



Birchington Heritage Trust

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LOCKDOWN NEWS SHEET

Firstly I hope everyone is keeping well in the continuing lockdown. Until the library reopens our museum must remain closed. Let us hope for an easing in the situation soon.

As a way of keeping in touch the attached two page news sheet has been produced in PDF format. This will reach only those members who have provided their email addresses, about half total membership.

The following are short news snippets taken from 'The Thanet Advertiser & Echo' a long gone Thanet newspaper. I hope you will find it interesting.

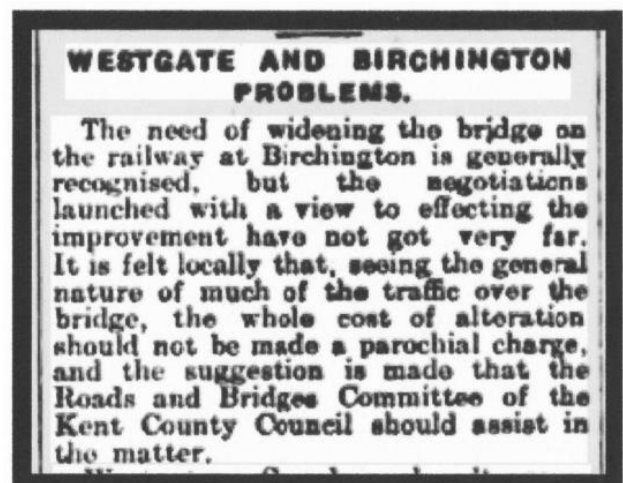
Stay Well

All best Wishes

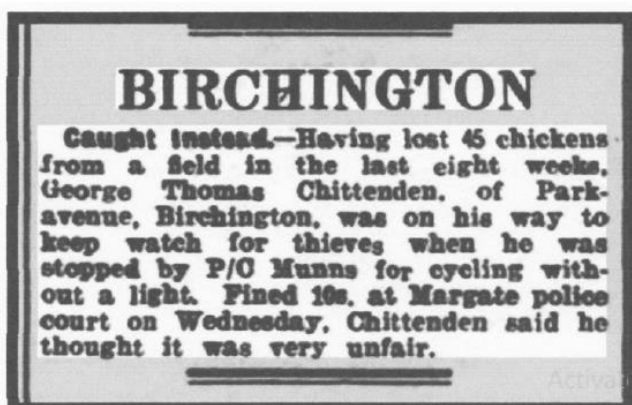
John Robinson (Chairman)



15th May 1920



20th December 1919



20th May 1941



9th June 1923

P.C. Farley must have blinked when he encountered 28 heifers straying at night in Dane-road and Dane-avenue, Birchington.

"They were walking over the front lawns of several houses," said the officer at Margate Police Court, on Wednesday, when Douglas Phillip Ledger, of The Elms, Sarre, was summoned for allowing the animals to stray on the evening of 12th June.

Unable to ascertain where the heifers had strayed from, the officer had them impounded for the night.

Later he ascertained that they had strayed from a meadow near Reculvers and was told by the defendant that men who were mending the sea wall for the County Catchment Board must have left the gate unfastened.

Mr. Ledger explained that men were repairing the sea wall and undoubtedly someone had left the field gate open, allowing the cattle to get out.

A fine of 10s. was imposed.

4th July 1939

BIRCHINGTON COUNCIL FEARS

The view that Birchington would lose its individuality by incorporation with Margate was expressed by the Chairman (Councillor A. Hodges) and Councillor G. B. Farrar at the monthly meeting of the Birchington Parish Council on Wednesday.

It was stated that the flag days granted by the Council would stand this year, and that in future the question of flag days would be considered by Margate Entertainments Committee.

Several councillors asked if special days would be granted, as at present, for local organisations, and Councillor Hodges considered that they would gradually be eliminated.

Similar opinion was voiced by Councillor Farrar, who declared that Birchington would lose its individuality, and Councillor W. Curtis spoke of the great work carried out locally by the Birchington Cheerful Sparrows. A flag day, he said, was essential to them, for although the Margate Sparrows were a wonderful organisation, the Birchington Sparrows did more for the individual poor and sick in the town than any similar organisation in the district. He stressed the fact that the Birchington Sparrows concentrated mainly upon individuals.

26th February 1935

WATERED MILK.

BIRCHINGTON FARMER FINED.

A fine of £20, with £8 12s. 6d. costs was inflicted on Ben Offen, of Quex Park Farm, Birchington, at the Cinque Ports Petty Sessions at Margate on Monday for selling milk in course of delivery to Mr. S. W. Hedgecock, of Gariinge, which contained 20.2 per cent. of added water.

The case had been adjourned from December 19th for the third sample to be analysed and the Clerk informed the Bench that the certificate from Somerset House showed the sample to contain not less than 21 per cent. of added water.

Mr. J. Thorn Drury appeared for the prosecution and the samples were taken at the dairy by Mr. Ernest Richardson, the inspector under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, appointed by the Rural District Council.

Mr. S. Shea, for the defendant, said that Mr. Offen had been in business as a dairy farmer for some years and this was the first time he had ever been before a Bench of magistrates for any offence under the Food and Drugs Act and that was a very material fact in his favour.

The Bench found the defendant guilty of adding water to the milk and Colonel Hill said they considered it was a bad case, in fact one of the worst they had had for a considerable time. The only thing to mitigate the punishment was the fact that although defendant had been in business for 12 years there was no record against him.

28th January 1922

BIRCHINGTON.

Minnis Bay Letters.—After discussing the matter in private for some time, at the annual meeting, on Wednesday, members of Birchington Parish Council strongly recommended an acceleration of the postal arrangements affecting Minnis Bay.

New Railway Bridge.—The Isle of Thanet Rural District Council have informed Birchington Parochial Committee that they will re-open negotiations with the Kent County Council for the provision of a new railway bridge at Birchington.

Bright Nights.—During the summer months the street lamps at Birchington will not be extinguished until 11.30 p.m. Six new lamps are to be provided one at Surrey-gardens, two at Kent-gardens, and three at Lincoln gardens.

Rate Committee Applications.—An

20th April 1934