

LOCAL STUDIES COLLECTIONS

NEW ROMNEY PARISH.

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POST OFFICE at Mr. JAMES VIDGEON'S.—Letters arrive from London and Folkestone, &c., at 5 a.m., and are despatched 8 p.m.

Ayers Ann, ironmonger,
plumber, painter, &c.
Boys C. excise officer
Boys Rev. Thos. J. curate
of Ivychurch & Brook-
land
Buckhurst Mrs Sarah
Butler Mrs
Cherry Edw. serjeant of
the mounted guard
Clark Rev J. (Wesleyan)
Cobb Lieut Thos
Colegate J. strw hat mkr
Cooper Thos. fellmng
Dadd J. drggst & tea dlr
Freeth Rev. Frk Harvey
B.A. cu of Old Romny
and St. Mary's
Gilbert J. watch maker
Graham Miss M A.
Graham Mr Robt
Hammond Wm. miller
Harper Mr Joseph
Harrison J. Union mstr
Hedge Rev W. I (Bapst)
Hodges Mr Wm
Hoskins Thos. tailor
Humphrey John jun.,
relievng officer, registr
of births and deaths
& of margs for Union
Hutchinson Jph. gaoler
and serjeant at mace
Jell Henry, tailor
Johnson Jas. saddler
Mann Alfd. hair drssr
Mittell Mrs Sarah
Nance Rev John, D.D.,
rector of St. Mary's
and Old Romney
Page Sarah, coal dlr
Piddlesden Mrs Jane
Portwine Ann, st hat m
Read Hy jun. brazier
Russell Miss Jane
Smith Mrs Mary
Smith Rev. Rd. vicar
Stringe Wm. solr & clk
to comsrs of sewers
Vidgeon James, tailor

Williamson Alex. pol of
Wightwick Capt Norman

Academies.

National, Thos Dalby &
Sarah Ann Catt
Vidgeon Eliz
Vidgeon Eliz jun
Wollett Thos. & ld suryr

Auctioneer, &c.

Humphery John

Bakers.

Daniel John
Parton Ann
Tritton Wm
Wellden John

Blacksmiths.

Hook Hy. & gun mkr
Wiles John

Boot' & Shoe Mkrs.

Barker John
Boorman John
Dowle James
Panckhurst Wm
Reeve John
Smith

Bricklayers.

Masey Edwin
Masey Geo. & maker
Masey Wm
Stone George

Coal Merchant.

Humphery John

Butchers.

Mann James
Portwine Thos
Smith Wm
Snoad Wm
Wraight Frances

Carpenter.

Baker Edwin

Fire and Life Offices.

Crown, J Humphery
Kent, Edw Mittell
Property Protection and
Royal Farmers and
General, I Coleman

Graziers & Farmers.

Brissenden John
Butler John T

Clarke George
Coates Odiarne
Cutbush John
Hoskins Wm
Humphrey John
Jones Geo B
Mann Eliz
Mortley John, & bailiff
of County Court
Parton John, & maltster
Piddlesden Thos
Russell John
Smith James
Tunbridge John
Walker John
Walker Henry B
Walker Wm D

Grocers.

Marked are drapers also*

*Butcher Thos.
*Gravett Geo. & tailor
Mittell Eliz.
*Packham Chas
Sharwood Thos
Sinden Edw. & carp

Inns and Taverns.

New Inn, Thos Buss
Ship Inn, John Prebble

Beerhouses.

Butler Thos K. & brewer
Keeler Rd
Masey Geo. jun

Surgeons.

Roberts John Thos
Roberts Thos
Wood Benj

Wheelwrights.

Bourn William
Pearson Richard
Wiles John

CARRIERS. — Ashford,

John Gibbs, Mon,
Wed and Fri. and
Wm Burn, Tues,
Thurs and Sat. —
Dover, Daniel Catt,
jun. Tues and Fri. —
Rye, Daniel Catt,
Wed and Sat

Kent County Library has 68 full-time libraries, 44 part-time service points and 14 mobile libraries. These libraries usually contain some books for loan on the history and topography of the County of Kent, together with items on the more immediate area.

If you wish to undertake a more detailed study of your locality it is advisable to visit one of the larger libraries in your area. The Local Studies Collections in these libraries generally consist of books and pamphlets, maps, photographs, files of local newspapers and material on micro-film, particularly census returns. The collections are often unique, having been built up over many years and usually items are only available for consultation in the library.

Librarians are able to advise you on the type of material available locally, general books on how to study local history, societies you may wish to join and where to obtain further help.

The aim of this leaflet is to show where the main Local Studies Collections are held and to give brief details of guides and booklists which have been produced, to aid your research.

COVER ILLUSTRATION

Page from Bagshaw's Directory of Kent, 1847 showing New Romney Parish.

LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY

Kent County Library, Springfield, Maidstone.

Tel: Maidstone 671411 ext.3240 (Mon.-Fri.)

Maidstone 671171 (Sat.)

The Local Studies Collection at Springfield differs to some extent from collections held at other large libraries. The latter will usually contain as much information as possible on the immediate locality, with a selection of the standard county histories. The Springfield Local Studies Collection aims to cover the whole county and there are over 10,000 books and pamphlets in stock, dealing with the history and topography of Kent, together with other aspects, such as industry, transport, education, architecture, religion, geology, agriculture, natural history, sport and literature. The size of the county makes it impossible, however, to attempt an in-depth coverage for every location in Kent. (For example, you will find at Springfield a collection of county directories, but those relating to individual towns are normally stocked at the appropriate town libraries). The Library contains the 1841-1881 census returns on microfilm for the whole county and it is essential to make an appointment to use this material, as the machines needed to view microfilm are heavily used. Files of local newspapers are not kept, as these are to be found at the main town libraries in the locality to which they relate.

LEAFLETS: A brief guide to the Local Studies Library, Springfield.

Your house and how to trace its history.
A guide to sources of information.

Both these leaflets are available from all main libraries in Kent.

DIRECTORY OF LOCAL STUDIES COLLECTIONS

Most libraries which are open full-time contain some material on their own areas. The scope of these collections varies, but generally speaking the larger the library the more likely it is to have a comprehensive local studies collection.

Some libraries such as those at Borough Green, Broadstairs, Cranbrook, Strood and Whitstable have collections that may not necessarily be comprehensive but which contain certain local items not found elsewhere, e.g. photographs or maps.

It is advisable to check with the local library when embarking upon research, as the librarian can usually tell you where material is located.

The libraries in the following towns have major local studies collections:-

ASHFORD

Ashford Reference Library, Church Road.

Tel: Ashford 20649 and 35526

CANTERBURY

Canterbury Reference Library, High Street.

Tel: Canterbury 63608 and 69964

CHATHAM

Chatham Reference Library, Riverside.

Tel: Medway 43589, 47811 and 44083

DARTFORD

Dartford Reference Library, Central Park.

Tel: Dartford 21133

LEAFLET: A list of subject areas relating to non-book materials. (Gives an indication of the wide range of ephemeral material and photographs available at Dartford)

DEAL

Deal Library, Broad Street.

Tel: Deal 2984 and 4726

A smaller collection, but with the emphasis on Deal, including a file of the 'East Kent Mercury'.

DOVER

Dover Reference Library, Maison Dieu House.

Tel: Dover 204241

FOLKESTONE

Folkestone Reference Library, Grace Hill.

Tel: Folkestone 57583

A Branch Office of the Kent Archives Office is also located at Folkestone Library.

GILLINGHAM

Gillingham Reference Library, High Street.

Tel: Medway 51066/7

GRAVESEND

Gravesend Reference Library, Windmill Street.

Tel: Gravesend 52758 and 65600

LEAFLET: A guide to the Gravesham Local Collection

HERNE BAY

Herne Bay Library, High Street.

Tel: Herne Bay 4896

A smaller collection, but the main source of information on Herne Bay

BOOKLIST: 'Local History Books in Herne Bay Library'.

MAIDSTONE

Maidstone Reference Library, St. Faith's Street.

Tel: Maidstone 52344 and 677449

MARGATE

Margate Reference Library, Cecil Square.

Tel: Thanet 23626 and 22895

LEAFLET: Local Studies Collections in Thanet Libraries.

RAMSGATE

Ramsgate Library, Guildford Lawn.

Tel: Thanet 53532

LEAFLET: Local Studies Collections in Thanet Libraries.

ROCHESTER

Rochester Reference Library, Northgate.

Tel: Medway 42415 and 43837

SEVENOAKS

Sevenoaks Reference Library, The Drive.

Tel: Sevenoaks 53118 and 52384

LEAFLET: Guide to the Sevenoaks Local History Collection

BOOKLIST: 'Local History'. A select bibliography covering towns and villages in the Sevenoaks district.

SHEERNESS

Sheerness Library, 44 Trinity Road.

Tel: Sheerness 662618

A small collection representing the Isle of Sheppey. Particularly useful for its photograph collection and file of the 'Sheerness Times-Guardian' newspaper.

BOOKLIST: 'The Isle of Sheppey'. A list of books relating to Sheppey in the Kent County Library.

SITTINGBOURNE

Sittingbourne Reference Library, Central Avenue.

Tel: Sittingbourne 76545

A smaller collection currently being built up, it contains a file of the newspaper the 'East Kent Gazette' and the 1841-1881 census returns for the Swale district.

TONBRIDGE

Tonbridge Reference Library, Avebury Avenue.

Tel: Tonbridge 352754 and 350479

LEAFLET: An introduction to the Local Studies Collection.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Tunbridge Wells Reference Library, Mount Pleasant.

Tel: Tunbridge Wells 22352/3

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Many librarians have compiled booklets and leaflets on aspects of local history and these, together with postcards, greetings cards and maps are available from most libraries.

A leaflet 'Publications for Sale' lists the main items.