

THE INSTITUTE

Gwynant
9 Shakespeare Road
BIRCHINGTON
July 1962

Dear Mr Walker

At last I have a chance to reply to your letter.

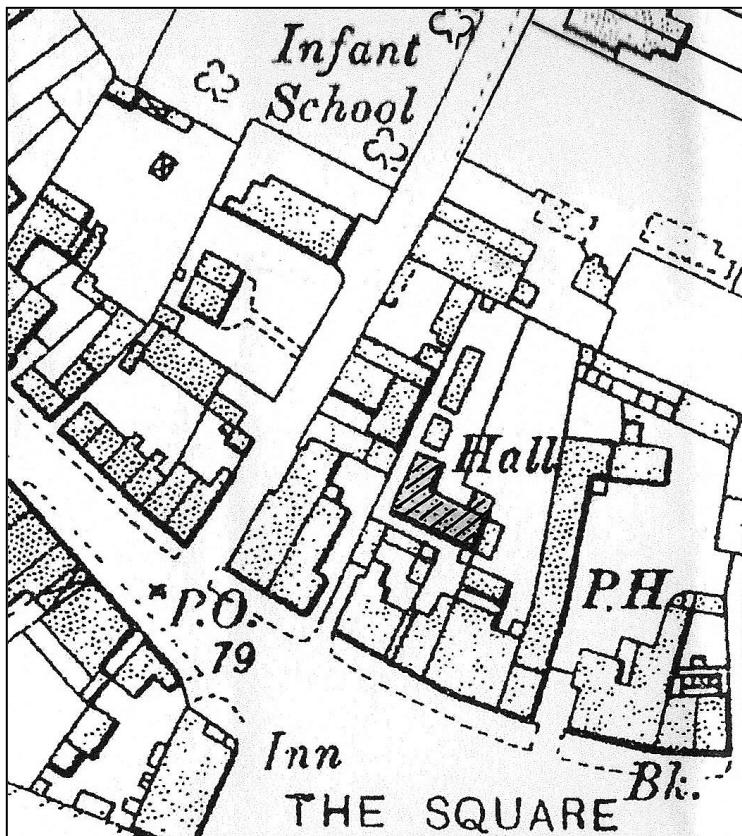
The **INSTITUTE**, as you said, was used for meetings, concerts etc and was behind the Verger's house [in the Square]. I held the Mortgage for some years, from the late 1920s till it was sold. The Charity Commissioners sold it, paid off the Mortgage and invested the money.

The Trustees draw the interest, which they administer each year for the benefit of Birchington people. Mr Melanby is the Secretary and can give you any further information.

It works very quietly. During the War (1940-46) the W.V.S. used the building as a canteen. I hope all this will help you.

Yours sincerely

Kathleen Phillips



Institute Hall Map - 1878



Institute entrance c. 1888

Birchington Institute.

LECTURE-ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, May 31st, 1888.

Chairman—Rev. J. P. ALCOCK, Rector of Crayford.

Mr. J. H. STORR, of Westgate-on-Sea, has kindly undertaken to light the room with the

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

A Selection of Vocal and Instrumental Music will be given and some remarkable Curiosities exhibited.

The Handbell Ringers of Birchington will give a performance, conducted by Mr. T. B. REED.

LECTURE:—

“ANNALS OF BIRCHINGTON”

By Mr. J. P. BARRETT,

MEMBER OF THE KENT ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

* PROGRAMME. *

- Pianoforte Solo - “March”—Bradley - Miss LYON
Lecture, Part 1—ANCIENT BIRCHINGTON.
- Song - “The Hardy Norseman” - Major BELL
Lecture, Part 2—THE CHURCH AND ITS HISTORY.
- Song with Chorus “Children’s Voices” - Miss GRAY
Lecture, Part 3—QUEX AND ITS OWNERS.
- Handbell Ringers “The Bells of Birchington”
Lecture, Part 4—THE PARISH BOOKS.
- Song - “The Arab’s Farewell” Mr. A. E. RAYDEN
Lecture, Part 5—BIRCHINGTON AT THE REFORMATION.
- Song - - “Sing on Sweet Angelus” Miss EDWARDS
Lecture, Part 6—AT THE COMMONWEALTH AND RESTORATION.
- Song “The valiant courage of Kentish men” - Major BELL
Lecture, Part 7—BIRCHINGTON IN TROUBLE.
- Song - “The Roll Call”—Pinsuti - Mr. PEACH
Lecture, Part 8—ITS REJOICINGS.
- Handbell Ringers - “Course of Cinques” - -
Lecture, Part 9—BIRCHINGTON UNDER THE GEORGES.
- Song - “I have house and land in Kent” Major BELL
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30; TO COMMENCE AT 8 P.M.

Proceeds to be divided between the Institute and a Fund for providing a New Parish Chest.

Reserved and Numbered Seats, 1s. Second Seats, 6d. Back Seats, 3d.
Tickets may be had of the Caretaker at the Institute.

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Notice half the proceeds were to be donated to The Institute
and the other half for providing a NEW PARISH CHEST