

## **THE FIRST BAPTIST CHAPEL**

There must have been a flourishing Baptist group in Birchington from about 1840 onwards. The first known Baptist Chapel in Birchington was a purpose-built structure in Canterbury Road, erected after 1840 and well before 1872. It is the building now owned by Mullaney's Roofing. The roof frame to the chapel was made of wrought iron, worked in the blacksmith's opposite the church. It is still in very good condition.

When the church's membership outgrew its premises, the old chapel in Canterbury Road was sold for £73.