

## **Closure of Woodford House School Lych-Gate's New Home**

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### **The gateway to the church**

I expect that most Birchington residents, and all who use Birchington Square, have noticed the improvement brought about by the erection last week of a lych-gate at the entrance to All Saints Church. The gate has certainly achieved the aim of the Vicar of Birchington (the Rev. C. W. Donaldson) to tidy up the appearance of one of the best-known places in Thanet.

You may remember that the lych-gate was a parting gift to Birchington from the Principal of Woodford House School (Mr H. R. Bickerstaff) when the school moved from the village to Margate in December last.

The gate was originally presented to the school by some of the Old Woodfordians as a memorial to Mr. H. A. Erlebach, the founder of the school, who died in 1928.