

# Margate Civic Society

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**Margate Civic Society is a  
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In our last Newsletter, we featured a number of 'Queen Anne' Revival properties in both Margate and Westgate-on-Sea that featured decorative terracotta panels that were popular amongst followers of the Aesthetic Movement from the late-1860s to the 1890s. The greatest concentration of those terracotta panels in our area can be found on various properties in Margate High Street and in Marine Drive. In this Newsletter, we take a look at Marine Drive where much construction work is currently underway including at what was originally Munns Terrace Hotel and, by next year, will be the Sands Hotel at 16 Marine Drive through to 42 High Street. This building is one of many in Marine Drive that is highly decorated with terracotta panels which, I feel sure, will be much admired when the hotel opens next year.

Surprisingly, the only listed building in Marine Drive is the building that was originally Torriani's Restaurant at 17 Marine Drive through to 44 High Street (at Grade II). The Imperial Hotel (now Rokka) is not listed and neither is the Edwardian public shelter near the western end of Marine Drive. The Jubilee Clock Tower is, of course, Grade II-listed but it is in Marine Terrace.

Whilst not displaying any Aesthetic Movement terracotta panels, the Imperial Hotel is an amazingly decorative building and well deserves to be listed. Do take a look at it and admire the many decorative architectural features - particularly at ground-floor level. Margate is blessed with so many fine buildings from this period. Another property built in this style is the former Man of Kent Temperance Hotel in the Upper High Street which was featured in our Newsletter shortly after it was listed at Grade II two years ago (Issue No. 361). The many terracotta panels on that building, and on a number of other buildings in the High Street, will be featured in a future issue of the Newsletter.

On the subject of listed buildings, it should be noted that English Heritage recently announced that, from 12th November 2012, applications received from members of the public for 'spot listing' of hitherto unrecognised local landmarks will be rejected unless there is clear evidence of an immediate and particular threat. This change is very much regretted and could result in the loss of further buildings because they did not have the protection that listing would otherwise have provided. □

**James Brazier**  
Newsletter Editor



**We wish all our members a very  
Merry Christmas  
and a peaceful New Year**



## Welcome to new members

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

Paul & Diana Carter  
Gordon & Joy Clarkson  
Pauline Varnham  
John Websper  
Carole Harker  
Joanna Smith

**Lynda Smith**  
Membership Secretary

## Subscriptions

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions were due for renewal on 1st October 2012. If you have not renewed your subscription, please note that this issue of the Newsletter will be the last one that you will receive. To ensure that you do receive future issues of the Newsletter without interruption, please send your subscription to the Membership Secretary, Mrs Lynda Smith, 5 Addington Square, Margate CT9 1NN. The subscription rates for the current year are shown on the back of this Newsletter. Any donations we receive on top of the subscriptions are very much appreciated. □

**Lynda Smith**  
Membership Secretary

## New Committee Appointments

At our AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012, the Committee for 2012/13 was elected. Apart from the following change, the Committee remains unchanged from the previous year:

**Secretary:** Mr Geoff Orton

Since the AGM, Mike Thompson has joined the Committee to cover planning and conservation issues.

Contact details for all Committee post-holders are shown on the back page of this Newsletter. □

## Town Pride Awards 2013

Nominations are invited for the 2013 Town Pride awards. All nominations should be submitted to our Chairman, Pamela Pople, by not later than 14th February 2013. See back page for contact details. □



# How many Aesthetic Movement sunflowers, etc could you locate?

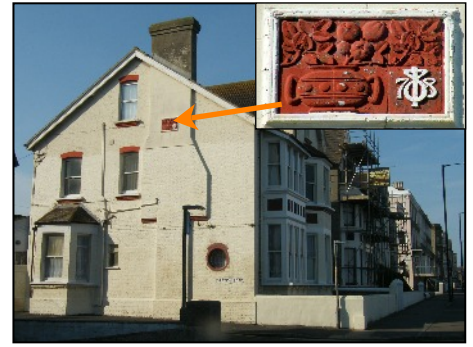
In our last Newsletter, we illustrated a few of the many terracotta panels that decorate a number of 'Queen Anne' Revival buildings in our area. How many did you get right? The answers to our quiz are shown below:



Abbeyfield Home, Rancorn Road, Westbrook



Kiddy Bank Nursery, Station Road, Westgate-on-Sea



Corner of Station Road and Canterbury Road, Westbrook



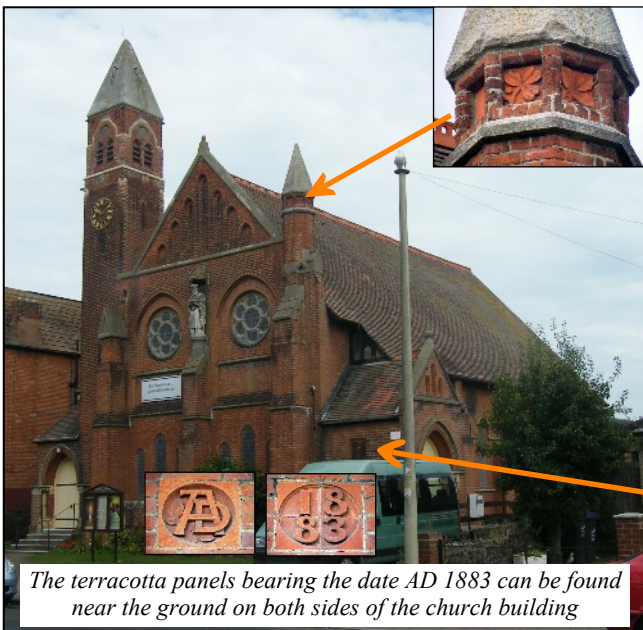
Ethelbert Square, Westgate-on-Sea



43 High Street, Margate



21 Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea



The terracotta panels bearing the date AD 1883 can be found near the ground on both sides of the church building

United Reformed Church, Westgate Bay Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea



3 High Street, Margate





# THE TIME BALL PROJECT - UPDATE

Margate Civic Society is pleased to announce that Oscar-winning director Arnold Schwartzman OBE RDI has agreed to be Patron of its Time Ball project.

Arnold, who is a member of the Society and lives in California, spent his youth in Margate and returns whenever he can.

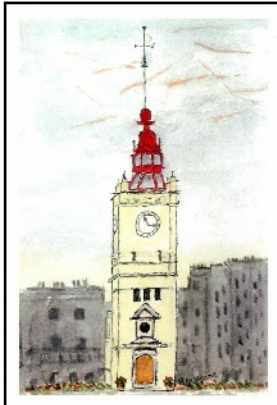
Margate Civic Society hopes to raise the £10,000 required to enable Margate Clock Tower's time ball to work once again. Once restored, the time ball could become a rallying point for the townspeople to celebrate occasions such as midnight on New Year's Eve.

The time ball account now stands at £566, donated mostly by Margate Civic Society members. Mike Bundock, a member of the British Horological Institute, is advisor to Margate Civic Society on this project and is writing a book on the history of Margate Clock Tower. Mike is not charging any fee for his work and all money from sales of the book will go towards the time ball project. Pre-order forms for Mike's book are available by contacting Membership Secretary Lynda Smith whose contact details are on the last page of this Newsletter and all those who subscribe in this way will have their names printed in the book as a gesture of thanks.

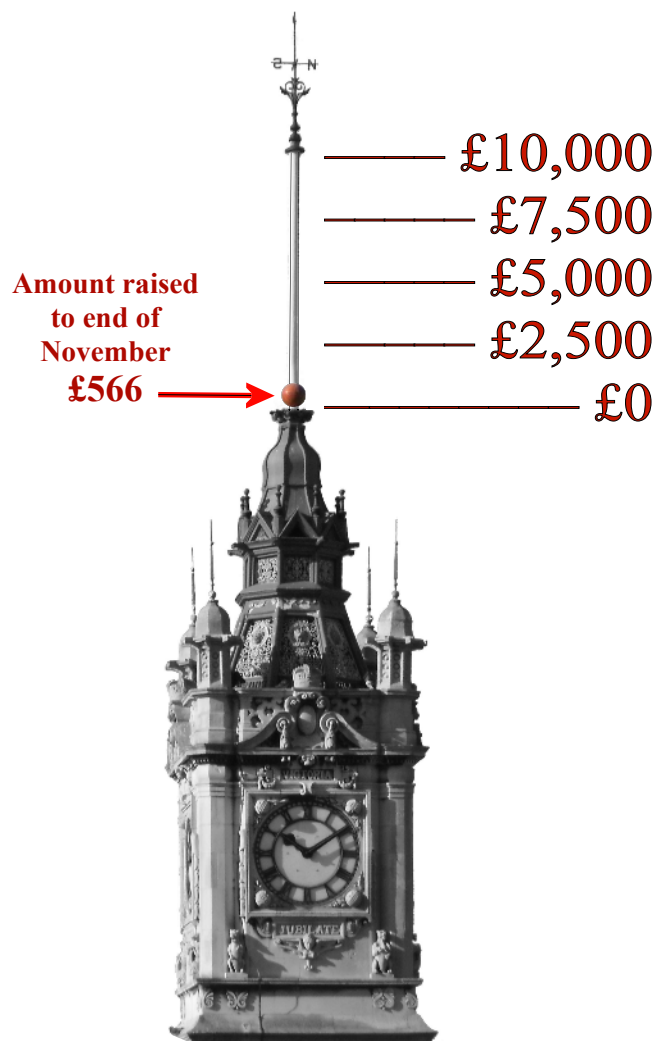
Ralph Handscomb, Margate Civic Society's President, has given permission for his own watercolour painting of the Clock Tower to be printed postcard-size. Everyone who donates at least £2 towards the project will receive one of these cards.

Subsequent Newsletters will contain regular updates on how the time ball project is progressing. The Margate Civic Society website also features up-to-date information on the project.

A date for your diary: 24th May 2014, when an 'opening' ceremony at Margate Clock Tower is planned. □



*Ralph Handscomb's watercolour painting of the Clock Tower*



*Photograph reproduced with kind permission of the Isle of Thanet Gazette*

*Arnold Schwartzman joins members of the Committee at the Clock Tower on a wintry day in October 2012*

*Left to right: Lynda Smith, Geoff Orton, Mike Wilton, James Brazier, Ralph Handscomb, Pamela Pople and Arnold Schwartzman*



*Arnold Schwartzman, Patron of the Society's Time Ball Project, being photographed in front of the Clock Tower. It was Arnold who came up with the idea of restoring the time ball mechanism to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee*



## Margate College - more mementoes

The article on Margate College that was published in the Spring Newsletter (No. 366) prompted numerous responses from our members. Indeed, it was surprising just how many were unaware of the College's previous existence. Many commented on what a fine building it was before it was destroyed by enemy bombing during the Second World War. It really is quite a shock when one considers how many other fine buildings in Margate have also been 'lost' over the last century such as the Jetty, the Hippodrome, the Regal Cinema, the Astoria Cinema, Westbrook Pavilion, the Sun Deck, many of the hotels in Cliftonville (Cliftonville Hotel, St George's Hotel, Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, Grand Hotel, Norfolk Hotel and, indeed, many other top-rate hotels) - not to mention Dreamland Amusement Park, Dreamland Cinema and the Lido complex. I remember reading one of Tracey Emin's articles in, I think, *The Guardian*, a few years ago when she commented that every time she visited Margate, it seemed that another of the town's attractions had gone forever. She was right: the town has lost so many of its rich Victorian buildings which were so much of its former attraction. □ **JB**

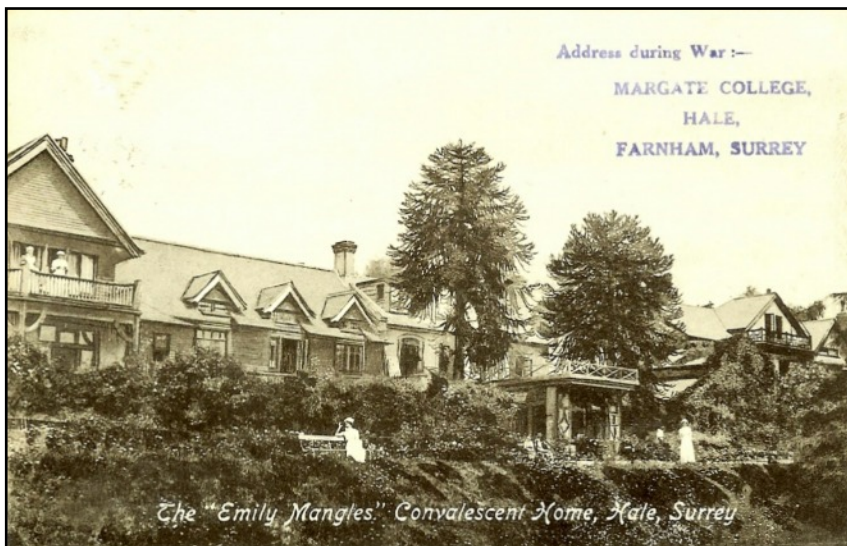


*This postcard, believed to date from around 1914, was probably published for use by boarders at Margate College to send to their parents, etc*

*Caption to postcard:*

**OPENING OF SWIMMING BATH  
THE MAYOR AT MARGATE COLLEGE**

*(The Swimming Bath was opened by the Mayor, Alderman Albert Léon Adutt, on Thursday, 6th February 1913. The message on the back of this postcard reads: Addressing the populace from the steps of the citadel - 6/2/13. The postmark is dated 10th February 1913)*



*During the First World War, the boys from Margate College were evacuated to premises at Hale, which is midway between Farnham and Aldershot. This postcard is one that was originally published when the building was in operation as a convalescent home and, when its use changed temporarily, it was over-stamped:*

**Address during War :-  
MARGATE COLLEGE,  
HALE,  
FARNHAM, SURREY**

*The original caption to the postcard reads:  
The "Emily Mangles" Convalescent Home, Hale, Surrey*

*(The postcards reproduced on this page are courtesy of Richard Clements)*



# Hartsdown House and the Hatfeild Family

In our last Newsletter, we featured an article on Hartsdown House and drew particular attention to the extensive decorative terracotta detail, in the 'Queen Anne' Revival style, that was incorporated in the 1873 front-extension to the property. A complimentary copy of our Newsletter was passed to the Manor House Nursery School as a gesture of thanks for their help with the article. In response, Mr Sean Sherrin, the Nursery School's Managing Director, very kindly supplied a number of most interesting old black-and-white photographs of both Hartsdown House and of the Hatfeild family which he rightly thought would be of interest to our members. Five of those photographs are reproduced below. □ **JB**



*This photograph shows the Hatfeild family all dressed in their 'Sunday best' c.1910*

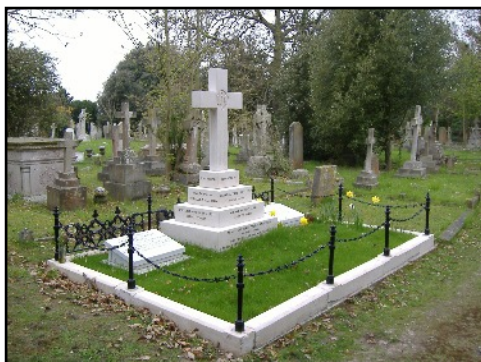
*Back row (left to right): Mildred (b.1889), Charles (b.1890) and Herbert (b.1888)*

*Middle row: Charles Taddy Hatfeild (b.1835), Henry (b.1903) and Maud Harriett Sinclair Hatfeild (b. 1860)*

*Bottom row: Aubrey (b.1891), Violet (b.1900) and Aileen (b.1896) (Captain Charles Taddy Hatfeild died on 19th September 1910 and his eldest son, Captain Charles Eric Hatfeild MC, was killed in action in WWI on 21st September 1918)*



*Mrs Maud Hatfeild, first lady Mayor of Margate, accompanies HRH The Prince of Wales on his visit to Margate on 24th November 1926. Mrs Hatfeild died in 1931*



*The Hatfeild family plot at Margate Cemetery (Photo taken April 2006)*



*Hartsdown House before the front extension. Note the position of the two rows of four windows on the right of the picture (c.1870) relative to the front of the house and compare this photograph with the two photographs below*



*Hartsdown House after the front extension c. 1873. Note the same two rows of windows on the right of the picture*



*Hartsdown House today - note the two missing chimney-stacks and various missing chimney-pots which can be seen in the picture above*



## 60 Years after - Memories of the Gale of 1st February 1953

It hardly seems possible that it will shortly be 60 years ago that Margate suffered its worst storm in living memory. Although the 1978 storm destroyed the Jetty, the 1953 storm did more damage to the town with a consequential loss of life. These six pictures - all taken by Chris Fright, Sunbeam Photographs' Chief Photographer for many years - give a flavour of the extent of the damage to buildings. The sea-wall was severely damaged in a number of places and one of the town's biggest losses in the 1953 storm was the Westbrook Pavilion (now where *Strokes Adventure Golf* is). The town's saddest loss was, however, the Lighthouse at the end of the Stone Pier. It dated from the early part of the nineteenth century and was much taller than its replacement . □



*Wreckage on Margate Stone Pier after the storm. Part of the signage for Margate Surf Boat can be seen in the foreground on the right-hand side. Note the absence of the Lighthouse at the end of the Stone Pier*



*Sightseers at the Harbour as waves crash against the sea wall. The Lighthouse has already fallen and much of the Jetty walkway destroyed*



*Wreckage at the once much-loved Sun Deck on Margate's main sands*



*The old Lighthouse stood on wooden piles which gave way in the storm causing the Lighthouse to collapse into the sea. The base of the Lighthouse can be seen in this picture. The Lighthouse collapsed around 1.00pm on the day following the storm*



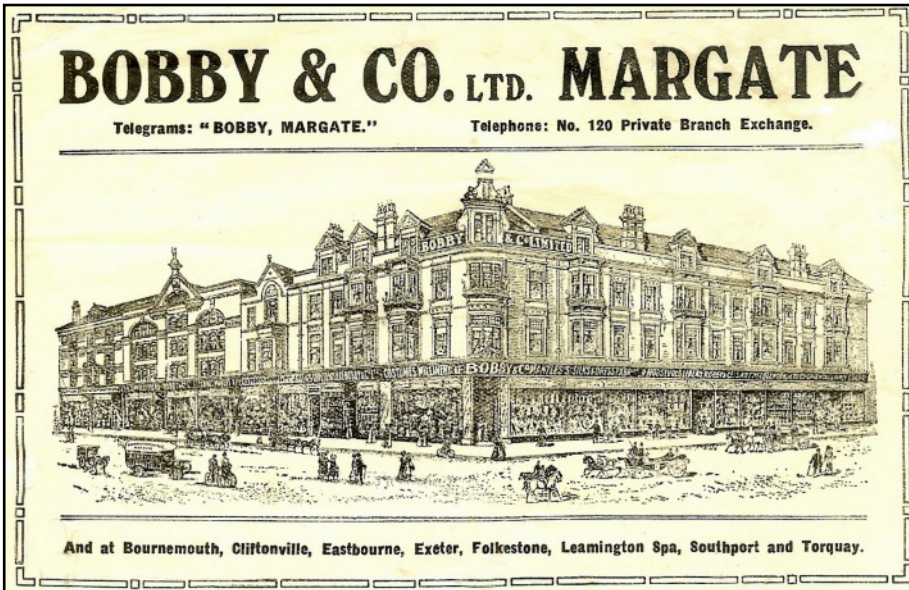
*Flotsam and jetsam at West Bay, Westgate-on-Sea, after the storm*



*Wrecked cafés at St Mildred's Bay, Westgate-on-Sea*



# Bobbys <sup>was</sup> is Margate



*Note the early motorised delivery van. It is possible that this was added to the original design*

- as this wonderfully evocative design, that was used on Bobbys headed-invoices dating from the early 1900s, shows. The artist of this design can be forgiven for employing a degree of artist's licence but, nevertheless, as can be seen from the recent photograph below, many of the buildings that became occupied by Bobbys as the business expanded in Margate are, today, largely unchanged from when they were built in the 1880s.

In 1957, Margate celebrated the centenary of it being granted in 1857 a Charter of Incorporation (making the town a Borough). A feature of those celebrations held in 1957 was a 'Centenary Shopping Week' organised by the Chambers of Commerce of Margate, Westgate and Birchington. The Bobbys advertisement below is from the lucky-number programme that was printed by the Chambers of Commerce to promote the Centenary Shopping Week. □ **JB**



*Where it all started - the building on the corner of High Street where F. J. Bobby opened his first shop in 1887. Compare this image with that shown in the early 1900s design at the top of this page and it will be seen that few changes have been made to the building above ground-floor level*

## Bobbys

### IS MARGATE

In the year 1887, thirty years after the incorporation of the Borough of Margate, the late Mr. F. J. Bobby opened his first shop on the corner of the High Street. From this small beginning there grew the present chain of Bobbys shops. well-known all along the South Coast.

The two Bobbys stores in Margate play an important part in the daily life of residents and visitors alike - offering the cream of all that is best in Fashions, Furnishings and Men's Wear, and the well appointed Restaurants at each Branch are the acknowledged meeting places of the town.

*A visit is a must because if you haven't been to Bobbys, you haven't been to Margate*

**HIGH STREET**  
Tel : THANET 20202

**NORTHDOWN ROAD**  
Tel : THANET 21525

*Part of the front-cover of the 1957 Centenary Shopping Week programme*

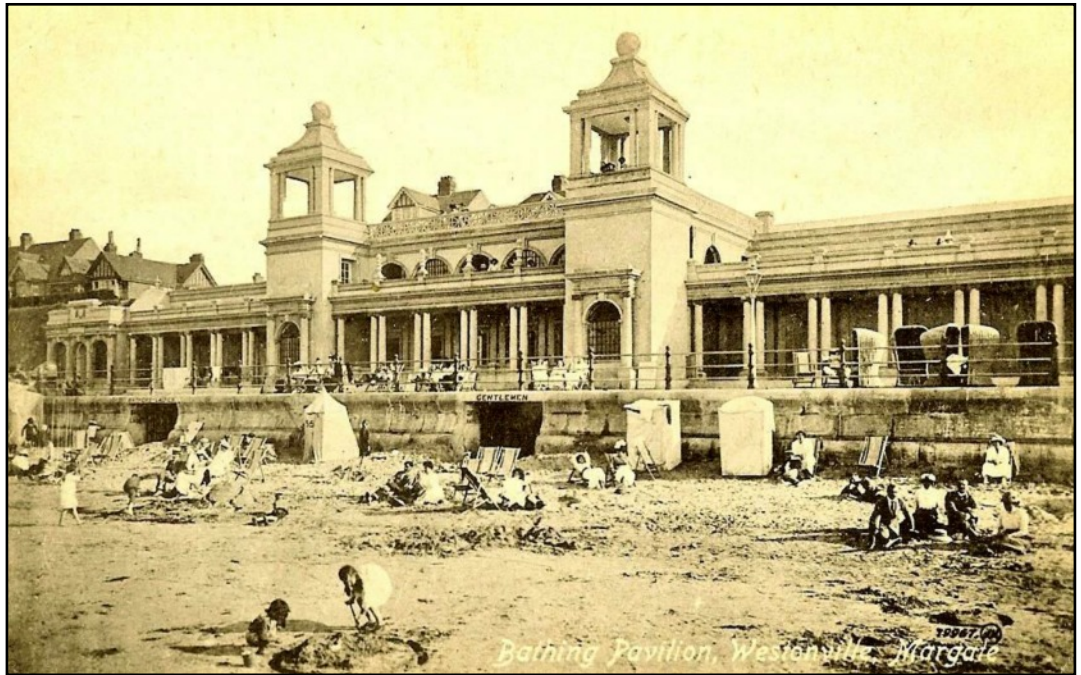




# Westbrook Bathing Pavilion - How it has changed

*It is believed that Westbrook Bathing Pavilion was built around 1910. It was once an imposing building with many attractive architectural features.*

*The Bathing Pavilion offered changing facilities for bathers allowing direct access from the sands to the changing-rooms. As can be seen in this postcard view, the Gentlemen's entrance was immediately in front of the west tower and the Ladies was immediately opposite the east tower. It is also believed that the two look-out towers at the top of the building were removed during the 1930s. Note the low level of the sands and the wicker-chairs on the promenade. Note also the gas-lamps that once stretched along the promenade*



*This photograph is believed to have been taken during the First World War when the Bathing Pavilion was used as a canteen to serve meals to 150 soldiers at a time. The baths inside the Bathing Pavilion were also used by soldiers in the First World War (believed to be from the 36th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers who were stationed at Margate in 1918). Note the three soldiers on the first-floor balcony. This photograph shows a section of the barbed-wire anti-invasion defence works which stretched along sections of the town's promenades. The barbed-wire was mounted along a series of stanchions placed immediately behind each of the cast-iron posts. The attractive original cast-iron railings can be seen clearly in this photograph*

*As can be seen from this somewhat bleak photograph - taken in January 2008 - the building has lost almost all of its once attractive architectural features. Indeed, it now has a look not very dissimilar to the brutalist 'moderne' look of architecture that emerged for a while in the 1930s. The former underground passages to the changing-rooms have now been cemented up and the sands are now some four feet higher than they were around 100 years ago. However, the location of those former entrances can still be found - although only the tops of the cemented-up entrances are now visible*





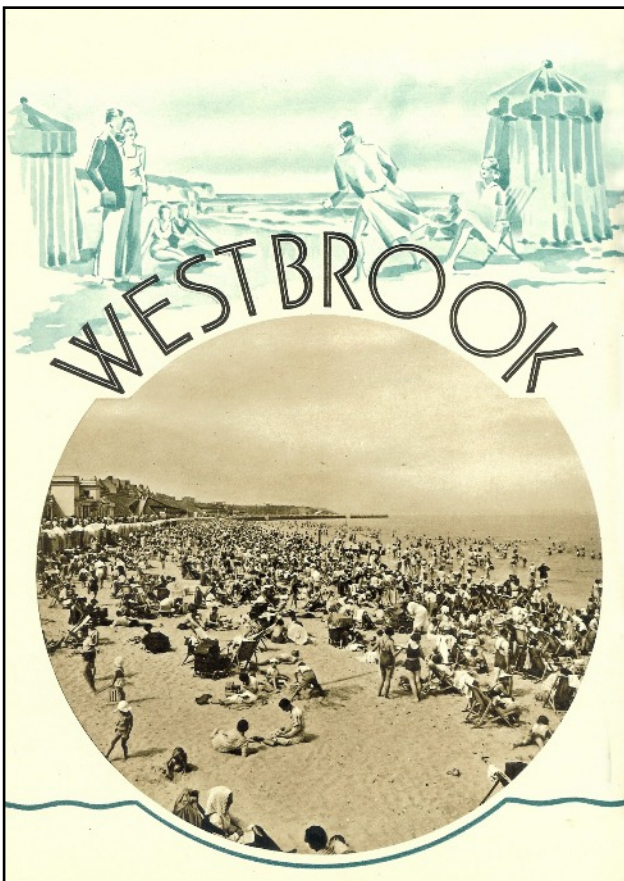
## Some more pictures of Westbrook Sands

A Second World War sea-mine was washed up at Westbrook Bay in the early summer of 1946. No visitors were allowed on the sands until the mine had been de-activated and removed by Royal Navy explosives experts. These three pictures of that occurrence are courtesy of former Sunbeam Photographer, Chris Fright. Chris can be seen standing, wearing his coat, in the bottom photograph.

Note the Sunbeam Photographs' stall which once stood at the top of the slope to Westbrook Bay . □



*Chris Fright today outside his bungalow in Manston Road. Chris has an endless fund of stories about Margate and of many of its characters from the 1930s onwards. Chris was born in 1924. This photograph of Chris was taken in May 2011*



*The photograph included on this page taken from the Margate Official Guide of 1939 shows that the twin towers which once graced Westbrook Bathing Pavilion had been removed before the Second World War*





## Marine Drive in the 1880s and early-1900s

The flood-prevention works currently underway between the Harbour and the Clock Tower necessitated the closure of the pavement on the seaward side of Marine Drive for many months. These works are now due to be finished by March 2013. It is hoped that the attractive dolphin/sturgeon lamp columns will be reinstated and the pavement re-opened to pedestrians shortly afterwards. It is considered that this prime-site location has the potential for successful commercial regeneration.

*This photograph dates from around 1880 and shows construction work underway on the Imperial Hotel at the junction of High Street and Marine Drive. The tall block to the right of the Imperial Hotel appears to be completed when this photograph was taken but large amount of scaffolding to the right of the tall block indicates the extent of the building work that was then underway along Marine Drive. (Note: The former British Home Stores building [now Primark] was constructed in the 1930s)*



*This hand-drawn image is from an album of views of Margate that was published in the 1880s - shortly after the construction of Marine Drive. Interestingly, the picture shows a gap in the terrace of properties along Marine Drive (captioned here as The Parade). This gap is between what was Torriani's Restaurant on the right and the building that much later was Lyons Tea Rooms on the left. This gap was subsequently filled by Munns' Terrace Hotel - which is currently undergoing reconstruction as the Sands Hotel. Both Munns and Torriani had businesses immediately to the rear (in the High Street) and both extended their properties on to Marine Drive to great effect*

*This view is taken from an Edwardian postcard and shows - from the right - the public shelter, the steps leading to Albert Terrace, Longhi's Restaurant, Sam Isaacs Ltd Kings Head Hotel, Torriani's Restaurant, and Munns' Terrace Hotel followed by a number of shop premises. Contemporary local directories show a cycle business and a fancy goods shop between Longhi's Restaurant and the King's Head. Note the shape of the lanterns atop the dolphin/sturgeon lamp columns*





## More photographs of Marine Drive



*This view shows much building work taking place in Marine Drive and dates from around 1880. The view is a close-up of the buildings taken from a general photograph of Marine Sands - hence the poor definition of the image. Wooden scaffolding and tarpaulin sheets can be seen along Marine Drive where additional buildings are under construction. It would appear that work had yet to commence on the Imperial Hotel, Munns Terrace Hotel, Torriani's Restaurant and Longhi's Restaurant. The tall building in the centre of the picture is Sam Isaac's King's Head Hotel. Note that the steps from Albert Terrace originally faced the Clock Tower*



*The above photograph was taken in October 2012 - again when much building works were underway. The crane on the sands is working on the second and final phase of the flood-prevention works, now due to be completed by March 2013, and the former Munns Terrace Hotel is shrouded in metal scaffolding poles as it is being transformed to become the Sands Hotel planned to open in summer 2013. The Imperial Hotel (now Rokka) is on the far left of the lower photograph and Bramfield House (in Albert Terrace) can be seen on the far right in both of photographs*



*This lovely photograph of Marine Drive was published in 1888. It shows the Marine Restaurant on the extreme left of the picture with Phillipott's Hot & Cold Baths a few*



*Marine Drive after the storm of 1st February 1953. Note the bay-windows along this stretch of Marine Drive. Although the*

*doors along. Interestingly, there remains a gap where Munns Terrace Hotel was subsequently built (in 1888 - according to the date-stone shown on page 12) but Torriani's Restaurant can be clearly seen. Note the overhanging canopy above the pavement in front of the Marine Restaurant and Phillipott's Baths. Note also the absence of any Clock Tower*

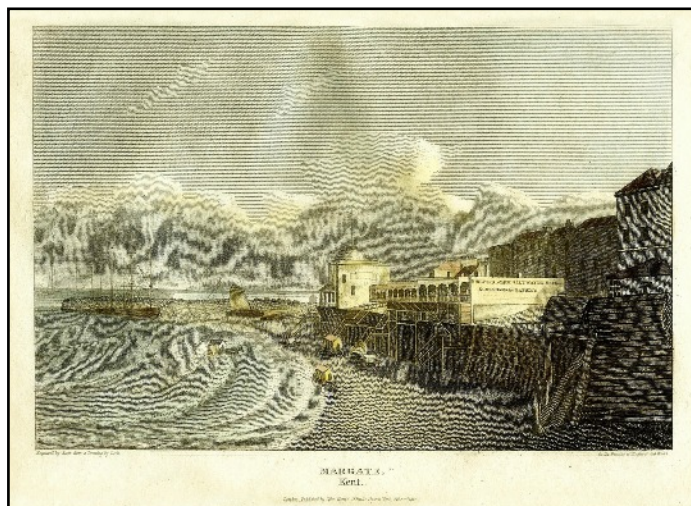
*buildings are still standing today, sadly none of the bay-windows have survived as can be seen from the October 2012 photograph above*



# Munns Terrace Hotel and Phillpott's Baths



An Edwardian postcard of Munns Terrace Hotel and Restaurant on Marine Drive. It is the taller building that is being developed as the Sands Hotel. The building on the left was originally Phillpott's Hot & Cold Baths (see also 'Margate 1888' photo on page 11)



This early print dated 1812 shows Margate's Bathing Houses (sometimes referred to as Bathing Rooms or as 'bird-cages' - see accompanying text). The sign in the foreground reads:  
**PHILPOT'S WARM SALT WATER BATHS  
& MACHINES for BATHING.**

(Note the absence of any lighthouse at the end of the stone pier: the lighthouse had been destroyed in the storm of 1808 and was awaiting replacement when this print was produced in 1812)



This photograph taken in April 2011 of the building on the right above shows some of the Aesthetic Movement terracotta panels which decorate the front of the property currently undergoing major works. It is believed that an additional storey is to be added to the property but that, importantly, the front elevation will remain unchanged



Close-ups of two of the four most attractive terracotta panels on the front of the building at first-floor level featuring bowls of flowers



Close-up of terracotta keystone above each of the windows on the second-floor level showing that the building was constructed in 1888

The following is an extract from the commentary written by the late Dr Arthur Rowe in 1924 to accompany a plan of the Lower High Street in 1840 drawn by Dr Rowe:

*The bathing-houses have a history. The bathing machine was invented by Benjamin Beale in 1750, but we hear of no bathing rooms till 1763, when they first appear in our Rate-books. They were swept away in the great storm of 1808, and were then rebuilt "in a greatly improved form". These absurd little wooden houses used to be called "the bird cages" from their squat and square shape. Dr Daniel Jarvis was once the owner of Mr Heath's property, and he had a clause put in the agreement that these bathing houses (some of which he owned) should not be raised higher than they were at that date.*



This view is from a stereoscopic slide c. 1870. The Bathing Rooms can just be seen on the left hand side. The man wearing an apron on the right is probably a 'shoe-shiner'. The railings on the left still exist today

Courtesy of Richard Clements

## 1873 Map of Lower High Street with overlay map showing reclaimed land and today's buildings

To get from The Parade to Marine Terrace before Marine Drive was built in 1878/79, it was necessary to go up the Lower High Street and turn right into what is now known as Marine Gardens. The construction by Margate Corporation of Marine Drive was a major investment which was to transform the seaward side of the bottom of the High Street. Today, with the flood-prevention works along Marine Drive nearing completion and what was, for many years, the Humbug Shop, being transformed into what is expected to be an ultra modern hotel (the Sands Hotel), this area will be transformed in 2013. The photographs on this page and on the three preceding pages show how Marine Drive has had its 'ups and downs' over the last 135 or so years and is now in the process of regeneration. Many of the old photographs used on those pages are courtesy of Anthony Lee, for which we are most grateful. Anthony Lee has also very kindly provided the accompanying map (see page 13) based on the Ordnance Survey map of 1873 with a later overlay map showing Marine Drive and how the original buildings lining the High Street were extended once the new road had been built. □



The original 1873 Ordnance Survey map is shown in pink and grey for the buildings, and cream for the roads, with the 'sea wall' as the red line, with blue dots for the sea; the later map after the building of the Marine Drive is overlaid, with the buildings shown in red outline and the roads as black lines

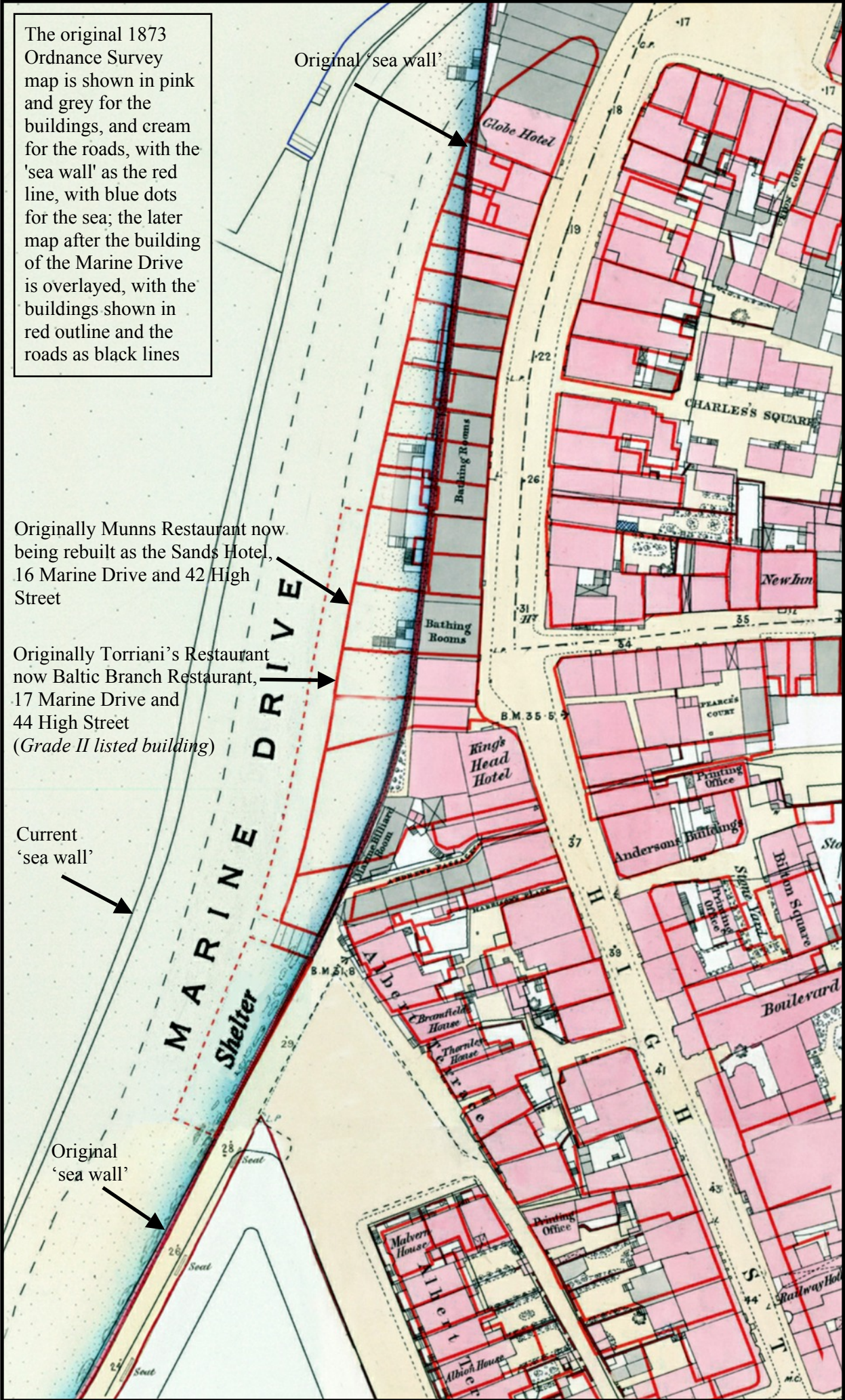
Original 'sea wall'

Originally Munns Restaurant now being rebuilt as the Sands Hotel, 16 Marine Drive and 42 High Street

Originally Torriani's Restaurant now Baltic Branch Restaurant, 17 Marine Drive and 44 High Street (Grade II listed building)

Current 'sea wall'

Original 'sea wall'





## Civic Voice announces the launch of the Protect our Place website

### Community groups encouraged to share stories

Civic Voice - the national charity for the civic movement announced on 25th September 2012 the launch of the English Heritage sponsored 'Protect our Place' website.

Protect our Place (<http://www.protectourplace.org.uk/>) is a research project to understand the different types of current community action taking place across England to protect and promote local heritage.

The website's main feature is the interactive map for groups to promote their projects, and discover other work both locally and nationally. It will be searchable via theme or location, and is free to all community groups working to protect or promote the historic environment. We urge all heritage volunteers not only to use the map and connect with the wider heritage network, but also to discover all of the resources available to them on the site.

Sarah Spurrier, Project Manager said 'The website being up and running is extremely exciting. It now means that there is a resource out there for all community groups not only to celebrate their own projects and inform people about what they do, but also for networking, for new volunteers, and professionals. The website marks a new phase for community interaction, and can only strengthen the great work which is already being undertaken throughout England.'

Steve Graham, Director said, 'This is a great project which will really help to support community action in the historic environment. By working with a variety of partners and community groups, we hope to ensure the website benefits everyone in the heritage movement.' □

## CORRESPONDENCE

September 2012

Dear Mr Brazier

I just had to comment on the latest Newsletter. You say that not many members are likely to know Hartsdown House. I am one of the exceptions, having worked for the Margate Corporation Parks Department for nearly 13 years before local government reorganisation (in 1974).

The upper floor was used for storage of sports equipment and old files. If one didn't want to have to poke around in the dark with just a torch in order to look for a file, it had to be done in daylight in the winter afternoons! Subsequently, the upper rooms were cleared for the accommodation of the Margate Corporation Catering Department. The ground floor was taken over for a time by Kent County Council Trading Standards Department (previously Margate Corporation's Weights & Measures Department) after the Parks Department was swept away by incorporation into Thanet District Council's Technical Department.

I also remember that someone had to effect an exit from the small round window shown on page 12, having been accidentally locked in at the end of the day!

The pictures of Westgate have also been of great interest.

I have said this before, but I will repeat how interesting I find the Newsletter, and appreciate who ever drops it through the door.

Yours sincerely

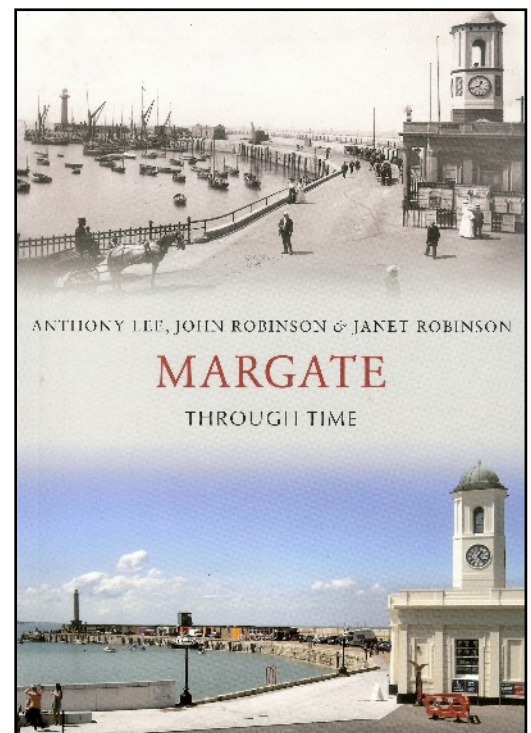
(Miss) M. Russell

P.S. I was disappointed by the news regarding the Webb painting. I think that it deserves better than the treatment it is receiving. □

## Book Review

**Margate Through Time** by Anthony Lee, John Robinson and Janet Robinson. Published by Amberley Publishing at £14.99, softback, 96pp, full colour, ISBN 978-1-4456-1076-4. Copies of this book are available from W. H. Smith, Margate Museum and Turner Contemporary

The three co-authors (who are all members of our Society) of this new book require no introduction to our members. Anthony Lee will be known for his excellent website [www.margatelocalhistory.co.uk](http://www.margatelocalhistory.co.uk) and his book *Margate in the Georgian Era* and John Robinson - ably assisted by his wife, Janet - will be known for his popular illustrated-talks 'Thanet Links' which he has given to our Society and to many other local organisations in the area. This super book contains a fascinating selection of 'then & now' photographs which show how Margate has changed and developed over the last century. The book starts with a stroll through Old Margate based on a short walk that was described in a guide book of 1834. The route of the walk is helpfully shown on a reproduction of a map published by Edmunds in 1821. Much care has been taken in both the choice of the original images and in photographing the same location today. It is most interesting to compare the 'then & now' pictures and to see the many changes. Your reviewer found the comparative pictures of Foresters' Hall particularly interesting. This book is highly recommended and would make a perfect Christmas present for anyone who loves our town and wants to learn more about its fascinating history. It deserves a wide readership. □





## What's On

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

**Date**            **Subject**

**2013**

- January            *Note: The Society does not hold a meeting in January each year*
- 7th February    'Hell Fire Corner' by John Grimwood (ex RAF)
- 7th March        'Rationed Clothing - Clothing of the 1940s' by Lee Ault
- 4th April         'The Hidden History of Leeds Castle' by Nic Fulcher, Heritage Manager, Leeds Castle
- 9th May          Presentation of our Town Pride Awards for 2013 followed by 'Herne Bay Clock Tower' by Mike Bundock



**Westgate Heritage Centre** (in the back of St Saviour's Church) - **Winter Programme 2012/13**

Open 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. The Westgate Heritage Centre was re-launched on 6th October 2012

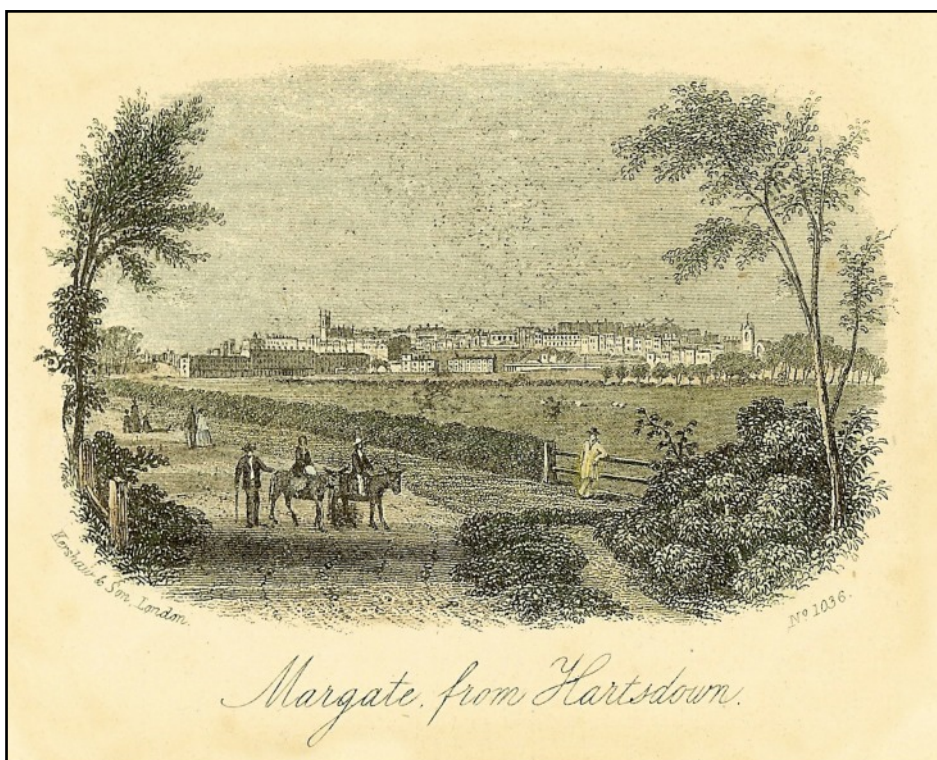
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**2013**

- 5th January     'St James' Church, Westgate' - To commemorate its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary we look at why its being built was regarded as an essential for the successful development of Westgate and Westbrook
- 2nd February   'Sir William Ingram *Bart*' - A look at the life and character of this interesting man who left his mark on Westgate-on-Sea
- 2nd March      "Let's walk along Sea Drive!" - From The Ingleton [now The Swan] to the Birchington border
- 6th April        '1883 - A new look for a fashionable watering place?' - What was the importance of the arrival in Westgate-on-Sea of the Revd John Hawtrey, founder of St Michael's School?

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### *Another Picture from the Past*



This print, from an engraving published by Kershaw & Son, London, probably dates from around 1840. It shows Margate as seen from Hartsdown at that time. Holy Trinity Church (built 1829) can be seen on the left and the parish church of St John the Baptist can be seen on the right with two windmills in between. The terrace shown on the right is the rear view of Marine Terrace.

The print conveys an impression of the size of the Hartsdown estate before the railway first came to Margate in 1846 and, later, in 1863 when the Kent Coast Railway line to Margate was opened. It was the arrival of the railway which led to the rapid development of Westbrook - much on former Hartsdown estate land - and to the general growth of the town. □ **JB**



# Margate Civic Society

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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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