

FIRE and WATER - The early Journal of the Fire Brigade

1st May 1895

"The Birchington Parish council decided on March 27th not to take over the control of the Fire brigade. They do not see their way to accept the proffered appliance with the responsibility thereto attached."

18th December 1897-8

"Mr Gerald M. Powell-Cotton has accepted the post as Captain of the Birchington Fire Brigade, with Supt. Pemble as his second in command."

9th December 1898-9

"During the progress of farm fire near Birchington on October 15th, the collapse of the roof of the barn caused the walls to fall out upon the engine."

6th March 1904

"Birchington Firemen were able to appreciate the improvements in the water supply when called out on January 31st to a serious fire in Station Road. By the aid of the newly-placed hydrants, the Brigade, under Supt. Pemble, made a Capital stop, saving a number of cottages and other property."

July 1910

"Birchington Fire Brigade was honoured by the presence of General Sir Charles Warren at the entertainment on behalf of the Brigade Funds at the Public Hall on June 1st. Introduced by Major Powell-Cotton, the General, after paying tribute to the work of the Brigade, presented long-service medals with bar to Captain Gerald M. Powell-Cotton and 13 other firemen."

June 1912

"Mr Tomlin, the new Captain of the Birchington Fire brigade, takes the place of Gerald Powell-Cotton, who recently retired."