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Welcome

Society News

Heritage Centre Opening



Chairman, Mike Bundock and Lord Mayor, Cllr. Rosemary Doyle speaking to the audience on 1st July.

Saturday 1st July marked the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the HBHRS. After a brief speech commencing at 12 noon, Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Councilor Rosemary Doyle cut the ribbon to signify the official opening of our Heritage Centre. The event was attended by around 100 members and well-wishers, a number that exceeded all expectations. We enjoyed a steady stream of visitors for the remainder of the afternoon, with many favourable comments.

As previously advised, we have managed to secure a lease on 81 Central Parade, the former Clock Tower Information Centre. This means that for the first time since 1938, we have our own front door! The opening of the Heritage Centre was, of course, preceded by lots of hard work and to our dedicated team of volunteers, we must pay our thanks. Without this help, the decorating, cleaning, moving, setting up of displays and countless other essential tasks would not have been possible. If you have not yet paid a visit, please do so – you will be most welcome.

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Lord Mayor, Cllr. Rosemary Doyle, cuts the ribbon.

At present, we are open to the public every Wednesday and Saturday from 11am until 3pm. So far, after our first month, we are pleased to be able to report several hundred visitors, a number of new members to the society as well as the recruitment of a small team of volunteers.

Please support us in this exciting new venture. We are looking for additional help with the mammoth task ahead of us, particularly in sorting and cataloguing our extensive collection.

HBHRS Members Update

Colleen Ashwin-Kean

By now, I am sure many of you will be aware that Colleen is moving away from Herne Bay with her husband, Eric, to be closer to her family in Darlington. In recent years, Colleen has been a great asset to the HBHRS and she has made a significant contribution in so many ways. I know that both Colleen and Eric will be sorely missed, but I also know that you will wish them both all the very best for the future.

As a token of our appreciation, Honorary Life Membership of the HBHRS has been conferred upon Colleen and Eric.

Trustee Appointment

Our Constitution provides for the appointment of four trustees. Since the sad passing of David Birch last December, we have been reduced to just three. We are pleased to advise members that Margaret Burns has been approached to become a Trustee of the HBHRS and she has accepted the role. Margaret is a long standing member of the society and I am sure you will join me in congratulating Margaret on this appointment.

Hall Stewarding

Last season we were fortunate to have the services of Luke as our Hall Steward. We are not sure that Luke is able to assist for this coming season, so we need to appoint someone else to the fulfil this role. The role basically entails assuming responsibility for setting up the hall and putting out chairs ready for our lecture meetings, and then putting chairs away afterwards. There is usually additional help available so that the task is shared out, but it is nice for us to have someone coordinating on the evening. If you feel able to help, please speak to one of the committee members. Until we can make this appointment, please assist where you can with the hall set up and breakdown at our meetings.

Visitors to our meetings

To help us to conform with rules surrounding insurance, copyright and other legalities, we are changing the way that we treat visitors for the coming season. From the forthcoming AGM onwards, all visitors and guests will be signed in as Temporary Members of the HBHRS. It should be noted that this temporary membership does NOT grant voting rights and will expire at midnight of the day of the meeting.

Our next publication – can you help?

We would like to advise members that our next scheduled publication will be a companion volume to the very popular “Herne Bay Then and Now”. Our plan is to compile something similar, but covering the area surrounding Herne Bay. The proposal is to cover the villages/areas of Reculver, Hillborough, Beltinge, Bishopstone, Eddington, Herne, Greenhill and Hampton. We are fortunate to have access to period images from the society’s collection as well as some held privately. Publication is planned for 7th December 2017.



The Rising Sun at Beltinge. A typical scene that has changed dramatically over the past 100 years.



Reculver, the caravans shown here have all gone!

Suitable views are at present being selected and we would welcome members to engage in the exercise of taking the matching modern images. If you are interested in helping, please call into the Heritage Centre to see the period images that we have selected and take a batch to work on. We will need the matching modern images to be submitted by the 20th October 2017. Full acknowledgement will be given for the modern images used.

Notice of AGM

Members are hereby advised that the AGM of the Herne Bay Historical Records Society will be held on Thursday 5th October 2017 at the Lower Hall, Herne Bay United Church, High Street, Herne Bay, commencing at 7pm. Nominations for any of the Officer roles of the society should be submitted to the Secretary, duly signed and seconded, at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Policing Herne Bay in the 1920s

Part 2

John Fishpool

The majority of crime in the district was of a relatively minor nature e.g. riding bicycles without lights, petty theft, illegal gambling, and drunk and disorderly conduct. The Herne Bay Press reports how in December 1924 Elizabeth Hills, described as a peddler of no fixed abode, was brought before the magistrates charged with being drunk and disorderly in Kings Road, Herne Bay. PC Pearman gave evidence as to seeing the prisoner in Kings Road on Thursday 18th December at 10.10 p.m. She was drunk and disorderly and was accosting people. He advised her to go away but she refused and so he arrested her. Sergeant Worrall stated that the prisoner was a licensed peddler and travelled the country hawking goods and wares. She had been convicted the previous month, he said, for being drunk in Whitstable and had been fined five shillings. He stated that she had no fixed abode and lived in lodging houses. The Chairman of the Bench was Mr. George Blaiklock and the other JPs sitting were all well-known personalities in the town - Messrs. F.H.W. Wilbee, F.W. Wachter and A.G. Iggulden. A fine of ten shillings was imposed and in default seven days imprisonment. In February 1925, a carrier was charged with failing to have a light on his motor lorry in Little William Street so as to illuminate his rear identification plate.

There were, however, more serious incidents. The front-page story in the Herne Bay Press of Saturday 23rd May 1925 was one of an alleged attempted murder. It related how Sidney Thomas Keen aged 27, and described as a painter, of Grenville House, Eddington, Herne was charged with attempting to murder Eva Muriel Hughes, a cook employed at Chudleigh, St. George's Terrace, Herne Bay with a steel awl at Herne Bay on Sunday 17th May. The following issue on Saturday 30th May 1925 carried on its front-page headlines announcing "*tragic ending to charge of attempted murder*". Keen had committed suicide at Herne Bay Railway Station whilst being conveyed under escort from Herne Bay to Maidstone prison. The prisoner had apparently broken away from the detective constable accompanying him and had hurled himself under a train. He was seriously injured and died just a few hours later in the Herne Bay Cottage Hospital from the injuries he had received.

One of the main problems which my grandfather encountered during his period of duty at Herne Bay was a spate of serious fires which swept through the district in the late 1920s.



PC Fry setting-off the maroon at the Police Station circa 1925

In those days, the police were responsible for sounding the fire alarm to call volunteer firemen to the fire station to man the waiting appliance. This was done by the firing of a maroon from a site adjacent to the Police Station in Gordon Road and formed part of the duties of the Lock-up Keeper.

The first of these fires destroyed the town hall and (ironically) the adjacent fire station on Friday 12th June 1925. The second in September of the same year was at the outlying Chislet Court Farm occupied by Mr. Harry Spanton. This fire - which apparently could be seen 50 miles away - caused damage amounting to several thousand pounds. Six horses which could not be rescued from their stables were sadly burnt to death and a number of farm buildings were destroyed in the blaze. The cause of the fire was unknown. On the night of 9th September 1928 another fire destroyed the old Pier Theatre and the adjacent lock-up shops at the entrance to the Pier whilst, only nine days later, on 18th September 1928, the new Casino complex on the seafront, comprising a Tudor restaurant and ballroom were gutted in yet another conflagration. In all these cases arson was suspected but was never proved and the culprit or culprits were never apprehended.



Town Hall fire – 12th June 1925

Top view taken in the High Street, bottom view taken in William Street.



Pier Theatre fire – 9th September 1928

As the senior police officer at Herne Bay, one of my grandfather's duties was to lead the annual Carnival Procession through the streets of the town. In more recent years (the 1950s) I can remember Inspector Charles Setterfield carrying out this duty in a chauffeur-driven police car – but in the 1920s motor vehicles were only available to officers of the rank of Superintendent and, accordingly, my grandfather was required to carry out this duty on foot. His stature – at this time he weighed in excess of 18 stone – together with the fact that for many years he suffered from varicose veins and phlebitis must have made this long trek around the town a fairly painful experience.

To be concluded.

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Who are you going to call?

Pete Watson

I very much enjoyed John Fishpool's fascinating insight into the history of the police in Herne Bay, from the 1920s, in last issue. I look forward to reading the conclusion in these pages.

John had told me previously that everyone knew the telephone number of the Police Station as 'Herne Bay 8', and I wondered who, apart from the divisional headquarters at Canterbury, would have been able to phone Herne Bay 8 in an emergency. Who were the other seven proud owners of the new-fangled instrument when the police station was first allocated that number?

The earliest published list of Herne Bay subscribers to the National Telephone Company Limited, appeared in the South of England telephone directory, in its 1897 edition. This company had, since its formation, been busy amalgamating the various phone systems around the country; calls to London were possible, but further afield were sporadic. We can assume the local lines were subject to weather conditions, but otherwise reliable.

HERNE BAY.	
4 BAWOOMB, E.	Dolphin bond.
2 COLLARD, J. W.	Parade Restaurant and hotel.
8 COUNTY Police Station	Gordon road.
10 DAY, Jos. T.	7, Telford Terrace.
3 JONES, H. C.	Solicitor. Bank house.
3a JONES, H. C.	Kenwood.
9 POST Office (for Postal facilities)	
1 PULLINGER, Mrs. M. A.	Dressmaker. 13, Market street.
5 STENT, G. H.	Fruiterer. Tower Parade.
6 WAGNER, F. W.	Telford Mews.
7 YOUNG, F. R.	Butcher. 8, William street.

Herne Bay's first telephone directory listing

So, which 'enterprising' retailers and officials were foresighted enough to subscribe to this marvellous invention, by 1897? Just ten lines were in use at that time, numbered 1 to 10, and the proud user of Herne Bay 1 was Mrs. M.A. Pullinger, of the dressmaker's shop, 13 Market Street. However, the whole story is that in Herne Bay, as in many other places, line 1 was the exchange line, so Mrs. Pullinger was performing the duties of a Telephone Operator. Presumably, if someone needed to make a call, the dressmaker's shop was the place to visit.

No. 2 was in the care of J.W. Collard, of Parade Restaurant along the sea front. William Collard was from a long-established Herne family, and had, as a young man, set up his premises, variously as confectioner, carriage proprietor, livery stable keeper, and proprietor of the Parade Restaurant.

No. 3 connected the caller to Henry Corbett Jones the solicitor; this man was in great demand, being a councillor on the Urban District Council, Managing Director of the Herne Bay Pier Co.,

Hon. Sec. of the Cottage Hospital, and various other organisations. His office was at Bank House, next to the London & County Bank at 60 William Street. If he could not be contacted there, the call could be redirected to Jones's home on phone No. 3a, at Kenwood, Avenue Road.

Herne Bay 4 would connect you to Mr. E. Bawcomb, at the Dolphin Hotel, at the end of Telford Terrace along the sea front. Naturally a hotel would want to be connected to London by the quickest and easiest means, so that those coming 'Down From London' for a vacation could make an advance booking. In 1897 John Bawcomb was the first hotelier to do this, and beat the competition.



An advertising postcard for the Dolphin Hotel showing Herne Bay 4 as the telephone number.

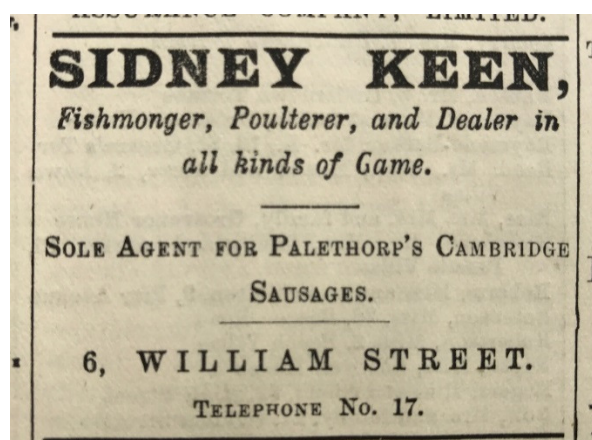
No. 5 was at the premises of G.H. Stent, fruiterer, of Tower House on Tower Parade. Ambitious? Forward thinking? How many orders would he get, when there were no residents 'on the phone' in 1897? Another such retailer was F.R. Young, butcher of 8 William Street, who proudly held Herne Bay 7. Frank Young started his business on the corner of William & Mortimer Streets in 1887.

No. 6 was not only the home of F.W. Wachter, Telford Mews in Telford Street; Fred Wachter was the Captain of the Fire Brigade at Mortimer Street, and Herne Bay 6 would have been the equivalent of the emergency service in the event of a fire. All the firemen were basically trained members of the public, not full time employees, so there wasn't much point having a telephone at the fire station; Chief Wachter would have dispatched

a messenger to alert the other men on receiving the telephone call.

No. 9 connected callers to the Post Office, 61 William Street, at the corner of William Street and the sea front. The proprietor of this establishment was Alfred W.G. Philpott, who was also a stationer and printer. However, the entry in the directory stipulates the telephone is for Postal Services ONLY.

The final entry in 1897 is of Herne Bay 10, and this was the residence of John T. Day, of 7, Telford Terrace. Here then, was a private dwelling; a family who could, in an emergency, telephone the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the Post Office, make a hotel or restaurant booking, contact a solicitor, butcher, fruiterer or dressmaker!



Although he was not one of the first subscribers, Sidney Keen obtained number 17, as shown in this 1904 advertisement from the *Herne Bay Argus*.

By the following year this figure had more than doubled; in 1901 there were more than 50 subscribers; and at the opening of the telephone exchange in Victoria Park in 1929, there were 600 lines in use. The new facility allowed for the use of more than 3,000 lines, and gave Herne Bay the most up to date telephone system of the time, linking our resort to rest of the world.



Herne Bay's new Telephone Exchange on the corner of Cavendish Road and Victoria Park.

Another mystery painting

Valerie Martin BA

The Society owns several fine paintings and probably the most striking of these is 'Moonlight Scene off Reculver, Kent, as in 1779' by an unknown artist. A reproduction appears in the Kent edition of the Catalogue of Oil Paintings in Public Ownership under Canterbury Museums Collections.



'Moonlight Scene off Reculver, Kent, as in 1779'

This large painting 2'3" x 3' depicts a romantic moonlight view of the church from the north east before it was severely damaged by a storm in 1808. It is in excellent condition and was obviously painted long after 1779.

As an amateur artist one aspect had puzzled me for years. The details are clear and carefully painted but the sailing ship seems too large in scale. For this article, I looked at many images of Reculver and found that the painting appears to have been copied from a postcard entitled North view of Reculver. The postcard printed in at least three editions dating back to the early 1900s, can be seen on eBay, and is an engraving in daylight with a few variations to a tree trunk in the foreground and no ship on the right-hand side. They were published first by F. G. Holman and later by M. H. Holman of Reculver. The later postcard is more crudely drawn.

In the Society's old index card system there is a b/w photo of a picture taken in 1985 of a painting of the same scene with again variations to the foreground and no ship. Unfortunately, when I saw it there was no time to copy any details as this was not part of our task of wrapping pictures and the museum was due to close shortly. We did not find the original picture.

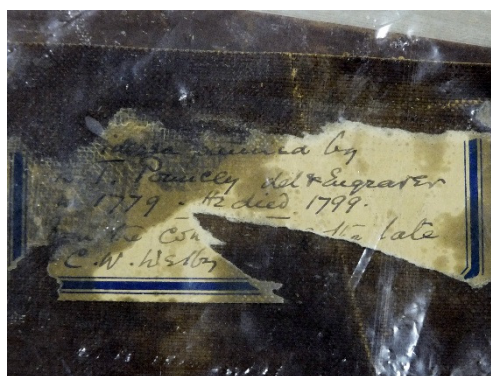
The Seaside Museum has a print of 'Twin towers of St. Mary's Church, Kent' by Benjamin Thomas Pouncey without a ship. I found on-line that the original water-colour painting was sold by Bonham's for £800 in 2001. Pouncey c. 1750-1799 was a skilled topographical artist and engraver, specialising in marine subjects from his

own drawings and other artists. He exhibited views of Canterbury at the Society of Artists in 1777 and could have visited Herne Bay at the same time. This picture appears to be the source from which the other images on the postcards were adapted and copied. All these copies have 1800 as the date, just after Pouncey died as the Copyright law of 1710 forbid the reproduction of living artists' works. The Moonlight painting has been copied and adapted from one of these postcards, possibly in the 1930s or later but before the 1950s.



Pouncey painting of Reculver Towers

The questions are when and how the moonlight painting was acquired and who was the artist who added the ship to make the scene more dramatic but did not get the correct perspective. There is no signature but it could be hidden under the frame edge. On a torn and discoloured label on the back the words 'a painting by Pouncey' and 'Collection of C. W. Welby' are visible. Charles Welby was well known in the town as a builder and part-time fireman who died in the 1950's and his large collections of photographs and prints were bequeathed to the Society.



Label on the back of the Moonlight painting

The artist remains unknown, but one possibility, is D. C. Cox, in the 1920s who painted local scenes presumably from 19th century engravings with retrospective dates. These small oil paintings with no provenance are also owned by HBHRS.

It is hoped that one day when the Society's vast amount of material is sorted that the Moonlight painting and others will be exhibited in the Heritage Centre.

A brief history of Herne Bay's Hospitals

Margaret Burns

In October 1890 Dr. Fenoulhet called a meeting at his home at Hollamby House, Canterbury Road for supporters of his idea of a Cottage Hospital in Herne Bay. He told the assembly that he had received donations of £230 and annual subscriptions of £60 were promised. A provisional committee was formed of Mr George Burge, the Rev. Malahar, the Rev. Laver, Mr. H. C. Jones, Mr Hawksworth, Mr. Checkley, Col. Woolnough, Mr. Wentworth (Secretary) Mr. E. D. Collard (Treasurer) and Doctors C. K. Bowes and E. K. Fenoulhet.

On 8th January 1891, the committee officially elected a Board of Governors comprising all the original committee and it was decided that Vine Cottage, New Street should be purchased as the premises for a permanent cottage hospital. By July the house had been purchased for £400 and Nurse Wilkins from Guy's Hospital was appointed nurse at a salary of £25 per annum. On 1st January 1892, the hospital was opened before an audience of its subscribers.



The town's first Cottage Hospital, New Street

For the next 10 years the hospital served the town supported by numerous social and entertainment events including Hospital Sunday when collections from all churches were given to the hospital. The operations were performed by Dr. Fenoulhet later to be joined by Dr. Senior and Dr. Armstrong Bowes. Dr. Bowes reported that

from 1895 to 1899 the cost per patient per day had risen from 1/7d to 3/2d but this did not deter the governors from pressing on with their plans for a new hospital.

At this time, much thought was going on across the country as to how the long reign of Queen Victoria could be meaningfully celebrated. In 1899 a large meeting had been held in London when it was suggested that a fitting proposal would be an Endowment Fund which could be established for the building of new hospitals nationally. In the town the Herne Bay Urban District Council, Herne Guardians and leaders of Herne Bay and surrounding parishes were approached and asked to support this idea.



The second hospital building, Cavendish Road

The outcome of subsequent meetings were that plans were drawn up and a new hospital, to be named the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, was built at a total cost of £2,995 on land at the junction of King's Road and Cavendish Road. It was opened by Mr. Aker Douglas MP on 14th September 1901. Residents of the parishes of Herne Bay, Herne, Reculver, Chislet and Hoath were eligible for admission but under the hospital rules only persons suffering from disease or accident could be accepted excluding anyone suffering from any infectious diseases. HRH Princess Henry of Battenberg visited the hospital on 10th July 1913 on behalf of Queen Alexandra as part of her official duties when she came to the town to open the newly built King Edward VII Memorial Hall (King's Hall) at Beacon Hill on the Downs. In October 1914 the first impact of the Great War reached the hospital with the arrival of Belgian soldiers, so many that matron had to accommodate them in staff quarters. Dr. Fenoulhet had to assure the public that at no time had urgent cases been refused, boarding out the staff to nearby houses. As the war continued fewer and fewer soldiers were admitted most of them being cared for at the military hospital that had been set up at the Friendly Society's Home in Reculver Road, Beltinge and the Red Cross hospital in Tyndale Park. The death of Dr.

Fenouhlet in 1920 was a blow to the hospital but his friends subscribed to install electric lighting in his memory. In that year 155 patients had been treated and 120 operations performed.

This building served the town for 35 years but due to rising costs and workload and the increasing demand on its services the Governors decided to look for building larger premises.

Trustees of the Dence estate offered a site at the top of Mickledurgh Hill. Income was to be assured by introducing a contributory scheme. This was introduced in 1932 and an appeal committee chaired by Mr. Collard, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, was formed and many contributions both in money and produce such as eggs started to build up cash reserves. The Dence estates agreed to sell additional land north and east of the original hospital site for £200 and in 1936 Mr. Dence was elected President in place of Mr. George Cursons who had recently died. On 20th September 1935, the foundation stone was laid by Mrs. Alexander Dence. Building went on a pace throughout the next 12 months and November 23rd 1936 saw the opening of the new Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, the ceremony being performed by Mr Alexander Dence with fine key surmounted by the enamel Coat of Arms of Herne Bay. In December the new hospital was opened to the public. Matron Pigott rendered her resignation and Matron Revill was appointed to commission the new building. On January 1st 1937 the move from Cavendish Road was made. 12 patients remained in the old hospital, six went home and six were transported up to Mickledurgh Hill by St John's Ambulance Brigade at 2pm in the afternoon. The secretary to the Governors resigned and it was resolved for the first time to appoint a paid secretary his salary to be guaranteed initially by the President Mr. Dence. The old hospital was sold to Kent County Council for £1000 on the condition that a Health Centre would be built on the site.



The present hospital building, soon after opening
The workload of the new hospital increased rapidly with the more spacious accommodation

and the number of medical staff also expanded. With the outbreak of World War II in 1939 the Emergency Medical staff decided the hospital should be evacuated and the Minister would pay for empty beds. Dr. Cozens said he would make any number of beds available in an emergency but would not keep beds idle deliberately. The nursing staff were put on National Salary Scales which increased the hospital costs by 10%. The kitchen garden at the back of the hospital was developed to supply vegetables and netting and chickens were acquired to ensure a regular egg supply. Even during the war plans were being considered to enlarge the hospital. Mr. Dence offered to defray the cost of more land to the north and east to the value of £1000. In August 1948, the National Health Service came into being and the hospital then came under the South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board and was administered from Canterbury by the Kent and Canterbury Hospital Management Committee the Chairman of which, until his retirement 1974, was Mr. Edward Mount.

By 1969 a generous legacy from Lady Davenport became available and enough funds were found to commission local architect Mr. J. C. Clague to draw up plans for an Out Patients Department with five consulting rooms and further office space. The League of Friends, who had been formed in 1950 under the chairmanship of Major Brealy, undertook to furnish the building and it was opened by Mr. Gil Watkins, Treasurer of the League of Friends on 26th November 1969.

In 1972 Day Rooms were added to the existing Revill and Cozens wards with residue of the Davenport estate. A new Physiotherapy Department was built in 1979 made possible by a generous donation from the League of Friends and this was opened in 1980 by Mrs. Westlake.

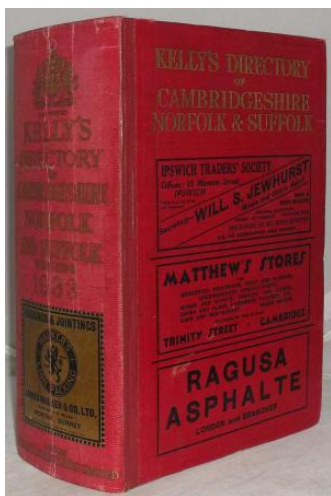
The last major development on the site was the building of a new Community Day Centre 1987/88 at the back of the hospital to support the Community Services of the Coastal area and District Care Services (KCC).

Despite many changes by Central Government involving National Health Service policies over the next 25+ years (particularly the implementation of the latest reorganisation plans in 2014 under the East Kent Hospital University Foundation Trust) the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital today, supported by its very strong League of Friends , still remains a very significant well used, locally based community asset and a fitting and long-lasting legacy reflecting the foresight and dedication of all those influential local people who all met at Dr. Fenouhlet's house 127 years ago.

Trade Directories – a valuable source for local historians

Mike Bundock

As local historians, we are fortunate to have a wealth of source material available to us, including official documents, newspapers, publications, maps, images and objects. One of the real treasures though, has to be the humble Trade Directory. These were produced by a number of different publishers from the late 1700s, becoming really popular during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, before their importance and popularity faded in the years following World War Two.

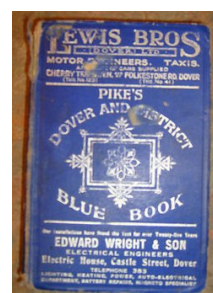


A typical 1930s County Kelly's Directory.

In their heyday, one of the better-known names was Kelly's, a name that for many decades became synonymous with these books produced at regular intervals. Typically, Kelly's would produce a directory for a county or a geographic region incorporating several counties where the density of population dictated and these were updated every few years. Once the format became established, the typical content would commence with an outline history of the county or region followed by a listing of the county officials and those in public office. After this introductory section, an A-Z listing of each town and village would be included. The entries for each town and village would include a description and brief history of the locality followed by a listing of the local councillors, overseers, magistrates etc. Public services, such as the Police, Fire Service and Hospitals came next, usually followed by other public establishments such as places of worship. Arguably the most useful part of these directories, however, was the section that followed the introduction and the general overview of each location. This was, of course the listing of residents and traders that helps us to ascertain who was living where at the time of publication.

Kelly's was undoubtedly successful and this gave rise to a number of competitor publications. Some were published on a national basis, such as those published as "The Post Office Directory", but the more valuable, to the Local Historian at least, were the local publications as they include more detailed information. In the HBHRS, we are fortunate to have a good run of Pike's Blue books and a shorter run of town directories published by both Ridouts and the Herne Bay Press. Each of these local publications, list the residents and traders by street, helping us to identify individual buildings.

Although these books must have been printed in quantity, the nature of the directory, meant that once you received the newest and latest edition, the old one would be thrown away. This means that copies of original trade directories can be difficult to find and when they are, they are often in poor condition due to low quality paper and the frequent handling they suffered. There is a buoyant market for trade directories, although in the past few years more and more of these have become available to a wider audience thanks to online providers.



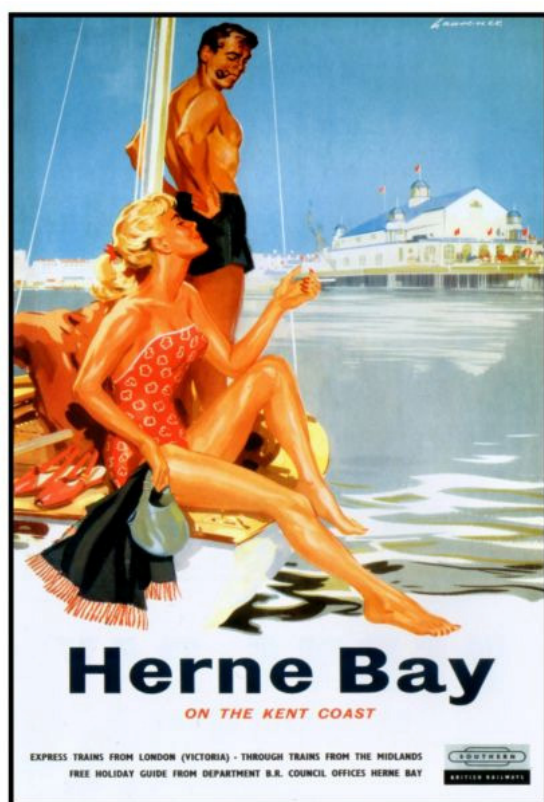
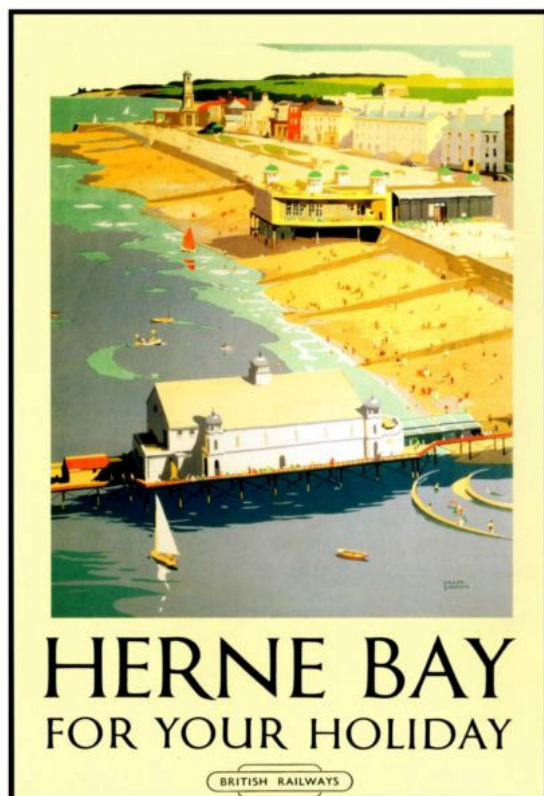
An example of a Pike's Blue book.

The uses that these directories can be put to is almost endless, but some of the more obvious applications include researching your family history and finding out more about the history of your house. As an example, it is often possible to track down to within a year or two when a building is first listed, pointing you to a possible building date. Apart from looking up specific items, a general browse of the pages within a directory is an interesting pursuit, particularly when looking at the illustrated advertisements.

We have access to most of the directories covering the Herne Bay area (and the surrounding villages) and we are making these available in the Heritage Centre. Due to the fragile nature of these documents, we are tending to use photocopies in presentation folders as they better withstand frequent handling and they can be easier to see.

If you are able to help us with the copying and preparation of directories for display, please call in or contact either Margaret or John.

Picture Gallery



To celebrate the summer holidays, here are four wonderful images published by British Rail to promote travel to the seaside. Often the costs of producing these posters were shared between the resort and the railway company. The dates and artists of these particular images of local interest are: top left - Frank Sherwin, 1948, top right - Bromfield, 1956, bottom left - Lawrence Fish, 1959 and bottom right - anon, 1961.

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Membership

The Society welcomes applications for membership. The subscription for 2017/2018 is £15 per year (renewable 1st October each year). Please contact the Membership Secretary, Mrs Sybil Kent (contact details above) for further details. Members are able to participate in a number of activities, including attending our popular winter lecture series, assisting in the sorting of our extensive collection in preparation for cataloguing and research work towards our ongoing projects.

Our Publications

The Society has produced a number of publications and these are available for purchase by members and the general public. Our books are available from the Herne Bay Seaside Museum, 12 William Street, A Bundle of Books, 6 Bank Street and Demelza Bookshop, 165 Mortimer Street. Alternatively, books can be purchased directly from the Society at the Heritage Centre or via John Fishpool (contact details above). We are able to post books worldwide and we would be pleased to quote postage and packing costs.

Titles currently available:

HBP 1 – Herne Bay's Piers by Harold Gough.

HBP 2 – Herne Bay's Hotels and Public Houses by John Fishpool.

HBP 3 – Mills & Milling in the Herne Bay Area by Harold Gough.

HBP 4 – Schools and Colleges in the Herne Bay Area by John Fishpool and Pauline Turner.

HBP 5 – A Town at War – Herne Bay in the Second World War by John Fishpool.

HBP 6 – Victorian Herne Bay by Mike Bundock.

HBP 7 – Smuggling in and Around Herne Bay by Harold Gough and John Fishpool.

HBP 8 – Public Houses in the Herne Bay Area by John Fishpool.

HBP 9 – Will Scott & Herne Bay by Kay Steventon and Judith Ford.

HBP 10 – The Kings Hall Herne Bay – Celebrating 100 Years by Mike Bundock.

HBP 11 – Herne Bay Then & Now: A Pictorial History Celebrating 180 Years.

HBP 12 – Herne Bay in the Great War 1914-1918 by John Fishpool,

HBP 13 – Digging up the Past by John Fishpool,

HBP 14 – Herne Bay - an Illustrated Chronology 1760 - 2009 by Mike Bundock,

The cover price of each title is £7.50, except for Nos. 11 and 14 which are £12.00.

We have several new titles in the course of compilation, so we are hoping to expand this list over the course of the next year or so. Ideas for new titles are always welcome.

Events and dates for your diary

Herne Bay Historical Records Society

We hold a series of ten winter lecture style meetings between October and April. These meetings are held in the hall of the United Church, situated next to the Fire Station in Herne Bay High Street. Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. These meetings are free to members, and visitors are welcome for donation of £2 per head per meeting.

Meeting dates for 2017/2018 are listed below. Further details are available from our Events Co-ordinator.

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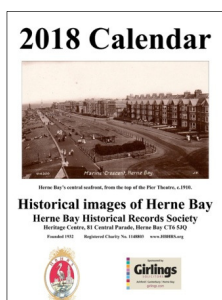
5 th October	AGM
19 th October	Auction Life, Cliona Kilroy, (Director of Canterbury Auction Galleries)
2 nd November	The Films of John Clague, RIBA, Frank Oliver
16 th November	Monumental Lions, including those on the Menin Gate, James Brazier
7 th December	The Studd Hill Horse, and what came after, Alan Porter

2018

1 st February	Sea Bathing at Herne Bay, Mike Bundock
15 th February	What's in a name? John Fishpool
1 st March	Proceed to Check-Out - A light-hearted look back at the cost of dying, Pete Watson
15 th March	Are you being served? Margaret Burns
5 th April	Members Evening

Other Society and general events of interest

12 th August	HBHRS History Day (at the Heritage Centre)
12 th August	Herne Bay Carnival
19 th August	South East Airshow (at Herne Bay)
9 th September	Heritage Open Day events – Herne Bay Cemetery Chapel (10:00 to 17:00)
10 th September	ditto – Herne Bay Clock Tower (14:00 to 17:00)
9 th /10 th September	ditto – Herne Windmill (14:00 to 17:00)
18 th November	HBHRS Wit & Wisdom fundraising evening



Back by popular demand!

We are pleased to advise that we have published a calendar for 2018. This will feature period images of the town, displayed one page per month, with a cover and a back page illustrated with thumbnail images of the content. Calendars are sold in a protective self-seal polythene bag, priced at £7.50 each.

Copies are available at the HBHRS Heritage Centre.

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