

## THE LODGE – MOUNT LAVINIA:

The plot on which the whole original unit stood measured 74' on the Canterbury Road side; the east side measured 152' and the frontage onto the footpath at the rear measured 74'. This was later extended to 148' (see note below). The property that first stood on the plot is unknown, but eventually a large Victorian house was built there in about 1895-1900, called 'The Lodge'.

1832 map      The whole plot of land is only occupied by the building at the southern end, which eventually became The Stables. It is shown as having a small living area attached to an outhouse/stabling block.

1840  
Tithe Map      This shows the same as the 1832 map. The entry in the tithe Map Apportionments for Plot No: 70 states:  
**'Owner: John Friend Esq. – Occupier: Daniel Darby**  
House and Garden measuring 0 a. 1 r. 6 p. [ie. just over ¼ acre]

1885            The Lodge was occupied by Herbert Johnson Dring M.B. Surgeon

1897            Thomas Willett is listed in Kelly's as the occupant

27 May 1901    Conveyance between Henry Butterick and Thomas Willett. 'The 'Lodge' had already been built by this date.

24 June 1902    Letters of Administration for the will of Thomas Willett

30 July 1930    Grant de bonis non

Somewhere between 1840 and 1930, an additional piece of land had been added to the holding. It lies behind 'Oakleigh', 197 Canterbury Road. It appears to be an old walled garden and was probably sold off when the owner of 'Oakleigh' wanted to raise some cash, at some time. In 1840, 'Oakleigh' was owned by John Pain and occupied by Thomas Sidders, the Master of the Charity School, which at that date was running at the corner of Canterbury Road and Park Road, now No: 191. By the time the map was drawn up for next transaction, the rear plot had been added.

8 Aug. 1930    Conveyance between Henry Thomas Willett of Monkton Parsonage Farm (Farmer) and Charles Sackett Willett of Acol (Farmer) sold the house and land to William Sharpus Cullum Esq of 117 Malvern Road, Kilburn. Thomas Willett had owned the property at some point, prior to this date, but by 1930, himself had died 4 April 1912. In his will, dated 1876 he had appointed his father Thomas William Willett and his brother Francis William Willett as his executors. The father had died 20 March 1885. Probate was granted to his wife Emma Talbot Willett, but she died on 12 March 1930.  
It was sold for £1850.

20 Sept 1931    Having bought 'The Lodge' on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1930, the house was renamed 'Malvern House'.  
William Sharpus Cullum died 10 November 1930, so his widow, Lillian Cullum of 'Littlecote', Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks, sold it to Alice Harris of 'The Den' Epple Bay Road, Birchington.  
It was sold for £1800.

- 1933-4 In the Kelly's Directory, we find George Percy Harris as the occupant of 'Malvern House'.
- 1935-6 Kelly's list the house as 'Mount Lavinia', Private Hotel, with Mrs W.J. Ley as the Proprietress.
- 1937-9 'Mount Lavinia' is still listed as a Private Hotel, but the Proprietress is Mrs Florence E. Madgwick.
- 1939-45 The house was used by the Army during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.
- 28 May 1946 Alice Harris, formerly of 1, The Crescent, Sandgate Folkestone, and now of 42 Cheriton Road, Folkestone, wife of George Percy Harris, sold the whole plot to Wing Commander Reginald Clarence Presland of 'Skyros', Shakespeare Road, Birchington.  
It was sold for £2000.
- 27 Feb. 1947 A conveyance between Reginald Clarence Presland and John Hardy and John Cyril Stamp. The house was now called 'Mount Lavinia'. This appears to be an arrangement for a mortgage.
- 1948 Kelly's simply lists it as 195, Canterbury Road, as Margate Council ordered all properties to be clearly numbered in 1947. John Hardy and J.C. Stamp are listed as the occupants.
- 1951 'Mount Lavinia' Guest House reappears in Kelly's under the names of Stableford and Astill.
- 1953-5 'Mount Lavinia' was being managed by Mr and Mrs C.A. Stableford.
- 1957-9 Kelly's does not mention the property so it was either unoccupied or the occupants chose not to return the forms to register it.
- 21 Aug. 1958 Wing Commander Reginald Clarence Presland (retired) of 'Skyros', Shakespeare Road separated the front portion of the property from the stabling section at the rear. By this date, he must have had this adapted into full living accommodation, calling it 'Per Adua', with its entry from the footpath off Park Road. He had included in the deal, the additional walled garden at the rear of 'Oakleigh', making a very attractive unit. The purchaser was Harold Arthur Cross of Flat 2, Oaklands Court, Vicarage Street, St. Peter's Broadstairs. It is described in the deeds as 'House and Garages'.  
It was sold for £1,450.
- 1 Sept. 1958 The property at the rear of the site was officially registered under the name 'Per Adua'.
- 1961 Kelly's listed the main house at the Canterbury Road side of the site as 'Westgate-on-Sea Working Men's Social Club'.

- 3 Oct. 1961 Harold Cross sold 'Per Adua' to Julian and Sheila Poupard of 'Tearling House', Park Road, Birchington  
The house sold for £2,500.
- 1963 Kelly's omits the main house from the entries again.  
26 Nov. 1963 The Poupard's sold the house to Christopher Weatherly Brown, who renamed it 'The Stables'.  
The house sold at £3,600.
- 1965 Kelly's gives the occupant of 'No: 195' as Stanley Wintlass.
- 4 Aug. 1969 Christopher Brown sold 'the Stables' to David William George.  
The house sold for £4,250.
- 1967-1974 There is no entry under 195 Canterbury Road. Kelly's Directories ceased to be printed after 1974.
- 1968-69 ? The house at the front of the plot was demolished and the site remained derelict. It was certainly in this state when Bob and Betty Bass bought 'The Stables' in 1971.
- 12 Aug. 1971 David George sold 'The Stables' to Robert John and Elizabeth Ellen Bass, who are still in possession of it in 2002, paid £8,000 for it.
- 1978 ? A block of flats was built by Geoff Day, which mimic the style of architecture found in 'Oakleigh' and 'The Sycamores', next door.  
The block was named 'Mount Lavina' – ie. omitting the second 'i' that was in 'Mount Lavinia', its 1935 title – which was probably a mistake in naming the flats!



The Lodge – Canterbury Road c. 1920