

Fire Brigade Information from Fireman Book

p. 150 Alfred Ashton of 'Cliff-side, Birchington? (check) - 1882

Bad fire at Cheeseman's Farm, Acol – end of March 1883

Captain Ashton submitted a large claim to the Sun Insurance Co, and trusting it would be honoured, gave each member of the Westgate Fire Brigade £5. He did not tell the men or the Brigade Committee about his claim. The Committee members called for his resignation as they were under the impression that his generosity was from his own pocket.

Captain Ashton "Went back to Birchington Brigade" (end of para 3 on p. 150)

p. 162 para 3 – Birchington mentioned regarding charges for uniforms for the Birchington Brigade