

# Margate Civic Society

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*"The love of our town leads us"*

President: Mr Ralph Handscomb

Chairman: Mrs Margaret Main

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Long-term members of our Society will be saddened by the death on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009 of John Crofts at the age of 87. John served as the Society's Chairman for a number of years and it was during that time that he had the vision of an art gallery in Margate in which some of Turner's great works of art could be displayed. As our President, writes on this page, it is a great shame that John did not live to see his vision become reality. Works on the new Turner Contemporary gallery are now well under way although progress is hidden from Fort Hill by protective screening. Let's hope that the new gallery will begin to emerge shortly and, when completed, act as a catalyst for the so urgently-needed regeneration of the town.

An awful lot has happened at the former Royal Sea Bathing Hospital since our organised visit to the site in January 2008 which followed the granting of a Town Pride Award to the site's developers, Paigle Properties, in 2007. Firstly, there was a reported dispute between Paigle Properties and their contractors which was followed by the reported collapse of their funders. As a consequence, work at the site came to a standstill and Paigle Properties went into administration. However, it is now reported that an Essex-based buyer has now bought the site. This is very good news both for the residents of the former hospital and good news for the town in that we can now look forward to the works being completed – albeit, it is understood, on a smaller scale than originally planned. Future generations will, however, be indebted to Paigle Properties for saving this Grade II listed building from demolition. It was Paigle Properties's misfortune that the current financial crisis occurred when it did. The future of the Lido site at Cliftonville, which was acquired by Paigle Properties for development, remains uncertain.

There are 9,300 conservation areas designated by local authorities throughout the country and it has recently been announced that English Heritage is to carry out an audit of them all. Any conservation areas found to be under threat will be put on their "at risk" register with the reported aim of creating a "Domesday Book" of every aspect of England's threatened heritage. TDC has designated seventeen conservation areas in Thanet of which five are in our urban area; namely Margate (Old Town), Margate Seafront, Northdown, Westgate-on-Sea and Birchington. Members will be aware that Margate's only Grade I listed building – the Shell Grotto – is, sadly, already on English Heritage's "at risk" register. □

**James Brazier**  
Newsletter Editor

## *Welcome to new members*

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have recently joined the Society:

Nigel & Pat Cruttenden  
Sally Fox  
Linda Goddard  
Anne Holt  
Hazel Malit  
Derek & Marion Williams  
Derek Wilson  
Joanna Cornford  
Wendy James  
Graham Wanstall

**Garry Cowans**  
Membership Secretary

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## Heritage Days 2009

This year's Heritage Days events will take place on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Do make a note in your diary of those dates. It is hoped that full details of the local places participating this year and the hours of opening will be contained in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Whilst on the subject of heritage, grateful thanks are expressed to both Andy Emmerson (Conservation Officer at TDC) and to Nick Dermott (TDC's Heritage Developments Advisor) for their kind assistance with a number of the contributions in this Newsletter.

Did you know that much of the county of Kent's heritage is now available online? Kent County Council's online Historic Environment Record (HER) website is [www.kent.gov.uk/HER](http://www.kent.gov.uk/HER) □

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## John Crofts

The death of John Crofts, for many years Chairman of our Society, has been a sad loss to his wife Marion, and to us. I have sent a letter of condolence to Marion from our Committee and members.

In 1995, John who was then Chairman and I, Secretary, went to see Ron Garretty, Mayor of Margate. John put forward his idea of a Turner Gallery. At the time, we were thinking of the possibility of converting one of Margate's derelict buildings, the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital being a favourite choice. For the next few years, John was in discussion with both TDC and KCC. The result of these meetings is now evident in the construction of the new Turner Contemporary building near the harbour. It's a great pity that he will not see his dream come true. □

**Ralph Handscomb**

The following statement regarding Margate Museum was received by the Society in early February:

## Margate Museum

The current position is that Thanet District Council took over the management of the museum from the East Kent Maritime Trust on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The museum is not presently open to the general public. Bob Bradley, who had been Curator, was appointed Custodian until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

The museum is generally open to researchers from 9.30am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday. Researchers have full access to the museum's research archive, the Sunbeam Photograph collection, the Dr Alan Kay collection and the bound copies of local newspapers. Researchers are asked to telephone before they visit to make sure that the museum will be open and that another booking, such as a group visit, is not planned.

Group visits by schools, other educational establishments or any other organisation are welcomed. Visits may be arranged for any suitable time and organisers are asked to telephone Bob Bradley to discuss their visit. Depending on requirements, Bob can give a guided tour, talk about a specific subject or the group can look around in their own time.

Bob Bradley, assisted by one of his team of volunteers, is very happy to visit local schools to give presentations on specific curriculum subjects, such as World War I, World War II or seaside history. A full complement of original artefacts is taken to demonstrate the subject, all of which are hands-on for the students to handle. Talks on local history to other organisations, such as local societies and groups, can also be arranged.

The situation beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 is not clear. Discussions about the future of the museum are continuing within Thanet District Council, in an attempt to find a positive way forward in the difficult financial situation.

For further information, please contact the Custodian, Bob Bradley, on (01843) 231213 or by e-mail to [margatemuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:margatemuseum@btconnect.com)

Margate Museum  
The Old Town Hall  
Market Place  
MARGATE  
Kent CT9 1ER

[www.margatemuseum.org.uk](http://www.margatemuseum.org.uk)

28<sup>th</sup> January 2009

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**Editor's note:** According to the above statement, TDC took over the management of Margate Museum on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008, yet at the adjourned meeting of the East Kent Maritime Trust's Special General Meeting held at Albion House, Ramsgate on 20<sup>th</sup> November (ten days after the 10<sup>th</sup> November date), the trustees reported that they were still awaiting TDC's intentions regarding both Margate Museum and Ramsgate Maritime Museum. It was at the mediation meeting held in London on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 that Michael List-Brain was successful in his legal action against the EKMT.

## TOWN WALKS

Margate Civic Society has been conducting guided walks around Margate for many years. In fact, lots of you joined the Society as a result of coming on a walk. Some time ago, we were lucky enough to become a keyholder to the Tudor House which, of course, gave us a golden opportunity to show people around what is probably one



of Margate's most historic buildings.

Last October, TDC rang to ask if the Society could kindly lend them our key for a copy to be made as they had broken theirs.

Naturally, we agreed to this conditional upon obtaining a signed receipt. To date, TDC are still shilly-shallying and have not returned the key to us. Well, we can take a hint and, consequently, we have decided that the Civic Society will no longer organise Town Walks to be included in the Council's summer programme of "Things to do in Margate".

The walks will, of course, still be available on request to any members of Margate Civic Society or to groups who might like to find out a little more about the heritage of our town.

The future of the Tudor House? I can't say as the key to that is in the hands of the guardians of our assets!

**Tony Snow**  
Secretary

### Addendum to Town Walks

All's well that ends well, for the Tudor House key has now been returned to the Society. Many thanks to those battling for us within TDC and sorting out a situation which should never have arisen.

**Tony Snow**

## John Cotterill

18<sup>th</sup> February 1922 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009

I am sure that most of you remember the interesting article by Roy Hudd in our Winter Newsletter about the "showbiz" life of one of our Civic Society members, John Cotterill. It is my sad duty to tell you that he passed away early in the new year at nearly eighty-seven years of age. His niece rang me to say just how happy her uncle had been with his brief moment of stardom in Margate Civic Society. Do you remember when he stood up to be introduced at our December meeting?

Ralph Handscomb and I attended the funeral on behalf of the Society when we took the opportunity to pass on our condolences to his family.

**Tony Snow**

# Nominations for Town Pride Awards 2009

This year, the Society received nine nominations for Town Pride Awards. All of the properties nominated for the 2009 Town Pride Awards are shown below:



*14/15 Cliff Terrace, Cliftonville*



*77 Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville*



*Paragon Court, Fort Paragon, Cliftonville*



*Domneva Heights, Domneva Road, Westgate-on-Sea*



*Harbour Arm*



*1 Fort Promenade (formerly Atholl Lodge)*



*97 King Street*



*Rear of Old Town Gallery, Broad Street*



*Duke's Court  
Duke Street*

This year, it is particularly pleasing that to see both 14/15 Cliff Terrace and 77 Eastern Esplanade included in the properties nominated for Town Pride Awards as they have both been nominated many times for Town Shaming in previous years. Their recent renovation shows what can be done to transform previously neglected properties into buildings of which we can all be proud. Let us hope that it will not be too many years before both The Arcadian and Fort Hotel in Fort Hill are restored to their former glory and nominated for Town Pride Awards in future years.

The results of the judging for the Society's 2009 Town Pride Awards will be announced at our meeting on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009 when presentations of the Awards will be made to the winners. □

# Westgate Heritage Centre



We are just bringing a very successful winter season to an end. It was an experiment to open on the first Saturday of each month and we had no idea whether it would be worth while. We were only able to

do it because we had received a grant from Thanet District Council, which enabled us to pay to heat St Saviour's Church for the duration of each event. This year, there will be no such grant, so I don't know whether we shall be able to open in the winter of 2009/10. I hope so, as we were very pleased at the number of people who came to see the displays and to listen to my short talks about various places and people in Westgate. Time alone will tell!

The summer season opens on Saturday, **2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.00am** with the usual Time Line displays about the town and with an extra dimension as we celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of **Christ Church** United Reform Church (originally Christ Church Congregational Church) in April 1884. I shall be giving a short talk (possibly aided by others) on it at 11.00am. I have been lent the church's archives, which are fascinating, so the talk will be based upon them. On Saturday, **6<sup>th</sup> June** I shall talk about one of Westgate's most interesting buildings – recently redecorated externally and looking splendid – the **Town Hall Buildings** (better known today as the Carlton Cinema), whilst on **4<sup>th</sup> July**, I shall be very excited as churchwarden of St Saviour's, as well as Curator of the Heritage Centre, to talk about the consecration of **St Saviour's Church** on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1884. That was a grand occasion! You only need look at the Visitors' Lists for July 1884 to see what a glittering assembly was in town for that event! What optimism! What confidence! The 1881 Census recorded the names of 1,001 residents. Yet there was sufficient faith in the future of the new watering-place to encourage the new Westgatians to build two churches to high standards which between them would seat nearly 1,100 people!

**No talk in August**, as the Westgate Art Group will be holding its annual exhibition in St Saviour's Church but the Heritage Centre will be open with its displays. Then, on **5<sup>th</sup> September** we shall commemorate in suitable style "The Day War Broke Out" with a talk on Westgate in the summer of 1939. Keep a look out for posters and fliers about this when details are available or look on the website [www.westgateheritagecentre.co.uk](http://www.westgateheritagecentre.co.uk)

## Opening times for summer 2009:

Wednesdays: 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Fridays: 12noon to 2.00pm  
Saturdays: 10.00am to 12.30pm with a talk at 11.00am on the first Saturday of each month except August

Do come along and support us!

**Dr Dawn Crouch, Curator**

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr Brazier

## K6 Jubilee Telephone Kiosks – Thanet Area

I wish to say your article was excellent in your Newsletter Number 353. Well done!

For 23 years, I have had a campaign to save the best of the K6 Jubilee Kiosks and give an update on my Thanet efforts.

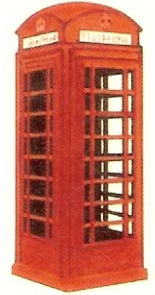
I tried to have the last K6 in Margate listed but it was turned down by English Heritage last year. The fact that it was the last one in Margate is totally irrelevant to English Heritage of course. How daft!

The listed K6 in Nelson Place, Broadstairs was last year re-sited a few yards but British Telecom refused to light it. It is an offence to change the character of a listed building without permission so I asked TDC to prosecute if BT refused. BT has now restored the internal light. A K6 must be lit up as an essential part of its character and, of course, also for basic user safety.

Many K6s all over the country that meet the strict criteria for listing have never been put forward by local councils to English Heritage. I know of six in east Kent alone. I have asked English Heritage to contact all councils urgently. The K6 at Sarre village in Thanet is an example. It is surrounded by listed buildings and should have been listed years ago. I have asked English Heritage to list it as soon as possible. It was missed out and should not have been. If you know of any more, please phone me on 01304 242493.

Yours sincerely

Graham Wanstall, "Save the K6 Jubilee Kiosks"



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## 'Queen Victoria' to visit Quex House – Easter 2009

From Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April to Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April inclusive, a range of special events are being laid on for visitors to Quex House and the Powell-Cotton Museum. The events will have a Victorian flavour and will include performances by the Broadstairs Victorian Society. There will also be horse-and-carriage rides, an Easter egg-hunt, a Victorian picnic, croquet, a strongman, falconry displays amongst many other attractions. In addition, there will be a special opening of family rooms inside Quex House not normally open to the public

Normal museum admission fees will apply for the Easter period without any additional charges for the special events.

All ages will be catered for by the range of events and the venue will be the ideal place to take friends and/or family this Easter. If you haven't yet visited the Powell-Cotton Museum or the magnificent walled garden at Quex, do not miss this opportunity to enjoy a full day out at Quex over Easter. The restaurant will also be open for lunches on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Phone 01843 842168 for further details or visit their website [www.quexmuseum.org](http://www.quexmuseum.org) □

# Copy of the 1858 Borough Charter of Incorporation donated to the Society



*Our President, Ralph Handscomb (left), receiving the framed copy of Margate's Charter of Incorporation from Mr Ronald Garretty*

At our meeting held at the Walpole Bay Hotel on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009 our guest speaker for the evening, Alan Stockwell, gave us a most interesting talk on the poet and playwright Christopher Marlowe (1564-1593) who was born at Canterbury and after whom the Marlowe Theatre at Canterbury is named.

At the start of the meeting, it was announced that Mr Ronald Garretty, a former Mayor of Margate, had come along to the meeting with members of his family as he wished to present a framed copy of the town's Charter of Incorporation to the Margate Civic Society.

Mr Garretty told those assembled of both the historic significance to the town of the original Charter and of how he had arranged, during his mayoral year, for six copies of the original 1858 Charter to be produced. He also told how, because he had no grandchildren, he wanted his copy of the Charter to 'go to a good home'.

Our President, Ralph Handscomb, was delighted, on behalf of the Society, to accept this most generous gift from Mr Garretty and announced that arrangements would be made for it to be suitably displayed in the Walpole Bay Hotel where we hold our meetings. The members present expressed their sincere thanks to Mr Garretty for his very kind generosity. □

*The narrative on the back of the framed copy of the Charter of Incorporation reads:*

***This is a copy of the original Charter "granted in the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lady Victoria on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1858 to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Margate".***

Presented to Margate Civic Society on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009 by Mr Ronald Garretty, who was Councillor Charter Trustee and Mayor of Margate 1994-1995.

It was presented to Mr Garretty, upon his retirement, by the Charter Trustees of the town.

Mr Ralph Handscomb, President, accepted this gift on behalf of the Margate Civic Society.

# Westgate-on-Sea's Listed Buildings

There are relatively few Listed Buildings in Westgate compared with Margate (which has around 400 listed buildings), Birchington (which has around 45 listed buildings), and the outlying parishes of St Nicholas-at-Wade and Sarre each with their many listed buildings. Indeed, Westgate has only twelve buildings which are currently deemed by English Heritage to be of historic or architectural interest and they have all been listed as Grade II. As there are only twelve listed buildings in Westgate, it is possible to show photographs of all of them in this article. In future issues of the Newsletter, it is intended to include photographs of some of the listed buildings in other parts of our area – but, for reasons of space – not all of them!

Of course, many consider that there really ought to be more than only twelve listed buildings in Westgate and it is most regrettable that neither *St Mildred's Court* (later the *Salvation Army Eventide Home*) in St Mildred's Road nor *Sea Tower* (the last of Westgate's original bungalows) in Sussex Gardens were listed before they were demolished in recent years by developers. One has only to walk along Sea Road between Egbert Road and St Mildred's Road to see just how many once fine Victorian private-houses have been demolished to make way for modern blocks of flats thus changing the town's landscape for ever.

There are many remaining properties in Westgate which many would wish to see listed such as *Forest House* at the corner of Westgate Bay Avenue and Sea Road where a large notice outside the building recently proclaimed that the property had been 'acquired for investment'. Another fine property is *West Bay Lodge* in Sea Road designed by the noted architect Delissa Joseph: this property later became known as *St Cecilia's Musicians Benevolent Fund Home*. Indeed, when one reads the short schedule of those properties in Westgate that are listed, it seems hard to believe that so many other architecturally attractive buildings which are integral to Westgate's history as an exclusive and select resort are not listed as being of either historic or architectural interest. □

125 Canterbury Road  
Originally the Canonesses of  
St Augustine convent, church,  
school and presbytery, now  
*St Augustine's*

Architect: Frederick A. Walters  
Built c.1905-1915

(Note: The Grade II listing also  
includes *Tower House*)



225 Canterbury Road

Originally *Hatton House*, the home of William Jarrett, a tea planter

Built c.1886

Now part of Ursuline College

St Saviour's Church, Westgate Bay Avenue

Architect: Charles N. Beazley

Completed 1884

Built of Kentish Ragstone in the Gothic style

(Image from an c.1900 postcard – hence absence of motor vehicles)





Originally *St Michael's Convalescent Home*,  
Domneva Road

Architect: Frederick Mew

Built c.1895

Image from Edwardian postcard

*Ellingham*  
St Clement's Road

Built c.1885

This house is featured in Mark Girouard's book *Sweetness  
and Light: The Queen Anne Movement 1860-1900*



25-35 St Mildred's Road

Originally known as Town Hall Buildings but now  
commonly known as the Carlton Cinema

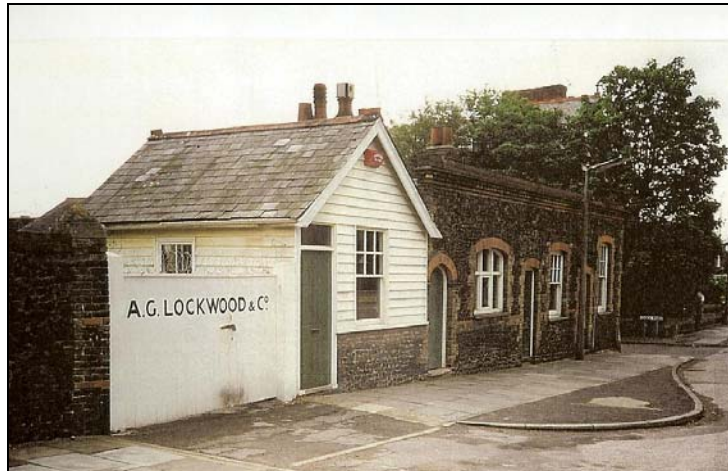
Completed 1910

(Photograph from c.1920 postcard)

The Grove  
Originally Lockwoods Builders Yard,

Built c.1880

This photograph was taken around 2001 – shortly  
before Lockwoods closed for business



HOUSE AT WINDHATE ON SEA—  
FOR HERBERT PETO 1880—  
DESIGNED BY ERNEST GEORGE & HAROLD PETO, ARCHTS.



61 Sea Road

Originally *Waterside*

Architects: Ernest George & Harold Peto

Awarded the Home of the Year Prize

This house was built in 1880 for William Herbert Peto, the brother of Harold Peto

This house is featured in Mark Girouard's book *Sweetness and Light: The Queen Anne Movement 1860-1900*

This line-drawing was published in *The Building News*, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1880

*Waterside Stables*, Rowena Road

Note: The stables block with its original clock turret can be seen on the left of the line-drawing of *Waterside* above

Built c.1880



99 Sea Road

*The Observatory*

Architect: Sir Banister Flight Fletcher

Arts & Crafts style

Completed c.1899



*Castle Cottage*  
Sussex Gardens

As seen from rear

Built c.1895



76 Canterbury Road

Previously known for many years as *St Mildred's Lodge*, now known as *Questeds*

Original part built 18<sup>th</sup> century or earlier

(This photograph shows the rear of the property as seen from Westbury Road. Unfortunately, it has proved not possible to include a photograph of the front of this house in this article but there is a very good photograph of the front of the house on the English Heritage website: [www.imagesofengland.org.uk](http://www.imagesofengland.org.uk))



# Nayland Rock Public Shelter to be Listed?

Thanet District Council has made an application to the Secretary of State for the Nayland Rock public shelter to be granted listed building status. The shelter is over 100 years old and makes a significant contribution to the visual appeal of the Victorian and Edwardian ornamental ironwork which graces our town's seafront. In addition, the Nayland Rock shelter is referred to in a letter by the famous poet T. S. Eliot written whilst he was staying at Margate at the Albemarle Hotel (now demolished) in Cliftonville during the time that he wrote the poem *The Waste Land*.



The above picture is from a late-Victorian album of views of Margate and shows the original Victorian public shelter on Marine Terrace. It is believed that this picture (a photographic image enhanced by hand) would date from the late-1890s as the Surfboat Memorial is not shown in the picture and this reprographic style of images was overtaken by photographic postcards in the very early-1900s. It would appear that the Victorian shelter (with a roof-design in the form of an H) was smaller than its Edwardian replacement (with its rectangular roof) and that the original afforded considerably less protection from the elements than its Edwardian replacement.



This early postcard shows the replacement Edwardian shelter. The postcard bears the postmark 10<sup>th</sup> August 1906. The Surfboat Memorial can also be seen in its original position before it was moved a few hundred feet westwards when the Sun Deck was put up in the 1920s opposite the Surfboat Memorial. When the Sun Deck was demolished in the early 1980s, the Surfboat Memorial was not put back in its original position. Instead, an unsightly block of toilets was erected to the east of the public shelter which much reduces the visual attractiveness of the shelter. Note the bathing-machines and the tram in this scene. Note also the tower of Holy Trinity Church dominating the skyline: now, the Margate skyline is dominated by Arlington House!

This photograph, taken in October 2005, shows the then recently-restored shelter in all its magnificent glory. This shelter deserves to be listed as a building of architectural or historic importance and much credit is due to the tireless endeavours of Nick Dermott, TDC's local Heritage Developments Advisor in seeking to achieve the listing of this fine structure. Let's hope that the shelter will shortly be granted listed building status! □



# More Boundary Markers in Westgate

Located near the edge of the wide grass-verge in front of number 131 Sea Road can be seen this attractive old stone marking the boundary of the then newly-created civic Parish of Westgate-on-Sea and the civic Parish of Birchington. It is believed to date from 1894 when the civic Parish of Westgate-on-Sea was created. The marker-stone has survived intact for over a century: let's hope that it will not fall victim of a road traffic accident or unnecessary removal for 'elf & safety' reasons!



*The boundary stone outside number 131 Sea Road*



*The boundary marker-stone as seen looking westwards*



*The boundary marker-stone as seen looking eastwards*

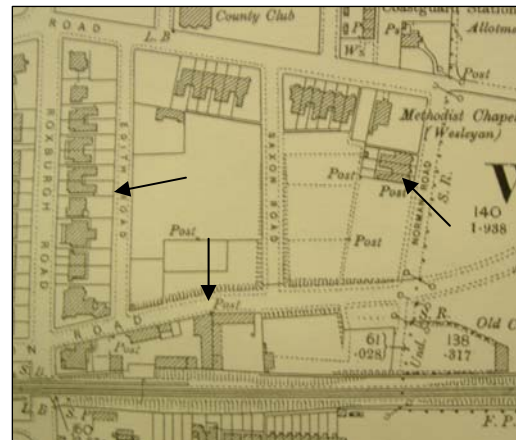
## Another BH marker found in Westgate

Following the article in the Autumn 2008 issue of our Newsletter on the Bethlem and Bridewell Hospitals former boundary markers in Westgate and Westbrook, yet another BH marker has recently been 'discovered' by one of our members, Gay Schofield, who lives in Westgate. This latest boundary marker is outside number 6 Norman Road.

The other three known BH boundary markers are:

- in Station Road (near Meade's electrical stores);
- in Edith Road; and
- at the junction of Pembroke Avenue and Royal Esplanade

Indeed, three of the four BH boundary markers identified to date are relatively close to one another. It is thought likely that there are yet more of these BH boundary markers to come to light so please do look out for them when in the Westgate/Westbrook area and let us know if you discover any new ones. □



*Part of a 1898 map with arrows indicating the approximate locations of each of the three BH boundary markers found to date in Westgate*



*The BH boundary marker outside number 6 Norman Road, Westgate. Note that only the raised letters BH can be seen. It is believed that the remainder of this particular marker is under the asphalt. Each letter is some four inches tall*



*The BH boundary marker can just be seen in this photograph in front of the left-hand brick gate-pillar of number 6 Norman Road*

## **What's on**

### **Margate Civic Society** (talks all start at 7.30pm at the Walpole Bay Hotel):

Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	'General History of Chatham Dockyard' by Mrs Joanna Creighton
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Town Pride Awards followed by a talk and speaker yet to be announced

### **Turner Contemporary Project Space** (former M&S store in High Street)

*Note: These events are open to everyone and admission is free. Further information on these events (and on various workshops) can be found on their website at [www.turnercontemporary.org](http://www.turnercontemporary.org) or by phone on 01843 280261*

Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Curator's Tour of Sound of Music with Turner Contemporary's Exhibitions Curator, Sarah Martin
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May to Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekend of events for Sound of Music and Crossroads organised by Helen Caddick, a composer who has written for theatre, film and a number of bands. For more information see <a href="http://www.turnercontemporary.org">www.turnercontemporary.org</a>
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm – 2.15pm	Short talk by Anne-Marie Nixey on her view of Sound of Music
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm – 7.00pm	'Every Day is a Good Day John Cage' by Jeremy Millar
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm, 4.00pm and 6.00pm	Performance in response to Sound of Music by Trinity Laban

### **Kent Family History Society (Thanet Branch)** at 7.30pm for 8.00pm at Birchington Village Centre:

Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	'The Heartbeat Years' by Roy Ingleton
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Branch AGM
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	'Kent Characters – Wacky, Weird and Wonderful' by Chris McCooney
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	'Tracing your Medieval Ancestry – the realistic possibilities' by Michael Gandy

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## **Useful telephone numbers:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Contact name/Notes</b>
Thanet District Council – Press Office	577034	Cheryl Pendry
Margate Public Library – Local Studies Collection	223626	
Westgate Heritage Centre	832617	Dr Dawn Crouch, Curator
Birchington Heritage Trust Museum, Village Hall	846502	
Birchington Parish Archivist	842988	Jennie Burgess
Isle of Thanet Archaeological Society	07906 360725	Val Robbins, Secretary
Isle of Thanet Geographical Association	863110	-
Kent Family History Society (Thanet Branch)	842933	Cliff Cole
Draper's Windmill Trust	226227	David Keep, Chairman
Margate Lifeboat Fund-Raising Committee	832846	Laurie Walton, Treasurer
Friends of Margate Cemetery Trust	230274	Vera Jenkins
Friends of Quex	221838	Pat Snow, Membership Secretary
Friends of Westgate Pavilion	226542	Mike Emery, Secretary
Turner Contemporary	280261	Victoria Pomery, Director
The Powell-Cotton Museum, Quex House, Birchington	842168	-
The Shell Grotto, Grotto Hill, Margate	220008	Sarah Vickery
Manston Spitfire & Hurricane Museum	821940	-
RAF Manston History Museum	825224	-
Cliftonville Residents' Association	226033	Keith Chadband, Chairman
Westgate & Westbrook Residents' Association	831474	Norman Smith, Treasurer
Birchington Residents' Association	843594	Roger D. Walford



# Margate Civic Society

[www.margatecivicsociety.org.uk](http://www.margatecivicsociety.org.uk)

Founded in 1968, the Margate Civic Society is a registered charity. It is also affiliated to both the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies and the Kent History Federation.

The Society's purpose and aims are to encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in Margate and its environs (Birchington, Westgate-on-Sea, Cliftonville, Westbrook, Garlinge, Acol, Sarre and St Nicholas-at-Wade); to stimulate public interest and care for the history and character of the area; and to encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general amenity and historical interest. To this end, Town Pride awards are given annually to those buildings which have been refurbished, cleaned or modified and which, in the opinion of the Society, have enhanced the appearance of the town. New high-quality buildings are also eligible for the award. The Society also vets planning applications and makes known to Thanet District Council any objections to those applications which it considers necessary.

Evening meetings are held monthly between October and May at the Walpole Bay Hotel, Fifth Avenue, Cliftonville. The lectures, mostly illustrated with slides, are interesting and of local interest; they are also varied in their appeal. A few afternoon meetings are sometimes also held. A newsletter is published four times a year.

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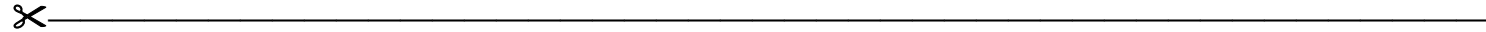
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