

BIRCHINGTON HALL

I am after more information about Birchington Hall. Let me explain why! I was born in March 1942 in the Farm Lodge on. The left hand side of the Hall was occupied by John and Muriel Wilson, who were the tenants of the Farm since about 1940. I have very clear memories of my life on the farm from an early age here are some of them:

The lodge, our home until 1956, was quite small with two bedrooms, kitchen/scullery, dining room and sitting room. scullery also served as bathroom and outside toilet. This became too small by 1956 with four growing children and only half the farm left after Surgeons built the homes in 1951 on the land we farmed.

The Hall was used as an orphanage. I remember picking up toys thrown over the wall by the young children and playing with them in absence of our own. I can find no history of the farm except a reference that it was sold in 1852 and again in 1915 but to whom I cannot find. What I do know is that Spurgeon was our landlord and very good ones.

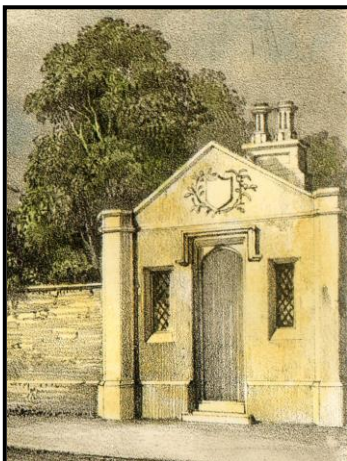
I have distinct memories of the farm and the 17th century barn which we used extensively for rearing poultry, pigs, and housed horses in the stables for a Mr Phillips, a tailor in Westbrook.

It was also used for storing sheaves. Of wheat, and broccoli for seed and the annual arrival of the threshing tackle with steam engine and all the trappings were a significant event that enabled us to get extra ration coupons for the purpose of buying cheese and coal to feed the men on the machines.

I have many photos of this period in my life that I could. Make available if you are interested. Including a painting of the barn by an unknown artist from the Margate school of art who used it as an assignment and subsequently sold, or gave, it to my father. It is now in my home in Perth Western Australia after my fathers death about 5 years ago at the age of 90

I could keep on, by figured this might be an introduction. my second brother, Guy, lives at Red House Farm, Nash. He may be known. To you already as he stood for election for one of the Birchington wards recently. Including the area that our. Homestead was built on.

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One of the Hall Lodges and plan of it in 1907, the home of Ken Wilson from 1942 - 1956

