

SANDGATE ORGANIST

FOR 53 YEARS.

DEATH OF MR. H. T. LONGLY.

We regret to record the death on December 18th, of Mr. Henry Thomas Longly, of 55, High Street, Sandgate, who died at his residence in his 80th year.

The late Mr. Longly was one of Sandgate's most prominent and respected citizens. For no fewer than 53 years, he was organist and choirmaster of the Parish Church of St. Paul, Sandgate. Many outstanding men in the field of music to-day owe their tuition to Mr. Longly, who was by profession a music teacher.

He leaves a widow and five children, two sons and three daughters, to mourn his loss. He was born and educated at Hythe, and has lived at Sandgate since 1868. He learned his music at Hythe.

In 1878, he married Miss Anne Maria Tavenor, who is, incidentally, the oldest person at present living in Sandgate who was born there. They celebrated their golden wedding three years ago.

Mr. Longly was appointed organist of Newington Church when only 16 years of age, and became organist of Sandgate Parish Church at the age of 18, and he held that position until about nine years ago. When a boy, he used to have to walk from Hythe to Newington on Sundays, often through rain or snow. A remarkable feature of Mr. Longly's career is the fact that during those 53 years in which he was organist at Sandgate Church, he was only absent ten times; and he served under twelve vicars. For nine years in succession he was a councillor of the Sandgate Urban District Council.

Mr. Longly was organist for the Sandgate Lodge of Freemasons; he was organist until shortly before his death of the Folkestone Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and also of the Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 125, at Hythe, until a few months of his death. He was for one year Grand Organist of the Provincial Lodge of Kent.

An amusing incident of his life was during a sermon by the Rev. Jones, a one-time Vicar of Sandgate. Mr. Longly's eldest son, Mr. J. W. Longly, then only a child of three years, called out, "Leave off, man. Let my papa play."

Both of Mr. Longly's sons sang in the Sandgate Church choir.

The following appeared in the "Folkestone Herald" on May 18th, 1918:

"At the Chichester Hall, Sandgate, on Wednesday evening, Mr. H. T. Longly, who, for 50 years has been organist of the Sandgate Parish Church, was made the recipient of an illuminated address, an album bearing the names of over 100 subscribers, and cheques for £40, in recognition of his services. The presentation was made in a suitable speech by the Vicar (Rev. G. S. Long). Speeches of an eulogistic character was made by Dr. J. C. O. Bradbury, Mr. A. Ulyett, Mr. E. Garnet Man, J.P., and Mr. C. H. Masters, J.P., Mr. Longly feelingly acknowledged the gift.

"The text of the address was as follows: 'Presented to Mr. H. T. Longly, together with a sum of money, subscribed by the parishioners of Sandgate, as a mark of appreciation on the completion of 50 years' service as organist at the Parish Church, Easter, 1918.'

"During the evening several glees were rendered by the choir.

"The collection was organised by Mrs. Brockman, and she is to be congratulated upon the result of her efforts."

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at St. Martin's Church, Cheriton, on Monday, the interment following a service in the church.

The Vicar of Sandgate, the Rev. H. G. Blackburne, officiated.

The chief mourners were Mr. J. W. Longly (eldest son), Mr. H. L. Longly (son), Mr. A. E. Longly, and Mr. F. B. Longly (nephews). Representatives of the Hythe Lodge were also present.

Floral tributes were received as follows:—

"Peace, Perfect Peace," from his sorrowing widow.

To the "dear gov'nor," from Will and chip.

To dear father, from Lewis and Dot.

To dear father, from Florence, Horace, and Laurie.

Sadly missed, from Dorothy and Madge.

In affectionate remembrance of Uncle and Florrie.

In affectionate remembrance of Uncle Harry, from Stanley, Frances, Florrie, Charlie, and Albert.

A token of remembrance, from all at 82, High Street, Hythe, and 7, London Road.

Kind remembrance, from Ted and Lucy.

With deepest sympathy, from the members of the Prince Edwin Lodge No. 125, Hythe.

With deepest sympathy, from the members of the Folkestone Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

With deep sympathy, from Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Bradbury.

With sincere sympathy, from the senior members of the Sandgate Parish Church choir.

A small token of kindly remembrance of our old and much respected friend, Mr. Longly, from Miss Campion and Miss E. Campion.

With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Drake Brockman and family.

With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. H. Langley.

With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Treacher.

With most sincere sympathy, from Miss Francis and Miss Lillian Francis.

With sincere sympathy, from Mrs. Rolfe and daughters.

With sincere sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Graham.

With loving memory, from Aunt Duckie.

With deepest sympathy, from Harriet A. Elgar.

With much sympathy, from Mrs. Alfred H. Legat.

Sincere regret and sympathy, from Major and Mrs. Chambers.

With deepest sympathy, from Miss Garrod.

With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Lightfoot, Gwyneth, and Rita.

In deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Warwick.

In deepest sympathy, from Miss Devitt.

Funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs F. S. Longly, of Hythe. Mr. F. S. Longly is a nephew of the late Mr. Longly.

SANDGATE'S OLDEST NATIVE INHABITANT

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Death of Mrs. A. M. Longly

WIDOW OF FORMER PARISH
CHURCH ORGANIST

We regret to record the death on Tuesday of Mrs. Anne Maria Longly, of 55, High Street, Sandgate, at her residence after a considerable period of ill health. She was in her 83rd year.

Mrs. Longly at the time of her death was the oldest native of Sandgate living in the town. She was the widow of Mr. H. T. Longly, who predeceased her in December, 1930. The late Mr. Longly was for 53 years organist and choirmaster at the Parish Church of St. Paul, Sandgate.

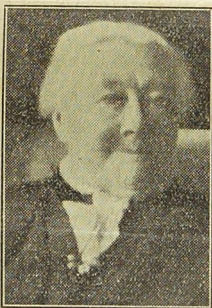
For the past two or three years, Mrs. Longly had been in ill health, and three weeks before she passed away her condition became serious.

LAST OF THE TAVENORS

Mrs. Longly had lived in Sandgate all her life, and her mother, whose maiden name was Lewis, was also born in Sandgate. Mrs. Longly was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tavenor, of 85, High Street, Sandgate, and at the time of her death, she was the last of her family. She was educated at Ashford High School for Girls.

She married Mr. Longly on January 22nd, 1878, at St. Paul's Church, Sandgate, and they celebrated their golden wedding in 1928.

With the passing of Mrs. Longly, there disappears from Sandgate one of its most



LATE MRS. LONGLY.

beloved personalities, and a valuable link with the early days of the town. Many well-known people in and around Sandgate spent many happy hours listening to Mrs. Longly's reminiscences of Sandgate as it was when she was a girl, and her loss will be mourned by a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Longly leaves two sons and three daughters.

Perhaps it is not generally known that Mrs. Longly's father, when he was only three years of age, helped to plant the old pear tree which stands in the front garden of a house opposite 55, High Street. Her grandfather forged the gates for Newgate.

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The funeral took place yesterday (Friday), at St. Martin's Church, Cheriton. The Rev. H. G. Blackburne (Vicar of Sandgate) conducted the service in the Church, and officiated at the graveside.

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COLLECTIONS DURING APRIL.

	£	s.	d.
7th—Easter I—Clergy Fund	...	4	2 4
Zululand Mission	...	0	4 11
14th—Easter II—Church Expenses	...	3	3 5
21st—Easter III—Organ and Choir	...	3	7 9
28th—Easter IV—Church Expenses	...	2	13 3
Clergy Fund—Week-days	...	0	14 0
	£14	5	8

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in the Chichester Memorial Hall on Monday, April 22nd, at 8 p.m. After the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting had been read and signed, the Hon. Sec. of the Parochial Church Council gave a report of the Council's work for the past year as follows:—

"The Parochial Church Council has held four General Meetings since its inauguration in addition to various sub-committee meetings. Its principal work has been to draw 'up in detail and carry out the Free-will Offering Scheme. Mr. Couchman and Miss D. Man, whose place was afterwards taken by Miss D. Smith, were appointed Honorary Secretaries, and thanks to their energy, keenness and efficiency in practical details, the Scheme has met with a very marked success. During the first year of working £165 10s. 6d. was received from 164 members, including children. A full report of this has already appeared in the Parish Magazine.

"A sub-committee has very successfully arranged Social Gatherings in connection with our Patronal Festival.

"A Communicants' Guild has been formed which has a membership of 17 and meets on the first Monday in each month.

"A Missionary Association was started with the immediate purpose of providing woollen comforts for African Labour Troops in France, who were being provided for by the S.P.G. A large number of articles have been sent.

"The Council has also set on foot a Testimonial to celebrate our Organist's 50 years' service, and will arrange for the presentation very shortly."

The Vicar then expressed his thanks to the Council and explained what a help it was to him to have the support and co-operation of an official body of the laity in the work of the parish.

The following were elected members of the Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year:—Miss Burges, Miss Foster, Mrs. Long, Miss Man, Mrs. Master, Miss D. Smith, Miss Ulliyett, Mr. Brockman, Lt.-Col. Fynmore, Mr. Ledger, Mr. McLachlan, and Mr. Sillibourne. The ex-officio members are as follows:—The Vicar, Dr. Bradbury and Mr. Ulliyett (Churchwardens), Mr. E. Garnet Man (Dio. and R.D. Conference), Mr. A. H. Couchman (R.D. Conference), Mr. C. H. Master, Mr. E. J. Bishop and Miss White (Finance Committee).

It was decided to have a Social Gathering at the Chichester Hall on Wednesday, May 15th, at 8 p.m., to present the Testimonial to Mr. Longly. Arrangements were left in the hands of the sub-committee of the Council.

ASCENSION DAY, MAY 9th.

Holy Communion 7.15, 8, and 12 noon.

Choral Evensong 8 p.m. Preacher—
Rev. W. E. WATKINS, C.F.

SUNDAY, MAY 12th.

The Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council will attend Divine Service at 11 a.m. The Offer-tories throughout the day will be given to the Fund for the Parish Nurse and Worker.

WHITSUNDAY, MAY 19th.

Holy Communion 7, 8, and 12 noon.

CLERGY FUND, 1917-18.

(Published at the request of the Finance Committee.)

	£	s.	d.
Offeratories	...	88	0 1
Free-will Offering Scheme	...	150	13 7
Subscriptions	...	47	6 0
Fees	...	7	15 0
Easter Offerings	...	39	3 5

£332 18 1

S. PAUL'S CHURCH, SANDGATE.—BALANCE SHEET 1917 TO 1918.

ARNOLD H. ULLYETT,
Churchwarden.

Expenditure from this donation	9	15	6
In hand, at Lloyds Bank	40	4	6
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			£	50	0 0

Audited and found correct, April 5th, 1918,
F. J. SILLIBOURNE.

Friday, April 5th, 1918.

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held in the Vestry of S. Paul's Church on the above date.

The Rev. G. S. Long presided, and there were also present, Dr. Bradbury and Mr. Ulyett (Churchwardens), Mr. Couchman, Mr. Sillibourne, &c.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Ulliyett then presented the Balance Sheet, which had been duly audited. He referred to it as being of a most satisfactory nature, for, although the times were so bad, yet they had an excellent balance in hand of £1,691 10s. The receipts amounted to £552 7s. 2d. and the expenditure to £539 0s. 3d. After the items had been taken one by one, and explanations offered, the Balance Sheet was unanimously received and adopted on the motion of Mr. Couchman, seconded by Mr. Sillibourne.

The Vicar then made reference to the excellent Balance Sheet, and said the thanks of all were due to the Churchwardens in steering them so successfully, financially speaking, through such troublous times. It was due to their careful foresight that there was a balance on the right side. He especially and personally thanked the congregation for the Easter Offertory and the Clergy Fund Offertories throughout the year. He thanked Mr. Couchman for his work with respect to the F.W.O.S., which had succeeded in such a marvellous way, that it was 50% higher than the amount received by means of the old Pew Rents. He thanked the Churchwardens for their work, and also the Sidesmen.

Looking at the spiritual side, the congregations had been much larger than before, and on Easter Day the church was crowded. He thanked all the Voluntary Workers for all that they had done in the Church. He thanked Dr. Bradbury and re-nominated him as his Warden.

Dr. Bradbury again accepted the position. He said the F.W.O.S. had made a drastic change in the parish. At first it met with some slight opposition, but it had proved such a great success that the few who opposed it were now among its warmest supporters. It was a splendid substitute for the Pew Renters. He thanked the subscribers to the Clergy Fund and Mr. Ulyett for the yeoman work he did in so successfully keeping the accounts of the Church. He was very pleased the Church was so full at every service on Easter Day. This showed that the hard work of the Vicar was bringing forth good fruit.

Mr. Silibourne proposed and Mr. Couchman seconded the re-election of Mr. Ulyett as the People's Warden. This having been carried unanimously, Mr. Ulyett thanked the Vestry for electing him for the eighteenth time. The work of a Churchwarden did not diminish, and with him it was a labour of love. He referred to the excellent work that Mr. Couchman did, voluntarily and gratuitously, for the Church, and said the whole congregation owed him a deep debt of gratitude.

On the motion of Mr. Ulyett, seconded by Dr. Bradbury, the following were elected Sidesmen for the year:—Messrs. Kirk, Sillibourne, Couchman, Major Chambers, Lt.-Col. Fynmore, Messrs. Bardswell, Ledger, McLachlan, Wraight, Overton, Pratley and Watkins.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar ended the proceedings.

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF CHURCH FUNDS.

The following are the total amounts received from Offerories, Donations, and Subscriptions during the year ending Easter, 1917. All have been acknowledged in detail in the Parish Magazine.

	£	s.	d.	Spent in the Parish. £ s. d.	Sent out of the Parish. £ s. d.
Various Parish Funds.					
Church Expenses	118	9	11		
Altar Flowers and Decorations	4	3	3		
Poor Fund	13	16	10		
Clergy Fund	332	18	1		
Church Room	11	10	0		
Roll of Honour	8	1	0		
Spiritual Work	50	0	0	538	19 1
Foreign Missions.					
S.P.G.	6	14	2		
Zululand Mission	3	4	8		
C. M. S. (per Miss P. Fynmore)	2	0	6		
U. M. C. A.	9	5	2		
Br. and For. Bible Soc. (per Mrs. Fynmore)...	4	8	10		
Parochial Missionary Association	7	11	0		
*Various Societies	8	1	5		41 5 9
Home Missions.					
Diocesan Fund	15	1	10		
Diocesan Mission Fund	8	4	0		
Folkestone Refuge	5	0	0		
Sunday Schools	6	18	2		
Day Schools	7	17	0		
Parish Worker and Work among Girls	31	13	5		
National Society	2	15	0		
*Various	7	14	0	46 8 7	38 14 10
War Funds.					
British Red Cross and S. John Ambulance	11	13	0		
Folkestone Air Raid Relief	7	8	0		
*Various... ..	21	3	8		40 4 8
Hospitals, &c.					
Folkestone Hospital	2	10	0		
Sandgate Dispensary	4	10	0		
*Various	20	16	4	4 10 0	23 6 4
	733	9	3	589 17 8	143 11 7

* Collections at S Marv's. Eversley. School as below

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CHAPEL OF S. MARY, EVERSLEY.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Canterbury Diocesan Fund	1	4	7	Eversley Convalescent Home	16	10	9
Serbian Relief Fund	2	18	11½	Prisoners' Food Fund	11	9	3½
Home Missions	2	11	8½	Foreign Missions	7	1	9½
Girls' Hostel	1	0	2	French Red Cross	2	13	5
British and Foreign Sailors' Society	2	8	9	London Hospital	4	5	7
British Columbia and Yukon Society	0	19	8	Church Expenses	2	16	8
Lord Roberts' Memorial	1	11	0½				
Star and Garter Hospital	2	2	5				
S. Dunstan's Hostel	0	8	7½				
Folkestone Parish Church	1	13	4½				
					£61	16	9½

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TESTIMONIAL TO MR. LONGLY.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

A Social Gathering will be held in the Chichester Memorial Hall on Wednesday, May 15th, at 8 p.m., at which the Testimonial will be presented to Mr. Longly in recognition of his 50 years as organist at our Parish Church. It is a great occasion and we hope as many as possible will come. The Gathering will be of the usual social character with music and refreshments, which will perform the "light." All will be welcome. The total amount subscribed up to the present is £35 7s. 6d. Further donations may be handed to Mrs. Brockman, 10, Radnor Cliff, or to the Vicar or Churchwardens. In addition to the list in last month's Parish Magazine, the following have sent donations:—

Mrs. Brockman, Mr. P. H. D. Brockman, Mr. A. D. Brockman, The Misses Margaret, Mildred, Alison and Olive Brockman, Miss M. A. D. Brockman, Miss Hilda Bendon, The Misses Burges, Mr. and Mrs. V. Buhlmann, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. S. Brissenden, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Pratley, Mr. and Mrs. Head, Sister Livingston, The Rev. E. V. E. Bryan, An Old Friend, Mr. Gray, Mr. F. Wraight, Mrs. Robinson, Dr. Chubb, The Misses Paull, The Misses Jenner, Mr. Tanare, Miss Fynmore, Mrs. Hall, Miss Stone, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Cragg, Mr. J. Brissenden, The Misses Cross, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. E. Whiting, Mr. T. H. Goddard, C. H. H., Mr. and Mrs. Burden, Mr. and Mrs. Brickell, Mrs. Legat, Mrs. Goater, The Rev. H. P. B. Chubb, Mr. Brooke, Mrs. H. Watts, Major and Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. and Miss G. Hopper, The Misses Garrod, Mrs. L. Shaw, Mr. A. E. Chubb, Mr. E. Edwards, Miss Milne, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Euse, The Rev. Canon P. F. Tindall, Miss Knollys, Mrs. Meiggs, Miss Phyllis Fynmore, The Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Fynmore.

We regret an error in last month's list. Mrs. Gay should read Miss Gay.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The following subscriptions have been received by Mrs. Fynmore and sent to the Society:—Mrs. Alston, 5/-; Mrs. L. Brockman, 2/6; Mrs. Bramfit, 3/-; Miss Duke, 2/-; Miss Francis, 1/-; Miss Gollings, 2/6; Mrs. Fynmore, 5/-; Miss Fynmore, 2/6; Mr. A. Fynmore, 2/6; Miss M. Fynmore, 1/-; Mrs. Howard, 2/6; Mrs. Master, 10/-; Rev. G. S. Long, 2/6; Mrs. Ludlow, 1s.; Mr. Ledger, 2/-; Mr. J. Kennett, 2/6; Mrs. W. B. Kennett, 2/6; Miss A. M. Hunt, 1/-; Miss Campion, 2/6; Rev. A. Wilson, 2/-; Collecting Box, 6/4; Magazines, 4/-. Total £4 8s. 10d.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following subscriptions have been received by Miss Phyllis Fynmore and sent to the Society:—Mrs. Master, £1; Mrs. Alston, 5/-; Miss Duke, 2/6; Mrs. Fynmore, 2/6; Miss Phyllis Fynmore (box), 10/6. Total £2 0s. 6d.

BAPTISMS.

April 14th—Clifford James Moore.
" 14th—Enid Kathleen Ellison.

BURIAL.

April 10th—Elizabeth Rouse Alston, aged 72.

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COLLECTIONS DURING MAY.

	2	3	4
5th—Easter V—Clergy Fund	5	2	2
Zululand Mission	0	5	2
9th—Ascension Day—Clergy Fund	1	11	6
12th—S, after Ascension Day—Parish Nurse and Worker Fund	5	0	1
19th—Whit Sunday—Church Day Schools	6	10	4
26th—Trinity Sunday—Church Expenses	2	7	0
Clergy Fund—Week-days	0	9	4
	£21	5	7

PRESENTATION TO MR. LONGLY.

The years as they pass rob us of all things, said Horace, and it is therefore well that we should at times take stock of our possessions before they go from us.

Of all our goods none are more precious than the memory of the services of our friends, but this too may be lost unless we set up some landmark to record it, unless we distinguish an auspicious day to serve as a memorial.

Such a day was the fiftieth anniversary of our old friend Mr. Longly's appointment as organist of our Church, and I hope that by our pleasant meeting at the Chichester Hall on the 15th May we have sufficiently marked that day in the calendar of our lives.

To me and to mine it has been a great pleasure and privilege to be associated with the expression of regard which was then offered to him by the people of Sandgate.

I have been asked, as one of Mr. Longly's contemporaries, to write a few words for the magazine. I will not pretend to give an account of our celebration: suffice it to say that it was a very pleasant and friendly gathering, that the speakers expressed simply and with becoming brevity the feelings of the people, that we were all pleased with the music (of which

a programme supplied by Mr. Couchman will be found below), and are grateful to those who so kindly provided the entertainment and refreshments and to all who had a hand in the decorations. In this connection I should like to mention the names of Mrs. Garnet Man, Mrs. Master, Mrs. Goody, Miss Cross, Miss Ullivett, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Thaw, The Misses Garrod, Mr. Brickell, Mr. Blackman, Miss Foster, Miss Williams, and the Members of the Girls' Club.

My object in writing is merely to recall the event, to endeavour to stereotype the impression which was made upon our minds.

I remember Mr. Longly's first days in the organ loft with his mixed choir, in which we had, as others may recollect, a man soprano—a rare thing in our land. I remember also when he was no longer "placed on high," but came down, with his tuneful choir, to the choir stalls, and I trust that I shall be associated with him until we are called to enter that choir where no one ever misreads his part, and where the vocal organs are always perfectly adapted to the music of the soul.

We have recognised, however inadequately, long and faithful services, unobtrusively rendered in a day of advertisement and meretricious glitter. It has been wholesome for us, and I hope that, in looking back upon the event, we may learn our lesson. Personally, what I shall chiefly carry away from that Wednesday evening is the memory of the simple and unaffected pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Longly, to which I have added a few lines.

My wife desires me especially to thank Mr. Longly for the beautiful flowers which he gave her, and which, at the time, she was too diffident suitably to acknowledge, more especially as the gift was wholly unexpected.

L.J.D.B.

After speeches by the two Churchwardens (Dr. Bradbury and Mr. A. H. Ullivett), Mr. L. J. D. Brockman, Mr. Garnet Man and Mr. C. H. Master, the Vicar, in the name of the subscribers, presented to Mr. Longly a sum of £40, together with an album containing the names of the subscribers, about 150, and a framed illuminated inscription with the following words—

"Presented to Mr. H. T. Longly, together with a sum of "money, by the Parishioners of Sandgate in appreciation of "his fifty years service as Organist of the Parish Church. "Easter, 1918."

The Programme of music for the evening was as follows:—Glee, "Where the Bee sucks," Choir; Song, "Admiral's Broom," Mr. Rhodes; Song, "In an Old Fashioned Town," Miss Phyllis Fynmore; Song, "The Yeoman's Wedding," Mr. E. Edwards; Song, "Down the Vale," Miss Coleman; Glee, "The Carnivale," Choir. Interval for Refreshments and Presentation.—Glee, "Sweet and low," Choir; Song, "Mother Machree," Miss Hopper; Recitation, "For England," Miss I. Coleman; Song, "Somewhere a Voice is calling," Miss O. Brockman; Song, "The Vesper Hour," Miss Phyllis Fynmore and Quartette; Song, "Blow, blow," Mr. E. Edwards; Glee, "Good-night, beloved," Choir.

In addition to the lists already published the following have sent subscriptions to the Fund:—Mr. J. Ludlow; Mr. and the Misses Keeler, E. P., Mrs. and Miss Coleman, Mrs. Bishell, Mrs. Hoile, Mr. and Mrs. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, Mr. G. Lack, Miss Annie Bailey, Sergt. Rhodes, Mr. Simmonds, The Misses R. and E. Fynmore, and Choir Boys—W. Moore, A. Kemp, J. Smith, G. Stone, R. Pratley, Huckleby.

U. M. C. A.

By the kindness of Mrs. Garne. Maai a meeting on behalf of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa was held at Halstead on May 13th. The speaker was the Rev. F. R. Hodgson, Organizing Secretary for the South of England, formerly Archdeacon of Zanzibar. He gave a very interesting account of the Mission and spoke of the disorganizing effect of the War upon the work of the Mission, seeing that that district of Central Africa has been the scene of nearly all the fighting in German East Africa. All the European Missionaries, male and female, were interned and subjected to cruel and degrading treatment. The native clergy were dealt with even more harshly. The one bright spot is the way in which the native Christians have remained steadfast to the Faith and have carried on to the best of their powers. However a great deal of reorganisation will be required and rebuilding and equipment of churches and schools. Mr. Hodgson appealed for funds for this. After a number of years' work in Africa his health broke down, as is the case with so many in that climate, and he had to return to England, but since then he has completed 25 years strenuous work for the Mission at home. He has well earned a rest now, but before his retirement he is paying a round of visits and has set himself the task of raising 20,000 shillings, or £2,000, for the reorganisation of the work. Our meeting was small but we were able to hand him £4 11s. 1d.

GIRLS' CLUB.

The members of the Girls' Club gave an attractive entertainment at the Chichester Hall on May 6th, and repeated it at the Church Room the following evening. The members had invited their relations and friends with the result that there was a good audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the programme of music and "The Sleeping Beauty." Nurse Foster deserves hearty thanks for the untiring pains she has taken throughout the winter in the Club, and her preparation for the entertainment. It is quite evident that the Club is providing a delightful form of recreation for the girls which is thoroughly enjoyed by them. We also thank Miss Ulbert for very kindly accompanying at the piano on the Club evenings. The proceeds of the entertainment, amounting to £2 10s. 0d., were given to the Sandgate Dispensary.

PARISH MAGAZINE.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL, 1918.

		Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Sale of Magazines	11	15	7
Advertisements	12	1	0
Donations	1	14	6
Churchwardens	5	16	11
				£31	8	0
		Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
Deficit last year	1	5	0
A. H. Couchman, providing 300 Magazines per month and printing local matter	30	3	0
				£31	8	0

We express our very grateful thanks to Miss May for very kindly collecting the payments for advertisements.

BAPTISMS.

May 12th—Jocelyn Mary Plummer.
" 19th—Florence Lillian Annie Bateman.

BURIALS.

May 25th—Priscilla Pierce, age 87 years.
" 27th—Sidney Allon Olsen, age 1 year.
" 27th—Annie Elizabeth Whitehead, age 47 years.

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CHURCH RECORD FOR LAST MONTH.

HOLY COMMUNION

Total of Communicants during the month— Early 170, Late 76—Total 246.

	£	s.	d.
ALMS—Church Expenses	...	...	18 10 11
Sunday School	...	...	1 2 9
National Schools	...	...	50 0 0
Sick and Poor	...	...	12 13 8
Total	...	£82	7 4

BAPTISMS.

August 7th—Dorothy Mary, daughter of Henry Thomas and Anna Maria Lowry.
 August 12th—Charles Frederick, son of Stephen and Mary Elizabeth Medhurst.
 August 28th—Thomas Wicker, son of John and Mildred Betsey Byrne.

MARRIAGE.

August 1st—James Cooper Sharpe to Frances Russell.
 August 25th—Henry Russell Martingello to Grace Elizabeth Taylor.
 August 27th—Benjamin Thomas Taylor to Mary Jane Burvill.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We would remind parishioners that we are not yet provided with a Superintendent, and that we are now, as always, in want of teachers. We say *always* advisedly, for, even if classes be full, it is necessary to the organization of a Sunday School that there should be a second line of teachers, a sort of reserve upon which we can fall back in case of need. Are there any holiday-makers among us who are willing to practically thank God for their holiday by dedicating to Him some little portion of their Sunday?

We would point out to actual and intending Sunday School teachers that the work of the Sunday School does not begin and end with taking a class once or twice on Sunday. A personal link must be forged between teachers and scholars, and to this end individual interest in the children, and especially visiting them in their homes during the week, are necessary. It is for thus vitalizing the work of the Sunday that we ask for a large staff of Sunday teachers. Sub-division of labour is one of the first principles of organization; and a reserve of Sunday teachers would be invaluable (if their services were not required on Sunday,) in supplementing the Sunday work in the manner we have indicated, since some of our teachers are too much occupied during the week to be able to give any time to Church-work.

We would ask Sunday School teachers to remember that they are in great measure the builders of the Church of the next generation.

THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH.

Our Vicar was introduced to the Soldiers' Institute at an open-air gathering at Enbrook on Wednesday, August 3rd.

As announced last month, sermons were preached in our Church on Sunday, August 21st, in aid of our National Schools. The Vicar preached in the morning, and acknowledged the kindness of those neighbours and friends who have assisted us in our efforts to reduce the debt on the current expenses of the schools. These efforts had been, he said, so far successful that, if the day's offertory amounted to £50, the schools would be placed on a satisfactory financial basis. The preacher at the evening service was the Rev. J. Edwards. The actual amount of the offertory was £44, and a member of the congregation has since sent the Vicar a contribution of £6, which makes up the £50 asked for. Thankful as we are for this success, we would, however, remind our readers that all is not yet done for the financial prosperity of the Schools. The schools ought to be supported without *extraordinary* efforts. Let us hope that more annual subscriptions will be forthcoming, so that our Church system of education may live and prosper without fear of the School Board. We do not want among us what a great man has called the "boiled down religion of the Board School."

The Vicar took the chair at a meeting at the Convalescent Home on the 22nd inst., on the occasion of a presentation of a clock by the patients of that institution to Mr. Chubb. An entertainment followed the presentation, and a pleasant evening was spent.

We would call the attention of any young men and lads who may be desirous of joining the Young Men's Friendly Society to the Rules and particulars published last month.

A meeting in connection with the above Society was held at the Vicarage on Tuesday, August 23rd. We are glad to see that promises of help have been already received. Messrs. O. H. Smith and W. B. Kennett will until the Committee have funds sufficient to purchase furniture, lend tables and chairs for the use of the members. General Francis has promised sets of draughts and dominoes and a daily paper, and the Vicar will supply a bagatelle board.

Both the parents and children of Sandgate will, we are sure, be desirous of shewing to Miss Rudkin how much we have appreciated her efforts for and kindness to the children in our Infants' School. Miss Rudkin is to be married at Sandgate on the 20th of September next, and it is proposed that we should give to her some token of our affection and regard, so that she may have some memento in her new home of her time with us at Sandgate. Subscriptions of any small amount may be sent to the teachers in the Schools.

Ladies' Association Free Registry for Servants.

Mistresses needing young girls, and young servants seeking places, are invited to apply to Lady Keyes, Shorncliffe Lodge, Sandgate

Personal interviews between 10 and 1 every Tuesday

ENTERTAINMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE YOUNG MEN'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The following is the programme of the entertainment announced in the August number of our Magazine. We hope to give a notice of this entertainment next month.

Pianoforte Solo	... "Polish Dance,"	...	...	...
	MISS JERVIS EDWARDS.			
Song	... "They all love Jack,"	...	...	...
	MR. FEIST.			
Song	... "The fisherman's daughter,"	...	...	...
	MISS JERVIS EDWARDS.			
Song	... "The monkey and the masher,"	...	...	...
	MR. BOX.			
Reading	... GENL. FRANCIS.	...	...	...
Duet	... MISS FRANCIS & MISS F. FRANCIS.	...	...	...
Comic Song	... "Old Mother Gum,"	...	...	...
	MR. WEATHERLEY.			
Song	... MISS WHITE.	...	...	...
Song	... "The Old Brigade,"	...	...	...
	MR. SWAINE.			
Flute Solo	... MR. W. L. CHUBB.	...	...	...
Trio	... "Excelsior,"	...	...	<i>Lindsay.</i>
	MESSRS. COUCHMAN, CHARLTON, & SOUTHOX.			
Burlesque Lecture on heads	... MR. BOX.	...	...	...
Pianoforte Duet	... "Faust,"	...	...	...
	MISS PRINGLE & MISS L. FRANCIS.			
Comic Song	... MASTER A. HASSELL.	...	...	...
Comic Sketch—"The Troublesome Servant."				
Old Grimes, a crusty old man	... MR FEIST			
Handy Andy, the troublesome servant...	MR. WEATHERLEY.			

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FATHER FORAN, 1843-1923.

1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Rev. Thomas Foran or "Father Foran" as he was known to three generations of the Sandgate Prescott family - and today is still known to those few remaining Prescott grandchildren - was born in 1843. The entry under his surname in "*The Catholic Who's Who & Year-book, 1908*" reads as follows: -

"**Foran, REV. THOMAS** - born 1843; entered the Army Chaplains' Department 1874; served in South Africa in 1879 and in the Nile Expedition; represented Catholic Branch of the Army Chaplains' Department at the inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth, 1901; retired 1905, when he was senior Catholic Chaplain to the Forces."

This above-mentioned 1901 information explains why there is - in the 1901 Census - no entry under the name of Thomas Foran in the Sandgate listings - he was in Melbourne attending that "inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth". In fact most Australians would regard the date of that inauguration as being 1 January 1901. The *Australian Encyclopaedia*, V.1, p 314 states "The Commonwealth of Australia ... was constituted by an Act of the Imperial Parliament dated 9th July 1900 and inaugurated on 1st January 1901. The first Federal [Australian] Parliament was declared open on 9th May 1901 in Melbourne" It was this event that was attended by Father Foran - the opening of the Australian Parliament held in the Melbourne International (1880) Exhibition Buildings. This first Parliamentary Session was officially opened by the Duke of Cornwall and York (later King George V) with the Duchess (later Queen Mary) also in attendance.

2 THE SANDGATE YEARS

From 1897 to 1923, when he died on 6 December 1923, Father Foran was the permanent resident of a suite of rooms in 31 Esplanade (named The Rosary from 1903), Sandgate. The suite consisted of the drawing room on the first floor, a bedroom - possibly at the rear of the first floor or more likely on the second floor - that bedroom being on the front elevation and situated in the west of the two bedrooms on the frontage on that level. The other front bedroom - the easterly one - was The Chapel.

The house consisted of five floors -

- 1 the lower ground floor with access to and from the front garden - this lower ground floor also had access, through the rear kitchen, to the area at the back of the house,
- 2 the entrance floor or entrance level (ground floor);
- 3 the first floor (the drawing room floor),
- 4 the second floor (bedrooms floor), and
- 5 the attic (two bedrooms - in the early 20th century).

It appears that the attic floor originally consisted of one attic room, as detailed in the Sale Brochure of 1892. After the Prescotts (John Prescott and Annie Frances Prescott, née Caden) purchased the house next door to 31 Esplanade from the Sandgate Urban District Council in 1915 the attic was turned into two bedrooms, one for each of their two daughters. One was the room of my Mum, and the other the room of her sister Molly (Annie Honora) Bloxham, née Prescott. The house, Lymington (often spelt in the Folkestone Directory as Limington) House (as it was then known) 32 Esplanade had been one of John James Jones Consumptive Homes until it was purchased by the Council in 1914 together with all the other Jones Homes.

Father Foran resided at 31 Esplanade from 1897 to his death in 1923. Prior to 1897 the permanent resident at 31 Esplanade was the Rev. Charles Keatinge, a RC chaplain to the Forces. He lived at 31 Esplanade from 1892 to 1896, as detailed in the Folkestone Directories. In 1892 he signed Annie Frances Prescott's contract - on her behalf as her husband was away on active service in the Royal Navy - for the purchase of 31 Esplanade from The Tyssen Trust. Rev. Keatinge was displaced by the 1893 Landslip with the Prescott family also and was listed in the 1893-4 Directory, published on 21 July 1893, at 7 Devonshire Terrace. However by 19 August 1893 the *Sandgate Weekly News* reported in its Residents List that the Rev. Keatinge was back at 31 Esplanade, as were presumably all the Prescott family.

In 1897 the Folkestone Directory for 1897-8 on pages 59 and 265 stated that the Rev. Foran was residing at 31 Esplanade - thus taking up the former residence of the Rev. Keatinge. In the all the subsequent issues the Foran name is listed in the Sandgate Street Directory under 31 Esplanade until his death in 1923. From approximately 1900 the Rosary Chapel was set up and its public use continued until 1923. As was stated above Father Foran retired from the Chaplaincy Service of the Armed Forces in 1905 and the public use of the Chapel appears to have to continue until his death.

3 A PRESCOTT MEMORY

At some time in the late 1970s when visiting Molly Bloxham - frequent visits to her at Hastings whenever I was in England - we were going through some of her old Prescott and Bloxham family photographs. One item that caught my eye was a studio portrait of a clergyman. So I asked her who it was. She replied "Father Foran", with a dismissive approach. So I asked her if she did not want to keep the photo. Aunt Molly replied "No." I then told her that - as a librarian - I thought that she should give the photo to Folkestone Library for their Local History Collection. She agreed immediately and then observed "Don't let them think that he was important." I must have expressed surprise for she then again told me the following and oft-repeated story from her teenage years.

As was stated above, her attic bedroom from 1915 to 1917 was above Father Foran's bedroom in his apartment. Aunt Molly had always maintained that if she had come home at what Father Foran considered was a late hour, he would tell her mother the next day. Presumably Molly was reprimanded for such transgressions. Hence she never forgave Father Foran for what she considered his interference - in other words 50 years later she could describe him as of no importance.

N.B. For notes on the six photos on Father Foran and his rooms in The Rosary, see on the following page.

"THE ROSARY", 31 THE ESPLANADE, SANDGATE.

Built in the early 1800s though a surveyor in March 2000 felt it could be earlier – in the 1750s. Typical part brick and timber structure. Affected by the 1893 landslide. Sketch showing this is owned by the present owner Mrs. Beattie.

- 1939 Let to Bishop (which may be a religious title or the name of a person). The house was let in three flats. In the top flat there was a Roman Catholic chapel which contained only two bench seats, so that when these were full, worshippers sat outside on the stairs. Mrs. Beattie has a photograph of the chapel. During the Second World War, soldiers, who were billeted in the house, caused damage which was further exacerbated by wind and weather.
- 1946 The house was bought by the present owner, Mrs. Beattie, under her maiden name of Miss Horner. She is the daughter of the late Horace Horner, who owned the Leas Pavilion, and lived above the shoe shop in Sandgate Road.
- 1947 Miss Horner married Mr. Beattie, and the couple moved into "The Rosary". Part of their married life was spent overseas, where Mr. Beattie served in a police force. During their absence, "The Rosary" was let. When they returned and re-occupied the house, it was kept in separate flats, to provide accommodation for their daughters while giving them some degree of independence.
- 2000 In March, Mrs. Beattie, now 82 years of age, put the house up for sale. The houses on each side of "The Rosary" are both in a bad state of repair. Mrs. Beattie gave me the following information regarding them :-
- No.30 The Esplanade was, in 1893, called "Lymington House". It belonged at one time to a Mr. Vincent, who owned the Silver Springs soft drinks company, and had one son. It was then bought by a retired doctor. It is now owned by a Mr. Colin Townsend.
 - No.32 The Esplanade used to be called "Albert House". At one time, it was owned by a Mr. Groves, who had a large family. The house was sold to a Mr. Prescott. At present, it is owned by a Mr. Tillot, who lives in Surbiton.

or A.R.P. workers, formerly St. Mary's Convent, Shorecliffe Road, is fully equipped for the comfort of the various services. (1) The spacious kitchen where generous meals are prepared; (2) nurse in attendance; (3) Rest after a night on duty; (4) Recreation time. A game of table tennis is A.F.S.; (5) Women transport workers in their comfortable room; (6) A full-size billiards table is provided and there are some keen players.

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Through this organisation thousands of racing pigeon fanciers are enabled to put the services of their birds or their skill at the disposal of the nation.

VOLUNTEERS

The National Pigeon Service volunteers breed pigeons for the R.A.F. or the Army, and have already supplied thousands. They employ their own birds or lofts directly on message work for the Services.

Their wives often help in the labour entailed in this. The volunteers also assist the local police or Customs officers in duties involving pigeons.

The pigeon's task in this war is much more difficult than in the last, owing to the great speed and range of aircraft, and the fact that modern message forms are now attached to the bird's leg, enclosed in a message carrier, before the flight.

A white patch on the outside of the carrier enables the position of the distress to be written in a few seconds at the moment of release.

In case the bird alights on a ship instructions for the re-transmission are printed on the back of the S.O.S. form. This has saved much time on at least one occasion.

DON'T SHOOT THEM

The shooting of homing pigeons is an offence. For their better protection against birds of prey the destruction of peregrine falcons has been authorised. A survey has disclosed 78 eryies. From some of these a heavy toll has been levied on message-carrying pigeons.

The R.A.F. has a number of pigeon lofts of its own in charge of N.C.O.'s and airmen known as "pigeon keepers." These men are all expert pigeon fanciers.

supervision. She was then at home looking after the family.

The Chairman (Dr. W. Nuttall) said the Magistrate wished to do the best for the defendant. They would adjourn the case for a further four weeks.

They thought that she was at an age when she might be useful to the country and they strongly advised her to try to earn her own living away from home.

CASUALTIES IN THE BUFFS

The latest War Office casualty lists include the following names: Died: The Buffs: 2nd Lieut. J. W. E. Newman.

Previously reported prisoner of war, now reported wounded and prisoner of war: The Buffs: Pte. G. W. King.

Died: The Buffs: Cpl. E. G. W. Bush. Pte. D. A. C. J. A. P.

Death of a Great Sportsman

Mr. C. A. D. Tyssen, M.A.

The death occurred somewhat suddenly on Christmas Day of Charles Amherst Daniel Tyssen, M.A., of 40 Regent Square, London.

He was the only son of Mr. C. Tyssen, of Castle House and Beach Rocks, Sandgate, and was a cousin of the late Lord Amherst of Hackney.

MAFEEKING

Educated at Harrow and Oxford, he was better known in the world of sport than in the world of letters, although he is recorded in the Harrow Register as having written a poem on Persia.

He was a great sportsman at cricket. Afterwards, an original Zingari, he went with the All England cricket team to South Africa and arrived at Mafeking when he described it to the writer of this article, Mafeking was a very "wattle and daub" huts round a pool.

Mr. Tyssen was a great lover of literature and poetry and was known generally as one of the finest Greek scholars in this country.

MANY FRIENDS

A man who lived his life according to his own ideas he was simple-minded and a great favourite with all those who knew him. At the time of his death, although it happened to take place when he was alone, he was being visited by many friends who much regret his passing.

He will long be remembered, both in his latter days and also by those who met at his home celebrities in Society, Art and Literature in the days that were.

He was an advocate for all those things that were good.

H.T.S.

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ANNIE FRANCES PRESCOTT OF SANDGATE

Annie Frances Caden was born on 2 June 1864 in Cobh (Queenstown), Cork. She was the daughter of James Caden (1840-1884), a naval rating, and his wife Honora (nee Roach) (1844-1904). In September 1867 James Caden transferred to the Coastguard Service and was posted to Sandgate, the family moving from Cork to live in one of the Pre-Landslip Sandgate Coastguard Cottages. In 1877 James Caden returned to naval duties. After leaving the Coastguard Cottages Honora Caden became the tenant of the Tyssen Trust in the two houses on the Prospect House site, No. 29 Esplanade, Sandgate and began the occupation of lodging house keeper.

The Tyssen Trust administered the estate of the late Francis Samuel Daniel-Tyssen (the father of Cicely Carpenter's maternal grandmother) on behalf of his widow and family. The Trust owned all the properties on the Esplanade from Castle House to the south west corner of Prospect Road. Thus the Trust owned, in addition to Castle House, the two houses on the Prospect House site, and also the houses Nos. 1, 2, & 3 Prospect Place¹ (Nos. 30, 31 and 32 Esplanade). Farleigh House, on the south east corner of Prospect Road, was not owned by the Tyssen Trust, although the house had long had Tyssen family associations. Castle House was badly damaged in the 1893 Landslip and was later purchased by John James Jones. In 1898 it was opened as an unlicensed hotel called the Grosvenor Hotel, but by 1900 its purpose was changed to that of a Convalescent Home (Grosvenor House), which use continued until 1915 when the Jones Homes were finally closed², the Jones premises having been acquired by the Sandgate U.D. Council in 1914. Grosvenor House was occupied by the Canadian Expeditionary Forces during World War I and was sold by the Council (as an ex-Jones Home) in 1922. In 1923 the name of Rodney Court first appeared in the local directory³, although reference was made to the name "Rodney Cave" in the context of the sale of "Grosvenor House" in the Council Minutes of 1922⁴. The name of Rodney Court for this building continued to be used up to the beginning of World War II during which it was substantially damaged

In 1878, when Honora Caden first leased Prospect House, Annie Caden was 14 years old, at which time she would have begun to learn the necessary skills of a homemaker and of a lodging house keeper by assisting her mother with the care of her siblings and with the duties of providing service to lodgers. For example Annie was still cooking on a solid fuel stove in the 1930's. Although by that time her establishments had all the modern methods of cooking, heating, lighting, etc., together with telephone and radio, when compared with the methods that she had used in her youth. James Caden, Honora's husband, and Annie's father, died on 4 October 1884. Before the end of that year, when Annie Frances Caden was still under the age of 21 years, she married John Prescott on 23 December 1884 at the Roman Catholic Chapel at Folkestone.

¹ *Sinnock, Howard, and Co.'s ... Directory and Court Guide for Dover, Folkestone, Sandgate ... [for 1875]*, p 204 and Sale brochure of all the Tyssen Trust properties, 1892.

² Various local directories from 1898 to 1915.

³ *Parsons' Folkestone and District Directory ... for 1923*, p C60.

⁴ Sandgate Council minutes of 12 June 1922 p 112 of Minute Book Q, 1922-1927, UD/Sg/AM1/17.

The Cadens were an Irish Catholic family and Honora ensured that her daughter married a Catholic. John Prescott was the eldest son of a Kent-born naval rating and of an Irish mother. He was born in Ringiskiddy, Cork and was brought up a Catholic. It was family-lore that the Caden family and the Prescott family had been known to each other in the Cork years. This is confirmed by the service records of both men which show that they served at the same time on the same four naval ships from 1861 to 1867. James Prescott, John's father, was born in Lydden, Kent in 1835 and died in Dover in 1925, the press report of his death describing him as "an old Naval Crimean veteran".⁵ In 1867 James Prescott also transferred to the Coastguards, the Prescott family moving from Cork to England, living firstly in the Isle of Sheppey and later in Ramsgate, before moving to Dover on his retirement from the Coastguards in 1878.

It is probable that Annie and John were married so soon after the death of her father on account of the fact that John Prescott was transferring from HMS Duke of Wellington on 12 January 1885 to HMS Excellent on 13 January 1885. There may have been another reason for the marriage in the midst of such a period of mourning. Another item of family-lore held that Annie had been in love with an English (non-Catholic) soldier at Shorncliffe when she was a young woman. The importance of that piece of family-lore did not become apparent until very much later. For in the immediate post-WW2 years Annie confided with one of her grand-daughters that she had indeed been in love with a non-Catholic before her marriage. At that time the grand-daughter was under parental pressure not to become engaged to a divorced man. The implications of Annie's statement in that context are obvious.

Despite the unknowns of that period of Annie's and John's lives, their marriage was a solid one, with every indication of its being a very happy one. Their first child, a son – John or Jack Prescott as he was always known in the family – was born in Prospect House on 21 September 1886. Subsequent to this birth and prior to August 1888 Annie Prescott had become the tenant of the Tyssen Trust in the house No. 31 Esplanade (also known as No. 2 Prospect Place)⁶. It was not until 1890 that the local Directory entry for "Mrs. Prescott" at 31 Esplanade shows her as a lodging house keeper. It is probably that Annie Prescott was operating it as a lodging-house from the outset of her tenancy, as she and her husband could not have paid the required rental without income from the house. For example in 1892 Annie's annual payment as a tenant of the Tyssen Trust was £40 p.a. (or £2,896.80 in 2005 retail values*)⁷.

The second Prescott child, another son James, was born at 31 Esplanade on 26 February 1891. In October 1892 Annie Prescott purchased the freehold of 31 Esplanade from the Tyssen Trust at the same time as her mother, Honora Caden, purchased the houses on the Prospect House site. "Anne [sic] Prescott, wife of John Prescott"⁸ paid a deposit of £51 on the purchase price of £500 (£36,209.94 in 2005 retail values*). The Memorandum of that sale by auction was signed by "Charles Walter Ross Keatinge of 31 Esplanade, Sandgate agent for"⁹ Annie Prescott. With her husband at sea it would appear that this married woman had to be represented by a male in this transaction either by law or by common custom.

⁵ *Dover Express*, 30 October 1925, p 11.

⁶ *Pike's Folkestone, Hythe & Sandgate. Directory ... for 1888-1889*, p 356.

⁷ Sale brochure of all the Tyssen Trust properties, 1892.

⁸ Memorandum of sale.

⁹ *ibid.*

The Rev. Keatinge was a Roman Catholic chaplain at the Shorncliffe Army Camp and was residing at 31 Esplanade prior to July 1892¹⁰. It would seem that as early as that time Annie Prescott began a lifelong practice of having lodgers for extended periods of time as long-term sources of income, admittedly at possibly lower tariffs to ensure permanency. For the Rev. Keatinge lived at No. 31 from 1892 to 1896.¹¹ The next long-term resident was there for half a life-time. This practice of Annie Prescott was continued into the 1930's as recollected by Joy Deane (a member of the Sandgate Society whose family stayed for long periods of time at the Prescott houses in that decade).

The Sandgate Landslip occurred on the night of Saturday 4th March and the early morning of Sunday 5th March 1893. Due to the location of 31 Esplanade in relation to the Landslip that extended from the Shorncliffe Military Hospital in the west to Chapel Street (now Wilberforce Road) in the east,¹² there was considerable damage caused to the house. The Prescott family and Rev. Keatinge had to move out immediately. Serious damage was caused nearby to Castle House (later Grosvenor Hotel/Convalescent Home and subsequently Rodney Court), to Prospect House (to both houses on the site), to No 30 Esplanade, (No 1 Prospect Place – the sole remaining Tyssen-occupied residence), to Lymington House, No 32 Esplanade (No. 3 Prospect Place), with minor damage to Farleigh House on the south east corner of Prospect Road and Esplanade. Major damage was also inflicted in the grounds of and to the house at Encombe, together with extensive heavy damages to many homes of the poor and disadvantaged in Chapel Street. Mrs Prescott was one of the many victims of the Landslip to receive reimbursements from the funds of the Sandgate Relief Fund. She received a total of £82 (£6,220.23 in 2005 retail values*) – £30 for “personal relief” and £52 as a grant for the “damaged house”.¹³ This funding enabled the necessary repairs to be carried out to the house and by June/July 1893 the Rev. Keatinge was back in residence in 31 Esplanade¹⁴, which obviously implies that the Prescott family were also back home.

More important than this material damage to property at the time of the Landslip we also know that Annie Prescott was pregnant in March 1893. The family, together with the Rev. Keatinge,¹⁵ moved into 7 Devonshire Terrace (*Devonshire Marina*), where on 12 April 1893 the first Prescott daughter was born – she was christened Mary Clare Constance Prescott.¹⁶ Her father called her Molly. Molly died at 31 Esplanade on 10th May 1894, aged thirteen months. The informant to the local Registrar of this death was the child's grandmother, Honora Caden, then living at 7 Devonshire Terrace, Sandgate.¹⁷ It is not known if Molly's death was caused in any way by the effects of the Landslip, but it is likely that the Landslip may have been a contributing factor. The death of this child was rarely mentioned in the family.

¹⁰ Pike's Folkestone, Hythe & Sandgate and Cheriton Directory ... for 1892-3, p 113 and p 289.

¹¹ Pike's Folkestone, Hythe & Sandgate, Directory ... for 1896-7, p 89 and p 292.

¹² J.F. Blake, 'The Landslip at Sandgate', *Nature*, 16 March 1893, pp 467-469, and 'The Disaster at Sandgate', *The Builder*, 11 March 1893, pp 185-186, and 'Notes' ... 25 March 1893, p 228.

¹³ *Sandgate Weekly News*, 14 April 1894 p 6.

¹⁴ *Sandgate Weekly News*, 19 August 1893 p 9.

¹⁵ Pike's Folkestone, Hythe & Sandgate and Cheriton Directory ... for 1893-4, p 304.

¹⁶ Prescott family Bible.

¹⁷ Death certificate.

In 1896 John Prescott completed his 20 years service with the Royal Navy. He turned to domestic life at 31 Esplanade, and at some time afterwards commenced work with the Customs Service at Folkestone Harbour. This public service was first listed in the Folkestone Directory for 1898-9,¹⁸ and under that entry are listed employees described as "Watchers", among whose names is that of "J. Prescott". Later in life John Prescott suffered a road accident when cycling home from work at the Harbour, which resulted in a leg injury and permanent disability. This accident also led to the cessation of employment, he from then on being in receipt solely of his naval pension. But from 1915 onwards, with the assured profits from the two houses on the Esplanade, income was not to be a problem until after 1940.

In the same 1898-9 edition of the Folkestone Directory there was listed as residing at 31 Esplanade for the first time "... Foran, Rev. Thomas, chaplain to the Forces ...".¹⁹ Thus began a residency and "presence" in the Prescott household that continued until 6th December 1923 when "Father Foran" died.²⁰ Rev. Foran replaced the Rev. Keatinge as the senior RC chaplain at Shorncliffe in 1897 or 1898. It is possible that it was the recommendations of the Rev. Keatinge that led Father Foran also to take up residency there. He was an Army chaplain until his retirement in 1905²¹. After his retirement he continued to live at No. 31 for the next 18 years until his death.

Father Foran's suite consisted of the first floor drawing room at the front of the house, with the two front bedrooms above. One of the front second floor bedrooms was converted into a chapel (see photograph), which was open to the general public and as a venue for Mass was so listed in the local Directory from 1901.²² In 1993 my brother, Michael Sargeant, and I when visiting Mr and Mrs Battie in No. 31, viewed this room and all the other rooms in the house. The ceiling of the former chapel was still in evidence – pale blue decorated with silver stars.

It should be noted that in the second decade of the 20th century the two daughters of Annie and John Prescott (see page 5 below) were given their own rooms in the attic level of No. 31. These two attic rooms were presumably converted from "... in the roof a large attic ...".²³ The eldest of those two daughters (Molly Bloxham) would relate late in her life that when she was a young woman Father Foran would tell her mother when she returned home in the evening at a time that Father Foran considered too late and unacceptable for a young woman. Molly Bloxham never forgot or forgave those judgments on her behaviour.

At about the same time that John Prescott returned to live permanently at No. 31, and as Father Foran joined the household, another person came to live in the house. This was Violet Jeffrey, a young girl from a Catholic orphanage, who arrived to fill a vacancy for a general servant in that household. When Annie took the young girl to meet John Prescott, she introduced her to him by her name Violet. John Prescott, who later in life was referred to by every adult member of the family as "Governor", continued to run a very tight ship, and applied this attitude to many aspects of his

¹⁸ Pike's Folkestone, Hythe & Sandgate and Cheriton Directory ... for 1898-9, p 41.

¹⁹ Ibid., p 70 and p 293.

²⁰ National Probate Calendars. Wills & Admons. 1926, microfiche FIT-GAU.

²¹ The Catholic who's who and year book, 1908. Lond., Burns & Oates, 1908, p 153.

²² Pike's Folkestone, Hythe & Sandgate and Cheriton Directory ... for 1901-2, pp 314-5.

²³ Sale brochure of all the Tyssen Trust properties, 1892.

family and domestic life. When told that the name of the new general help was Violet, he observed "I can't remember that, I will call her Ellen the name of the last girl!" To the day of her death Violet Jeffrey was known within the Prescott family and their large circle of relations and friends as "Ellen". This arbitrary throwing away a person's name and substituting another's name is inconceivable in today's terms. Similarly it has been established that the name of Violet Jeffrey did not appear in the Electoral Roll for 31 Esplanade until 1929. I can recall having heard as a child that the "Governor" would not allow Ellen to vote – because she was unmarried and therefore did not have a husband to tell her how to vote. This offence began in 1918 when all women over the age of 30 years were enfranchised and continued to 1929. Violet Jeffrey was born in 1872 and so was aged 30 in 1912. It is thought that the Governor's sons and/or sons-in-law had to insist that he cease this practice at the time of the final extension of the female right to vote in 1929 when women between 21 and 30 years were enfranchised.²⁴ It is possible that John Prescott took the same action with another resident, "Miss Green" who lived there from 1918 to 1940. The name of Constance Green did not appear on the Roll until 1929 as in the case of Violet Jeffrey, although her age in 1918 is not known.

Two more children were born to Annie and John Prescott at 31 Esplanade before 1900. The first was another daughter, Annie Honora Prescott (Molly Bloxham) born on 14 September 1897, and the second was a son, William Patrick (Bill) Prescott, on 13 March 1899. All of whom, including "Ellen", are listed in the 1901 census entry for 31 Esplanade (dated 31 March 1901).²⁵ Father Foran was not so listed as he was attending the opening of the Australian Federal Parliament in Melbourne, Victoria on 9 May 1901 as the representative of the "Catholic Branch of the Army Chaplains' Department at the inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth, 1901".²⁶ As an Australian I have to digress at this point. The average Australian regards the date of Federation as 1st January 1901, as contained in the proclamation signed by Queen Victoria on 17 September 1900.²⁷ Admittedly the editor of "*The Catholic who's who*" could only print the information as provided and a publication printed in Melbourne following the opening of the First Parliament refers in this context to "the baptism of the New Nation".²⁸

Three more Prescott children were born between 1901 and 1906 at 31 Esplanade, or "The Rosary" as the house was named from 1903²⁹ – May Eileen Prescott was born on 28 July 1901, Joseph Prescott prematurely born on 19 December 1902 and who died 42 hours later on 21 December 1902, and Thomas Caden Prescott, born 16 April 1906. As has been recorded previously Honora Caden, the mother of Annie Prescott, died on 5 March 1904. The Prescott children were educated at the leading local schools – the boys at the Harvey Grammar School, and the girls at the Ursuline Convent at Hythe. This practice was continued into the next generation with grandsons living at Sandgate going to the Harvey Grammar, and the granddaughters [living at Sandgate] going to the Hythe convent.

²⁴ *The Oxford companion to British history*; ed. by John Cannon. Lond., O.U.P., 1997, pp 898-899.

²⁵ 1901 Census RG13/848 p 34.

²⁶ *The Catholic who's who and year book 1908...* London, Burns & Oates, [1908], p 153.

²⁷ *The Australian encyclopaedia*, V. 4, p 32. Sydney, Angus & Robertson, [1958].

²⁸ The Opening of the first Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia: photogravure after the original painting by Tom Roberts. Melbourne: Australian Art Assoc., [1901],

²⁹ *Pike's Folkestone, Hythe, Sandgate and Cheriton ... directory for 1903-4*, p 334.

An unanticipated outcome of the 1893 Landslip was the ever-growing number of convalescent homes operated in Sandgate by John James Jones and his family, which homes were ultimately known collectively at the Jones Sanatoria. Jones, by taking advantage of the fall in property values, purchased and/or leased a large number of premises after 1893. Among those properties purchased by Jones were Castle House, Lymington House, and Farleigh House (or 28, 32 and 33 Esplanade), all of which were operated finally as convalescent homes. After 1900 when Jones ceased to be associated with the London Samaritan Society and the Beach Rocks Convalescent Home, he concentrated on the promotion and operation of his private enterprises. The growth in these establishments economically and physically adversely affected a range of townsfolk, including lodging house keepers, shopkeepers, house-owners, real estate speculators, etc. The Jones Sanatoria were increasingly being promoted and operated for sufferers from tuberculosis, and many of the clientele were financed by Poor Law Unions, particularly from the disadvantaged areas of London. Jones targeted the Unions with great emphasis after his introduction of his form of "open-air" treatment of the disease. This form of treatment offered and provided by the Jones organisation was regarded with concern and suspicion by the medical profession, although Jones was able to put forward professional opinions that supported his claims.³⁰

From 1900 this issue was prominently covered in the *Folkestone Herald* and in the Minutes of the Sandgate Urban District Council. In 1905 the Sandgate U.D. Council was successful when a private Act of Parliament was passed which gave the Council the powers to control the operations of such homes, and to buy them out with compensation. With the three Jones establishments on the Esplanade between West Lawn and Encombe, the Prescotts were in the midst of one of the most densely affected areas of Sandgate. While the Prescott family's income may not have been so badly affected as some others, it is apparent that fear and contemporary lack of knowledge about tuberculosis led to antipathy among the family members towards sufferers from the disease. These feelings were to prove to have been relevant in later years.

In August 1914 the Council used its powers under the Act to acquire all the Jones premises, although the Jones establishments continued to operate for the best part of 12 months with the Jones family being tenants of the Council. Once all the premises had been vacated in 1915 the Council was in a position to sell those premises. Two were sold almost immediately, and many of the others were tenanted by the Military Authorities including the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, which were located in Grosvenor House, and Farleigh House (both former Jones properties) and in West Lawn (vacant after the death of Julius Du Boulay) and Prospect House (vacant at that time due to the owners, the Caden brothers, being on war service).

Of the two Jones Homes sold by the Council in 1915 one was Lymington House, 32 Esplanade, which was purchased by John Prescott in April/May 1915 for £350 (£18,679.97 in 2005 retail terms*). By this acquisition the Prescotts were able to offer additional premises for board and lodgings over and above Father Foran's suite and to permit family members to move into improved accommodation.

³⁰ 'The Sandgate "Sanatoria" for the open-air treatment of consumption and other diseases of the chest' from Our Special Sanitary Correspondent, *Lancet*, 22 August 1903, pp 565-569.

By May/June 1915 World War I was having its effects upon every family with children of service age. Annie and John Prescott were so affected. By 1915 both of Annie's surviving Caden brothers were in the Royal Navy – William Patrick, and Charles Henry. In addition two of the Prescott sons were either in or were to be in the Army – James Prescott (born 1891) and William Prescott (born 1899). Molly Prescott, the eldest daughter, married in 1917 a Canadian Army officer, Herbert Cyril Bloxham, who had been located in the Canadian Expeditionary Force's Accounts Section in Farleigh House across the road from the Prescott houses. In the same year, Molly Bloxham, nee Prescott, sailed for Canada as a war bride. On a less personal note, but of importance in the history of Folkestone in W.W.I, John Prescott with his youngest daughter was in Tontine Street on Friday 25 May 1917 when German bombs were dropped on the town, and more specifically on that street "where the greatest loss of life occurred" during the air raid.³¹

It is not known if the additions to the façade of Lymington House (see illustration) in respect of balconies and a covered area on the garden floor were carried out by John James Jones or by the Prescott family between 1915 and 1919. By 1921 this house had been renamed "The Albert House".³² Recently in a conversation with my brother Michael this topic came up and we speculated on why that name was chosen. Michael then pointed out that there had always been a large marble bust of Prince Albert on a pedestal at the far end of the entrance hall of the house, so that as one entered the front door one would see it at the other end of the corridor. He also reminded me that the back of the bust's head could always be seen in the window at the end of the passage from outside the rear of the house in Prospect Road. When Michael reminded me of that fact I could once again see that head as if I were standing in that section of Prospect Road. We both automatically assumed that the Prescott family so named the house in their usual fashion on the basis of this bust and the name became a reality through time and practice.

As was mentioned above Miss Green became a resident before the end of WWI and subsequent to the purchase of 32 Esplanade in 1915. This was at the time when there was additional accommodation in the Prescott houses, and after Molly Bloxham had left for Canada. This other long-term resident, Constance Green, worked at the Hythe Post Office for many years. Miss Green, as she was known to every generation of the Prescott family, lived and ate with the family and continued to do so until 1940. Our family birthday book contains in our mother's handwriting under the date 23 August the entry "Miss Green". Her forename was only ascertained from the Electoral Roll in very recent years.

Two of the photographs that accompany the condensed article on Annie Frances Prescott that is to be published in the next issue of the *Sandgate News* show the decorations outside the Prescott houses on the Esplanade after the signing of the Armistice on 11 November 1918. The Prescott family was fortunate in that both of the Prescott sons returned from the War, as did both of the Caden brothers.

³¹ *Folkestone Herald* of 2 June 1917.

³² *Parsons' Folkestone and District Directory ... for 1921-22*, p 282

With the end of WWI and the vacating of the Council premises (ex-Jones Homes) by the Military authorities, the Sandgate Council began to concentrate on the sale of these properties. The Council wished to cease at the earliest opportunity to have to act as the landlord of these premises. Of even more importance the Council was most eager to finalise the agreement made with Mr Charles Hoskins Master ("a prominent resident")³³ in respect of refunding the interest-free sum of £3,000 that he had made available to the Council in 1913 for the acquisition of the Jones properties.³⁴ One of the first of these properties to be sold at this time was Farleigh House on the south east corner of Prospect Road.

Between July and September 1919 John Prescott was negotiating with the Council over the purchase of this house, yet another of the Council's ex-Jones Homes. This was a complex negotiation process that led to agreement on a price of £900 (in 2005 retail values and not property values of £27,550.68). There is an apparent discrepancy between this 1919 figure of £900 and its 2005 values when compared with the 1892 figure of £500 or £36,209.94 in 2005 values. This is probably due to the fall in the value of the pound sterling after 1914 and the period of global inflation after 1918. For example "... March 1919. There followed a period of sharp depreciation of sterling ... After their depreciation in 1919-20, sterling and other Western European currencies recovered considerably, largely brought about by the slump in world commodity prices in 1920-21. ..."³⁵ To demonstrate these facts in another way, £900 in 1913 was worth £58,986.00 in 2005 retail values*, whereas £900 in 1922 was worth £32,733.63 in 2005 retail values*, so the latter while less than the 1913 figure it was more than the 1919 figure of £27,555.68.

By 1921 Farleigh House [in reality always No. 33 Esplanade, although the street number of this house never appeared in the local directories] had been converted into two separate houses, No. 33 Esplanade was named Killarney and No. 34 was named Roxana. This conversion involved the internal separation of the old house, the creation of a new front door into Roxana, and the use of the existing two staircases – one in each house. The original main staircase (a fine sweeping spiral staircase) was in Roxana but only from the main ground level to the top floor, whereas the former servants' staircase in the north west corner of Killarney covered every floor from the lower ground floor to the top floor. As a result there was not stairway access from the main levels of Roxana to the lower level of Roxana and this area was always a self-contained flat let out to tenants.

The birth years of the Prescott children spanned from 1886 to 1906, so even before 1914 the eldest of Annie's children were growing up. In 1911 Jack Prescott married Eva Clark, daughter of Ernest C. Clark, members of whose family lived for many years in Newton Cottage at the foot of Sandgate Hill. Annie's first grandchildren were of this marriage, and were born in 1912 (Paul Prescott) and in 1913 (Joan Prescott). This Prescott family lived in Vine Cottage, Sandgate High Street, before moving into Roxana in 1920, where their third child Tony was born in the same

³³ Extract from the letter by the Council Clerk, J. Shera Atkinson, to Ratepayers dated 1st February 1913.

³⁴ Sandgate Council minutes of 6 March 1913, pp 329-330 of Minute Book N, 1910-1914, UD/Sg/AM1/14

³⁵ Einzig, Paul – *The History of foreign exchange*. 2nd ed. London, MacMillan, 1970. pp 250 and 251.

year.³⁶ Jack and Eva Prescott were the eventual owners of this house, and from the outset Jack Prescott may have contributed towards the total purchase price, but such details are no longer known or ascertainable. Initially Killarney, No. 33 Esplanade, was let out to tenants.

In 1919 the next eldest son of Annie and John Prescott, James Prescott (after his return from war service) married Maria McCliment, daughter of the widowed Mrs. E. McCliment, confectioner of 100 Tontine Street, Folkestone. The remainder of the Prescott children married in the inter-war years – May in 1923 to Charles Michael Sargeant of Petham, Kent and later of Gunnersbury, West London, Thomas in 1926 to Edna Kinnis of Hastings and in 1938 to Gladys Sheffield of Eastbourne, and William in 1934 to Gladys Clarkson of Canterbury. A further 9 grandchildren were born between 1923 and 1946. Those grandchildren lucky enough to have been born before 1939 all had and/or have important memories of Sandgate and Folkestone, of the Prescott and Caden families, of The Rosary, of The Albert House, of Killarney, and of Roxana.

One matter relating to the October 1923 marriage of our parents is that which was raised on p 6 regarding the Prescott attitude towards tuberculosis, consumptive homes, etc. We, and our Sargeant cousins (children of our father's two sisters), were all brought up in the understanding that our common Sargeant grandfather had died in 1904 as a result of a farming accident. He, Harry Sargeant, was a tenant farmer in Petham. After his eldest daughter died in 1991 our grandfather's death certificate surfaced. The cause of death was tuberculosis. It was Michael who so quickly latched onto the reason for this subterfuge – he reasoned that our dad was aware of the Prescott family's attitude and if the cause of the death of his father was known to the family, the marriage would not have been allowed to go ahead. Therefore Dad and his eldest sister agreed on this version of their father's death, which was used to ensure that there was no reason for our mother's parents to refuse to allow the marriage. Hence this information was passed on to we children. Michael soon checked his hypothesis with an elderly friend, who agreed that in 1920's such a situation could have meant parental refusal, etc. She also pointed out that there could be a record in the Sargeant family of Petham and Bridge of a death caused in a farming accident, upon which our father and his sister based their account of their father's death. Later when researching the family of Harry Sargeant, his parents, and his siblings it was found that a younger brother, Frederick Sargeant, had died in 1885 at Petham in such circumstances.

In September 1922 Molly Bloxham returned from Canada with her husband, H.C. Bloxham. She was pregnant with her first child, Yvonne who was born in March 1923 at the Bevan Nursing Home, Sandgate. The Bloxhams did not return to Canada as originally planned. Instead Killarney was purchased from Annie and John Prescott, and the Bloxham family commenced living there at about that time, although the name of "H.C. Bloxham" was not listed in the Folkestone Directory until 1927.³⁷ H.C. Bloxham joined his brother-in-law, Jack Prescott, working at the Folkestone Post Office.

³⁶ *Parsons' Folkestone and District Directory ... for 1921-2*, p 282.

³⁷ *Parsons' Folkestone and District Directory ... for 1927*, p 209.

After the death of Father Foran in December 1923 Annie and John continued to have long-term residents at 31 & 32 Esplanade. In the 1930's there were Indian Army families on home leave who stayed at either The Rosary or The Albert House, eg. the Nicholas family, and the Taylor family. Families of the various non-resident Sandgate Prescott children would spend considerable periods of time at Sandgate throughout the 1920's and 1930's. In September 1939 the Sargeant family from Gunnersbury went to stay at Sandgate to avoid the expected bombing of London at the outbreak of war. The family only stayed until mid-October when May Sargeant took her children back to London unannounced to her husband, to live at Gunnersbury for the remainder of the War.

During the following years members of the Prescott extended family served in many fields. Bill Prescott, who had served in the Great War, volunteered for Army service at the beginning of the war and continued to serve until 1945. The Prescott grandchildren also performed in various ways. Paul Prescott, who had opened a patisserie shop in Cheriton Place in 1939 closed down his shop and joined the Army. He was captured at the Fall of France and spent the next five year in a POW camp – his adventures in 1945 when the camp prisoners were marched west from East Prussia in the face of the advancing Russian Army made an outstanding story. Tony Prescott joined the RAF and after training in North America, he served as aircrew throughout the War, going to Florida in 1944 as an instructor. John Bloxham joined the Royal Navy as an apprentice in the mid-War years, and his sister Yvonne joined the WRAC in the early war years. Deirdre Prescott, daughter of Thomas Prescott, joined the WRNS in the mid-war years. Joan Prescott, sister of Paul and Tony, was married to an Army officer with all the worries that such entailed. Bernadette Prescott, daughter of James and Maria Prescott, and Ursula Sargeant were both conscripted into local Fire Service stations.

The events of May and June 1940 had long-term effects upon the whole of the Prescott family, but more particularly on Annie and John Prescott, on Ellen (Violet Jeffrey), on Constance Green, on the Bloxham family, and on the Prescott family of Roxana. After the Fall of France the British Government issued instructions and/or advice that all persons without essential reasons for remaining on the South Coast from East Anglia to Hastings and Brighton should leave their homes in the face of the likely German Invasion. As I said elsewhere "after reading Brian Boreham's paper on that 1940 event,"³⁸ "I again understood how great in June 1940 was the physical danger to anyone living so close to the Marshes in the event of a German invasion."

Unmoved by the Government's instructions were Charlie and Lizzie Caden who stayed in Prospect House throughout the War. Charles Tyssen died at 30 Esplanade on 24 December 1940 – he too had not left Sandgate. He was the son of Francis Samuel Daniel-Tyssen, and therefore the great uncle of Cicely Carpenter. Charles Amherst Daniel-Tyssen had been born at Seabrook Farm on 13 December 1856³⁹. He returned to live at Sandgate at 30 Esplanade about the time of the 1893 Landslip and continued to live in that house until his death. The fact that these three people remained on the Esplanade in 1940, presumably untroubled by the authorities is difficult to reconcile with the prosecution of others for not moving from the area. The

³⁸ Boreham, Brian – *Invasion 1940*, (Folkestone Local History Leaflet No. 3) 1999.

³⁹ *The Times* of 15 December 1856, p1 col. a.

case of William Vernon Dean, of Sandgate, in this context makes interesting reading, with speculations of possible victimisation or being made an example for other citizens who had also remained without essential reasons.⁴⁰

The events of May and June 1940 had a devastating effect upon the coastal towns, and their populations, of Eastern and South Eastern England. Folkestone and Dover with their close proximity to the French coast were regarded as particularly vulnerable. "This evacuation was disastrous for the local economy and transformed buzzing resorts into ghost towns; the population of Folkestone shrank from 46,000 to 6000 in just three weeks."⁴¹ The source of those figures is not known. However in 1974 Harold Neason, Borough Treasurer of Folkestone Council throughout the war, stated in an interview that "three-quarters of the population had gone". Mr Neason in the same interview made grateful mention of the actions of the central Government in making "advances out of Exchequer funds to cover debts which the local authorities could not meet because of the lack of rate revenue."⁴²

The Harvey Grammar was evacuated to Merthyr Tydfil in South Wales, together with John Bloxham, one of the students. The Bloxham family left Killarney for the same town, although Yvonne Bloxham went first to London where her employment with the Prudential Insurance Company resulted in her being evacuated to Torquay, from where she joined the Army. Jack Prescott regarded himself as essential to the town Post Office and so remained, but his wife at first went to Gunnersbury, West London. However once the London bombing started Eva Prescott felt she might just as well be with her husband, and she returned to Sandgate. However they did not live in Roxana, they rented a house on the eastern side of Sandgate Hill where they lived until at least 1945. Here they worried about the fate of their eldest son Paul in a POW camp, and the safety of Tony, their RAF son.

At some time after the Fall of France it was decided by all the Prescott family that Annie and John should leave Sandgate, not only on account of the dangers from the feared invasion but also because there were fewer family members nearby to look after them, and with Sandgate literally closing down daily living itself would be more difficult for an elderly couple with only Ellen (Violet Jeffrey) to assist. It has to be remembered that in 1940 few homes, other than those of the wealthy, had refrigerators, so daily shopping was a way of life. Housewives would shop locally so as to be able to carry home their purchases. With Sandgate and Folkestone shopping facilities being reduced it would be more difficult to feed the family. Added to which there was the problem of the cessation in income from lack of resident-visitors to the houses.

In order to persuade them to leave in June 1940 it was put to Annie and John that they were "only" going away for an unspecified length of time on holiday to Warminster, to stay with their son James and his family. James Prescott was a dentist in Warminster, where he had had a practice since the early 1920's. Ellen was to stay for

⁴⁰ *Folkestone Herald*, 28 September 1940 p 3.

⁴¹ Gillies, Midge – *Waiting for Hitler: voices from Britain on the brink of invasion*. London, Hodder & Stoughton, 2006. Page 195.

⁴² *Folkestone Herald* of 7 December 1974.

a few days or weeks longer, and then she left Sandgate for West London. Thus Constance Green, after more than 20 years living at 32 Esplanade, had to find other accommodation in Seabrook.

I remember very well, as an eight year old boy, going with my parents to Waterloo Station to meet our grandparents on their way from Folkestone to Warminster. They travelled up from Folkestone by train, changing at the elevated Southern Railway platform at Waterloo. The party then had to descend to the Waterloo mainline station of the London & South West Railway. In the last six months I suddenly questioned this memory as, to me, the way to go to Warminster by train would be via Paddington. My father had ceased to run his car in December 1939, so we could not have taken Annie and John to Paddington by the Inner Circle from the then Charing Cross Underground Station (now Embankment) on account of John's incapacity for walking, climbing stairs, escalators, etc. However Bernadette Bryant, James Prescott's daughter, was able to assure me from her detailed knowledge of Warminster that it was possible to travel by train to Warminster from Waterloo. My memories of that meeting at Waterloo Station and the processes of getting them onto the right train in the pandemonium of transportation in the face of possible invasion are with me still. If I was affected how more devastating it must have been for the four adults in the party? In my mind's eye I can still see a situation similar to that scene in "Casablanca" when Humphrey Bogart is waiting at the Gare de Lyon for Ingrid Bergman – who never turns up – for their escape from Paris ahead of the Germans. Every time I see that movie I am back at Waterloo Station on that June day.

In June 1940 James and Maria Prescott of Warminster were not only sheltering Annie and John Prescott from Sandgate, but also her mother Elizabeth McCliment and her unmarried sister Lizzie from Folkestone. Mrs McCliment had been blind for many years, and once the Tontine shop had been sold, she and her daughter, her sole carer, had moved into a flat in Cheriton. Like all those other 40,000 people who left the Folkestone area at that time, the McCliments had to leave also. The Chantry, Warminster was a large house in which James' dental practice was also located. Thus the Warminster Prescott household was suddenly increased by four adults. Late in August 1940 Lizzie McCliment was admitted to hospital in Bath for a minor operation. While she was recovering, and still a patient, Bath was bombed resulting in a large number of casualties. All hospital patients who were fit enough were discharged to make way for those casualties, and Lizzie McCliment returned to Warminster. She died within a short while, attributed, it was thought, to the fact that she had not been able to remain in hospital with professional care for long enough.

This tragedy left Maria McCliment to look after her blind mother, to continue to play her role as the housewife, and to assist her husband in matters relating to the day to day operation of the practice. Annie Prescott soon realised that her daughter-in-law needed all her efforts to maintain these roles, especially the first and most trying one, and that the presence of Annie and John only added to the burdens. She decided that they would go to London and live in West London with Ellen to make up their household. So early in September they journeyed to London, and accommodation was found for the three of them in Sudbury Town on the Piccadilly Line. This accommodation, the first of a series of two locations in Whitton Avenue, was actually a "house-sharing" situation. Thus from all the space, rooms, facilities, etc. in the two houses on the Esplanade, Sandgate the Prescotts and Ellen were sharing all facilities

in small terraced houses including kitchens and bathrooms. The other and ever-pressing problem of income was acute. John's small (over 35 years old) naval pension was the only regular source of income, although their children contributed towards their upkeep in these circumstances. But it was necessary for all three of the Prescott party to apply for and receive the old age pension, to which they had strong objections, it being akin to their parents' reactions to the 19th century concept of the Poor Law Union "Poor House". Within 12 months of all this upheaval John Prescott died on 19 June 1941 at the age of 82, to be buried in the Ealing Cemetery. Annie and Ellen continued to live at Sudbury Town until a further move took place.

The Bloxham family went from South Wales to West London when John Bloxham's plans to join the Navy meant that he had to have technical education to give him the right background for early entry into the Navy as an apprentice. It was found that he could attend the Acton Technical College for that purpose, so he left the Harvey Grammar School, and the family relocated to Ealing Common. That new house was large enough to provide accommodation for Annie Prescott and Ellen, giving them some privacy and self care.

Ellen (Violet Jeffrey) was the next casualty in this saga of uprooting, loss and fear. Early in 1945 Ellen's health was so bad that medical advice was sought. It was soon found that she was suffering from advanced and extreme cancer. Ellen died in hospital on 29 August 1945. She was buried not far from the grave of John Prescott in the Ealing Cemetery. Thus within a few short years Annie Prescott had lost her husband, her life-long companion, and her home. The death of Ellen was also a blow to Annie's two daughters, both of whom had known her from early infancy or from birth. Those two women, Molly Bloxham and May Sargeant, regarded Ellen as an older sister, who was always there to comfort and assist, and who in the most recent years had taken care of their mother without complaint or reproach – for Ellen too had lost her home of forty years together with her income.

The last remaining years of Annie Prescott's life were spent unhappily in the anguish of Alzheimer's disease. From 1945 to 1948 she lived every alternate four weeks at Ealing Common or at Gunnersbury. This sharing of care in this way was necessary as full-time care without breaks was out of the question for Annie's daughters, particularly in those harsh post-war years in the United Kingdom. If it was difficult for her daughters, her sons-in-law, and their families, how much more difficult must it have been for Annie? On 2 October 1948 Annie Frances Prescott died in hospital, to be buried alongside her husband and with Ellen close by.

So ended this story of just one of those thousands of people who were forced to leave their homes in Southern England. In this case Annie never returned to live in the house that had been hers for over 50 years, or to the place, Sandgate, that had been home for over 70 years. Maybe, with hindsight, it would have been better for these three refugees (this noun describes the lives of these three people from 1940 – refugees in their own land) to have returned to Sandgate late in 1940 or early in 1941 when it was obvious that Hitler had changed his plans for invasion. But had they done so at that time, subsequently when John Prescott died, the two women would have been alone in those houses on the Esplanade, with only Charlie and Lizzie Caden nearby. One has to ask oneself how practical would it have been to shop in Sandgate on a daily basis at that time. Admittedly the road along the Esplanade was open to

traffic, and the barbed wire only blocked off the beach. On the other hand would Annie have been happier in Sandgate with the daily hazards of shelling from France and bombing at any time rather than in London with the intermittent bombing and later the V1's and V2's. Her houses and their contents were sold soon after the end of the War, possibly at knock-down prices. This was done to comply with the terms of the will of John Prescott, and to provide some income to augment her old age pension. Of Annie's six children and their spouses all died between 1953 and 1985, although one daughter-in-law did not die until 2004.

There are only five Prescott grandchildren still alive of the ten who were fortunate enough to know pre-1940 Sandgate. Those four of us who participated in this memoir have many memories of our grandparents, of Ellen, and of life in Sandgate up to 1940. How do we recall our grandmother? The answers can be varied – as a loving old lady, who was always gentle and uncritical, is probably the first answer that comes to mind, and which would be as true now as it would have been at any time between 1925 and 1940. But we also think of her as a survivor like Honora Caden, her mother. In the first 12 years of her married life she was the “household head” and later “sole parent”, making decisions not only about her sons, but about setting up as a lodging house keeper, buying the house, facing the Landslip and its results including the death of her daughter. She was a firm and devout Catholic, and so she remained despite the fact that she was not allowed to marry for love outside the Church. While her husband was always the “head” of the house from 1896, it was Annie Frances who insured that the correct (by her standards) decisions were made and implemented. Her children were all “more English than the English”, and she never gave any indications that she regarded herself as Irish – yet did she at times feel drawn to the country of her birth? And so the speculations can go on and on!

*These calculations (retail values not property values) have been made on the following website: –

www.measuringworth.com/calculators/ppoweruk/ at Measuring Worth. Com – Purchasing Power of British Pounds from 1264 to 2006 for which acknowledgement is gratefully made.”

Notes on the attached photos (in addition to the ones printed with the *Sandgate News* article): –

1 The Albert House, 32 Esplanade, Sandgate, also at the time of the Armistice Celebrations, showing in detail the additions to the front of the house.

2 The Albert House, another view with particular emphasis on the balcony in front of the main drawing room, and those below with the extended window.

3 The Chapel in The Rosary – this makes the room look larger than it was. The altar was on the east wall, with the doorway at the opposite end from the window, on the right in the photo. There was only one pew for worshippers, and the Governor used to sit on a chair at the top of the stairs in the doorway. Any latecomers would attend the mass behind him on the stairs – source Molly Bloxham.