

Public Hall (Town Hall)

1901 Built – “will add much to the importance of Birchington”.

1901 – The New Public Hall - The memorial stone was laid on the 28th September. 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 R Grant then 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 and 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 Hall.

1902 – The Public Hall was officially opened on April 2nd with a “capital” concert provided by the Committee.

1904 August – A committee of churchmen have acquired the three commodious additional 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 made to church people for subscriptions to purchase a piano, tables, chairs etc – will entail an outlay of not less than £50.

