

“Dante” – 8 Beach Avenue

Story of this bungalow

‘Dante’ was built about 1952 by MILES, a local builder of excellent work. It was built on the orchard of Rossetti Bungalow’s rear garden. For many years ‘Dante’ and ‘Rossetti’ were the only two buildings on the north end of the plot between Beach Avenue and Rossetti Road. The rest of the plot was occupied by St Mary’s Convalescent Home and the semi-detached pair at the S. end of the plot.

The lady who had ‘Dante’ built was Mrs Enid Burrow, who lived there with her family of four children - a daughter (Marjorie), then twin girls and finally a son (Edmund James), plus two nannies and a companion. When Enid died, her eldest daughter continued to live there until she died at the beginning of this year (2019) aged 103. ‘Dante’ was surrounded by the orchard trees and fairly high hedges, and not clearly visible to passers-by on either Beach Avenue or Rossetti Road.

Marjorie had two daughters, who both live in Birchington and who took good care of her to the end. One of their cousins visited Marjorie occasionally, as she didn’t live locally.