

PUBLIC HALL (Town Hall)

(Mimicking Westgate ?)

Parish Magazine

1901 When it is built it was said "It will add much to the importance of Birchington".

"The memorial stone was laid on 28th September 1901.

A large audience was assembled in front of the building and a small company of the local Volunteers under the command of Lieutenant Matthews was drawn up in Station Road to receive Mrs Gray, who laid the memorial stone. Mr Robert Grant spoke and explained the aim and scope of the Managers in building the Hall and its adjuncts, a short service was held by the clergy and choir. Then Mrs Gray, with a silver trowel laid the stone and declared the same well and truly laid. The large audience was afterwards entertained to tea in a tent erected in the foundations of the Hall."

1902 When the Public Hall was officially opened on April 2nd 1902, they had a "capital" concert provided by the Committee.

1904 August

Parish Magazine

Church Institute:

"A Committee of Churchmen have acquired the three commodious rooms at the **Public Hall** for the purpose of having a central place for carrying on the various parochial organisations and for religious and sociable meetings.

An appeal has been made to the Church people for subscriptions to purchase a piano, tables, chairs, bookcases, pictures, etc. - will entail an outlay of not less than £50. At the same time they will be glad to received gifts of suitable furniture as well as illustrated and daily papers."