

## A HISTORY OF THE VILLE OF BIRCHINGTON

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A feature of the village is the Bungalows, situated between the Railway Station and the sea. Most of them were built by Mr John Taylor and Mr John Seddon, after the opening of the railway to Birchington. Some are entirely of wood, the hotel and Rossetti for example, whilst others are substantial brick structures, with never to be forgotten names. Major Bell has Thor and Haun, Mrs John Wood Dilkoosha, Mr White resides at Llanadern. Others are 'Orion', 'The Hut' [now 'Fair Outlook', 'Ingoldsby', 'Roding' formerly 'Wooden' Tower, etc.

The Birchington Bay Estate Co, under the management of Alderman Arthur Rayden JP has made great improvements at Minnis Bay, the ancient port of Gore End; a fine esplanade has been constructed, houses built, and an immense stretch of sand rendered available for sea bathing.

An attempt is now being made to form a company to erect a pier at Epple Bay, where steamers may land passengers.

The opening of the railway in 1863 ... started the village of Birchington on a course of prosperity never before equalled, and instead of being an agricultural village, dependent entirely on the rise and fall of the values of wheat etc, it is now a suburb of London, and its prosperity is bound up with that of the Great Metropolis. – 1893.