

# Margate Civic Society

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**Margate Civic Society is a  
Founder Member  
of Civic Voice**

## Welcome to new members

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

Denis & Marian O'Leary  
Gerry & Maureen Davis

**Lynda Smith**  
**Membership Secretary**

What a year it has been. The highlight has to be the visit to Margate by H.M. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on 11th November when the Royal Party met the Town Mayor and a number of local veterans before going on to Turner Contemporary where the Queen met Tracey Emin. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh then visited the Lifeboat Station and were introduced to members of the lifeboat crew.

Turner Contemporary continued to attract visitors at a much higher level than had ever been anticipated and the exhibition *Turner and the Elements* received unanimous acclaim with more than 80 original paintings by Turner being on display in the gallery. Rodin's *The Kiss* will continue to be on display there until September as will James Webb's large oil-painting *Margate 1869*. I know that I shall miss the Webb painting after September as whenever I visit the gallery there is always a cluster of admirers looking at it and discussing the many changes in the buildings shown in the painting which, sadly, no longer exist.

Our programme of meetings for the last year culminated with the annual Town Pride Awards in May followed by a talk on Margate Clock Tower. It was a most memorable meeting and thanks are extended particularly to our Chairman, Pamela Pople, for organising the evening so successfully. We start our next year's programme in October when we will hold our AGM on Thursday, 4th October at the Walpole Bay Hotel starting at 7.30pm. □

**James Brazier**  
**Newsletter Editor**

## Heritage Open Days 2012

This year's Heritage Open Days are Thursday, 6th September to Sunday, 9th September. It is hoped that details of those properties taking part in HOD this year will be publicised in good time before those dates. □

## Civic Day 2012

This year's Civic Day will be Saturday, 23rd June. Last year, Margate Civic Society put on a display of photographs of buildings that had been awarded our coveted Town Pride Awards since 2006. This year, the Society is proud to announce that it will again be taking part in this national event which is overseen by Civic Voice (the successor body to the Civic Trust).

A display featuring Margate Clock Tower will be put on at the Harbour Arm Gallery on Saturday, 23rd June 2012 courtesy of Pat Wilson-Smith, the curator of the gallery.

In the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, it is fitting that we direct our attention to the Clock Tower which was erected to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. The desire to see the time-ball mechanism in the Clock Tower restored to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee is gaining support throughout the town and it is hoped that our display at the Harbour Arm Gallery will garner further interest and support for the idea.

Do be certain to make a note of the date (Saturday, 23rd June) in your diary. The display will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Your Committee very much look forward to seeing you at our Civic Day event this year and giving it your support. □



*Tracey Emin speaking at the opening of her exhibition She Lay Down Deep Beneath The Sea at Turner Contemporary on 25th May 2012. The exhibition, which is part of the London 2012 Festival, is Tracey Emin's first major solo exhibition at Turner Contemporary and runs until 23rd September. It does, however, contain work of an adult nature which may be considered as not suitable for young children*

# Presentation of the Society's 2012 Town Pride Awards

The results of the judging of this year's prestigious Town Pride awards were announced by our Chairman, Pamela Pople, at our meeting held on Thursday, 3rd May at The Walpole Bay Hotel. Pamela reported on the high standard of the refurbishment works and of the attractive architecture of the new developments for all the properties nominated by members of the Society for this year's Town Pride awards and our President, Ralph Handscomb, presented the awards.



Ralph Handscomb awards a Town Pride Plaque and certificate to Martin Sturge, M & S Group for the renovation of 13 St John's Road, Margate



13 St John's Road, Margate

↑ A former run-down property now boasting tasteful brickwork



Ralph Handscomb awards a Town Pride plaque and certificate to Joe Rospo, J. Rospo Building Contractors for the renovation of 37 Linksfield Road, Westgate-on-Sea

A major social enhancement, bringing an unkempt corner back to life →



37 Linksfield Road, Westgate-on-Sea

In addition to the two properties each awarded a 2012 Town Pride plaque and certificate, four properties were each awarded a 2012 Town Pride commendation certificate:



*The Hoy, Fort Hill, Margate*



Ralph Handscomb awards a Town Pride commendation certificate to Craig Knight (Senior Operations Manager, Thorley Taverns) and Carole Peel (On-site Manager) for the renovation of The Hoy, Margate

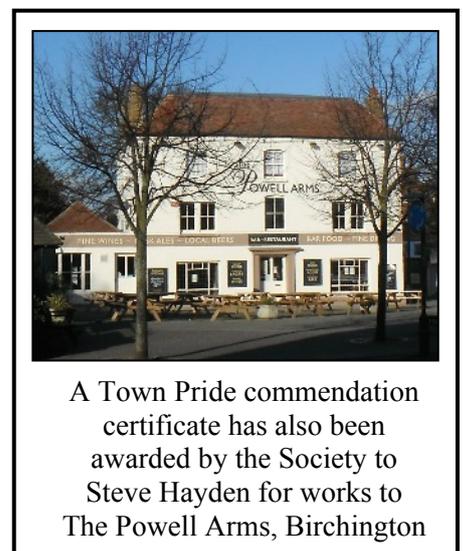
*Old Schools Lodge (formerly Thanet School of Art, New Street) Margate*



Ralph Handscomb awards a Town Pride commendation certificate to Neill Tickle (Development Director, AmicusHorizon) and Kevin Prior (Regional Director, Casa Support) for the conversion to residential accommodation of The Old Schools Lodge, Margate



*Bake & Alehouse, off St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea*



A Town Pride commendation certificate has also been awarded by the Society to Steve Hayden for works to The Powell Arms, Birchington

Ralph Handscomb awards a Town Pride commendation certificate to Pete Williams for the conversion of the Bake & Alehouse, off St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea

## Margate Civic Society - Town Pride Award winners 2012



### Left to right:

Cllr Iris Johnston, Mayor of Margate; Pamela Pople, Chairman, Margate Civic Society; Ralph Handscomb, President, Margate Civic Society; Martin Sturge, M & S Group (13 St John's Road, Margate); Pete Williams, Ale & Bakehouse (Bake & Alehouse, Westgate-on-Sea); Neill Tickle, Development Director, AmicusHorizon (Old Schools Lodge, Margate); Michael Park, Project Surveyor, AmicusHorizon (Old Schools Lodge, Margate); Kevin Prior, Regional Director, Casa Support (Old Schools Lodge, Margate); Barry Sears, Project Manager (Old Schools Lodge, Margate); Carole Peel, On-site Manager, The Hoy (The Hoy, Margate); Craig Knight, Senior Operations Manager, Thorley Taverns (The Hoy, Margate); and Joe Rospo, J. Rospo Building Contractors (37 Linksfield Road, Westgate-on-Sea)

## Margate Jubilee Clock Tower - proposed restoration of the time-ball

Immediately following the presentation of this year's Town Pride Awards at our May meeting, members were given a most interesting talk by Mike Bundock on Margate's Jubilee Clock Tower. Mike spoke about the time-ball that once operated at the top of the Clock Tower and, after the talk, Ralph Handscomb asked members whether they felt, in this Jubilee year, that the Society should seek to raise funds to restore the time-ball mechanism. Members will recall that this suggestion was first put forward in Arnold Schwartzman's article *When Margate Dropped the Ball* published in the Society's Summer 2011 Newsletter (No. 363). Without exception, there was total support for going ahead with the proposal. Wine was then served which complemented what everyone present regarded as a most successful ending of our 2011/12 programme of meetings.



*Mike Bundock delivers his talk to a full house*

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th October 2012 when we shall hold our Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by Catriona Blaker on Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin - the first in our 2012/13 programme of meetings. We look forward to seeing you there. □

## Summerlands Lodge at Westgate-on-Sea now Grade II Listed

On 22nd May 2012, English Heritage added Summerlands Lodge, 123 Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The building is now listed at Grade II.

Credit for the listing of this property is very much due to Anne Short, a member of the Westgate CAAG (Conservation Area Advisory Group). Anne Short, who is also a member of our Society, was able to draw upon background information on the property that had been assembled by Dr Dawn Crouch at the Westgate Heritage Centre to support her application for listing.

Summerlands Lodge, formerly Doon House School, is a handsome purpose-built preparatory school of 1906 in 'Wrenaissance' style. The front elevation has an imposing symmetrical front with three projecting gables and a central cupola.

The reasons given by English Heritage for the listing of this building are:

- \* Architectural; an imposing well articulated building of 13 bays in good quality brickwork and terracotta and stone details.
- \* Interiors: good quality joinery including panelling, well staircase with gallery, doorcases, wood and glazed screens and stained glass staircase window.
- \* Intactness: 1906 exteriors unaltered, the interior retains original features except for fireplaces.
- \* Comparison: as a former preparatory school, Summerlands Lodge sits favourably with examples of Grade II listed schools of a similar date and style.

The 1960s/70s south-east and south-west extensions are not considered to be of special interest and are excluded from the listing.

Summerlands Lodge has been empty for more than two years but work on the building has started within the last few weeks. The listing of this fine property should ensure that the building is

preserved for future generations. □

JB



*This early postcard was sent by a boarder at the school shortly after the school opened in 1906*



*The imposing front door and central gable with the cupola above. Note the glazing-bar change to the large window above the front door*



*The year date 1906 above the front door*



*The foundation stone beneath the window to the left of the front door with the inscription:*

*THIS STONE WAS LAID BY Mrs C.H.W.REECE  
MARCH 29th 1906*

*(Mrs Reece was the wife of the school's headmaster)*

# Some Historic Photographs of Margate Lifeboats



Although the original photograph from which this image has been scanned records on the back of it that it shows the launching of the Margate Lifeboat Eliza Harriet, I am reliably informed by Chris Sandwell that the photograph actually shows the Christening of the Margate Lifeboat Civil Service No. 1 on 14th September 1898 (the lifeboat first saw service on 14th July 1898). Note the huge number of spectators for the event including a good number in rowing boats. Note also the Hotel Metropole, Cobb's Brewery and Holy Trinity Church in the background. Those fine buildings, like the Jetty together with the slipway, also shown, have all gone and are now lost forever. The photograph was taken by Margate photographer George E. Houghton who had a studio at one time at Fort Hill

The above photograph is courtesy of Julian Smith

The Christening of the Margate Lifeboat RNLB The Lord Southborough (Civil Service No. 1) on 5th September 1925. The Lifeboat House was built in 1924 specifically to house The Lord Southborough which was Margate RNLI's first motor-powered lifeboat. (The initials RNLB stand for Royal National Life Boat: the initials RNLi stand for Royal National Lifeboat Institution)



This picture shows the last launch of the Margate Lifeboat North Foreland (Civil Service No. 11) from the storm-damaged Lifeboat House. The photograph was taken in the afternoon of Friday, 13th January 1978. The storm, which destroyed the Jetty, was during the night of 11th/12th January 1978. This photograph shows the last time that a lifeboat was launched from a slipway in Kent. Chris Sandwell was one of the few crew members who were on the lifeboat when it was safely launched from the severely-damaged Lifeboat House on that memorable occasion



*This photograph, taken looking back towards the Hotel Metropole, shows the two Margate Lifeboats: on the East slipway is Civil Service No. 1 and on the West slipway is the Eliza Harriet. This photograph was probably taken shortly after the construction of the two slipways in 1898. The man on the left in the foreground is John Davis, a member of the lifeboat crew and Chris Sandwell's great-great-uncle and the man on his left is Stephen ("Stivvie") Clayson, Coxswain of Margate Lifeboats 1905-1926*

**Right:**

*Margate Lifeboat Eliza Harriet on the West slipway c.1903. The man with gold braid on his sleeve is Charles Dent who was Chief Officer of Coastguard at Margate 1901-1905. The man in the bowler-hat is Thomas B. Jephcott Junior who was Hon Secretary of Margate RNLI from 1903-1907 His father, Thomas B. Jephcott Senior, was Hon Secretary of Margate RNLI from 1893-1903. The two Coastguards in uniform on the left-hand side of the picture acted as launchers of the lifeboat*



**Below:**

*Margate Lifeboat Civil Service No. 1 on the East slipway c.1900*



Except where otherwise shown, all these images of lifeboats are courtesy of Chris Sandwell to whom thanks are also due for supplying the information on all of these photographs. Chris was a serving member of the Margate Lifeboat crew (from 1966 to 2011) as were several of his ancestors including his father and grandfather. His grandfather, Harry, served during the years of the Second World War. He served with the Margate Lifeboat from 1906 to 1964. He died in 1964 aged 76.

Harry Sandwell went on many shouts during his period of service but, as he was the Deputy Harbourmaster/pier foreman, he was prevented from going to Dunkirk during Operation Dynamo as he was required to help supervise the berthing arrangements at Margate Jetty. □

# St Mildred's Court, Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea

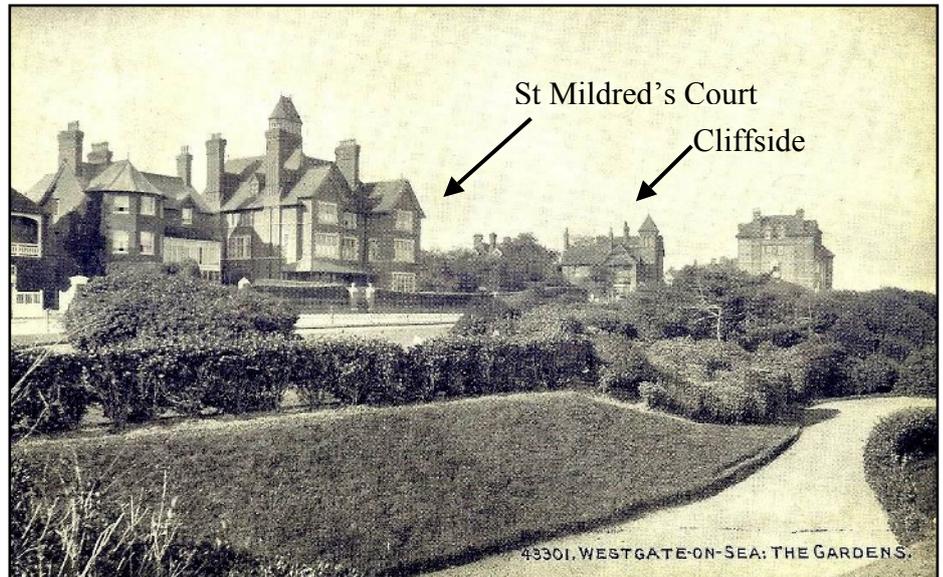


With the exception of the photograph of the front porch to St Mildred's Court, all of the illustrations on this page are from postcards dating from the inter-war years. Had it been known a decade ago that the architect for this imposing house was C. N. Beazley, it is quite possible that the demolition, in 2004, of this once fine building might have been avoided and the building saved. □

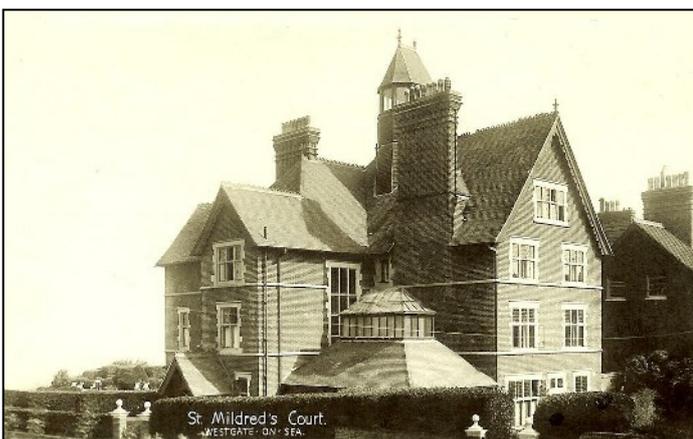
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*The once-magnificent porch to the front-door of St Mildred's Court*



*This aspect of St Mildred's Court is similar to the line drawing on the opposite page. To the left of St Mildred's Court can also be seen Cliffside and the original Westcliff Hotel - now all gone Only Ocean Swell (to the left of St Mildred's Court) has survived to this day*



*Two more old postcards showing St Mildred's Court and its imposing position on the corner of Sea Road and St Mildred's Road*

# Architect of St Mildred's Court revealed

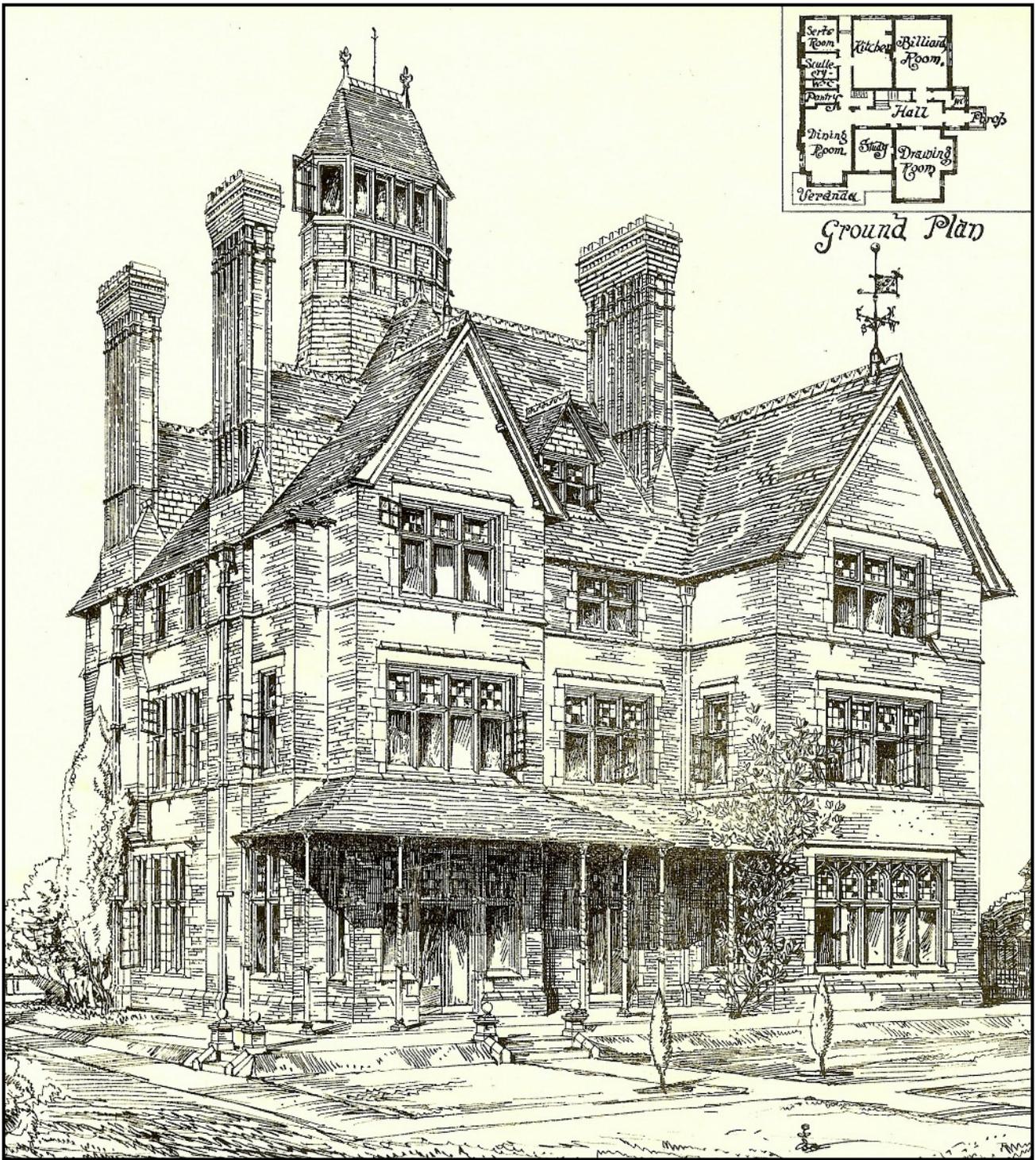


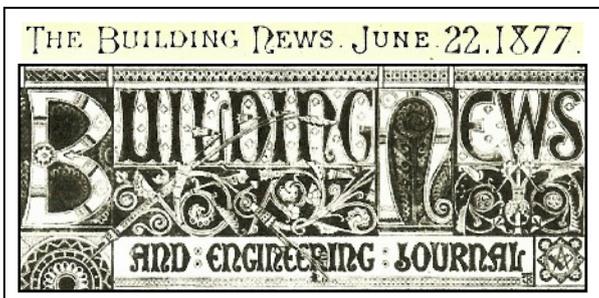
Photo Lithographed & Printed by James Akerman

J. Akerman Photo-lith. London, W.C.

## HOUSE WESTGATE ON SEA C. N. BEAZLEY ARCHT

The above lithographic illustration, reproduced from *The Building News* dated June 22, 1877, shows that *St Mildred's Court* was designed by Charles Nightingale Beazley, who was the Estate

Architect for Westgate-on-Sea in the 1870s. An article on Beazley's work in the area will be featured in the next issue of the Newsletter.



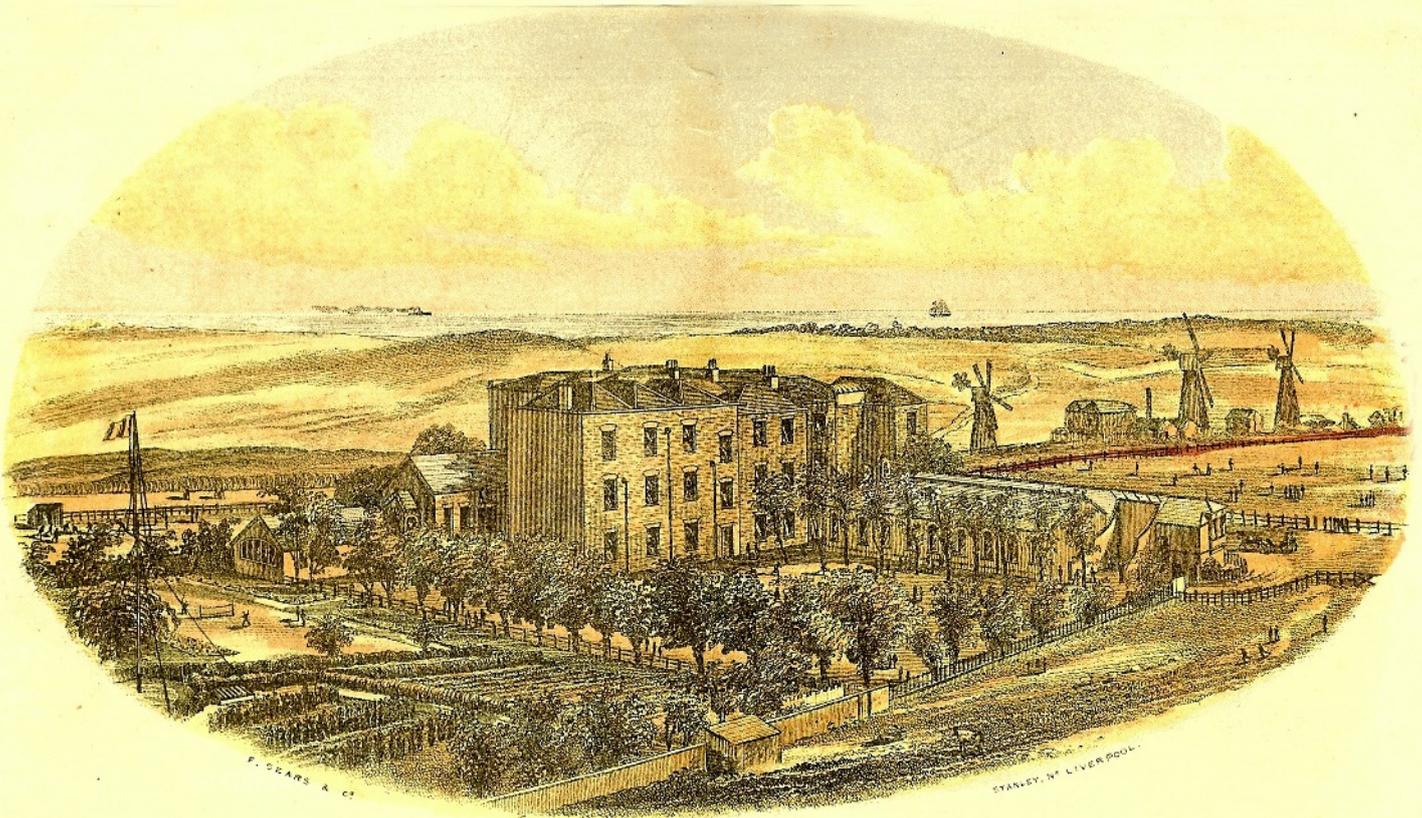
### OUR LITHOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATIONS.

#### RESIDENCE, WESTGATE-ON-SEA.

THIS house is now being erected for Alfred Waterman, Esq. The principal rooms face the sea. The outer walls are hollow, and the materials red brick, with Bath stone window dressings, wrought-iron casements, and the roofs covered with Staffordshire red tiles. The principal stairs and doors are of Spanish mahogany. The billiard-room roof is of best pitch pine with lantern. Mr. John Oliver, of Cold Harbour-lane, London, is the contractor, and Mr. C. N. Beazley the architect.

From: *The Building News*, June 22, 1877

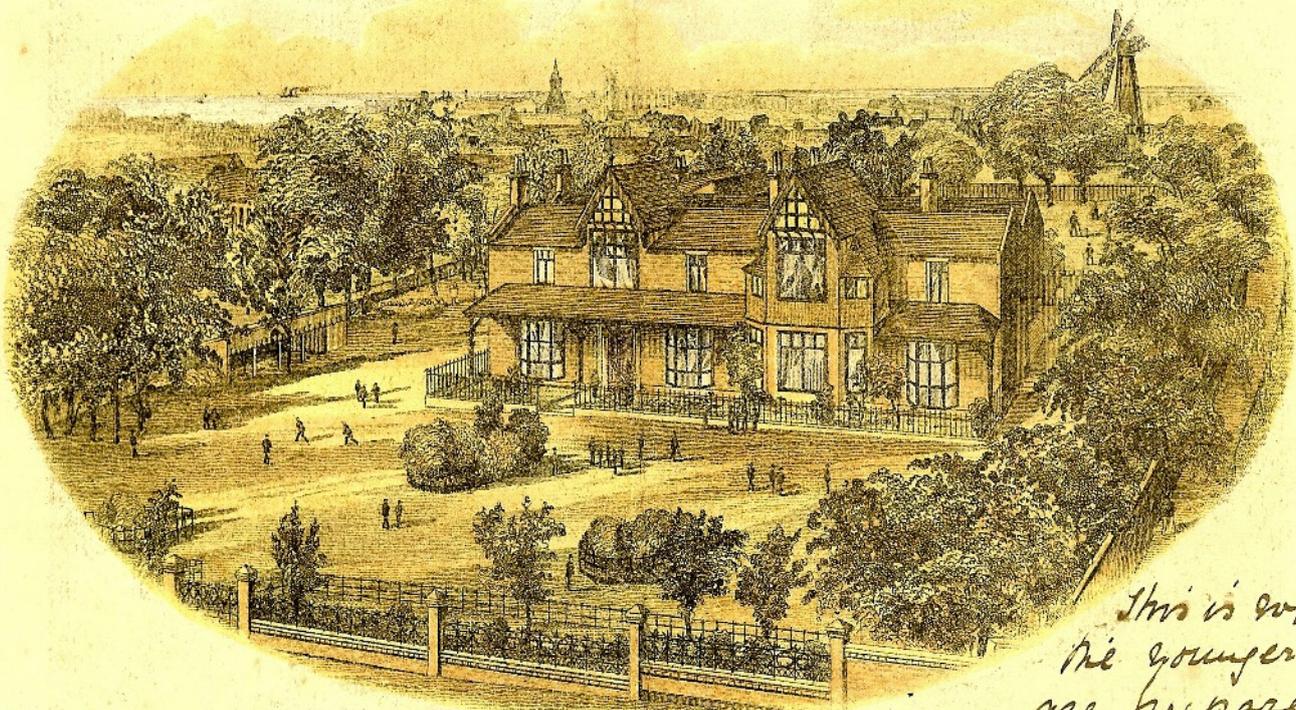
# Thanet College, Margate - Remembered



THANET COLLEGE  
MARGATE.

Draper's Mill can be seen in this bird's-eye view of Thanet College c. 1880

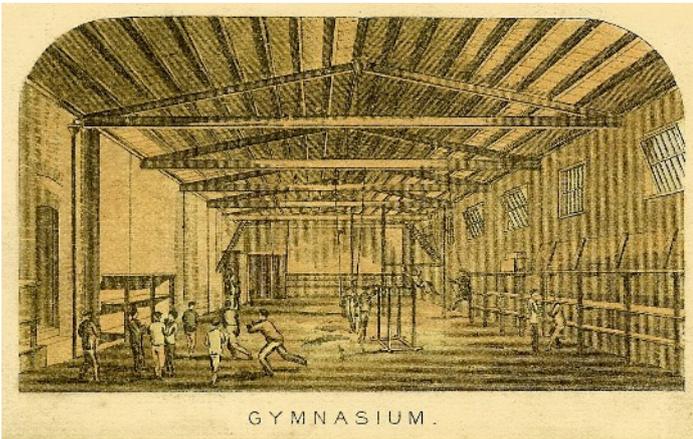
The images on these two pages are courtesy of Richard Clements



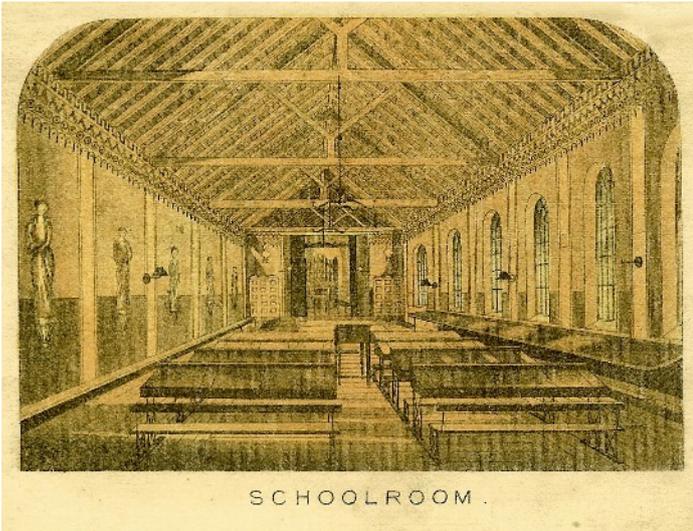
THANET COLLEGE  
MARGATE.  
PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

The memory of the former Preparatory Department of Thanet College is kept alive in the naming of Old School Gardens, off College Road, Margate

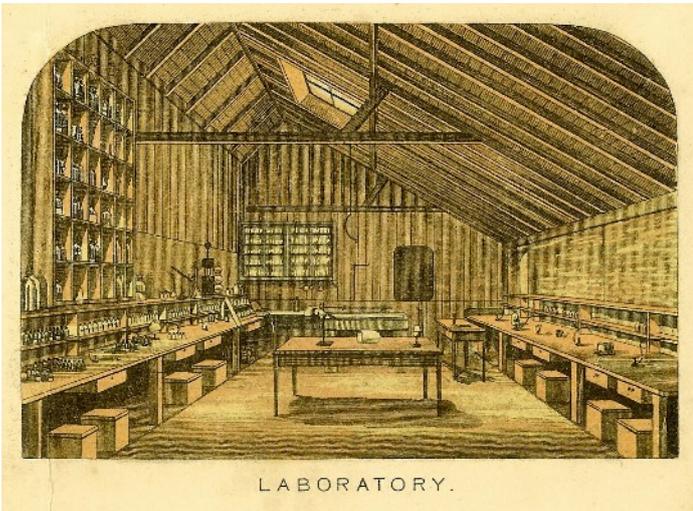
*This is where  
the younger boys  
are prepared  
for our college.  
It all belongs to D.C.S.*



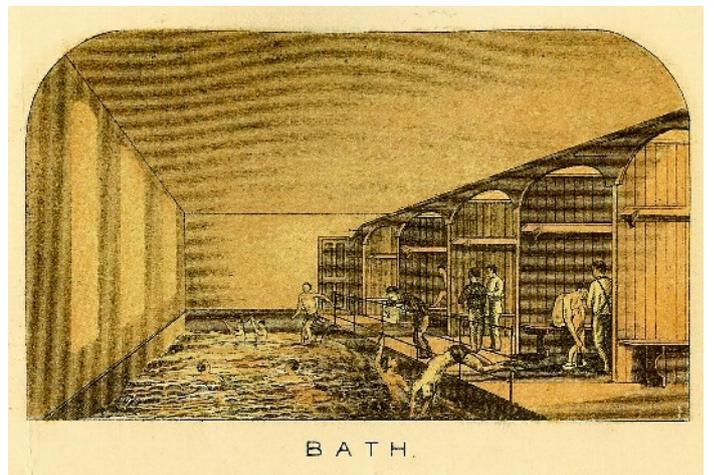
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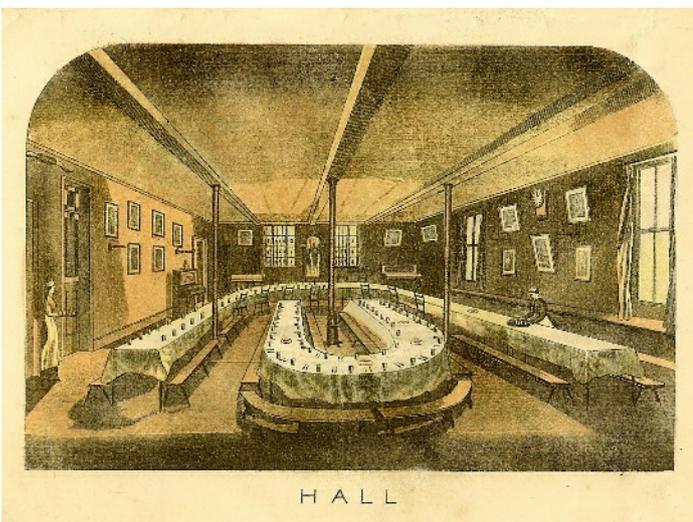
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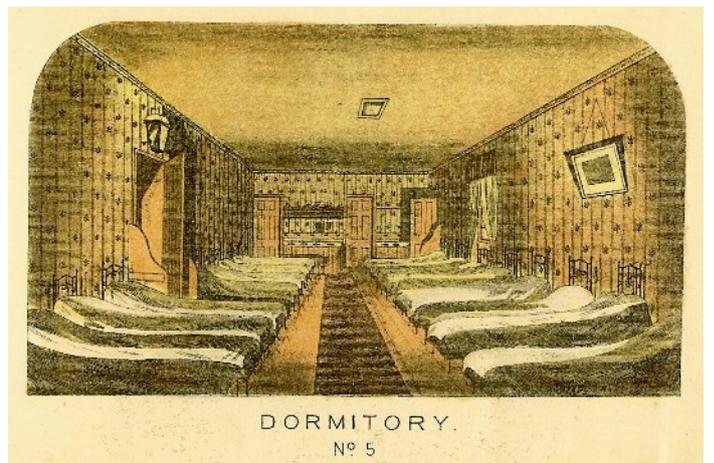
LABORATORY.

A decorative title page for Hanet College, Margate. The text is arranged in a central, ornate banner that reads "HANET COLLEGE, MARGATE." Below this is a crest featuring a shield with a horse and a book, with the motto "LABOREMUS." above it. Below the crest is another banner that reads "Principals MESS<sup>RS</sup> LEETHAM & SMITH." The entire page is framed by a decorative border with corner ornaments.

BATH.



HALL



DORMITORY.  
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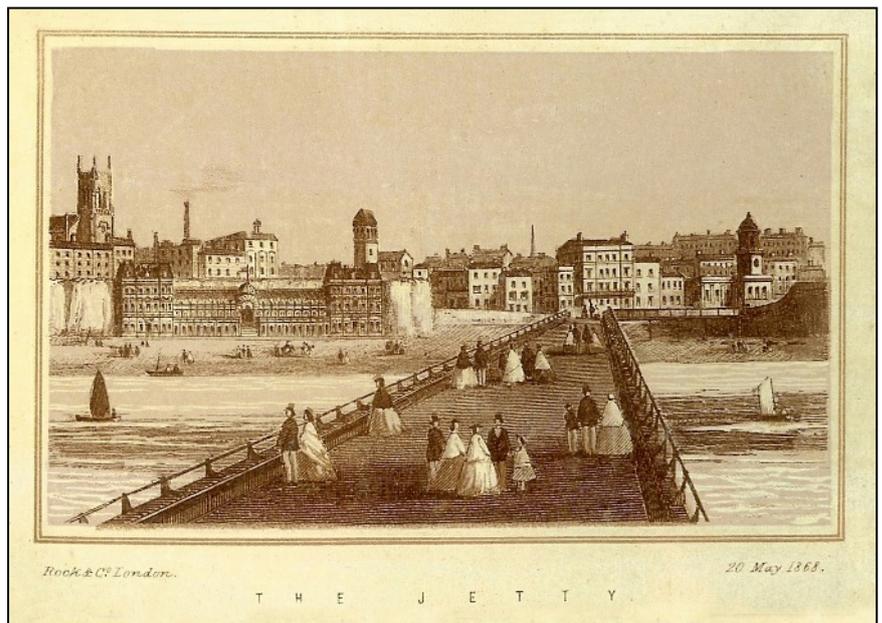
# Margate as seen from the Jetty in the late 1860s



Most of our Society's members will be familiar with this superb oil-painting by James Webb, *Margate 1869*, which has been on display at Turner Contemporary since its opening last year. Originally, it was intended that the painting would be on display at Turner Contemporary for one year only. The good news is that the display period has been extended. The not-so-good news is that the display period will end in September this year when the painting will be returned to Thanet District Council.

It is not yet known what TDC's plans are for the future display of this much-loved painting but there is a strong feeling that the painting must continue to be on public show. Perhaps somewhere in Margate Museum is a possibility. What do you think?

The print below was published by Rock & Co, London in a booklet of local views entitled, rather grandly, *The Prince's Album of Margate*. It bears the date 20 May 1868 and it is believed that the date refers to when it was registered for copyright purposes. Whilst many of the same buildings appear in both images, it should be noted that the print includes the Margate Aquarium on the Rendezvous site. In fact, the Margate Aquarium was never built. The picture album bears a design of a *fleur-de-lis* on its front cover, which suggests that it was named after the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII).



Interestingly, both the painting (1869) and the print (1868) are contemporaneous. A later photograph of Margate, from approximately the same position on the Jetty, appears on page 7 of this Newsletter which shows the two lifeboats on their slipways, around 1898, in the foreground. □



## Some examples of yesterdays' souvenirs of our Jubilee Clock Tower

*A Victorian souvenir plate showing Margate Clock Tower*

*A selection of crested china models of Margate Clock Tower. These models were produced during the period 1900 to 1930*



# Margate Jubilee Clock Tower and Time-ball

## From our President:

Those members of our Society who attended our last two meetings at the Walpole Bay Hotel will recall I told you about your Committee's thoughts on a project for this very special year of celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We decided to consider the possibility of the reinstatement of the Time -Ball on Margate's Clock Tower as first proposed by Arnold Schwartzman in his article *When Margate Dropped The Ball* which was published in our Summer 2011 Newsletter (No. 363).

To this end, we invited Mike Bundock, an expert on clocks and a good knowledge of Margate Clock Tower to give us a talk on the night of our Town Pride Awards. This was a well-attended meeting and our proposed project was greeted with approval and enthusiasm including our Town Mayor (Cllr Iris Johnston), the Thanet District Council Chairman (Cllr Doug Clark) and the Leader of TDC (Cllr Clive Hart).

During question time, I pressed Mike Bundock for his considered estimate on costs for reinstating the Time-Ball and if the project was feasible. After some thought he considered around £10,000 might be a reasonable estimate. So, what is our next step?

We will be in consultation with TDC, and I am making contact with a clock expert in Liverpool recommended by Mike.

We will be applying for grants from various organisations and also will be seeking donations. Donations can be sent to our Treasurer Mike Wilton.

There must be one or two of our members who have expertise on fundraising. We would love to have you join a sub-committee yet to be set up. Please contact me if you can help.

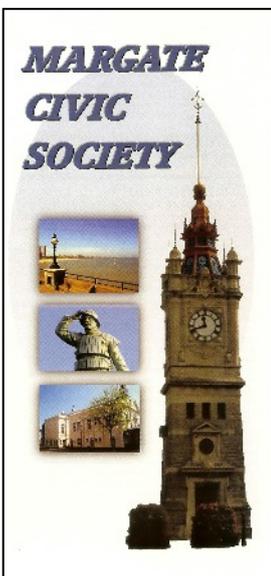
To find out more about the Clock Tower, read James Brazier's articles in the last two newsletters. These give comprehensive cover of the Clock Tower and the reasons for it being built. He also covers the coming celebrations and our Civic Day exhibition at the Harbour Arm Gallery on Saturday, 23rd June.

**Ralph Handscomb**  
President, Margate Civic Society

## New leaflet designed to attract new members to our Society

This eye-catching and informative leaflet has been produced in-house by two of our Committee members - Mike Wilton (Treasurer and Webmaster) and James Brazier (Newsletter Editor). The leaflet is A4 size folded into three. Copies of the leaflet have been distributed to local libraries and other venues where local residents rather than visitors to the town frequent.

We need to attract new members



to our Society and appeal to all members to seek to encourage friends, neighbours and relatives to join us. The new leaflet incorporates a membership application form. □

**Hollywood-based Arnold Schwartzman made a short visit to Margate at the end of May when he was informed of our members' wish to further his proposal that the time-ball mechanism be reinstated as our town's project to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee.**

### *Arnold responded as follows:*

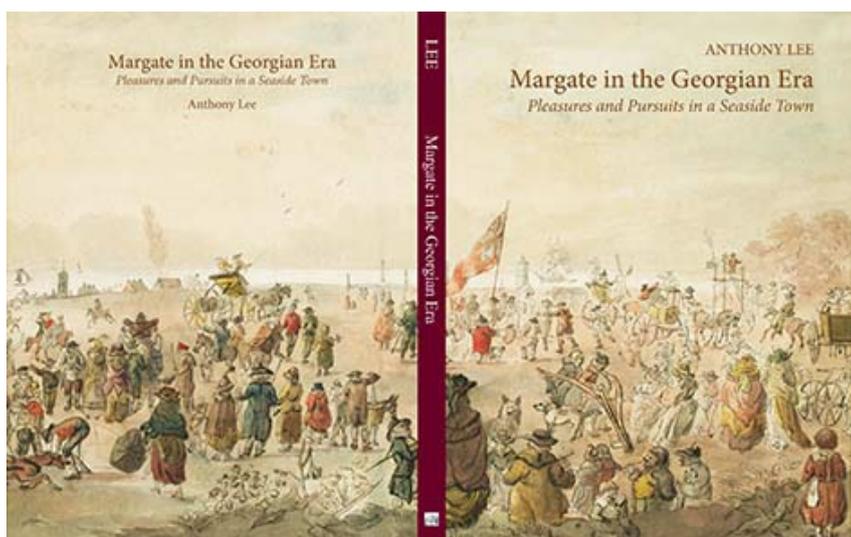
"I am delighted that my suggestion, featured in the MCS Newsletter No. 363 Summer 2011 that Margate Charter Trustees and/or Thanet District Council should consider repairing the mechanism of the Margate Jubilee Clock Tower time-ball, is now being seriously discussed. It would seem to be a most fitting way to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee particularly as the only other British monarch who reigned for 60 years was Queen Victoria.

"The ascension aloft of their "Majesties' Orb" would symbolically represent Margate's rise like a Phoenix out of the flames, and could become the Town's rallying point on festive occasions. If the cost of the work were £10,000, that would equate to less than 20p for each Margate resident." □



*At the Annual Meeting of Margate Charter Trustees on 22nd May 2012, Arnold and Isolde Schwartzman were presented with a certificate in recognition of their unwavering support for the town. Arnold is seen here with the outgoing Town Mayor, Cllr Iris Johnston, proudly holding the certificate*

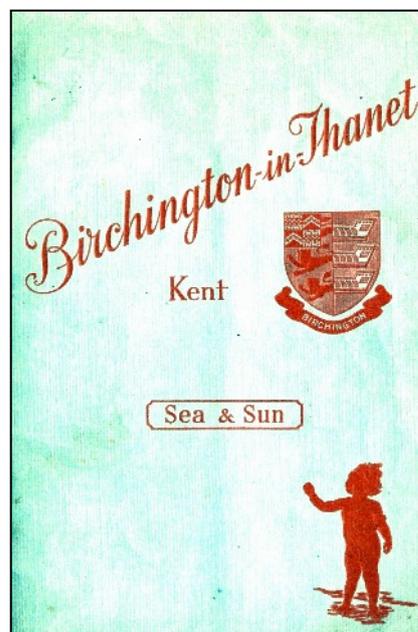
## Book Reviews



*Margate in the Georgian Era* by Anthony Lee published by Lulu at £35.00. Copies may also be from Margate Museum otherwise they can be obtained by post (postage is extra) direct from the publishers (Lulu.co.uk)

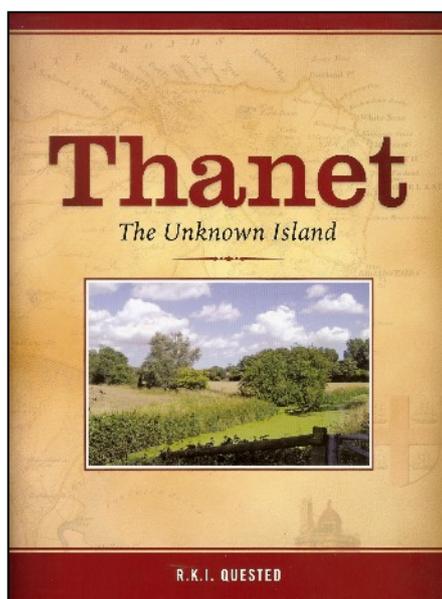
During the Georgian era, from 1714 to 1830, the town of Margate in Kent was transformed from a small run-down fishing village into one of the first sea-side resorts. This 212 page large-format book with 150 full coloured illustrations tells the story of this transformation, in maps, pictures, caricatures and prints of the time. It describes the importance of the Margate hoys and the early steam ships in providing cheap and ready access from London. It describes the typical visitor to Margate, how these early visitors would bathe in the sea, and the hotels, assembly rooms and libraries built for their amusement. The book will be of interest to those wanting to explore the development of the English holiday, as well, of course, to those with a particular interest in the county of Kent and the town of Margate.

This is a super book and is a 'must have' for anyone with an interest in Georgian Margate. The illustration are simply superb and their reproduction cannot be faulted. As anyone who has visited the author's website ([www.margatelocalhistory.co.uk](http://www.margatelocalhistory.co.uk)) knows, the author's dedication to his subject is of the highest level. Sample pages from the book can be viewed, in PDF format, on the author's website. If you haven't yet visited his website, do so now. You will not be disappointed with either his website or this recently published book which comes highly recommended. The author is a member of Margate Civic Society



*Birchington-in-Thanet, Kent: Sea & Sun* 40pp republished by Michael's Bookshop, 72 King Street, Ramsgate at £3.99

This little booklet was originally published by Birchington Publicity Committee as the Official Guide to Birchington. It was published in the mid-1930s around the time that Birchington (and Westgate-on-Sea) became part of the Borough of Margate. It is written in the form of a fictional family's first visit to Birchington and tells of the many attractions in the village and neighbouring area discovered by the family on their visit. The booklet is very dated both in style and content but, nevertheless, is an interesting guide to the village as it was over 70 years ago. This inexpensive booklet will appeal to anyone with an interest in Birchington and local traders' pre-war advertisements.



*Thanet: The Unknown Island* by Rosemary Quested. 65pp. Copies are available at £12.00 from Birchington Heritage Centre (Tel: 01843 842988)

Copies of this book were received from the printers only eleven days before the author died on 20th March 2012. Rosemary Quested had been a member of Margate Civic Society for many years. Her book *The Isle of Thanet Farming Community* was first published in 1996 and was intended primarily for local farming families and historians. Her latest book *Thanet: The Unknown Island* is a shortened version of her earlier book and is intended more for the general reader. Both books tell the history of farming in Thanet from Roman Times up to the present day. However, unlike the earlier book which had no illustrations, *Thanet: The Unknown Island* is profusely illustrated with colour photographs of rural scenes throughout Thanet which complement the well-written text. The reproduction of the photographs throughout the book is excellent. Today, one tends to think of Thanet for its resorts and its leisure activities which used to attract visitors to Thanet in huge numbers. The author, quite rightly, reminds the reader that Thanet was once famous for the excellence of its agriculture, particularly in the 17th and 18th centuries. The general reader will find much of interest in this very well presented book which truly deserves a wide readership among our members. □

# What's On

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

Date	Subject
<b>2012</b>	
4th October	AGM followed by 'Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin' by Catriona Blaker, Pugin Society
1st November	'Ramsgate Tunnels' by Peter Borrough, Chairman, Ramsgate Tunnels Group
6th December	'Music Hall & Pantomime by Gordon Clarkson
<b>2013</b>	
January	No meeting is held in January
7th February	'Hellfire Corner' by John Grimwood (ex-RAF)
7th March	'Rationed Clothing - Clothes of the 1940s' by Lee Ault
4th April	'Hidden History of Leeds Castle' by Nic Fulcher, Heritage Manager, Leeds Castle
2nd May	Presentation of our Society's 2013 Town Pride awards

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## Westgate Heritage Centre (in the back of St Saviour's Church) - Summer/Autumn Programme 2012



Open on first Saturday of each month 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. At 11.00am, there will be a talk on some aspect of Westgate history by Dr Dawn Crouch. On Saturday, 1st September, the Heritage Centre will reveal its new look and displays all it has to offer – maps, plans and photographs and more than 50 files of Westgate/Westbrook history, covering every decade to the present day and many of its prominent buildings and citizens. Original archives which have been entrusted to it will also be on display for the first time.

Date	Subject
<b>2012</b>	
7th July	'Adrian and Ethelbert Squares 1875-1925'
4th August	'Westgate's Blue Plaques - five worthy residents'
1st September	'Westgate ... a remarkable town'
7th October	'Roxburgh Road'

**Come and browse through our collection of material and photographs of Westgate, which is growing all the time. We have large scale maps and plans which reveal great detail about your street or area**

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## Letter of thanks from Kent Air Ambulance to Margate Civic Society

A letter of thanks has been received from Adrian Bell, Chief Executive of the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance following the talk given to the Society last April on the work of the Kent Air Ambulance. The letter contains the following text:

*Thank you very much for your fantastic donation of £50 together with a box collection of £64.74 for the Kent Air Ambulance which we received recently. The money you have raised is a very important contribution to the charity not only in maintaining the service that we provide to the community but, more importantly, in saving lives.*

*Note: The donation of £50 was given to the Kent Air Ambulance in lieu of a speaker's fee for the talk given that evening.*

## Tours of Margate Cemetery

The Friends of Margate Cemetery are again providing tours of Margate Cemetery. The dates for the remaining tours of the 2012 programme are as follows:

### General Cemetery Tours

4th July	}	These tours all start at 7.00pm
18th July	}	
1st August	}	

### Maritime Tours

27th June	Tour starts at 7.00pm
11th July	Tour starts at <b>2.00pm</b>
25th July	Tour starts at 7.00pm
8th August	Tour starts at <b>2.00pm</b>

All tours start at the Cemetery Chapel and booking for the tours is advisable (Tel: 07982 829664). The tours are recommended to our members.

# 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 a founder member of Civic Voice and is 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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If you are interested in joining our Society, please fill in the enrolment form below:

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## Enrolment/Renewal Form

I enclose the sum of £ .....

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and send it to the Membership Secretary, Mrs Lynda Smith, 5 Addington Square, Margate CT9 1NN

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