

Death of Mrs Susan Gray
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It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mrs Susan Gray of The Hall, Birchington, which took place early yesterday (Thursday) morning at her residence. The deceased lady, who was considerably advanced in years, had been in failing health for some time. Her loss will be greatly felt by the people of Birchington, especially the poorer portion of the villagers, to whom she was at all times a most generous friend. To all works of charity she was a liberal donor and any object for the welfare of the village at all times had her hearty support.

She took a deep interest in the Birchington and Acol Horticultural Association and was not only a generous prize giver, but also assisted the Association by permitting the annual show being, for many years, held in her grounds adjoining the Hall, providing a band for the occasion, and otherwise contributing to the expenses connected with this annual event.

It will be remembered that many years ago the deceased lady presented the lifeboat "Susan Gray" to Margate in memory of her husband. The boat was subsequently forwarded to Dunkirk, where it has done good work, and is still in use.