

WALK ONE - DEAL TOWN

Start off outside St Georges Church and turn north along the High Street. ❶ ‘Comarques’, 122 High Street the home from 1936-1939 of the composer *John Ireland*. Although no recognition yet of Mr Ireland’s magnificent work, a first ‘English Heritage’ Blue plaque will soon adorn the front of this imposing house.

❷ Continue on down the High Street and turn right into Farrier Street and at the crossroads with Middle Street the house on the southwest corner, No 117 Middle Street, you come across the first ‘Blue Plaque’. This one was raised to *Charles Hawtreay*, most famous for his role in the ‘Carry on’ films.

❸ Further along Middle Street on the corner of Griffin Street a plaque on a house called ‘Kingfishers’ Griffin Street announces the name of *Stephen Phillips* 1864-1915, a highly famed English poet and dramatist. Mr Phillips, who enjoyed considerable popularity in his lifetime, lodged and died here in 1915. The dramatic play Paolo and Francesca was his most successful work.

Continue up Middle Street to Alfred Square, turn right into North Street and the sea front then turn left.

❹ Walking up Beach Street towards Sandown several hundred yards to 47, *The Marina*. *J.B.Priestley* lived here in 1929 writing his breakthrough novel ‘The Good Companions’.

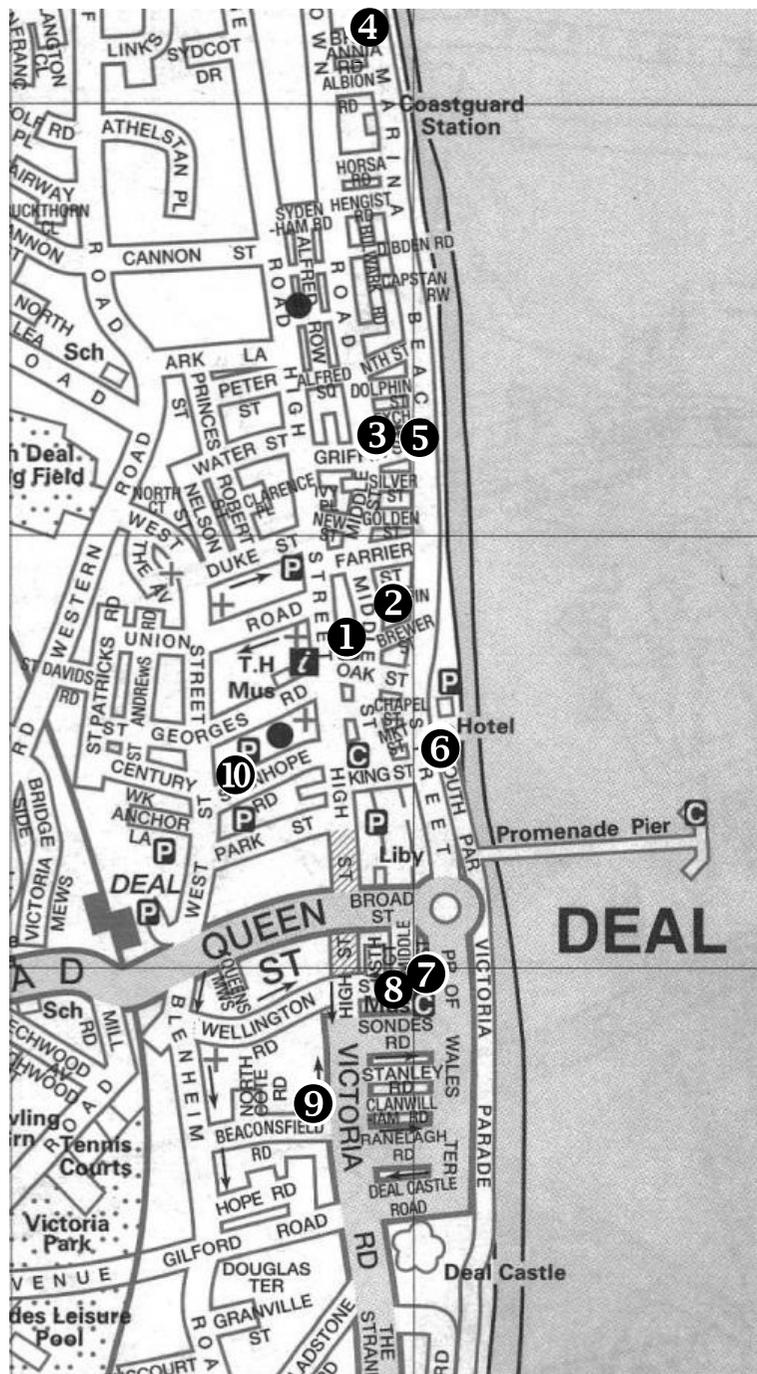
❺ Retrace your steps along Beach Street to one of Deal’s most attractive buildings on the corner of Exchange Street *The Boatman’s Rooms* are now a restored Private residence, but our plaque points out that *Reverend Thomas Treanor*, a benefactor and author who opposed smuggling was chaplain from 1878 to his death in 1910.

Interestingly, on a concrete block is marked the name of *Arnold Cawthrow* (1913-1993) ‘Big Chief I-Spy’ book fame also lived here.

❻ Further along 109 Beach Street was the home of *Nathaniel Gubbins* (1893-1976) who was ‘The Wars Leading Humorist’ and lived here from 1947 – 1958.

As you pass the ‘Royal Hotel’, note the plaque indicating Lord Nelson & Lady Hamilton visited the hotel in 1801.

❼ Continue onto Broad Street and turn right then immediately left into Middle Street where the first of the ‘Historic Building of Kent’ plaques is displayed on the beautiful ‘Queen Anne House’. Note the information on the Deal Town Plaque regarding this interesting detached remnant of Middle Street, and its intriguing alleyways.



❸ At the end of Middle Street is another notable house on the corner of South Street: a large plaque announces the home from 1762 to her death in 1806 of a famous daughter of Deal, *Elizabeth Carter*, poet, classicist, writer, translator and member of the ‘Bluestocking Circle’. A friend of Samuel Johnson, her translation of all the works of Epictetus – the first translation of this Greek Philosopher made her name. Turn left to the Seafront, past the historic Timeball Tower and right down Clanwilliam Road to Victoria Road, turning right.

❹ Victoria Road, a southern extension of the High Street, is full of handsome houses, none more so than No 19 Victoria Road where *Thomas Hughes* resided in 1857, the very year his most famous work, ‘Tom Browns School Days’ was published.

Proceed on turning left into Wellington Road, right into Blenheim Road and cross the traffic lights into West Street. Walk down West Street and turn right into St Georges Memorial Garden.

❺ Immediately as you enter and on your right is a Deal Society metal plaque to one captain *Edward Parker* of Nelson fame who died of his wounds in Deal following an abortive attack on Boulogne in 1801. Nelson attended the funeral and contributed towards the cost. Next to the plaque is Captain Parker’s tomb. Finally carry on and return to the High Street.

This walk will take approximately 45 minutes. If you combine WALK ONE DEAL TOWN and WALK TWO WALMER this will take approximately 2 hours 15 minutes. (See below for connecting both walks)

From the Thomas Hughes house in Victoria Road walk towards Deal castle and across Walmer Strand to The Beach and the Joseph Lister house.

Follow walk 2 route to St Leonards Church and take Church Passage opposite. This is the old ‘coffin’ route from the then St Georges Chapel to the parish church of St Leonards’. Note no 132 – the second “Historic House of Kent” plaque on the route. The passage has been severed by the railway from what is now known as Century Walk.

From the ‘dead end’ in Victoria Mews turn right up the steps left and left again to cross over the railway footbridge then left out of the station (Following the railway line) down the footpath turning right into Century Walk to cross West Street into St Georges Memorial Garden to the High Street.

WALK TWO – WALMER

① Start in the large car park in Kingsdown Road and cross opposite into Granville Road turning left into Liverpool Road and behind Walmer Castle. At the junction at St Clare Road and Walmer Castle Road walk up St Clare Road past St Mary's church and on the opposite side of the church in St Mary's Road is **Cedar Lodge**, where a son of Walmer, novelist **Dornford Yates** (alias Cecil William Mercer) lived from his birth in 1885. His humorous and thriller stories were best sellers in the years between the two world wars and he died in Rhodesia in 1960.

② Carry on up St Mary's Road and into the footpath directly ahead then into Dover Road turning left a few yards to the small **Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart**. Opposite the entrance, on a wall, is the plaque to Poet Laureate **Robert Bridges** (from 1913 to his death in 1930), who was born on this site in 1844. He was the only medical graduate to hold that esteemed office.

③ Take care crossing Dover Road, retrace your steps a few yards and turn up Church Street. Turn right into the footpath just past York and Albany Close. Turn left when you reach Salisbury Road. Cross the railway bridge from Walmer to Deal and into St Richards Road. After approx. 100 yards on the right **20-22 St. Richard's Road** was the home of **Richard Aldington** from 1903-1906, best known for his 1st World War poetry. Permanently affected by that war Aldington won accolades for his biography *Wellington* in 1946, but attracted hostility for his portrayal *Lawrence of Arabia* in 1955. He is one of 16 'Great War' poets commemorated in Poets Corner at Westminster Abbey.

④ Walk on up St Richard's Road and turn right down Mill Hill, taking 2nd left into Redsull Avenue and pass through the heart of what was the 950 housing estate built for the coal miners of Bettshanger and Tilmanstone. Carry on into Pilots Avenue and turn left into Addelam Road. When the end of this short road reaches Rectory Road, **Tormore Mews** is a handsome Georgian building on your left.

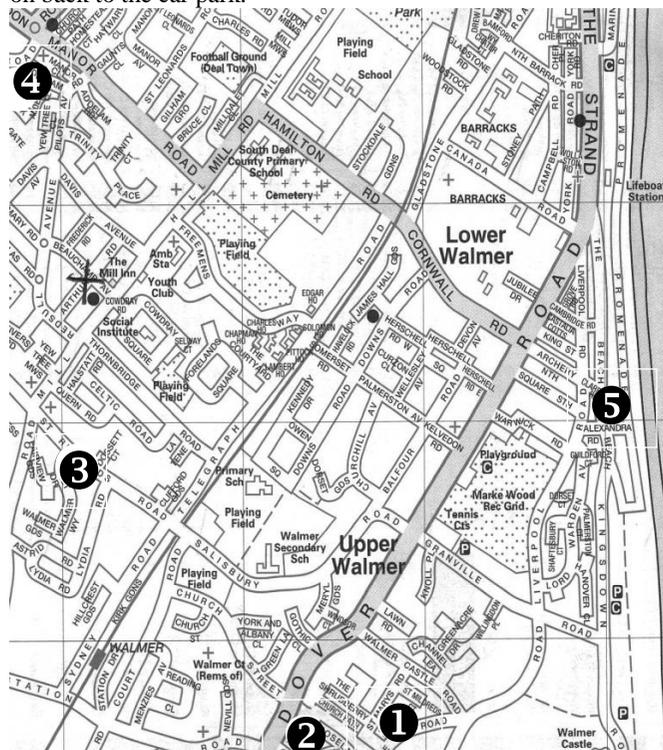
The plaque on the wall announces **G.P.R. James** (*George Payne Rainsford*) lived here from 1843-1845. Novelist and principally a historical writer he held the somewhat fanciful title of Historiographer Royal during William IV's reign. Turn your back on Tormore Mews and turn right up the steps of St Leonard's Church, descending to cross Manor Road by the Admiral Keppel Pub and turn right.

At Mill Road turn left and take the opportunity within yards to turn right into the Hamilton Road cemetery, not only a short cut, but to observe the profusion of war graves of all the services, particularly the navy.

Emerge through the main entrance into Hamilton Road and turn right passing under the Railway Bridge into Cornwall Road and back into Walmer. When you reach Dover Road take care in crossing into Archery Square. Cross Liverpool Road into the

short Clarence Road and into The Beach. Turn right and first house is no **32 Beach Street**.

⑤ This magnificent abode was the final country home of **Joseph Lister** from 1908 to his death in 1912. His contribution to medicine and the relief of suffering from his work in antiseptics is incalculable. Cross The Beach to the coast path and continue on back to the car park.



This walk will take approximately 75 minutes. If you combine Walk One (Deal Town) and Walk Two (Walmer) this will take approximately 2 hours 15 minutes. Follow walk 2 to St Leonards Church and take Church Path opposite. This is the old 'Coffin' route from the then St Georges Chapel to the parish church of St Leonards'. Note no 132 – '**Court Lodge**, 'the 2nd "Historic House of Kent" on the route. The passage has been severed by the railway to what is now known as Century Walk. From the 'dead end' in Victoria Mews turn right up the steps, left and left again to cross over the railway footbridge then left out of the station (following the railway line) down the footpath to Century Walk. Turn right into Century Walk to cross West Street into St Georges Memorial Garden to the High Street. Now follow Walk One.

At the conclusion of Walk One at the *Thomas Hughes* House in Victoria Road, walk towards Deal Castle, across Walmer Strand to The Beach and the *Joseph Lister House*. Then cross the road returning to the car park.



Two guided walks around Deal and Walmer taking in notable houses, buildings and English Heritage Blue Plaques



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