call Det Con Gavin Mosely.

A WOMAN driving a blue D-reg Ford stole £34 of unleaded petrol from the Romney Marsh service station, Lydd Road, on Saturday at around 9pm.

She is white with dark brown shoulder length hair wearing a grey jacket. When she had filled up with petrol she drove out of the entrance, instead of the exit, nearly hitting a car coming into the station.

The woman drove off at speed toward Ashford on the A259.

Gurkhas fly out to Africa

MEMBERS of the 2nd Battalion Gurkha Rifles are preparing to fly to Sierra Leone to form part of the training force for the Sierra Leone army.

More than 240 Gurkhas will become the latest in a line of local regiments to visit the country on a tour of duty.

They will leave the Sir John Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe, Folkestone, on Friday and will spend four months in Africa before returning to Shorncliffe in April.

Regiments from Dover and Canterbury have also been to the war-torn West African country in the last year.

MP for Folkestone and Hythe, Michael Howard congratulated the Shepway Business and Education Centre for their work for pupils of the district when he spoke at their Christmas dinner.

The bash was held at South Kent College, Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone, last Wednesday.

Vandals hit trees on Leas

By ALEX HOAD

THE worst cases of vandalism in Folkestone for many years have been carried out in the last two weeks - according to a Councillor.

In two separate incidents - both believed to be under the cover of darkness - a number of healthy, mature trees have been illegally chopped down with a chainsaw near the cliff lift on the Leas.

Shepway council has reported the incidents to the police who regard the crimes as "very serious offences".

The damaged trees - including a Scots pine and flowering cherries - are within a conservation area which has led the council to appeal for anyone with any information on the damage to report it to Folkestone police station.

Cllr George Bunting, Shepway council's

Trees illegally chopped down

district secretary for environment and transport last week visited the site and was appalled. He said: "This is the worst case of vandalism in Folkestone for many years. These fine specimens of trees are irreplaceable as they take many years to establish and mature. They also perform a valuable role in helping to prevent erosion of the cliff face."

He added: "The culprits could easily have endangered lives whilst carrying out these stupid acts as there is a sheer drop and the cliff edge and precipice are exceptionally waterlogged and slippery at the moment."



Pic by Vic Seymour photographic services

PICTURE PERFECT: L-R: Rob Hudson - Sandgate Heritage Trust, Cllr Joy MacMillan, Linda Remy-Martin - Sandgate Society Vice President and Conrad Hughes - Sandgate Society Chairman.

THE Sandgate Society have presented Deputy Mayor of Folkestone, Cllr Joy MacMillan with a framed photograph to commemorate her being the first female councillor to wear the Sandgate chain of office in its 100 year history. The

chain is held in high esteem as it signified Sandgate urban district council up until it was merged with Folkestone in 1934, the chain going to Folkestone borough council.

Another photograph will be hung in the society's

headquarters in the Old Fire Station, Sandgate, which is maintained by the Sandgate Heritage Trust.

Cllr MacMillan made a short speech at the presentation saying how proud she was to wear the historic chain.



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Thursday, December 14, 2000

"I DON'T want to end up on benefits. I want to achieve something."

These are the words of a 16-year-old about to have a baby she did not plan for, and did not really want.

Her plans for college lie in tatters; her plans for parties and adventure a distant dream.

Her future now is nappies, sleepless nights and a lack of freedom.

Her story is becoming an all-too familiar one in Shepway. We have one of the highest rates of teenage pregnancies in the South east.

The girl we spoke to blames a lack of sex education. Others blame a lack of love at home; others blame boredom; others want someone to love them.

Abortion still is a terrible taboo. The clamour of the pro-lifers say it is murder.

Yet what life is in prospect for the increasing number of babies born to girls who are no more than children themselves?

Yes of course there are exceptions. But the child born of teenage parents are more likely to live in poverty and deprivation - both physical and spiritual. Should we not be telling these girls - for it is they who are left holding the baby - there is more to life than premature motherhood?

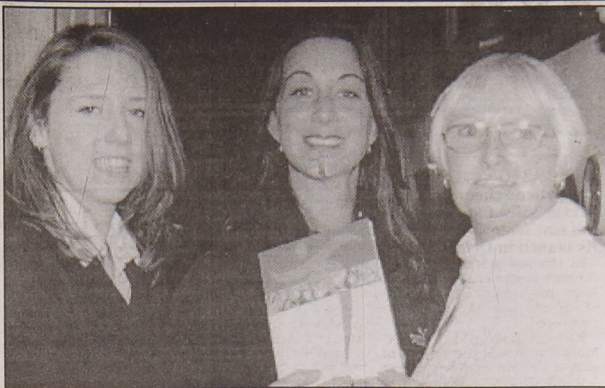
Where is the ambition? Where is the fire of adventure?

Women today have fantastic chances to lead wonderful lives. There is no need to be attached to the hearth so young. For that can come later. Thousands of girls are wasting their youth and verve on responsibilities they should not have.

And that is a tragedy.



GOODIES: Charlie Pope with a tray of Christmas treats



WINNER: from left, Hunters fitness manager Michelle Steele and reception manager Lisa Laurence with prize raffle winner Eleanor MacFadzean

PUPILS at St Peter's enjoyed festive fun at their Christmas fair last Friday.

Children made food for the day and sold their yuletide treats to friends and

family. There were lots of high-energy games and a prize raffle.

Hunters Health Club, which opens at the Metropole in the New Year,

donated £100 worth of free membership.

In total the club has donated £2,000 worth of two week club passes to 20 schools in Shepway.

Green stays in the dark

PLANS to light up Hythe Green have been shelved but could be revived later.

The row ended for now when Hythe Town Council finally bowed to pressure from opponents, who said no to the controversial proposals at two public meetings.

After the latest heated debate, last Thursday's full council meeting decided not to pursue the lighting scheme for The Green footpaths.

But members also backed an amendment that while wiring is being put in for approved lighting on a play area extra cables are

Light plans put on hold

introduce, but not activated.

This could enable a future council to light up the area, but full public consultation was promised first.

Cllr Chris Capon proposed the original motion not to proceed with lighting fearing opponents could cost the council £4,800 if they sought a referendum.

He said: "Those who were at the town meeting gave a message loud and clear that they don't want lights on The Green, to the point that ten

were going to call for a referendum."

But it was Cllr Capon who also suggested workmen should put in cables now in case a future council wanted to introduce lights.

Lighting supporter Cllr Keren Belcourt, a former resident of nearby St Nicholas Road for 20 years said: "I have walked across the area many times with my children and would have loved to have had lights there."

Cllr Wendy Harris said, despite the town meetings there were

many lights supporters. "This whole plan is about enhancing and improving The Green and developing it as an attraction."

Cllr John Spencer said most opponents did not have children. But he was accused of scaremongering when he warned law and disorder would increase. Cllr Spencer urged the council to consider the future safety of residents and introduce lighting while current works are in progress.

Cllr Bernard Sealy, dismissed crime fears saying the scheme would be a waste of money.

Mike Umbers, vice chairman of Hythe Civic Society, said he was delighted with the decision.

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EAST Kent has been given a total of more than £5.2 million to help the NHS and Social Services prepare for winter.

The Health Service was awarded nearly £750,000 which has been spent on:

● setting up the East Kent Bed Bureau to help get the right patients in the right level of care at the right time.

● providing extra patient transport and 25 extra beds of intermediary care at Buckland Hospital, Dover.

● providing physio and occupational therapy in accident and emergency departments and recruiting an extra 25 nurses.

Special funding of £1.6 million for critical care has provided four extra outreach beds and three new teams so seriously ill patients can be cared for on general wards.

More than £300,000 has been allocated to protect east Kent against a flu epidemic. The cash will extend the flu vaccine programme to include everyone aged over 65.

A FANTASTIC display of glittering Christmas lights adorning homes on Tram Road, Folkestone, have been attracting attention from passing motorists and pedestrians.

The flashing collection is the work of Andy and Debbie Bentley, Alex Jason and Pat and Roy Carter.

One dazzled passer-by said: "Cars have been stopping to look at the lights - they really are quite a display."

A JUMBLE sale in aid of the Hospice on the hill, Willesborough, will be held in Sellindge village hall on Saturday.

FORMER British prisoners of war held by the Japanese during the Second World War could be entitled to a single payout of £10,000 from the Government for their suffering.

The scheme is being handled by the War Pensions Agency. For more details call 0800 169 22 77.



Golfers get to grips with fund raising

GOLFERS at Etchingham Golf Club swung into action to raise nearly £3,000 for the Martha Trust home for people with learning difficulties.

Club captains Nazir Hosany and Mary Neale, pictured left, handed over the giant cheque to Graham Simmons of the Martha Trust at a prize giving dinner last Thursday.

The mighty sum of £2,000 was raised through matches and quiz nights. The club contributed the remainder.

Harvey and FSG take the titles

FOLKESTONE School for Girls and Brockhill Park enjoyed their usual battle in the Shepway Cross Country Championships with the FSG again coming out on top.

And the boys competition was this time won by the Harvey with Brockhill's boys also coming second.

Many of the better placed runners in these championships

After all the rain of late, the course was even more muddy than ever as our pictures by Jane Potter show!

Results (first 10 places only) — Girls Year Seven: 1. L. Stewart (Brockhill); 2. L. Howard (Folkestone School for Girls); 3. K. Carlton (B); 4. V. Pochin (B); 5. J. Worfor (B); 6. J. Norris (Pent Valley); 7. R. Aduy (FSG); 8. A. Sanders (FSG); 9. S. Walker (FSG); 10. G. Whiting (Channel).

Girls Year Eight/Nine: 1. D. Crispin (B); 2. S. Hanyas (FSG); 3. M. Parris (FSG); 4. K. Hill (B); 5. C. Hall (FSG); 6. S. Jones (PV); 7. S. Maytum (B); 8. E. Turnbull (FSG); 9. G. Smith (FSG); 10. S. Pickering (FSG).

Girls Year 10/11: 1. L. Fawke (FSG); 2. S. Dobrasky (Southlands); 3. V. Henderson (Channel); 4. J. Bentley (B); 5. L. Batchelor (FSG); 6. Z. O'Brien (B); 7. J. Carr (B); 8. A. Curwood (B); 9. L. McCrohan (FSG); 10. R. Glendening (PV).

Overall team result: 1. Folkestone School for Girls, 153 pts; 2. Brockhill Park, 176; 3. Pent Valley, 305.

Boys Year Seven: 1. S. Thompson (Channel); 2. T. Paton (B); 3. M. Harris (Harvey); 4. D. Dobrasky (Southlands); 5. J. Matthews (PV); 6. R. Atkins (H); 7. J. Green (C); 8. D. Richmond (H); 9. N. Pain (PV); 10. O. Crux (B).

Boys Year Eight/Nine: 1. B. Ransley (PV); 2. B. Lindsay (B); 3. C. Hill (B); 4. R. Glendening (PV); 5. J. Rowland (H); 6. R. Newman (H); 7. W. Dennis (H); 8. M. Andrews (B); 9. D. Jedrzewski (Harvey); 10. T. Harling (H).

Boys Year 10/11: 1. A. Welch (H); 2. T. Laing (H); 3. B. Murray (PV); 4. S. Whorlow (C); 5. R. McKelvie (H); 6. D. Harrison (C); 7. M. Wrenn (C); 8. M. Bates (B); 9. G. Watson (C); 10. P. Cable (C).

Overall team result: 1. Harvey, 158 pts; 2. Channel, 257; 3. Brockhill, 262; 4. Pent Valley, 330.



Pictures by JANE POTTER

Revenge so sweet as Filmer races in

Folkestone3
Eastbourne0

BY KURT STEPHENS

THE last game between these two sides saw Folkestone travel to Eastbourne to take on the then league leaders in the NPI Cup.

Regular readers will recall that, despite losing that particular battle, the boys from New Burlington Field played with such passion and determination that this league encounter was always going to be a game worth watching.

Right from the off, Folkestone set out their stall and pressurised their opponents to force a handling error that gave the home side a kick at goal.

With the wind in Folkestone's faces and blowing straight down the park, the kick was missed, but the gauntlet was well and truly down.

The 22 metre restart kick failed to lift the visitors' morale and they committed a further handling error through the pressure applied by Folkestone's pack.

In just two minutes played, Folkestone were dominating, leaving the visitors little option than to kick deep at every opportunity.

The first scrummage of the game set the tone up front with the referee awarding a penalty against Eastbourne's Terry

Cook for hooking early.

Chris Feist duly put the ball into touch for a Folkestone line out, but mysteriously the referee awarded the throw in to the visitors.

This poor refereeing continued throughout the game and spoiled what could have been a fast game, despite the conditions.

Luckily the Eastbourne pack failed to take the ball cleanly this time and justice was done as Folkestone came up with the possession.

Continued pressure from the home pac, particularly flanker Martin Ward, second row Mark Robinson and Number Eight Lee Jeffery paid dividends early, keeping Folkestone in opposition territory and forcing Eastbourne's forwards to pass the mantle over to their backs.

Unfortunately for them, none of them had told the visiting backs about the tackling prowess of centre Matt Filmer and Greg Spencer who were again on top form and put in some clattering tackles that prevented Eastbourne running with the ball and forced to resort to a wild drop goal attempt that fell a good 10 metres short.

Platform

There was further frustration for Eastbourne from Folkestone's front row of Darren Short and Bob Thompson who gave hooker Matt Roots the platform to steal several angles at the head.

That allowed scrum half Danny Barnes plenty of chance to run with fly half Marc

Spearpoint in support to kick over the head the defence and continually force them on the back foot.

But that is not to say that Eastbourne are anything other than a quality side which showed in their defensive ability to keep both wings, Lee Hollows and Simon Harris, out of the gal area with just feet between them and five points.

Keeping the ball alive, the home side continued to test Eastbourne's defence and eventually the predictable penalty saw flanker Dave Easby kick three points for Folkestone in injury time at the end of the first half.

The second period brought even more Folkestone pressure with 90 per cent of the rest of the game played in the Eastbourne half of the field.

With the visitors now making more mistakes tempers started to flare.

Folkestone knew then that they had won the motivational battle but with just three points on the board they could not afford to become complacent and turned the dial up to high.

With Folkestone driving towards the tryline at every opportunity, the visitors found they had little choice than to prevent the ball being legally and only the high winds prevented the home side kicking more points from the penalties that arose.

Eastbourne defended bravely, keeping substitute Jon Linden from the crossing the line and frustrating Hollows even further.

But Folkestone sensed their

pressure would eventually pay off and Filmer scooped up a lost ball, kicking over the defence to set up a ruck only metres from the line.

Another poor refereeing decision saw a penalty go to Eastbourne with only minutes left.

Their Number Eight forward Neil Burfield took a quick kick but passed wildly with Filmer pouncing and hacking downfield to open up the defence which he ran straight through to collect and score a magnificent unconverted try.

This win takes Folkestone further ahead of the bottom two in London South East Four with a trip to second bottom Park House this coming weekend offering the chance to stretch that gap even more.

Folkestone: D. Short (captain), M. Roots, R. Thompson, J. Elford, M. Robinson, D. Easby, M. Ward, L. Jeffery, D. Barnes, M. Spearpoint, S. Harris, M. Filmer, G. Spencer, L. Hollows, C. Feist. Subs: M. Root, J. Mills, J. Linden.

Results — East Kent League Three: Faversham 2nds 12 Folkestone 4ths 22.

Forthcoming Fixtures — Saturday, December 16 — London SE Four: Park House v Folkestone.

Kent Invicta League Two: Folkestone 2nds v Park House 2nds.

Friendly: Sheppey 2nds v Folkestone 3rds.

East Kent League Three: Folkestone 4ths v Whitstable 2nds (all kick off 2.15 pm).



UP HE GOES: Folkestone v Eastbourne

Results and Fixtures

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
London South East Four: Becclesham 23 Park House 13; Dunstonians 11 Bognor 3; Dartfordians 20 Heathfield 15; Folkestone 8 Eastbourne 0; Hove 28 Chichester 17.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
London South East Four: Chichester v Dartfordians; Eastbourne v Bognor; Heathfield v Dunstonians; Hove v Becclesham; Park House v Folkestone.

London Division 4 SE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Dartfordians*	8	8	0	0	276	66	14
Dunstonians	9	7	2	0	184	101	14
Bognor	6	4	2	0	156	81	8
Eastbourne	7	4	3	0	150	109	8
Becclesham	5	4	4	0	98	158	8
Heathfield B W	7	3	3	1	105	112	7
Hove	8	3	5	0	114	172	6
FOLKESTONE	7	2	5	0	104	185	6
Park House	8	1	7	0	99	208	2
Chichester*	6	0	6	1	62	158	1

* Dartford and Chichester forfeit two points each

Invicta League Two (Second XVs Merit Table)

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Tun Wells 2	6	6	0	0	148	31	18
FOLKESTONE 2	8	4	4	0	122	117	16
Dartfordians 2	5	5	0	0	193	18	15
Park House 2	5	4	1	0	99	84	13
Chilton Park 2	2	1	5	1	96	114	10
Westcombe Park 3	5	2	3	0	152	114	9
Dunstonians 2	5	2	3	0	72	134	9
Beccleshamians 2	3	0	3	0	40	72	2

East Kent League One

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
FOLKESTONE 3	6	4	4	0	95	164	16
Ashford 2	4	1	0	0	64	87	10
Thanet 3	5	2	3	0	95	68	9
Canterbury 3	5	2	3	0	92	92	9
Dover 2	4	1	5	1	96	114	10
Canterbury Exiles 1	3	2	1	0	70	47	7
Sittingbourne 2	3	2	1	0	66	55	7
Betheshanger 2	4	1	1	0	76	110	6
CANTERBURY 2	3	0	3	0	24	81	3

East Kent League Three

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
FOLKESTONE 4	7	4	3	0	139	123	15
Deal 2	6	3	2	1	104	118	13
Thanet 5	3	3	0	0	119	42	9
Sittingbourne 3	5	2	3	0	83	100	8
Ashford 4	5	2	3	0	39	68	9
Canterbury 5	4	2	2	0	75	45	8
Betheshanger 3	3	2	1	0	53	17	7
Faversham 2	5	1	4	0	41	127	7
Whitstable 3	2	1	0	1	65	25	5
Dover 4	3	1	2	0	44	78	5

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KENT INVICTA LEAGUE TWO

FOLKESTONE 2nd XV

PARK HOUSE 2nd XV

(ko 2.15 pm)

FOR OTHER FIXTURES, SEE ELSEWHERE ON THIS PAGE

Some
1962



Highlights
1983

- 1962 14 August: inauguration of THE SANDGATE PRESERVATION SOCIETY: shortly afterwards the name changed to THE SANDGATE SOCIETY. THE ROYAL KENT HOTEL, former coaching inn, demolished.
- 1964 Unsightly hoardings removed, and a pleasant Green established at the Eastern end of Sandgate - MILITARY GREEN
- 1965 SANDGATE EXHIBITION held at Chichester Memorial Hall.
- 1966 H.G. WELLS CENTENARY WEEK: events included Tree Planting, by Frank Wells, an Exhibition week, and a showing of H.G.Wells' films.
- 1967 Affiliation to the Civic Trust, and to the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies.
- 1968- Landslip studies - mainly Encombe. A proposal put forward for a "storm" path (Encombe to Wilberforce Road) but this was rejected by the Borough Council.
- 1969
- 1970 "History of Sandgate" by Mrs. Winifred Chaplin, published by the Society.
- 1971 CONSERVATION OF SANDGATE under consideration.
- 1972 KENT COUNTY COUNCIL Planning Committee visit Sandgate re CONSERVATION.
- 1972 15 March: TWO AREAS OF SANDGATE DESIGNATED CONSERVATION AREAS. Former Church of England Primary School received a 'Grading' Order. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER placed on School CEDAR TREE. Society carried out PRELIMINARY TREE SURVEY throughout Sandgate for Folkestone Council.
- 1973 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER placed on UNDERCLIFF TREES. SOCIETY GO TO COURT to save Footpaths 26 and 47 from closure.
- 1974 CONSULTATION with Shepway District Council on a Sandgate Study which will lead to an Informal District Plan for Sandgate.
- 1975 THE SOCIETY undertakes an appraisal of property within the two Conservation Areas for discussion with Shepway in connection with the Plan.
- 1976 PUBLIC ENQUIRY re proposed demolition of PART OF THE OLD SCHOOL ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE STATION CENTRE through good offices of KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
- 1977 SANDGATE SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE launched by the Society. OFFICIAL OPENING of OLD FIRE STATION - Sandgate Society H.Q. Chichester Memorial Hall has long awaited 'face-lift'.
- 1978 First Meeting of SANDGATE CONSERVATION AREAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SOCIETY undertake day-to-day Management of Chichester Hall.
- 1979 SOCIETY support SANDGATE YOUTH WEEKEND (I.Y.C.) THE SOCIETY undertakes to administer the CLOCK RESTORATION FUND for repair and refurbishment of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Clock.
- 1980 THE SOCIETY registered as a Charity. THE CLOCK restarted. THE SOCIETY arranged Public Meeting (with Hythe Civic Society) with Southern Area Water Authority - SUBJECT - "Pollution of Sea off Sandgate and Hythe".
- 1981 The proposed Storm Path (see 1968/9) now under consideration.
- 1982 SOCIETY (temporarily as it turns out) has to vacate Fire Station.
- 1982 Mounts small EXHIBITION to celebrate opening of new SANDGATE BRANCH LIBRARY on former JAMES MORRIS DWELLINGS Site.
- 1983 STORM PATH completed and OPEN. SOCIETY re-enters Fire Station, initially as 'caretakers'.

K.E.

1-6-00

Join in visit to the castle

THE Sandgate Society has organised a visit to Saltwood Castle on Wednesday, June 14.

The castle was once described by the late Alan Clark, the MP who used to live there, as "one of the loveliest places in the world to live."

It has a history of more than 600 years.

Those going on the trip will set off from Helena Corniche, Sandgate.

Anyone who would like to join them is asked to phone 01303 269069.

AND SOCIETIES...

THE SANDGATE SOCIETY

THE Sandgate Society's Millennium Year Garden Party was held at The Saga Pavilion last Saturday. In opening the event, Saga Holidays' Managing Director, Mr. Tom Wright welcomed approximately 150 members and guests who were entertained during the lunch, by an ensemble of keyboards and bass.

Guided tours of the ultra-modern buildings were arranged by Peter Lapham, head of Public Relations and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Reg Turnill, President of The Sandgate Society.

Sandgate Society's next event will be a Sea Festival and will take place on Saturday September 9 in Granville Parade.

Contact: Mr. Reg Turnill Tel: 01303 249012 or Geoff Gillett tel: 01303 269069.

AdSense

1-9-83

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STROKE OF GOOD LUCK

WHAT a lot I've got! Roger Joyce looks as though he's getting stuck in to a spot of home decorating.

But it's not Roger's Seabrook home that's getting a face-lift. The lucky building will be the former fire station in Sandgate High Street.

The Sandgate Heritage Trust convinced the Dulux paint company that its conservation project was worthy of an annual award — and received £500 worth of top coat, undercoat and gloss.

The Trust was one of 175 voluntary and charity groups to benefit from this year's Dulux Commu-

ity Projects Scheme.

The plan is to turn the 100-year-old building — formerly the local branch library — into a heritage centre, complete with museum.

The paint will go a long way towards the cost of the renovation. But the Trust has also launched an appeal for more funds to meet the final bill, expected to be several thousand pounds.

Picture by Gerry Whittaker.

**SANDGATE FIRE STATION
SANDGATE HERITAGE TRUST
THE SANDGATE SOCIETY**

As far back as 1855 Sandgate had a voluntary Fire Brigade. Its inefficiency was, however, the factor that made Sandgate start a campaign for a new fire engine and Head Quarters.

An appeal was launched with the support of Lord Pelham, Lord Radnor, and Baron Mayer de Rothschild among others. Even the Governor of the Bank of England, James Morris donated £50 which was added to the £150 collected from local people of Sandgate enabling them to purchase a new horse drawn fire engine.

In July 1883 a great bazaar was held at Encombe to re-establish the Sandgate Library and Reading Room and to provide permanent housing for the new fire engine.

Land next to the Providence Inn was deeded by two sisters, the Misses Reilly of Encombe for use as building ground for the Fire Station. By 1884, enough funds had been raised and a building was designed and erected by a local building Mr Waddell. In June of that year the Fire Brigade paraded through the town to take possession of their new engine room. The building included an engine room on raised tile floor, a spired tower for the alarm bell and on the 25th June, 1884 a beautiful reading room and library was opened on the first floor complete with elegant pine panelled walls.

The Reading Room vested in the Board of Trustees was later administered by the Sandgate Literary Institute and for many years the Local Board of Health was permitted to use it for their monthly meetings.

Ten years later in 1893 the Misses Reilly offered to build an extension consisting of a room at the rear of the engine room and a small room above as offices for the Board of Health Surveyor.

In 1904 the building was purchased by Sandgate Urban District Council. First, they had to get a loan of £650 since one of the sisters had died and a niece had inherited the estate.

In 1934 Sandgate Urban District Council was merged with Folkestone Borough Council who took control of the building. During the Second World War the Auxiliary Fire Service once again occupied the engine room. After the War the building fell into disuse. The former Reading Room now became a Public Library and the engine room was used temporarily as a bailiff's depot for seized goods.

In 1974 with the Local Government reorganisation the building passed to the K.C.C.

In 1976 the Sandgate Society was permitted to rent the engine room. In 1982 with the opening of a the new library on the site of the James Morris dwellings the Sandgate Society was given notice to quit to enable the K.C.C. to sell the building to the highest bidder.

At this point, Sandgate Heritage Trust Limited, a charitable body specially set up, finally succeeded in acquiring this historic building from K.C.C. at the stipulated open market price [£18,100.00].

The Trust took over the building in October, 1983. Ironically, the Sandgate community which had originally contributed to the erection of the Fire Station had now been required to raise funds again in order to buy it back.

In November, 1983 the Sandgate Heritage Trust launched an appeal to renovate the dilapidated building and sought help from grant making bodies. Famous people lent their names to the project including the Earl of Guildford, Sir John Betjeman, Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock, Alec McCowan, Sir William Deedes, Lt. Colonel R. Drake-Brockman, Mrs R E Greenwall, Dr Courtney Lendon and Mr Peter Fynmore whose grandfather, Lt. Colonel R J Fynore was Chairman of Sandgate Urban District Council for many years.

The first Chairman of the Sandgate Heritage Trust was Mrs L Rene Martin. She was succeeded by Mr Dennis Vorley who served for many years in this capacity until his death in 1996. The current Chairman is Mr R J Hudson.

The Sandgate Society referred to earlier was formed in 1962. Its founder members included Mrs Estelle Greenwall, Mrs L Rene Martin and Mr Dennis Vorley. It started when the Royal Kent Hotel (now Sir John Moore Court) was demolished.

The Society, in the absence of a Parish Council, serves as a forum for the whole community and to preserve its special identity as a village. It deals with conservation matters, road traffic, major new developments and the general enjoyment of a village including the organisation of social events.

The Sandgate Heritage Trust is the legal owner of the Old Fire Station and the only income it receives is from rents for the hire of the two rooms in the building. This does not provide a substantial income, but only really covers normal outgoings. When repairs are necessary this requires additional finance. We are a registered charity and if people wish they can covenant or gift aid their support. Further information can be obtained from:

Mr Rob Hudson,
telephone 01303-249124
or write to

The Sandgate Heritage Trust Ltd
51 Sandgate High Street
Sandgate
Folkestone
CT20 3AH



The 'Old Reading Room' shown above is located on the first floor and is available for hire. The room which is 27' long by 12'6" wide is equipped with tables and chairs to accommodate up to around 30 people. There is a small kitchen and toilet adjacent to the room.

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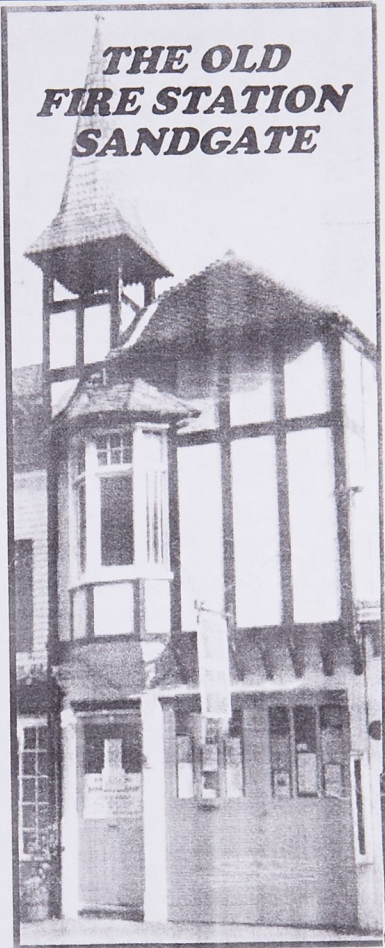
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THE OLD FIRE STATION SANDGATE



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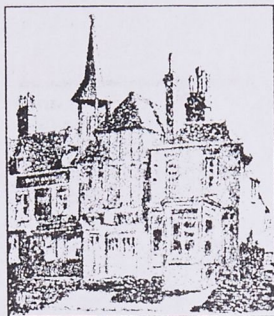
Tributes to Ruby Estelle Greenwall our founder and President

L

inda Rene-Martin writes:

She was a remarkable and somewhat formidable woman, without whose dedication and foresight Sandgate would have lost its essential character and identity and be very different today. *Totally committed herself. She inspired others to carry a big heavy load.*
Ruby Greenwall's love of Sandgate stemmed from pre-war, when she, her husband Boris and young son Anthony used to rent a Coastguard cottage during the school holidays. As a neighbour I know how much her family enjoyed the seaside life and the Sandgate air, which was beneficial for Boris, a veteran gassed in World War 1. After World War II Ruby and Boris established themselves more firmly in Sandgate, taking over the former premises of Humiley's, a military boot-maker, and setting up a tasteful stationers and gift shop.

Before that Ruby carried on her father's antique shop in Highgate, and from 1947 to the mid-sixties was a JP in North London. As time went by she transferred her choice stock of antiques to premises adjacent to the gift shop - now the Sandgate Antiques Centre owned by Jonathan Greenwall. Apart from the long-established Nordens' this was the only other antique shop in Sandgate. Then Ruby encouraged Freeman and Lloyd to set up their fine antique furniture shop in the High Street, and gradually others followed.



The Sandgate Society official headquarters since 1971 thanks to the initiative of Ruby Estelle Greenwall

Most members will already have heard of the death of our President, Mrs Ruby Estelle Greenwall, aged 89. As founder, chairman and life president, her story was also that of the Society; so we begin with two tributes to her.

Our Vice President writes:

The Sandgate Society was formed in 1962 mainly through the efforts of Mrs Greenwall, with the object of saving the Royal Kent Hotel from being destroyed. A number of local residents who shared Mrs Greenwall's strong opposition to the plan to destroy this lovely old coaching inn came forward to join the Society and take up the fight. I was one of them and became the Society's first Secretary with Mrs Greenwall as Chairman. Sadly we failed to save the Royal Kent, but a strong local amenity society had been formed, which during its 33 years' existence has done much in the interest of Sandgate.

Mrs Greenwall was a strong-willed lady who liked to have her own way and usually succeeded in getting it. Although well-respected by all of us on the Committee I must say we hesitated to oppose her except for very good reason. Sandgate meant everything to her, and she was tireless in her efforts for its good and tackling anything she considered to be to its detriment.

DENNIS VORLEY
Vice President



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inside...

The Victory Celebrations - a letter from Derek St Clair
From the Chairman / The Programme
Sandgate's Shops, Beach 'Nourishment', Vandalism
Membership & Questionnaire

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designed beautiful accessories for Harrods -

*Eve Hughes will remember
1984 founded the Sandgate Arts Club
1965 Sandgate Exhibition - David Parkinson*

Late (awful editing!)

Tribute to our President - Continued

(Continued from page 1)

Their frontages brought new colour to the village scene as other traders were sadly overtaken by the supermarkets.

Sandgate has always adapted its economy to changing times. From its origins in the shipbuilding industry in the 1780's, to a select Victorian watering place, and a centre for the Shorncliffe military it became, as it is today, the Antiques Centre for the south-east coast. Ruby Greenwall was the catalyst in this last development.

Post-war Sandgate - Folkestone's "forgotten colony" - was at the mercy of the old Folkestone Council and ruthless developers, and in 1962 Ruby mobilised the local support to start the Sandgate Society. This was too late, alas, to save the 18th century Royal Kent Hotel (formerly the New Inn) from demolition and unsightly redevelopment. But as the Chairman for the next 20 years Ruby was the staunch upholder and defender of Sandgate's interests, vigorously supported by Lola Lachlan (after whom the street adjoining the public library is named), Dennis Vorley, Charles Bryant, Alex

Todd, Alfred Penfold, myself, and many others anxious to preserve the charm and integrity of the village. If Ruby was tough, even abrupt, the outcome justified it all.

"Hopefully a new generation will cherish and continue Ruby Greenwall's legacy.."

For 15 years, Ruby's home at Aughrim House was also home to the Sandgate Society. Then came the great day in July 1977 when, on Ruby's initiative,

the Sandgate Society was able to hang up its sign and rent official headquarters in the ground floor Engine Room of the Old Fire Station, which had been empty for 10 years. Her long-term aim was to acquire the Public Library premises above, and turn it into a permanent museum or venue for the Sandgate community. That aim was realised in 1982 when the Library moved to newly-built premises and,

following a hard-fought battle, the specially-formed Sandgate Heritage Trust succeeded in raising funds to purchase the Old Fire Station from Kent County Council. Ruby was among a distinguished list of contributors.

Another signal victory, in the face of Folkestone opposition, came in 1972 when designated conservation areas and tree preservation orders were confirmed for our historic village.

Other campaigns included the control of noisy off-shore watersports, and measures to counter the effects of Encombe earth movement, which had been seriously reactivated in the 1960's as a result of irresponsible planning permissions. Another shining memory was the three-day event organised by Ruby to mark the Royal Silver Jubilee, when Sandgate won third prize in an "Illustrated London News" competition for the best decorated village.

Hopefully a new generation will cherish and continue Ruby Greenwall's legacy to Sandgate.

The Programme - forthcoming meetings - 7.30pm at Chichester Hall

and overzealous councillors
anxious to pull anything
down, build quick, build
cheap, build ugly was too
Don't watch
miss out

put
these 1995 dates
in your diary
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11 OCTOBER

My World of Sound With the BBC
Harold Rogers

8 NOVEMBER

Kent In Defiance of Napoleon
Mrs J Page

13 DECEMBER

Christmas Party
Details to be announced.

Members and visitors are welcome to attend.

Acknowledgements

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Linda
Rene Martin

♦♦♦



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In Memoriam



In loving memory of **KEITH LOTT**

Treasured Husband, father,
grandfather and great granddad.
21.2.41 - 26.4.12

We often sit and think about
the years that have passed by
And of the happiness and joy
That was shared by you and I.
So as we pause to remember,
Let us all fondly recall,
How much each of us loved you,
And how much you loved us all.

Sleep peacefully my love.
Loved forever, from us all. xxx

In Memoriam

In loving memory **Robert Dawson BATHGATE**



22/5/1935 - 23/4/2013

In tears we saw you
sinking,
we watched you fade away.
Our hearts were almost
broken,
you fought so hard to stay.
But when we saw you
sleeping,
so peacefully free from
pain,
we would not wish you
back
To suffer that again

Fondest Love always,
Julie xxxxx

CASE MUM (Bobby)

Ten years have gone by.
We miss you so much every
day
Lots of love forever
Angie, Josh, Brittany
XXXXXXXXXX

GWENDOLINE M DWYER (26.04.2004)

ALSO OUR MUCH LOVED DAD
HAROLD DWYER
31.12.1996
Gone are the days we used to
share, but in our hearts you
are always there.
The gates of memory will
never close, we miss you
more than anyone knows.
From your loving family



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In Memoriam

In loving memory **James Arthur GRIFFITHS**

25th April 2012.

Loving husband to
Doreen, father to Denise,
Mandy and Christopher.
Always in our hearts xxx

HILDA HOWARD

Mother and Grandmother
Loved and remembered
every day

In loving memory **BEVERLY HYHAM**

19.04.75 - 23.04.13
A beautiful, kind, brave girl.
You are and always will be
missed by your family and
friends.
Love from all of us
xxxx

In loving memory

Robert MACKINTOSH (BOB)

Passed away 29th April
2010, aged 83.
Beloved husband,
father, grandfather.

Gone are the days we used
to share, but in our hearts
you are here to stay, loved
and remembered everyday.

Loving Wife Rose
and Family
xxxxxxxxxx

SMITH Catherine Irene

26th April 2001. Memories of
a wonderful mum. Thinking
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so much. Love Lynn,
Malcolm, and family xxx

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Birthdays

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KAREN and KEVIN

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Mum, Dad, Lynn, Susan

and families xxx



Birthdays

Happy 30th Birthday



ROXY WILLIAMS (nee FLISHER)

You will always be my
princess
Lots of love
Mum
xx



In loving memory



CASE Muriel E.L.L. (BOBBY)

24th April

To my dearest wife and
soulmate, missing you so
much. A daily thought a silent
tear. Ten sad and lonely
years have gone by. Beautiful
memories we still have for which I am so thankful, for
the happiness and joys of the days, years gone by.
Always on my mind.
God Bless my love
Your loving husband Wally xxx

In loving memory

BATHGATE Robert (Bob)

22/5/1935 - 23/4/2013

Dad

God saw you getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you,
and whispered "come to me".
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands now rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the BEST.

Love and Miss you so much
Tina, Paul, Laura & Sophie

In loving memory

GERALD Stevens

28th April 1989

Treasured memories of a dearly loved and devoted
husband, dad and granddad.

Jo, Christopher, Nick, Andrew, Lesley, Lindsey
and grandchildren Harriet, Chloe and Harry.
Forever in our hearts and still sadly missed.

In loving memory

FARRIER Derek

Remembered with love,
now and always.

Lynda, Sarah, Julie, James
and families.



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Cherece

Lots of Love
Mum, Dad & Jayden

xxx

Happy Birthday



Aidan
Gavin

Lots of Love
Mum, Dad, Claire, Georgia,
Sean & Niamh xxx

★ 18th



Birthdays

Happy 50th Birthday



DAVID
COCKS

Half a century.
Who would believe it!
Love
Deb, Nat, Lee, Mel, Mandy
and Family
xxx



Happy 50th Birthday



DAVID
COCKS

50 years young!
Lots of love
Brenda, Paddy and Max
xxx



Anniversaries

Golden Anniversary

DOWSETT

CAROL & WARREN

Congratulations Mum & Dad, on your Golden

Wedding anniversary, 25/4/2014.

With much love, Hollie, Keith & Andi, Viletta.

Grandchildren Elin, Jonathan & Laura xx



Ruby Wedding Anniversary



Reed (nee Robson)
Alan and Sue

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East Kent Hunt spokesman Chris Lawson on the East Kent Sponsored Ride from Wye...

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On Saturday, 20 groups with their canine companions took part in the official dog walk over parts of the ten-mile course.

with Nicholas Onslow, a well-known naturalist and countryman from Canterbury, indulging his lifelong passion for wildlife, the countryside and the country way of life by providing an informative guide as the groups rambled through the Crundale valley and woods.

Sunday was horse and rider day, led by Alfie Vasser, huntsman of the East Kent Hunt.

the 390 participants enjoyed the breathtaking scenery around Wye and Crundale following a course across this beautiful stretch of Downland countryside.

With optional jumps for the more adventurous and ten miles of undulating grassland for those who merely wanted an enjoyable hack, there was something for everyone.

The charitable causes benefiting from this year's event were the MS Therapy Centre in Canterbury, Admiral Nurses for

Dementia, and the Kent and East Sussex Air Ambulance, who unfortunately were called upon to airlift one participant after a fall from her horse, once again displaying the very vital role the service plays in emergency situations throughout Kent.

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■ The East Kent Hunt trainer discussing point-to-pointing on our website at

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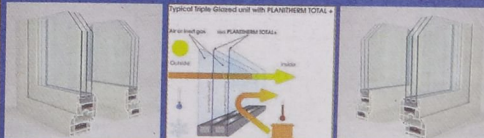
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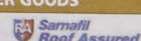


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PROUD OF ARTEFACTS: Sandgate Society member Bobby Allen with a wartime diary

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EVOCATIVE ITEMS: Details from the exhibition organised by the Sandgate Society, above and left, which will be on display to the public throughout 2014

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Sandgate's role in wartime revealed

Display tells tales of villagers' courage and sacrifice

By Antony Thrower

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YOUNG men from Sandgate who fought in the First World War have been remembered as part of a commemorative display.

The exhibition, arranged by members of the Sandgate Society, includes sketches made by serviceman Larman Luck while he was in the trenches, as well as photographs and recruitment posters.

There is also the Victoria Cross awarded posthumously to Sandgate soldier Cpl William Cotter, who showed "magnificent courage" when, with a leg blown off and both arms injured, he made his way to a crater, where he steadied his men, helped hold off an enemy attack and held his position for 14 hours.

Award

The 33-year-old died from his injuries, but lived long enough to learn he had been successfully recommended for the award.

Sandgate Society member Jill Partridge said: "We are proud of all the young men from the village of Sandgate who took part in the war, many of whom sadly did not return."

"There are photographs on display, along with a couple of bronze war plaques which were sent to families of those lost in the war."

"We also have many copies of the recruitment posters that were a very common sight at the time, also an insight into the role that women played on the home front during the war."

■ The display is available to see at the Old Fire Station in Sandgate for the rest of 2014.

SKETCHES OF TRENCHES: Soldier and artist Larman Luck





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Note for your diary:

The next Farmers' Market is
18th August.

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The biggest annual party of 'village folk'



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Linda René-Martin hands over the 'torch' of the presidency of the Sandgate Society to Euan Williamson at the Society's garden party last Sunday. The weather was mercifully fine for the duration and the event was described by one member as "the biggest annual party of 'village folk'". This is commendable and a great time was had by all. The departing

President and the new incumbent both gave inspiring speeches and we wish Euan all success in his new role as President and thank Linda for her unstinting efforts as she took the Society into its 50th anniversary year.

Once again Geoff Cane impressed with his creative, crusty, cherished pie making skills - a gastronomic and alliterative delight.

A wonderful time was had by all and I am sure more photographs will be published over the next few weeks.

**Don't forget: tonight (9th) at the Sandgate Parish Library at 7pm
Presentation by Quinn Estates on the proposal for the
redevelopment of the former Eversley College, Cooling Lane**



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RADIO ON THE WAVES



The Radio Caroline ship the Ross Revenge at Tilbury

Broadcasts at sea began 50 years ago

Simon Dee gave the first Radio Caroline broadcast on Easter Saturday, March 28, 1964, off Felixstowe.

Pirate radio, the unlicensed broadcasting from ships, was done from international waters, outside the legal limits of the time.

The Marine Offences Act 1967 finally made stations such as Caroline formally illegal from August 14 that year.

But a first significant step by the 'Establishment' to satisfy demand for pop music came with the start of Radio 1 on September 30, 1967.

Most of its first DJs, such as Tony Blackburn, had come from pirate stations.

Guy Hamilton now runs his own television airtime sales company, Zierler Media, which represents around 20 TV channels in the UK and Continental Europe.

Life as a pirate DJ was rarely smooth sailing

by Sam Lennon
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Being a pirate radio DJ was playing a major role in a historic era in music – but life could be grim.

Former DJ Guy Hamilton showed both sides of the coin during a talk to the Sandgate Society at Chichester Hall.

Bob Preedy, author of *Sandgate Since the Swinging Sixties*, explained: "He revealed that life on the ocean wave wasn't as glamorous as imagined.

"Jumping from ship to ship in a raging gale was a life or death experience. And once aboard the home comforts didn't exist.

Defiance

"A hard bunk-bed and a diet of baked beets and bottles of beer were rewards for such bureaucratic defiance."

Mr Hamilton, real name Gerry Zierler, has a mother, Bobbie Allen, who is a member of the Sandgate Society.

He was a pirate DJ in Radio Essex from July to December 1966 and then Radio 270 for



Local historian Bob Preedy, left, with former pirate radio workers, from left, Roger Scott, Dick Dickerson, Guy Hamilton, Mike Hayes and Andy Cadier

Picture: Roger Joyce

another three months. Mr Preedy said: "For Guy, out on the Radio Essex fort, a bounced cheque forced him to join a new station on a converted fishing trawler off Scarborough.

"Run by a supermarket owner it was soon filled with special offers for glamorous nylons and ads of the only shop in town with 'an automatic opening door'."

As a pirate DJ, Hamilton was

known as Wise Guy and his signature phrase to close a show was TTFN (Ta Ta For Now).

His talk came as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations for the birth of the station that started the pirate revolution in Easter 1964, Radio Caroline.

His audience included others from the pirate era.

These were Roger Scott, who was on Radio Essex from 1965,

Radio 270 DJ Mike Hayes, engineer Dick Dickerson and Folkestone DJ Andy Cadier (real name Martin Kayne).

He was based on Radio 355, usually anchored in the Thames Estuary.

Folkestone in the Sixties also became the base for three pirate operations. King Radio, Radio Invicta and Radio 390 all had offices in the town.

OUTSIDE CONTROL

Pirate radio was brought in to circumvent the monopoly of the BBC record companies' control of airplay and the precious little music being broadcast for the growing teenage market.

Mr Preedy explains: "Up to this point the BBC was strangled by restrictive practices from musicians and record companies, which allowed only a tiny proportion of airtime for the playing of what were then called gramophone records.

"What came from the BBC was a sequence of tepid cover versions but not the actual vinyl 45rpm discs you bought in record shops.

"Radio Luxembourg was so tightly controlled by the major labels so Jimmy Saville's Teen & Twenty Disc Club for instance played barely a minute of each title – with the sole aim of forcing you to spend the six shillings and four pence (31.7p) to hear the complete version.

"The pop pirates at sea outside the three-mile limit didn't have to worry about such matters and gaily broadcast whatever they wanted with no royalty payments.

"Today on national Radio 1 and Radio 2 the BBC pays a copyright fee of £100 per disc played."

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MAKING A SPLASH: Sandgate hit the headlines in 2006, when Dave the Dolphin took up residence

From swinging sixties to Dave the Dolphin

By Chris Murphy

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THE swinging 60s was a time of sexual liberation, an iconic period of new music and fashion – and big changes in Sandgate, near Folkestone.

Author Bob Preedy has long been fascinated by the genteel nature of the suburb and has focused on life there for his new book, *Sandgate Since the Swinging Sixties*.

He said: "The book chronicles the development of the village since the formation of the Sandgate Society in 1962.

"One of the topics includes the castle history, which lay in ruins after a massive storm in 1949. In 1974, the then-owners embarked on a 14-year restoration programme.

"The coastal village of Sandgate has always been wary of the elements. Landslips over the centuries have mercilessly destroyed houses, while the waves have battered any buildings enjoying an English Channel view."

The Sandgate Society was originally formed to save the Royal Kent Hotel, but amazingly councillors in Folkestone thought its demolition would improve the village, said Mr Preedy.

He said one councillor, a Mr JC Hughes, suggested the inhabitants would then realise they lived near the sea.

He continued his onslaught saying: "If we wait a little longer, the rest will fall by decay. Sandgate? Pull it down and start afresh! That's what I call future planning."

Also in the book is the tale of two beautiful estate houses which also disappeared over the

years. Enbrook house, now replaced by the Saga building, was demolished in 1993, while the stunning Encombe estate bravely battled floods and earthslips, but was eventually beaten by a mysterious fire in 1978.

Mr Preedy said: "The interlinked lives of former local MPs provide a fascinating insight into the concept of preserving wealth by good marriage.

"MP for Hythe and Folkestone, Sir Edward Sassoon, married a relative of Mayer de Rothschild. From the marriage, their son Philip Sassoon, used his inheritance to build Port Lympne – home to much gaiety during the roaring 20s.

"Since the 17th century the Radnor dynasty has held tremendous influence over Sandgate and Folkestone. The story of their move from the Manor House on the Leas to the secluded Cliff House at the end of Radnor Cliff reveals an era of gracious living now long forgotten."

Also gone, but fondly remembered, was a major tourist attraction off the Sandgate beach.

Dave the Dolphin became a real sensation in 2006, but by the following year she was injured and quietly left our shores.

Mr Preedy added: "Sandgate might not

have been a centre for the 60s swingers, but village life since 1962 has often reverberated at the tempo of rock 'n' roll – distorted by the power of developers and the deep blue sea."

Sandgate Since the Swinging Sixties includes more than 100 never-before-published photos.

It is priced at £5.99 and is available every Saturday morning from the Sandgate Society, 51 High Street, Sandgate, and can be ordered through bookshops.

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MEMBERS of the Sandgate Society enjoyed an informative talk from Mr Trevor Greening, Controllor of Technical and Planning Services for Shepway District Council, on cuts in expenditure and their effect on development and building locally at the Chichester Hall.

Mr Greening explained the difficulties of maintaining standards in all services on a reduced budget and with fewer staff and detailed ways in which economies had been achieved without reducing standards.

Mr Richard McCarthy, Group Architect, discussed the allocation of funds to meet the most pressing needs and to achieve the best possible results in new building and maintenance of existing stock.

Of particular interest to Sandgate was his reference to the local library, which is to be completed in the cur-

rent financial year.

Slides of council housing schemes showed many safe pedestrian walkways and highlighted the imaginative softening of landscape by trees and ground cover.

Replies to questions showed that paper salvage continues to be marginally economic and that constant thought is given to the most economic

use of limited funds in all areas.

The council was congratulated on the prompt response to the emergency in Sandgate resulting from the recent storms.

The next meeting on February 10 features a film and talk on the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion, by Major J. Rose.

HERALD 19.2.82

Sandgate

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AT A well-attended meeting of the Sandgate Society on February 10 Major John Rose of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment described the life of a recruit accepted for a year's training in the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion at Shorncliffe Camp, where he is Second-in-Command and chief instructor.

By detailing briefly his own life in the Army, Major Rose outlined the career open to young men of the right calibre.

Informative slides indicated the lead-up to intake for these special trainees (up to about 700 a year) and the reasons why some fail to meet

the high standards required, even after selection from a large number of applicants.

After questions, a recently completed film packed with incident showed the daily life of a potential leader from strenuous military training, including climbing and a 72-hour trek, down to routine chores.

In the film appreciative remarks from the trainees alternated with the occasional frank critical comment.

As well as basic education the course includes a wide range of hobbies, sport and games aimed at achieving the physical and mental fitness required for future responsibility and, eventually, the ability to teach others.

In voicing warm thanks on behalf of the members for an illuminating evening the hope was expressed that there could be closer communication between Sandgate village and Shorncliffe Camp to their mutual benefit.

The annual meeting of the society will be held at the Chichester Hall on March 10.

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Sandgate ^{30/4/82}

THE STORY of The Space Train was the subject of a first-hand account by Mr Reginald Turnill, the writer and broadcaster, at a meeting of the Sandgate Society in the Chichester Hall on 14/4

Mr Turnill, who had returned only a few days before from observing the third launching of the space shuttle, gave a cogent review of the work at Cape Canaveral, its problems, setbacks and achievements.

The plans for a succession of missions in the years ahead and the scientist's hopes of increasingly valuable developments were also outlined.

Questions showed the lively interest of the audience ranging from the highly technical to enquiries about food and airsickness (which can be avoided by aerobatic training).

After some discussion of defence, emphasis was laid on the predominantly peaceful aspect of the work to date and on benefits already derived in the field of communications.

Experiments are planned in many areas, including growing plants for food.

A research worker in the University of Kent at Canterbury is including the problem of pollution in his studies.

Mrs Margaret Turnill takes a very active part, as photographer and projectionist, in her husband's work, and slides from her excellent photographs brought life at Cape Canaveral vividly home to the audience.

The Sandgate Society's annual Cheese and Wine Party will be held on May 12.

Not as sent in

Sandgate ^{31/5/82}

A CHEESE and wine party of the Sandgate Society on Wednesday was a very enjoyable occasion.

A warm welcome was given to local councillors and new members and the Chichester Hall, transformed by beautiful flower arrangements and the attractive tombola display, had its usual magnetic appeal.

The success of the evening was due to the planning and background work of the committee and a small band of helpers who work so hard before these events to ensure a happy time for all.

18-6-82

Sandgate

A LARGE audience of members and friends of the Sandgate Society was addressed last Wednesday by Mrs Linda Rene-Martin, now the wife of Dr. Jack Grobstein, who has campaigned for many years to conserve this area and is known for her contributions to Country Life and Kent Life on matters affecting Sandgate.

The theme of her illustrated talk was Sandgate 1812-1855 through the eyes of William Wilberforce and John Gough.

With the aid of slides dating back to 1806 and quotations from Wilberforce's letters and diary, Sandgate emerges in 1812 as a picturesque hamlet "with a library, a warm bath and other appendages ... one of the creations of modern English opulence."

In the intervals of his anti-slavery campaigns Wilberforce visited Sandgate with his family.

Though enchanted with the surrounding he was shocked to find "no church or chapel, not even a Sunday School" and so he campaigned also in this area for education and a return to religion.

With publicity from the Kentish Chronicle and aided by the Earls of Darnley and Radnor the first schools were instituted, a Methodist Church was built and also a Chapel of Ease, replaced in 1849 by St Paul's Church.

Fanny Burney, wife of General d'Arblay, describes in a letter "the real and great honour" of meeting Wilberforce after church in Sandgate and their walk round the ramparts and Martellos and discussion of the Napoleonic wars.

Unlike Wilberforce, John Gough was born in Sandgate, close by the castle to poor parents who sent him to America while still a boy in the hope of better prospects.

There poverty and hardship drove him to drink but, reformed by Quaker and other influences, he became a powerful temperance speaker.

In 1853 the National Temperance League invited him to tour England; thus after 25 years he returned to his

much-loved native village, finding many changes — "a large National School in front of our house" — but much as he remembered it.

The National School now houses the Sea Cadets in Castle Road and in 1866 a school endowed by James Morris was built opposite St Paul's Church.

During several visits to Sandgate Gough addressed temperance meetings, one being presided over by the caricaturist George Cruikshank whose cartoons highlighting drunkenness were already known.

In 1879 Gough laid the cornerstone of the Gough Coffee Tavern, witnessed by an enthusiastic audience and was presented with an inscribed silver trowel.

This interesting talk explained why in 1900 Sandgate Urban District Council decided to mark the centennial year by renaming two roads — Chapel Street became Wilberforce Road and Mill Lane became Gough Road.

17-9-82

Sandgate Society

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THE Sandgate Society enjoyed a stimulating and informative talk last Wednesday from Miss Anita Heath, deputy head of Downsmead School. The children attending this school are slow learners, some with emotional and behavioural problems and a few suffering from physical disabilities such as epilepsy or muscular dystrophy.

After explaining some of the reasons why these children need a special school, Miss Heath described the varied methods used and the flexibility of approach needed

to try to solve these problems while basic education begins.

The curriculum covers a wide range of interests including learning through play, handicrafts, cookery, woodwork, caring for pets, outings of local interest and further afield.

Careful thought is given to encourage confidence and co-operation in work and play as a beginning to a happy and useful life.

Helpers are needed for one-to-one activities, especially in the early stages of adjusting to new situations and companions. Excellent slides added to the interest in the talk.

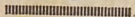
The next meeting will be on October 13 when Mr Keith Freeman will present Going for a Song, an opportunity to bring treasures along for assessment.

The Society has had an encouraging response to an appeal for contributions to the Flowerbed Fund. Under this scheme the council has already produced a colourful display in the horse trough near the Sandgate War Memorial.

Unfortunately the first planting of nasturtiums was vandalised, not by humans but by black fly. However, the council speedily replanted with French marigolds, a great success.

HERALD 29.10.82

Sandgate



HEAVY rain did not deter many of the Sandgate Society members from attending the Sandgate version of Going for a Song at the Chichester Hall last Wednesday.

The donation list for the Flowerbed Fund was available for those who had not yet had an opportunity to contribute.

The chairman opened the meeting by reading a report from the Steering Committee stating that satisfactory progress is being made in the acquisition of the Old Fire Station and it is hoped that a Charitable Trust will soon be formed.

He gave a brief history of the building going back to the time when it was presented to the people of Sandgate.

He then introduced Keith Freeman and Robin Lloyd, antique dealers, who had

undertaken to describe and assess articles brought by members of the audience. A display cabinet containing precious objects belonging to the presenters set the scene for a most enjoyable evening.

Although Keith and Robin specialise in clocks and antique furniture, their wider knowledge was apparent in their ability to describe and assess a wide variety of treasures in silver, copper, bronze, pottery and glass.

Only once did they appeal for help when specialist knowledge of numismatics was needed and readily forthcoming from our chairman.

It was agreed that the combined efforts of Keith Freeman, Robin Lloyd and members had all contributed to a happy evening.

The next meeting will be on November 10 when Mrs Ann Nevill, MA, will give a talk illustrated by slides on Later Victorian Sandgate 1866 Onwards.

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Going for a song...



THERE were many items Going for a Song in Sandgate on Wednesday night.

Local people turned out their attics, digging deep into their family heirloom boxes to find objects of interest.

For conservation watchdog group, the Sandgate Society, organised an evening in which two local antiques dealers gave their valuation services free of charge.

More than 50 people turned up at the Chichester Hall, Sandgate, carrying an assortment of antiques.

Mr Keith Freeman and Mr Robin Lloyd, partners in the Sandgate-based Freeman and Lloyd business, took time to

chat about each item, estimating dates and giving an approximate value.

One of the most interesting pieces was a set of brass Victorian postal scales, owned by Mr Dennis Vorley, chairman of the Sandgate Society.

Mr Vorley is pictured, right, showing his treasured scales to Mr Freeman, left, and Mr Lloyd.

He also took along an ancient Greek coin believed to date from 450 B.C.

Mr Lloyd described the evening, carried out on the same lines as the old and popular television programme Going For A Song, as a great success.

Mrs. Nevill
Later Victorian
Sandgate 1866 onwards.

Report by
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**Sandgate and its
good old days**

DAYS when Sandgate was prosperous and flourished with its own railway line, fire brigade and lifeboat service were remembered last week.

Chichester Hall, Sandgate High Street, was packed for a journey back to the late Victorian period by Mrs Ann Nevill.

Her talk touched on many aspects of Sandgate life in the "good old days."

The talk, organised by the Sandgate Society, dealt with the village and its environment, plus its "personalities"

Main topics dealt with were the local school, Enbrook House and its grounds, the voluntary fire brigade service and the old railway line.

The next event on the society's programme is a Christmas wine evening on Wednesday, December 8.

● Mrs Nevill gave a similar talk to members of Hythe's Civic Society at the Canon Newman Hall, Dental Street, Hythe, on Thursday evening.

Sandgate Society

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17-12-82

BEFORE getting down to the serious business of the evening, a talk on the appreciation of wine, the chairman of the Sandgate Society reminded members that 1983 marks the centenary of the old fire station and this will be suitably celebrated.

He then introduced Mr Maurice Higgins, recently retired from a managerial position in the wine trade with Peter Dominic, and he described the process of producing wine from grapes in the country of origin.

White, rosé and red wines were sampled and appreciated by the audience and capped by a final sample of rum flavoured with coconut, a novel ending to a convivial evening.

The next social meeting on January 12, will be an illustrated talk by Mr John Naylor, President of the Fed-

eration of British Astrologers, entitled What the Stars Foretell.

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WHAT the Stars Foretell was the title of the talk given by Mr John Naylor, president of the Federation of British Astrologers to members of the Sandgate Society.

Despite the oft-repeated quotation "the fault ... is not in our stars but in ourselves" Mr Naylor disagreed with the doctrine of free will.

He sought to establish the relationship between the planets and human experience, basing his judgments on continuing studies dating back to earliest records, notably in China.

He argued that a large body of evidence indicates that mundane, financial and other affairs are affected by the conjunction of the planets and that the rise and fall of nations is influenced by planetary cycles.

The next meeting of the Society will be on February 9 when films will be shown on the role of the National Trust, featuring famous houses and gardens, and Acorn Camps showing the Junior Division of the National Trust at work and play.

Mr Stokes, chairman of the National Trust East Kent Centre, will introduce the films.

National
Trust films

Sandgate

5/2/83

KIPLING might have been proud of the triumph 'gainst disaster of Sandgate Society members who braved the icy pavements to enjoy a delayed viewing of National Trust films.

Chairman, Mr Vorley, expressed gratitude to councillors for their support on the much-needed refurbishing now under way at Chichester Hall and welcomed Councillor and Mrs Hamer to the meeting.

Members were fortunate also that Mr Byrne, a member of Shepway Divisional Youth Team, gave expert help as projectionist of the films.

Miss Hornsby, vice-chairman, explained briefly the aims of the National Trust not only to preserve Britain's natural heritage for future generations, instancing Enterprise Neptune, but also to restore beautiful buildings, a notable example being Bath Assembly Rooms.

The first film showed famous houses and lovely gardens such as Sissinghurst, created by Victoria Sackville-West, which all can enjoy.

We are fortunate in Kent in having the grandeur of Knole House, Sevenoaks, and charming Smallhythe Place, the home of Dame Ellen Terry.

Work was the main theme of the second film A Job To Be Done showing how young supporters give voluntary help in Acorn Camps on National Trust properties.

Miss Hornby said that life membership of the trust could be donated to a young relation at a cost of only £200, a gift that could bring rich rewards for a lifetime.

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(I was ill)

Sandgate

12.4.83

MEMBERS and friends of the Sandgate Society last week enjoyed a conducted tour of some of Kent's historic sites and loveliest countryside — all without leaving the confines of the refurbished Chichester Hall.

Their guide was Mr Chris Wade, a public paths officer of the County Council, and his subject was The Saxon Shore Way, one of the long-distance footpaths of the region.

Named after the Saxon Shore forts built by the Romans as a defence against Saxon pirates, the path follows the coast of Kent for 140 miles.

It divides conveniently into day-walks of various lengths, from 12 to 20 miles.

Mr Wade took his hearers along nine of these walks, with the aid of coloured slides, from Gravesend to Rye — from the Hoo Peninsula, the Medway Marshes and the creeks of the Swale to Faversham, Sandwich and the Channel ports.

On the way Mr Wade paid tribute to the part played by the voluntary organisations of the Kent Rights of Way Council, with the warm support of the county and district councils and the assistance of the Countryside Commission, in making the project possible.

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THE SANDGATE SOCIETY
1962 — 1983

21st CELEBRATION DINNER

at the
Masonic Hall, Sandgate
on
Saturday, 7th May 1983
7.30 for 8 p.m.

Tickets £6.50

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South Kent Gazette

Society born to fight for preservation



TOP TABLE guests and officials at the Sandgate Society's 21st birthday dinner, left to right, Mrs Emily Lawrence, Mrs Marjorie Vorley, Captain Wilfred Lawrence, Mrs Estelle Greenwall, Mr Anthony Swaine, Mrs Gwen Jacques, former Councillor John Jacques, Mrs Mollie Hornsby (vice-chairman), Mr Dennis Vorley (chairman), Mrs Betty Hamer and Councillor Eric Hamer.

A BATTLE to prevent the demolition of a former coaching inn more than 21 years ago saw the birth of a special society.

Despite losing the fight to save the historic Royal Kent Hotel at Sandgate, that society has flourished.

And last Saturday more than 100 guests and members of the Sandgate Society held a celebratory 21st birthday dinner at the Masonic Hall, Sandgate.

President Mrs Estelle Greenwall said the society has come a long way since it was formed to try and stop the demolition of the hotel in 1962.

Special guest at the dinner was architect Mr Anthony Swaine, who gave tremendous support to the people

of Sandgate in that fight, she said.

And over the years Mr Swaine, a fellow of the Society of Antiquarians, has kept in touch with the work of the group, although he is a very busy man involved as a conservation consultant on international as well as national levels. He has been a tower of strength to the society, Mrs Greenwall added.

Throughout the years the society has been involved in all matters relating to the conservation and preservation of Sandgate.

It published a History of Sandgate, written by Mrs Winifred Chaplin, in

1970, managed to get parts of the "village" designated as conservation areas, held numerous exhibitions and even went to court to save footpaths in Sandgate.

In 1977 it took on the day-to-day management of the local Chichester Hall and two years later promoted a campaign to raise money for the restoration of the Queen Victoria clock at the hall.

The society was registered as a charity in 1980 and in that year it got together with the Hythe Civic Society to arrange a public meeting with the Southern Water Authority to discuss the pollution of the sea.

Its biggest battle in the last few years has been to keep the historic Old Fire Station in Sandgate High Street as an amenity for the people of the area.

The building was used as a headquarters and museum for the group since 1977.

But owners Kent County Council decided to put the building out to tender after the local branch library moved from the building into new premises in 1982. The society was asked to leave the building.

A passionate fight was on

By GILL GOSLING

Channel
Swimming

Local
Amenity Societies 23/9/83

Sandgate

THAT swimming the Channel is not an easy option came over crystal clear in the informative talk given to the Sandgate Society last Wednesday by Mr Raymond Scott, chairman of the Channel Swimming Association.

This association was formed in 1927 after a "hoax" claim intended to show how easy it had been previously to fake a crossing. Strict rules and vigilant supervision by special observers now ensure authentic crossings which truly merit the world-wide interest and acclaim they receive.

So far this year 50 contenders are in the field but the average success rate is one in ten. Out of 2,800 aspirants only 244 have succeeded though there have been many honourable failures.

An outstanding success is Mike Read, a polo victim and one-time asthma sufferer, who has achieved the crossing 25 times. Of special interest were sponsored swims by Dr Christopher Stockdale in 1977 and 1981 which raised £37,000 for dialysis units.

The hazards of the swim between Shakespeare Cliff, Dover, and Cap Griz Nez include adverse winds and tides, sudden fog, cramp, massed seaweed and jelly fish, not overlooking passing shipping!



THE First Greenwall Lecture of the Sandgate Society, entitled Local Amenity Societies: Town and Village Trustees, was given in the Chichester Hall by Mr Arthur Percival of the London headquarters of the Civic Trust.

The chairman explained it has been decided to institute

an annual Greenwall Lecture in honour of Mrs Greenwall, who founded the society in 1962 and continues as president.

Mr Vorley then introduced Mr Percival, whose great interest in conservation, and who has advised and encouraged the Trustees of the Sandgate Heritage Trust, now on the threshold of completing the purchase of the Old Fire Station.

Mr Percival gave a most informative talk on the role of the Civic Trust which undertakes at national level what amenity societies try to achieve locally, that is, to mould public attitudes so that towns and villages retain their identity but do not resist change which is necessary and desirable for their communities.

Slides illustrated delightful preserved areas as well as desirable and undesirable developments.

The Civic Trust upholds high standards of environmental management and encourages local efforts in imaginative conservation.

Mr Percival mentioned the diverse work of the Civic Trust through an award scheme, the one that cannot find money to work at Hill House.

But the society has pulled in three in April to do much more of the property were of the new Housing Society's 1 Bartonnew Street, Hymn.

Sandgate Society

AT THE monthly meeting of the Sandgate Society the chairman announced that the purchase of the Old Fire Station by the Sandgate Heritage Trust has been satisfactorily completed.

He then introduced Mr D. A. R. Shaw, Regional Organizer of the RSPCA, who outlined the aims of the society with special reference to the prevention of suffering in animals, whether caused wilfully or through ignorance and neglect.

He described the training and work of their inspectors and the need for skill and courage in dealing with injured animals and for a tactful approach to owners in cases of suspected cruelty.

A detailed knowledge of the law is an important part of the training, enabling inspectors to investigate complaints, if necessary through the courts.

Consultation with veterinary surgeons is essential and voluntary helpers are encouraged. The necessity of having dogs and cats spayed or neutered is not always appreciated by the public, as evidenced in part by the scandal of animals abandoned daily by our animal loving population.

minutes later the horses were harnessed and within ten minutes were at the station, four men were at the station, four in three minutes all the gave them a surprise test. their president Lord Pelham only more efficient because The new bridge were obvious reading room for the local library club

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Herald Sub-Editor

Sandgate Society

BUILDING in Harmony attracted a large audience to the meeting of the Sandgate Society in the Chichester Hall last Wednesday. Before introducing the speaker, the chairman, Mr Vorley, paid a warm tribute to Mrs M. L. Lachlan who is retiring as secretary because of ill health and thanked her for many years of devoted service to the Society.

He welcomed Mrs Joam Thompson as her successor. Mr George Perkin, editor of Concrete Quarterly, gave an illustrated talk on modern buildings where concrete had been incorporated in many attractive forms.

Mr Perkin said Britain was coming out of the disastrous tower block era and showed developments where the environment had been respected and a sensitive relationship established between old and new buildings.

The slides covered a wide area from Dubai to Venice, Amsterdam to Bruges, and then to London.

Stress was laid on the desirability of housing complexes to include a cross-section of rich and poor, young and old, thus avoiding ghettos.

The next meeting of the Sandgate Society is on December 14 when Mr O'Neill will describe how the SS Great Britain was recovered from the Falklands and brought back to Bristol.

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AT THE meeting of the Sandgate Society last Wednesday, chairman, Mr D. G. Vorley, expressed the society's sadness at the death of secretary, Mrs Lachlan, who had devoted so much time and care to Sandgate.

As a tribute and to perpetuate her memory, an anonymous friend has donated gilt-edged securities so that two Lola Lachlan Prizes may be awarded annually to Sandgate children in artistic and literary competitions.

Mr Vorley also paid a warm tribute to Mrs Winifred Chaplin, who has retired as the society's archivist after many years of devoted work; her booklet on Sandgate has been widely read. Members are fortunate that Mrs Ann Nevill has agreed to undertake the work as archivist.

The chairman then welcomed architect Mr Anthony Swaine, who has given expert advice to the society from the time of its formation in 1962. Mr Swaine expressed his pleasure at being invited to give the Second Greenwall Lecture. His subject was the care of historic buildings and slides ranging from Stonehenge to the Parthenon showed the devastating effect of pollution on beautiful buildings and showed modern methods of repair and reconstruction, including the use of plastic cladding and fibreglass.

As well as the care of buildings Mr Swaine stressed the need for preservation of the skyline, where the National Trust had been invaluable, and the skilled care of trees. Illustrations of Faversham buildings before and after restoration were of particular interest to members.

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Sandgate Society 23/4/84

THE Sandgate Society was fortunate that County Councillor Tony Talman and District Councillors Poll, Hamer and Pratt were available to discuss matters affecting Sandgate after the annual meeting on Wednesday, March, 14.

Question time, presided over by the chairman Mr Vorley, ranged over town schemes in a Conservation Area such as Sandgate, provision of car parks and adequate signposting, damaged roads and uneven pavements, the possibility of reviving the Conservation Area Advisory Committee and dog and litter nuisance.

It is hoped to provide a bottle bank at a central point. Confirmation was given that the road at the side of the new library is to be named Lachlan Way, in memory of the Society's late secretary.

At the business meeting, Mrs Olive Dickinson and Mrs Audrey Russell were elected to fill vacancies on the committee and treasurer. Mr C. Bryant was re-elected.

After presenting the accounts Mr Bryant explained re-occupation of the Old Fire Station involving rent and rates plus other usual expenses meant increased income and it was agreed the minimum subscription in 1985 should be £2 for a single person and £3 for a married couple. Membership is now 369.

Plans for centenary celebrations of the Old Fire Station and former Reading Room in June include the display of a 1906 Fire Engine.

All learned with regret that Mr Vorley, a founding member of the Society, decided to retire from chairmanship and from committee at the end of year.

The next meeting of the Society will be on April 11 when the Rev A. H. G. will give an illustrated talk around the Weald.

Sandgate

A CAPACITY Society audience heard Sandgate Society chairman Mr Vorley open the meeting on a sad note when he paid tribute to the work of Mrs Winifred Chaplin, who died in hospital four days earlier.

Mrs Chaplin, a well-known figure in Sandgate, had for many years been the society's archivist and he expressed a warm appreciation of her work, saying how much she would be missed by friends in the society and the village.

Mr Vorley then said how much pleasure it gave him to welcome the Rev Alan Gibson, who was the Vicar of St Paul's, Sandgate, until his retirement.

The theme for the evening was Around the Weald and Mr Gibson gave an illustrated account of a journey from Bethersden to Edenbridge.

Travelling by train, bus, bicycle and on foot, always with his camera, he had been able to build up a fascinating picture of the countryside and villages of the Weald as they are today and as they were in the past.

His obvious love of the area combined with his enthusiasm and detailed knowledge of the history and geology of the area, resulted in a most interesting talk ranging from the stately beauty of Slingshurst and Haver, the charm of typical Wealden villages, to the various visitors of the remaining forests of the Weald and included a fascinating account of the farming cycle in the area from Anglo-Saxon times to the present day.

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Reported by Mrs. Russell

The audience enjoyed the lovely pictures of the Wealden churches. The importance of the Iron Industry to Lamberhurst and the woollen industry to Cranbrook were beautifully illustrated, as was the endearing charm of the villages such as Tenterden, Biddenden and Smarden and towns such as Tunbridge Wells.

Mr Gibson provided a delightful tour of the local area and made everybody very aware of the importance of such a heritage.

The meeting was closed by Miss M. Hornsby, who warmly thanked him for such an interesting evening and reminded members the next meeting would take the form of a buffet supper to be held at Chichester Hall on Wednesday, May 9.

Sandgate Society

CHICHESTER Hall was full almost to overflowing for the Sandgate Society's supper party last Wednesday.

Honest talk and wholesome wine added to delicious food and attractive flower arrangements provided a relaxed and happy time for all. Our amateur bar tenders gave efficient and cheerful service.

Once again we welcomed the opportunity to talk with councillors and their wives to get to know new members.

Sandgate Society

WHAT better way to commemorate the life's work of Folkestone's famous son, Dr William Harvey, than by giving his name to a hospital serving East Kent?

On Wednesday, June 13, the

work of the William Harvey Hospital was described with the aid of slides to an involved audience of the Sandgate Society by Mr John Hind, unit administrator, who obviously derived great satisfaction from helping to co-ordinate the smooth running of the many units of the hospital.

A few statistics give an idea of the complex task. There are 58 departments involving 2,000 full-time and part-time staff caring for 400 in-patients. The cost of each in-patient is £87 a day and the annual budget £10.8 million.

Automation has helped reduce the cost of various services to the hospital, notably in the laundry. The latest addition is a Public Health Laboratory for the whole of Kent at a cost of £1.2 million.

Mr Hind described the considerable thought that had been given in the first stages of planning the hospital to achieving as relaxed an atmosphere as possible, particularly in the reception areas, somewhat on the lines of an hotel, the words hospice, hospital and hospital-ity having a common derivation.

The staff like to think their care for patients is the same as in other hospitals but just that little bit better! The WRVS, Red Cross and other volunteers man the tea bar and shop and provide books and magazines. The chapel is a comfort to many.

In reply to a question about the waiting list for hip operations, Mr Hind explained how this was being reduced with the help of Guy's Hospital, which since January has been taking a limited number of patients from this area for the operation.

The William Harvey Hospital was also in process of providing more beds that would be allocated solely for hip patients. It is hoped to undertake 100 more operations a year than at present.

Sadly the chairman, Mr Dennis Vorley, reported the death of Mr A.C. Penfold, a former treasurer of the society and for a time vice-chairman, and of Mr James Baden Fuller, for 28 years a churchwarden of St. Paul's, Sandgate.

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Meeting May 9.

(Three errors in "lines")

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I had a broken wrist!

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Sandgate Society

SANDGATE Old and New, illustrated by Charles Bryant's slides and highlighted by Roger Joyce's commentary. Roger provided a delightful evening for over 80 members and friends of the Sandgate Society.

Their aim was to show Sandgate as it was and Sandgate as it is with examples of successes and failures of the Sandgate Society since it was formed in 1962 to achieve harmonious

planning and to prevent the continued destruction of desirable buildings.

The final slides, as Roger Joyce said, were views to delight the eye and included colourful wind-surfing and a panoramic view of the coast taken by Charles Bryant from the sea.

Roger ended on the hopeful note that things are looking up and that residents should all aim to improve Sandgate.

The next meeting will be on October 10 when an illustrated talk will be given by Mr I.W. Green, on villages on the Pilgrims' Way in Kent.

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Sandgate Society

At the October meeting of the Sandgate Society a crowded Chichester Hall full of members and friends listened enthralled to a talk given by Mr I.W. Green B.A. F.C. Ed on the villages to be found on the Pilgrims Way in Kent. This was illustrated with beautiful slides from Mr Greens huge collection, he was assisted by Mrs Green.

Many of these gems were discovered by the couples' fascination with "No Through Road" notices as they travelled.

conventional routes leading to the rediscovery of the site of many medieval centres.

The next meeting of the Sandgate Society will be in the Chichester Hall on November 14th at 7.30. The subject The Kenish Countryside from Public Rights of Way. Mr Ducker, Senior Public Path Officer, R.C.C.

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Kentish Country side

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Sandgate Society

AT THE November meeting of the Sandgate Society, the chairman, Mr D.G. Vorley, referred to the society's struggle to protect public rights of way, even to the extent of taking one case to the Crown Court.

A recent meeting with sister societies in Hythe and Folkestone discussed among other topics the desirability of detrunking the A259 and the need to give all possible help to the newly appointed Dog and Litter Warden.

Mr M. Ducker, Senior Public Paths Officer, Kent County Council, speaking on The Kentish Country-side from Public Rights of Way, described the work of administering and maintaining 5,000 miles of rights of way and of providing definitive maps of this large area.

His slides showed a surprising variety of way-marks and sites in Kent, some provided by volunteers and always keeping in mind the need to beat vandals.

He showed a distressing example of vandalism, a bridge totally destroyed which cost £3,000 to replace. At the next meeting of the society on December 12, Mr Bob Philpott, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, will talk about Bird Watching in East Kent.

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Bird-watching in
Folk Kent

Sandgate Soc.

THE Chairman's announcements at the Sandgate Society's December meeting were of especial interest to members, who learned that the hitherto unnamed road at the side of the new library now had the name Lachlan Way in memory of Mrs Lachlan who devoted so much time and thought to the welfare of Sandgate and its residents.

Further, the successful concert by the workshop children raised £125 which had been donated to the Royal Marsden Hospital.

Mr Bob Philpott, a member of the RSPB who takes a special interest in the Society's Young Ornithologists, gave an illustrated talk on birds in the area and showed Folkestone Warren where 150 species could be seen in a year.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has a reserve at Dungeness where the warmth generated by the power station provides a refuge for migrants in harsh winters. The final slide showed the avocet, the symbol of the RSPB.

The next meeting of the society is on January 9, and will include the Third Greenwall Lecture — "Restoration of a Cathedral" by Mr Peter Marsh.

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Restoration
of a
cathedral
(Herald
29/1/85)

Sandgate Society

AT THE January meeting of the Sandgate Society the Chairman, Mr D. G. Vorley, paid tribute to the work of the council in coping with the storm damage along the coast.

He then introduced Mr Peter Marsh, the architect responsible for the care of the fabric of Canterbury Cathedral and of the monastic buildings, who gave the third Greenwall Lecture on the Restoration of a Cathedral.

Mr Marsh said that caring for a cathedral, like the much-quoted work on the Forth Bridge, is a very costly continuous process, undertaken in consultation with the Cathedral Advisory Committee.

There is no allocation of state aid for cathedral upkeep. Early in the 1970s, in view of the great need, a country-wide appeal for Canterbury was launched which realised more than three million pounds.

Pollution of glass and stonework needs continuous specialised care, one of the worst enemies being pigeons. There is more 12th Century stained glass at Canterbury than in any other cathedral in this country. Two large workshops have been set up, one for restoration of the stained glass and the other for work on masonry.

Limestone was originally brought from Caen, Normandy, for construction work, and in order to match the fabric aesthetically a long-term contract has been negotiated to obtain similar stone from Normandy. As a safeguard against fire hazards, smoke and heat detectors have been installed in the roof spaces; and to help the disabled a lift has been installed.

A special meeting has been arranged for February 13 to show a Southern Water video film on Hythe Sea Outfall.

Sandgate Society

THE ANNUAL Meeting of the Sandgate Society was a nostalgic occasion as Mr D. G. Vorley confirmed his retirement as chairman after 23 years' service to the Society.

On behalf of the members the president, Mrs Greenwall, presented him with a sun-lounger

and expressed appreciation of his devoted service since the Society was formed in 1962.

Mrs Vorley was presented with a bouquet and thanked for many years of background work.

The members having confirmed an extraordinary committee meeting resolution to add the non-executive office of vice-president to the constitution, Mr Vorley was appointed the first to hold this office.

At the business meeting Mrs Hilda Fisk and Mr Keith Freeman were re-elected and Mrs Ann Nevill, archivist, and Mrs Celia Stringer were elected to the committee.

The secretary, Mrs Joan Thompson, paid tribute to the work of willing helpers and drew attention to the flower bed fund appeal.

Reports from sub-committee chairmen followed with a special appeal to tidy up Sandgate, possibly seeking help from the Children's Workshop and the provision of more litter bins.

The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Tony Talman and district Councillors Claude Poll, Eric Hamer and David Pratt, who answered questions on vital sea defence work, sewage disposal, the de-trunking of A259 including possible

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lorry weight limitation, support for a Town Scheme for Sandgate, and the increase crime.

The next meeting of the Society will be on April 10 when Dr Barbara McGregor will give an illustrated talk on Sandgate Castle.

Meeting
Sandgate
Castle
April 10
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Sandgate 26/4

A TALK by Dr Barbara McGregor on the gradual restoration of Sandgate Castle over many years drew a large audience of members, friends and children to Chichester Hall.

History came to life with her vivid account of events that led to the building of the castle by Henry VIII in 1539 and with the picture she drew of labourers living in tents on the beach before Sandgate was even a hamlet.

Dr McGregor described the up-dating of the castle into a Martello tower during the Napoleonic period and the enormous labour of recent years to dismantle some of this over-building, with help from a devoted research worker supervising the Junior Leaders from Shorncliffe camp.

Removal of 2,000 tons of earth was only part of a task that led to the discovery of the Tudor Well which provided fresh water and of the Tudor cesspit.

Trinity House
talk on 12/6/85

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Clubs and societies

Sandgate Soc

AT the meeting of the Sandgate Society on Wednesday, June 12, Captain Michael Battrick, a Trinity House Pilot, gave a fascinating glimpse of the history of Trinity House and the work of the Pilots.

Documents as far back as the reign of Henry VIII record that the Guild of Shipmen and Mariners, shocked at the high death rate of aspiring pilots, presented a petition to the King stating their concern for the welfare of "inexperienced young men unwilling to take the labour and adventure of learning the seamen's craft on the high seas."

The result was the granting of a Charter and the formation of the Corporation of Trinity House under the control of a Master and 13 Elder Brethren responsible to the present day for the safety and progress of navigation and the welfare of seamen and their dependants.

The Fellowship of Trinity House Pilots then established the Corporation of Lodemanage at Dover in 1515 with powers to hire pilots under the jurisdiction of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports; at one time the loss of a ship through default of the Lodeman could result in immediate decapitation without recourse to a Court of Law!

Captain Battrick described the stringent training of present-day pilots and their demanding duties and the splendid record that no pilot has ever been proved responsible for the loss of a ship.

In 1940 Trinity House HQ at Tower Bridge was bombed,

with the tragic loss of irreplaceable documents, pictures, models and books.

Fortunately the Cinque Ports Pilots in Dover have archives and paintings dating back to 1616.

Question time revealed great interest by members of the audience, some with specialised knowledge.

Sandgate Society

THE autumn season of the Sandgate Society opened on September 11 with a talk by Miss K. Hollis based on her travels through Kashmir and Ladakh and illustrated by beautifully clear slides made from her own remarkable photographs.

The speaker's perceptive comments on a journey starting in Kashmir where rivers abound, travel is mainly by boat and houseboats are homes, led on to the harsh life in Ladakh with its grand mountain scenery and shortage of water, food and housing.

Nevertheless Miss Hollis portrayed apparently happy people who have come to terms with primitive conditions. Their religious devotion is reflected in 12 main monasteries which support many lesser institutions; in these monasteries novices are educated from an early age, some achieving their doctorates and possibly becoming leaders in the future.

At the next meeting on October 9 a talk titled Lies, Damned Lies and Newspaper Stories by David Gemmell, Editor of the Herald.

Sandgate Society

SANDGATE Society spent one of its most enjoyable evenings

when Mr David Gemmell, Editor of the *Folkestone Herald*, gave a talk on Newspapers at the Chichester Hall.

He began by saying that he loved newspapers so long as they had respect for the truth.

Newspapers, he said, probably originated in tribal gossip and took form as newsheets when printing was invented. At some point here, the idea of introducing advertising, along with the news and gossip, must have occurred.

However, round about the 1950s, when only thirty per cent of a paper was allocated to advertising, standards were high and trained senior reporters were employed and well paid. The decline came with the shortage of newsprint. Advertising increased to seventy per cent and wages dropped, leading to the loss of senior staff and an influx of less experienced juniors.

On the subject of "lies and damned lies" Mr Gemmell pointed out the many factors leading to false reporting — the least culpable being the need for omissions due to space shortage. The worst usually arose out of newspaper rivalry. To the audience Mr Gemmell gave this firm advice: "If you object, write letters and say so."

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Miss Horneby.

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BUFFET SUPPER AT SANDGATE CASTLE**

on
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7.30 for 8 p.m.

TICKETS £7.50
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No tickets at
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Civic servant



Lounging about . . .

A CHANCE to put his feet up. After seven years as chairman of the watchdog conservation group, the Sandgate Civic Society, Mr Dennis Vorley has retired.

A founder member of the society which originally came into being in 1962, Mr Vorley was secretary from 1962 until 1970, vice-chairman from 1975 until 1978 and chairman from 1978.

He is now to give up regular active committee work but will continue as a vice president.

He was presented with a sun lounger in appreciation of his work by the society's president Mrs Estelle Greenwall at the annual meeting last Wednesday.

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HERALD 13/1/84

Sandgate

MRS MARION LOLA LACHLAN,
widow of Dr Kenneth Lach-

lan, has died. Aged 69 years Mrs Lachlan was a much-loved resident of Sandgate where she had lived for 36 years.

She showed devotion to her family and an intense interest in all local affairs and had been secretary of the Sandgate Society for the past ten years, an office she filled with outstanding ability.

Always concerned in local events, Mrs Lachlan played a specially active part with Sandgate's Jubilee Celebrations, the International Year of the Child and was in large measure responsible for the formation of Sandgate Children's Workshop within which organisation she was affectionately known as Grandma.

A devout churchgoer, Mrs Lachlan was a member of St Paul's Parochial Church Council and in this and her many other valuable roles she will be sadly missed.

The funeral service took place at St Paul's Church, Sandgate, followed by cremation at Hawkinge.

Mrs Lola Marion Georgette Lachlan, of Albion Cottage, Sandgate, who died in December, left £56,805, including £200 to St Paul's Church, Sandgate, £100 to the Sandgate Heritage Trust, and £50 to Sandgate Workshop.

HERALD 15-1-82



Institute clock of 1903

THE CAPTION to the interesting photograph of Sandgate High Street in the Herald of January 15 is incorrect in one respect.

In the photograph (circa 1903) the clock is on the Gough Institute, not the Chichester Hall. The Chichester Hall was erected in 1913 by public subscription as a memorial to Lady Chichester, on the site to the west of Simonds' Ale Stores shown in the photograph.

We have been unable to ascertain the date when the clock was removed to the Chichester Hall and perhaps one of your readers could supply this information.

It is of course the same clock, recently restored with the help of many generous subscribers — D. G. Vorley, chairman, Sandgate Society.

The clock ticks on...

MORE LOCAL history... this time provided in a photograph supplied by Mr Leslie E. Gill of Seabrook Road, Hythe.

The picture shows a horse-drawn tram passing through Sandgate High Street, and Mr Gill dates the scene as 1903.

Clearly visible is the clock on the Chichester Hall.

No. on the
Gough Institute

TABLES OF MEASUREMENT

EQUIVALENTS

IMPERIAL MEASUREMENT

LENGTH		1 milli-inch
1000 mil	= 1 inch	
12 in	= 1 foot	
3 ft	= 1 yard	
5 1/2 yd	= 1 pole	
40 poles	= 1 furlong	
8 furlongs	= 1 mile	
1 mile	= 5280 feet	
AREA		1 inch ²
144 in ²	= 1 foot ²	
9 ft ²	= 1 yard ²	
30 1/4 yd ²	= 1 perch ²	
40 perches ²	= 1 rood	
4 roods	= 1 acre	
640 acres	= 1 mile ²	
VOLUME		1 inch ³
1728 in ³	= 1 foot ³	
27 ft ³	= 1 yard ³	
CAPACITY		1 gill
4 gills	= 1 pint	
2 pt	= 1 quart	
4 qt	= 1 gallon	
2 gal	= 1 peck	
4 pk	= 1 bushel	
8 bu	= 1 quarter	
WEIGHT		1 grain
27.34 gr	= 1 dram	
16 dr	= 1 ounce	
16 oz	= 1 pound	
14 lb	= 1 stone	
28 lb	= 1 quarter	
4 qr	= 1 hundredw ^t	
20 cwt	= 1 UK ton	

NEW INTERNATIONAL METRIC STANDARD MEASURE (S.I.)

LENGTH		1 millimetre (mm)
1000 mm	= 1 metre (m)	
1000 m	= 1 kilometre (km)	
1 International nautical mile	= 1852 m	
AREA		1 millimetre ² (mm ²)
1 000 000 mm ²	= 1 metre ² (m ²)	
1 000 000 m ²	= 1 kilometre ² (km ²)	
VOLUME		1 millimetre ³ (mm ³)
1 000 000 000 mm ³	= 1 metre ³ (m ³)	
CAPACITY		1 millilitre (l)
1000 millilitres	= 1 litre (l)	
1000 litres	= 1 kilolitre (kl)	

METRIC MEASURE

	millimetre	=	0.039 37 in	
	centimetre	=	0.393 701 in	
	decimetre	=	3.937 011 in	
	metre	=	1.093 614 yd	
	decametre	=	10.936 143 yd	
	hectometre	=	109.361 43 yd	
	kilometre	=	0.621 371 mile	
	millimetre ²	=	0.001 55 in ²	
	centimetre ²	=	0.155 in ²	
	decimetre ²	=	15.50 in ²	
	metre ²	=	10.763 93 ft ²	
	decametre ²	=	0.024 71 acres	
100 dam ²	=	1 hectometre ²	=	2.471 05 acres
100 hm ²	=	1 kilometre ²	=	0.386 1 mile ²
VOLUME	1 millimetre ³	=	0.000 061 in ³	
1000 mm ³	=	1 centimetre ³	=	0.061 023 7 in ³
1000 cm ³	=	1 decimetre ³	=	0.035 314 7 ft ³
1000 dm ³	=	1 metre ³	=	1.307 95 yd ³
CAPACITY	1 millilitre	=	0.007 04 gill	
10 ml	=	1 centilitre	=	0.070 4 gill
10 cl	=	1 decilitre	=	0.175 98 pt
10 dl	=	1 litre	=	0.219975 gal
10 litres	=	1 decalitre	=	2.199 75 gal
10 dal	=	1 hectolitre	=	21.997 5 gal
10 hl	=	1 kilolitre	=	219.975 gal
WEIGHT	1 milligramme	=	0.015 432 gr	
10 mg	=	1 centigramme	=	0.154 32 gr
10 cg	=	1 decigramme	=	1.543 23 gr
10 dg	=	1 gramme	=	15.432 4 gr
10 g	=	1 decagramme	=	5.643 83 dr
10 dag	=	1 hectogramme	=	3.527 40 oz
10 hg	=	1 kilogramme	=	2.204 62 lb
1000 kg	=	1 tonne	=	0.984 207 ton

WEIGHT	1 milligramme (mg)	= (10 ⁻⁶ kg)
1000 mg	= 1 gramme (g)	= (10 ⁻³ kg)
1000 g	= 1 kilogramme (kg)	= Unit

INTERNATIONALLY AGREED SYMBOLS

1 000 000 000 000	Tera	(T)
1 000 000 000	Giga	(G)
1 000 000	Mega	(M)
1 000	Kilo	(k)
100	Hecto	(h)
10	Deca	(da)
1.0		(unit)
(d)	deci	0.1
(c)	centi	0.01
(m)	milli	0.001
(p)	micro	0.000 001
(n)	nano	0.000 000 001
(p)	pico	0.000 000 000 001
(f)	femto	0.000 000 000 000 001