

Counterpart LEASE of two parcels of land coloured
pink, blue and green for ENDCLIFFE HOUSE (ENCLIFF HOUSE
ON PLAN)
coach house, stables and cottages, from

JACOB, EARL OF RADNOR to COLONEL WILLIAM WHEATLEY, |||
on retired list of H.M. Army
late of Scots Fusilier Guards |||

Cpl. Wheatley surrendered lease dated 15 December 1845 and
entered into new lease for 65 years from 24.6.1878.

RENT £66 p.a.

Full repairing lease (except the cottages which
he may pull down).

May not convert coach house to private dwelling.

May not assign as ASYLUM, DISPENSARY or other
similar institution but only for professions.

The EARL covenants not to build on land adjoining a
LUNATIC ASYLUM or noisy, noisome or offensive
manufactory.

Paul.

ENDCLIFFE HOUSE Sandgate Hill.

Reference your email requesting information about Endcliffe House.

There was little in the Sandgate Society archives about this house and I could find no pictures/photographs or line drawings of the property but have gleaned what I could elsewhere - as follows:-

Erected about 1820, there was ground rent being paid and it would be interesting to know to whom it was being paid. I contacted Smith Wooley and Perry, estate agents, of Folkestone, regarding this as I knew they had past dealings with the house as they would have known that Shepway Council would have to have been approached with the connection of a deed of variance from a private house to a different use and were involved in the terms of the conveyance over to a B&B. I spoke to their archivist: - Ms Jane Goodburn, who was able to tell me a little about recent owners etc., but little about the distant past. However, she said they would be pleased to furnish you with the full details of the history they have in their records about the house but would have to charge a fee for this. It sounded to me that this could be very useful.

I was able to contact Mr. Dennis de Marne who occupied and did much restoration during a long residence at Endcliffe. He told me he had many papers and documents relating to the history of the house (I don't know how far back) and handed these papers over to his buyer who turned the house into the B&B and eventually became your vendor. He suggested that you ask to see these documents (if you haven't already done so) and possibly acquire possession of them. I was hoping to have put you in touch with Mr de Marne, but he was, unfortunately, unwilling for me to do this.

He was very fond of the house but as time advanced he found it necessary to move to a more manageable place. He did say that the house was decorated in the Regency style and was changed to the present décor when it became a B&B.

Endcliffe Lodge. I believe it is safe to say that the lodge (or cottage as it was sometimes called) was in no way connected with the lift or the lifthouse which can be seen further up the hill. The former lifthouse is now a private dwelling and has had a further storey added. I have enclosed an old photograph of the lift and you will see that the terminal at the bottom of the run is way off from Endcliffe House. One can see the roof of Endcliffe opposite the old school tower over the road from you. I have also enclosed a copy of an old sketch of the area dated 1851 which I hope will be of interest. I shall be in the Old Fire Station (Sandgate Society HQ) on Saturday morning and I will have another search for a picture which shows Endcliffe House - perhaps showing among the other views of the village. I have not seen it shown on the Radnor plans of that area but will take another look.

I have heard of a lady who lives in the Crescent, Sandgate who knows a lot about the house - I will try to contact her and let you know the outcome.

Another productive contact might be the East Kent Archives (KCC) at Whitfield, nr Dover. Also the Fynmore scrapbooks which can be seen in the Heritage Department in Folkestone Library. These are a fund of information to do with Sandgate collected