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INTRODUCTION

This guide is designed for those who live in Herne Bay, or who are planning to move to the area or visiting the area. It will acquaint people with what the town has to offer.

This guide has been published since 2005 and is now in its 6th year of publication. Plus Publishing have been producing local guides for over 20 years.

In it you will find a wealth of local references, neatly gathered together in easy-to-find sections. It has a street map on the centre pages, which can be invaluable when looking for an unfamiliar road. A listings section is included in the back of the guide to help you find the address or telephone number of local schools etc.

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BACK ON THE MAP

- Herne Bay defies the recession

THE pier has been inextricably linked to Herne Bay's history for the best part of 200 years. So, it is understandable that local inhabitants are enthralled by the prospect of having a new platform on which to stretch their legs and have some fun.

Canterbury City Council gave the go-ahead for work to begin on the demolition of the pavilion which sits on the pier at the beach end of the construction. The work was due to commence in October 2011.



Pier

The plan is that in 2012 a flat platform will have replaced the old pier thanks to the creation of the Herne Bay Pier Trust, an organisation of local people committed to developing activities and events on the pier.

In time, the Trust plans to have a membership large enough to propel the project to a second phase, which will include the restoration of the middle part of the pier to re-connect it to the second section isolated and further out to sea since being cut adrift by storms.

Various pier constructions have had a colourful and chequered history. The first pier was dismantled in 1871 - 40 years after its erection - when the owners went into liquidation, unable to restore the timber-built construction that had become riddled with worm.

A 100 yard long pier with small bandstand at the end, costing £2,000, was opened in 1873 by the Lord Mayor of London. A decade later, a new theatre was opened at the approach to the pier. However, it was too short for steamboat use and the construction proved unprofitable. The replacement pier, built in 1896 was much more commercial friendly, with a small railway ferrying passengers a near mile long journey to and from the shore. The construction work survived a terrible storm in November 1897 and two years later opened for business with passengers investing almost £500 in fares in the first year. Herne Bay Urban Council took possession of the pier in 1909 when the Pier Company's managing director, Henry Corbett Jones, was charged with embezzlement, falsifying documents and making false declarations.

A new 1,000-seat pavilion, built for dancing, skating and concerts opened in 1910.

The pier survived many storms, notably the dreadful battering it took under leaden skies in 1948, 1953 and 1963, when the sea froze. The pier was declared unsafe and closed in 1968, but the pavilion remained open to the public until 1970 when destroyed by an inferno. Yet again new life was breathed into the old structure when former Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Sir Edward Heath, opened a new sports and leisure centre to replace the pavilion in 1976.

Since then the distant sea end of the pier has remained an isolated off-shore shrine to the pier's rich history. In 2009 Herne Bay Pier Trust was formed to preserve, renovate, reconstruct and enhance the pier to its original condition.

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Current plans, outlined on a visit from BBC South East Today's programme, gave details of development plans for a 'People's Pier' on site from 2012 with an appeal launched for the public and business community of the town to join forces in redeveloping and regenerating the pier.

Herne Bay's history is much like its road system, uncomplicated, neatly laid out, and easy to negotiate, with not too many twists and turns. Nothing much had happened before the start of the 19th century on this once remote, desolate, stretch of the north Kent coast. But once landowners and speculators saw the potential for the development of a new town between Whitstable and Margate and the prosperity it would generate, ambitious plans were drawn-up for the area and money was invested in projects to create a new community that would mushroom into a thriving new resort.

In the beginning the thinly populated local folk scratched a living from farming, fishing and smuggling seemed. Had a census been taken at the start of the 19th century, the statistics would have revealed an occupation of barely 1,000 residents. In those days, decent folk maintained a low profile as gangs of smugglers thrived on nefarious deeds carried out at night. They were ruthless, prepared to kill if necessary when cornered by revenue men. The gangs occupied the beaches of Herne Bay, Reculver and Birchington. The cliff-top spires of the Roman fort at Reculver was a landmark for smugglers delivering contraband from sea to shore.

In the mid-18th century a Rev Patten, vicar of nearby Whitstable, met fire with fire. He charged the smugglers a tithe fee for his silence. If they declined to pay, he informed the local customs authorities. The most celebrated casualty of these times was Sydenham Snow, leader of a patrol of 'Blockade Men' who challenged the North Kent Gang in a beach battle at Herne Bay on Easter Monday 1821. Snow's men were

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heavily outnumbered and the leader himself was killed when his gun misfired and, armed only with a knife, was felled in hail of pistol shot. He drew his final breath at The Ship Inn - still a popular ale house - after surgery there failed to save his life. Fortunately, he provided information that led to the arrest of five gang members. Ironically, they were acquitted of his murder, despite the weight of evidence. The gang continued to defy the law but its days were numbered. Three of its leaders were executed on Penenden Heath, Maidstone. Snow's grave in Herne churchyard receives a steady flow of visitors to this day.

The town derived its name from Herne. The celebrated Ship Inn has remained a focal point of local history. Herne Bay became more law abiding after the smugglers vanished. Passenger and cargo boats ran between Herne Bay and London. Cargo boats ferried coal between Herne Bay and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Steady expansion led to a population increase from 1,8776-3,041 at the start of the 19th century. A group of London investors recognised the potential for a day-trip and holiday development. The aforesaid first wooden pier was built for £50,000. Herne Bay embraced the new wealth but had the courage to turn down a name change when London-based speculators wanted to call it St Augustine's. An act of parliament finally decreed that Herne Bay and Herne village should establish separate communities.



Clock Tower

Christ Church opened in 1834, funded by wealthy landowner Sir Henry Oxenden. Three years later, Mrs Ann Thwaytes, a wealthy benefactor from London, donated £4,000 to build a 75 feet high clock tower on the seafront, a timepiece that dominates the promenade. Schools opened; steamboat services began

running to and from London in the 1840s. The town's late Victorian architecture is much in evidence still, a symbol of local investment and a rising population that doubled between 1881 and 1901 when a census recorded 8,442 inhabitants.

Queen Victoria's influence on the old town is tangible still. A Jubilee Memorial is a shrine to her reign and Memorial Park, currently receiving a facelift is a tribute to that Victorian age when Herne Bay was as good a seaside resort as any in the south east.

Local man George Smith was hanged at Maidstone prison in 1915 for the 'Bride in the Bath' murder. The house he occupied - 80 High Street, now numbered 159 - is a landmark part of the town's Culture Trail, a property notorious for the drowning of his bride Bessie Mundy. He later murdered two other women in the north.

The Central Bandstand, another landmark, was built on the seafront in 1924. By 1931 the town's population stood at 14,533. The latest census records a 35,000 population, a steady if unspectacular growth over the past 80 years.

The commanding figure in statue form of Sir Barnes Neville Wallis looks seaward from Herne Bay. Nearby Reculver became the testing ground for the bouncing bombs Sir Barnes invented that were later to destroy German dams in the famous Dambusters raids of the last war. A sea fort was built off the coast at Herne Bay and the Army cut two gaps between the landward end of the pier and the seaward terminal as a counter invasion measure. Coastal defences were strengthened after

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serious flooding of the town in 1953 when storms caused the sea level to rise two feet at Herne Bay. Groynes, sea walls and shingle beach barriers strengthened the most vulnerable spots. By the 1990s even those precautions were counted inadequate, resulting in the construction of an off-shore breakwater, now known as Neptune's Arm.

Herne Bay, like so many other seaside towns, became victim of cheap foreign travel in the 1960s. The local economy declined sharply when families with children carrying buckets and spades invaded Spain and other budget airline destinations. However, the recession and enterprising regeneration under the auspices of Canterbury City Council is leading to a restoration of confidence in the old town. Suddenly, the seashore is alive; jet-skis and speedboats churn-up the sea, and the beaches are packed with day-trippers, holidaymakers and locals carrying barbecue equipment to the beach. Herne Bay is back on the map.





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MOTORISED diggers, miles of scaffolding poles, and a workforce of men in hard hats illustrate the remarkable transformation taking place in the development of Herne Bay High School as a designated specialist sports college.

A recent Ofsted inspection raised the stakes higher when declaring it a 'High performing specialist school'. Any school employing two directors of sport, a head of PE and head of Outdoor Education, has to be taken seriously with London scheduled to stage the 2012 Olympics. The enhanced and quality staffing, aided by outstanding facilities for sport, has raised standards to such a level that Herne Bay High is as good as any college of its kind in the country.



High School

The beauty of this set-up is that many of the facilities enjoyed by the students on an everyday basis is available to the local sporting community in out-of-school hours. The facilities include a floodlit all weather pitch, all weather tennis and netball courts, sports hall, gymnasium, indoor and outdoor climbing walls, fitness studio, sports analysis classroom, dance studio, and extensive playing fields. The workforce crawling all over the building in 2011 represented the muscle and expertise of the Building Schools for the Future project, which pledges to enhance further the outstanding facilities already provided.

The High School's academic achievements are as high as its aspirations for students committed to sport. It has more than 1,500 students with Herne Bay parents less inclined to commit their children to schools in nearby towns than they were before the Herne Bay High revolution.

However, many students commute to schools in Canterbury, Faversham and Ramsgate. Junior education focuses on Herne Bay Junior School. Established in Victorian times but with modern facilities, it is one of the best primary schools in East Kent. A range of information technology courses for adults are available at Canterbury College, a branch of which operates in Herne Bay.

HEALTH

THE Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, Herne Bay provides a range of healthcare services. They include inpatient beds, outpatient clinics and a comprehensive service for the elderly.

The hospital campus, based in King Edward Avenue CT6 6EB, embraces a range of new and old buildings.

Treatments offered are impressively wide ranging. They include gynaecology, hernias, hips, knee osteoarthritis, paediatrics, rheumatology and thoracic medicine.

SPORT

HERNE BAY offers plenty of opportunity for sport with the **Herne Bay High School Sports Arena** an outstanding example of the town's commitment to locating educational, community and sporting facilities on one site. The purpose of the scheme is to make a significant contribution to increasing participation in sport and active recreation in the town. The facilities available will include a state of the art gym, four court sports hall, roller hockey and long mat bowls surface, outdoor artificial pitch, tennis and netball courts and grass sports pitches.

Herne Bay Football Club, formed more than 120 years ago, was hoping to start a women's team in 2011-12. Club officials were emphasising the need for enthusiasm over 'Rooney ability' in the recruiting stage. Meanwhile, the men's section maintains steady progress in the Kent League. The club has played at Winch's Field for more than 50 years. It runs an impressive youth section, some of whom graduate to senior ranks.



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The future of **Herne Bay Golf Club**, formed in 1895, is uncertain following a court case involving a senior official. The club website was withdrawn until further notice in 2011.

Herne Bay Cricket Club first team plays at Polo Farm, Canterbury, the second team at Burton Downs. Local MP Roger Gale is president. Local youngsters are encouraged to join the club.

Hamton Pier Sailing Club offers competitive club racing with facility for cruising and fun sailing. It has a varied social programme. Club facilities are excellent with a modern clubhouse, well stocked bar, and free parking.

Herne Bay Angling Association, Central Parade, Herne Bay, is situated on the seafront overlooking the Neptune's Arm. It runs a licenced bar.

Herne Bay Tennis Club moved to its current home on Beacon Hill 40 years ago. It was once based in Memorial Park. The club boasts excellent facilities with new cushioned acrylic surfaced floodlit courts available to members. In all there are six courts. The clubhouse has a bar, changing rooms and kitchen for the supply of hot meals.

The long established **Herne Bay Hockey Club** uses excellent facilities at Herne Bay High School. A friendly, family club with a strong youth development programme. It has eight senior teams, ladies sides and mixed and veterans hockey. Junior coaching is available for youngsters, aged six upwards.

MEMORIAL PARK PLANS

A VEGETABLE growing area for the community is included in the master plan for Memorial Park. The £500,000 regeneration scheme four seasonal gardens, covering spring, summer, autumn and winter.

But by far the greatest emphasis is on the provision of a youth centre, tennis courts, and teenage player area for youngsters aged 13-18.

The existing sports pavilion is to improved and the war memorial enhanced. An interactive play area for juniors is already full equipped and in occupation.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

THE annual **Herne Bay Festival** remains the cornerstone of the town's cultural activity. The mardi gras covers a 10-day period of free events every August. The town comes alive to the sound of music, performance, family fun, funfair workshops, competitions, displays, motor show and sailing competitions culminating in the carnival procession through the town centre.

The town is a splash of colour for most of the year, thanks to those who nurture hanging baskets draped from the sides of shops, businesses and private property. The council holds a **Herne Bay in Bloom** gardening competition every year to encourage householders and businesses to maintain high standards of flower production.

Strode Park is one of Kent's leading providers of specialist care and leisure services for children and adults with disabilities. Herne Bay residents are immensely proud of the Strode Park Foundation's success and many fundraising efforts are put on at the Theatre in the Park. Live theatre and open air concerts are the speciality on offer in 14 acres of beautiful gardens. It is the only amphitheatre in Kent that is purpose built for the use of able-bodied and the disabled, both as audience and performers. Theatre in the Park has a summer season.

The town's **Cultural Trail** has been boosted by a statue of celebrated aeronautical engineer Sir Barnes Wallis, funded by £78,000 of Lottery money.

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Wildwood Park offers the chance to come 'nose to nose' with British wildlife. Run by a Trust dedicated to protecting wildlife, the 40-acre woodland discovery park contains wild boar, red deer, bison, wild horses, owls, badgers, polecats, foxes, otters, mink, wolves, eagle owls, squirrels, wild cats, beavers and many other species we rarely have an opportunity to see.



Herne Bay Seafront

Herne Bay's greatest attraction, of course, is its beach of sand, shingle, mudflats at low tide and popular, designated bathing areas for families, with amusements and amenities nearby. Herne Bay has some of the most impressive beach huts on the Kent coast, some of them painted in delightful pastel shades. The more adventurous board all types of watercraft for a spin on the sea, all safely controlled by the local authority. Those seeking a quieter beach go to Reculver.

The Kings Hall, Beacon Hill, offers a full programme of shows and other events. Available also for private functions.

SIX THINGS TO KNOW

- 1 The Hippodrome, Kings Road is an indoor adventure playground for children from under-2 to 5-plus.
- 2 The public and business community has pledged to support the redevelopment of the Pier.
- 3 Local Dr Who fan Jason Onion is seeking approval for a replica tardis to be erected on the seafront in preparation for the popular television programme's 50th anniversary.
- 4 Herne Bay is twinned with Wimereux, France and Waltrop, Germany.
- 5 The Hazell Nevill Centre unit for dementia sufferers has moved to 16 Reculver Road.
- 6 The two mile seafront has won many European Blue Flag and other awards for safety and cleanliness.



PROMINENT PEOPLE

- 1 **Nicki Chapman**, judge on television's Pop Idol, was born in the town.
- 2 **Anthony Coburn**, BBC scriptwriter Anthony Coburn lived in Herne Bay.
- 3 **Colin Dixon**, depot manager held hostage by the Securitas robbery villains, lived with his family in Herne Bay.
- 4 **Bob Holness**, television quiz show host attended Herne Bay primary school.
- 5 **Will Scott**, writer, lived in Herne Bay until his death in 1960s.
- 6 **John Shepherd**, the former West Indies and Kent all-rounder, lives in the town.

LISTINGS

PLACES OF WORSHIP

The Beacon Church
78 Sea Street,
Herne Bay CT6 8QE
Tel: 01227 361336
John Way: 01227 793752
E-mail: john@beaconhernebay.org.uk
www.beaconhernebay.org.uk

Broomfield United Reformed Church
The Meadows,
Herne Bay
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www.cchb.org.uk

Herne Bay Baptist Church
The Friendship Centre,
105 High Street, Herne Bay CT6 5LA
Tel: 01227 367908
E-mail: admin.hbbc@gmail.com
www.hbbcconline.org.uk

Herne Bay Christian Spiritualist Church
Rear of: 22 Avenue Road,
Herne Bay CT6 8TB
Contact: Mrs J Kaby
Tel: 01227 364506

Herne Bay Evangelical Church
64 Sunnyhill Road, Herne Bay CT6 8LU
Tel: 01227 361993

Our Lady of the
Sacred Heart R C Church
The Retreat, 3 Sea Street,
Herne Bay CT6 8SP
Tel: 01227 375095

Salvation Army
33 Richmond Street, Herne Bay CT6 5RH
Contact: Captain Chris & Paula Carre
Tel: 01227 372511

St Andrew's Church
Hampton Pier Avenue,
Herne Bay CT6 8DY
Tel: 01227 366640
E-mail: info@cchb.org.uk
www.cchb.org.uk

St Peter Church, Herne Bay
Herne Drive, Greenhill, Herne Bay
Tel: 01227 370256
Re. Elaine Richardson

United Benefice of St Mary the Virgin,
Reculver, With St Bartholomew,
Herne Bay & Holy Cross, Hoath
Tel: 01227 360948
Rev. Ronald Hawkes
www.unitedbenefice.org



St Bart's Church

United Church
Mortimer Street, Herne Bay CT6 5EB
Tel: 01227 371813
E-mail: hsheeham@sky.com
Rev. Hugh Nigel sheeham

Religious Organisations
St Peters Convent, 15 St George's Terrace,
Herne Bay CT6 8RQ
Tel: 01227 744000

Hospitals

Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Ethelbert Road, Canterbury CT1 3NG
Tel: 01227 766877 www.nhs.uk

Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital
King Edward Avenue, Herne Bay CT6 6EB
Tel: 01227 594700
www.nhs.uk

Doctors

Beltinge & Reculver Surgery
269 Reculver Road, Herne Bay CT6 6SR
Tel: 01227 374902

Herne & Broomfield Surgery
38 Broomfield Road, Herne Bay CT6 7LY
Tel: 01227 749662

St Anne's Surgery
161 Station Road, Herne Bay CT6 5NF
Tel: 01227 742226

The Coach House Surgery
27 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay CT6 5DQ
Tel: 01227 374040

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The Park Surgery
116 Kings Road, Herne Bay CT6 5RE
Tel: 01227 742200

The Surgery
Kingstone Cottage, 67 William Street
Herne Bay CT6 5NR
Tel: 01227 740000

Dentists

D A Reekie
33 Herne Street, Herne Bay CT6 7HL
Tel: 01227 369921

Melbourne House Dental Surgery
67 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay CT6 5DE
Tel: 01227 374454

Mr G D Keating & Associates
120 High Street, Herne Bay CT6 5JY
Tel: 01227 366984

Sea Street Dental Practice
27 Sea Street, Herne Bay CT6 8PZ
Tel: 01227 373088

Warwick Lodge
44 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay CT6 5DF
Tel: 01227 375592

EDUCATION

Nursery & Pre-Schools

ABC Village Pre-School
80 Glenbervie Drive, Herne Bay
www.abcpreschool.co.uk

Alphabets Nursery Ltd
70 Stanley Road, Herne Bay CT6 5SJ
Contact: Sally
Tel: 01227 362094

Beltinge Day Nursery
Reculver Primary School
Hillborough, Herne Bay CT6 6TA
Contact: Mrs C Bowman Tel: 01227 366311

Briary Pre-School
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Hampton Nursery School
64 Sunnyhill Road, Herne Bay CT6 8LU
Tel: 07930 153253 9am – 1pm
07795 995106 1pm – 5pm
www.hamptonnursery.co.uk

Herne School Club
Day Nursery & Holiday Scheme
Herne C of E Junior School
School Lane, Herne CT6 7AL
Tel: 01227 374069
Email: rickbevis@hotmail.com

Kiddies Corner Day Care
Tel: 01227 366823
E-mail: kcnursery@hotmail.co.uk
www.kiddiescornerdaycare.co.uk

Little Acorns (Herne) Pre-School
Top Field, Rear of 71 Norton Avenue,
Herne CT6 7TA Tel: 01227 749317
E-mail: littleacornsherne@talktalk.net
www.littleacornspre-school.co.uk

Playaway Nursery School
c/o Herne Bay High School
Bullockstone Road, Herne Bay CT6 7NS
Tel: 01227 742678

Primary Schools

Briary Primary School
Greenhill Road, Herne Bay CT6 7RS
Tel: 01227 373095
E-mail: office1@briary.kent.sch.uk
www.briary.kent.sch.uk

Hampton Primary School
Fitzgerald Avenue, Herne Bay CT6 8NB
Tel: 01227 372159
headteacher@hampton.kent.sch.uk
www.hampton.kent.sch.uk

Herne C of E Controlled Infant School
Palmer Close, Herne Bay CT6 7AH
Tel: 01227 740793
www.herne-infant.kent.sch.uk

Herne C of E Junior School
School Lane, Herne CT6 6TA
Tel: 01227 374069
www.herne-junior.kent.sch.uk

Herne Bay Infant School
Stanley Road, Herne Bay CT6 5SH
Tel: 01227 372245
E-mail: admin@herne-bay.kent.sch.uk

Herne Bay Junior School
Kings Road, Herne Bay CT6 5DA
Tel: 01227 374608
E-mail: office@hernebay-jun.kent.sch.uk
www.hernebay-jun.kent.sch.uk

Reculver C of E Primary School
Hillborough, Herne Bay CT6 6TA
Tel: 01227 375907
www.reculver.kent.sch.uk

St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School
Avenue Road, Herne Bay CT6 8TF
Tel: 01227 362334
www.stphiliphoward.ik.org

Secondary Schools & Colleges

Herne Bay High School
Bullockstone Road, Herne Bay CT6 7NS
Headteacher: Dr. C Owen
Tel: 01227 361221
E-mail:
headteacher@hernebayhigh.kent.sch.uk
www.hernebayhigh.kent.sch.uk



Herne Bay High School

Kent Adult Education Service
Local Centre based in Whitstable
Enrolments Tel: 0845 606 5606
www.kent.gov.uk/adulted

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Herne & Broomfield Parish Council
Herne Mill, Herne, Herne Bay CT6 7DR
Clerk: Mrs Monica Blyth Tel: 01227 742700
www.herneandbroomfieldpc.
kentparishes.gov.uk

Hoath Parish Council
Parish Clerk: Mr Guy Tel: 01227 860742
Email: info@hoath.org
www.hoath.org

Canterbury City Council
Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW
Tel: 01227 862000
www.canterbury.gov.uk

Canterbury City Council
– Herne Bay Office
William Street, Herne Bay CT6 5NX
Tel: 01227 862000
www.canterbury.gov.uk

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

British Cactus & Succulent Society –
Herne Bay & District Branch
The Red Cross Rooms, East St, Herne Bay
Secretary: Mrs L Farrington
Tel: 01227 792497 Usually 3rd
Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm

Canterbury Guitar Society
Contact: John Kemp Tel: 01227 265503

Canterbury Three Cities Association
Contact: John Kemp Tel: 01227 265503

Christchurch Handbell Ringers
24 Mickleburgh Avenue, Herne Bay
Contact: Mrs Pateman Tel: 01227 372967

Herne Bay Angling Association
59 Central Parade, Herne Bay CT6 5JD
Contact: John French Tel: 01227 362127
E-mail: info@hbaa.co.uk
www.hbaa.co.uk

Herne Bay Arts Group
Contact: Mrs P Hollands
47 Ashbee Gardens,
Herne Bay CT6 6TX
Tel: 01227 364947

Herne Bay Camera Club
Meet Tuesdays 8–10pm (Sept–May) at
The Beacon Church, 78 Sea Street
Herne Bay CT6 8QE
Contact: David Slocombe
Mobile: 07774 900587
www.hernebaycameraclub.org

Herne Bay Carnival Association
Holly Bush Cottage
Herne Road, Herne CT6 7LE
Contact: Mrs K Birkett
Tel: 01227 364836
www.hernebaycarnival.co.uk

Herne Bay Catholic Social Club
Clarence Road,
Herne Bay CT6 8TH
Tel: 01227 373336
Herne Bay Chess Club
Contact: Mr Brian Humble
Tel: 01227 749975

Herne Bay Constitutional Club
111 High Street, Herne Bay CT6 8LA
Secretary: Gary Dale
Tel: 01227 374175

Herne Bay Ex-Servicemen's Club
& Institute Ltd
35–37 William Street, Herne Bay CT6 5NR
Contact: Club Secretary
Tel: 01227 361679

Herne Bay Historical Records Society
56 Beacon Hill, Herne Bay CT6 6JN
Contact Secretary: Phil Rose
Tel: 01227 365942 www.hbhrs.org

Herne Bay Little Theatre
Bullers Avenue, Herne Bay CT6 8UH
Tel: 01227 366004
www.hernebaylittletheatre.com

Herne Bay Music Club
(Recorded Music Society)
Meet on the last Thursday of the month
7.30–9.30pm (April–Sept) at
The North Room, Christ Church, William
Street, Herne Bay CT6 5NR
Contact: David Slocombe
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Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the
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William Street, Herne Bay
Secretary: Mrs V Mellish
Tel: 01227 365444

Herne Bay & Whitstable Lyons Club
Contact: Mary Perks
Tel: 01227 274719

Herne Horticultural and Rose Society
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Herne at 7.30pm (excl. Aug & Dec)
Contact: Margaret Burns
Tel: 01227 369365

KAB – Kent Association for the Blind –
Herne Bay branch
Contact: Mrs Velma Hawkins
Tel: 01227 792679

Kent Chorale
62 Fitzroy Road, Tankerton
Whitstable CT5 2LE
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Kent Festival of Music, Speech & Drama
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Canterbury CT2 8JS
Contact: Mrs Sheila Rooke (Secretary)

Canterbury Rambling Club
162 Broadway, Herne Bay CT6 8HY
Contact: Roy Cordell Tel: 01227 361902
Email: raycordell@hotmail.com
www.ramblingclubs.com

Rotary Club
Meet at Huntsman & Horn Inn,
Margate Road, Broomfield
on Wednesdays 12.30pm & last
Wednesday of month 7pm.
www.rotary1120.org

RSPB
For information contact Local Group
Leader: Mrs Chris Sproul
31 School Lane, Blean CT2 9JA
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www.rspb.org.uk/groups/canterbury

Soldier's, Sailor's and Airman's
Families Association
34 St Stephen's Hill,
Canterbury CT2 7LX
Contact: Major G W Bartlett TDJP
Tel: 01227 761917

Theatrecraft Amateur Dramatic Society
Rehearsals held Tuesdays & Thursdays at
the HBOS Rehearsal Rooms, Arkley Rd,
Herne Bay
E-mail: theatrecraft@btopenworld.com
www.theatrecraft.btinternet.co.uk

Theatre in the Park
Strode Park, Herne, Herne Bay
Booking Office Tel: 01227 373292
Email: tracy.barden@strodepark.org.uk
www.strodepark.org.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

Citizens Advice Bureau – Herne Bay
CAB
185-187 High Street
Herne Bay CT6 5AF
Tel: 01227 740647
Advice Line: 08444 994128
www.adviceguide.org.uk

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'Police' and your message to 60066
For news, advice or details of your
neighbourhood officer, visit
www.kent.police.uk

Fire Station
High Street, Herne Bay CT6 5NG
Emergency Tel: 999
Tel: 01227 749853
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Library
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124 High Street, Herne Bay CT6 5JY
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