



**Key of unknown date, dug up by
Ted Powell in 1932
Possibly late 19th century**

This key is 6 cm high.

Ted's parents ran the general store on the Canterbury Road, near to Park Avenue corner. When his father bought the shop, he was advised to buy the piece of land beside it, although he did not particularly want it. He later discovered that the road was to be widened along this section and Margate Borough Council bought back quite a large piece of land from his frontage in 1933.

When, Ted's father first bought the shop and land several years prior to the widening, he decided to use the extra piece of land to make a pond and asked Ted (aged 10) to help dig out the soil. It was during these excavations that the two keys were unearthed. Ted's mother kept the keys in a small tin all her life and Ted eventually inherited them, together with a cutting from a national newspaper which his mother had collected very shortly after the key had been found. Towards the bottom of the cutting is a drawing of a very similar key to the second one Ted dug up, seen on the right, which the cutting states is 15th century.

