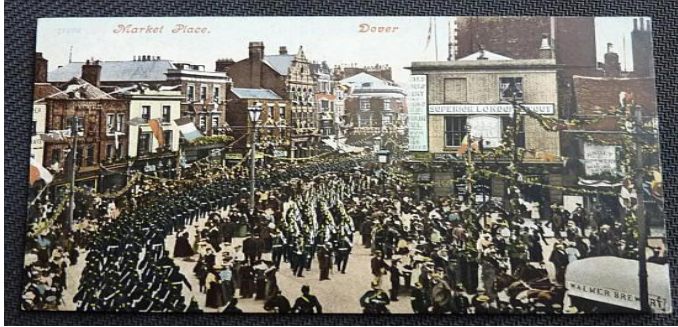


DOVER'S ROUTE 1 (APPROXIMATELY 24 MINUTES)

THIS ROUTE TAKES IN THE SITES OF THE TOWN CENTRE, IN A LEISURELY STROLL SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.



MARKET SQUARE

MARKET SQUARE PROBABLY GOT ITS NAME FROM THE ANNUAL ST. MARTIN'S FAIR ESTABLISHED ABOUT 1160. THE CHURCH ST MARTIN-LE-GRANDE STOOD ON THE WESTERN SIDE. THE BLESSED ST. PETER'S CHURCH STOOD ON THE NORTHERN SIDE AND PROBABLY DATED FROM THE 11TH CENTURY. IT WAS THE OFFICIAL CHURCH OF THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION AND FROM 1367 UNTIL 1581 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND MAYORS OF DOVER WERE ELECTED THERE. IN 1584 THE CHURCH WAS DEMOLISHED AND IN 1605 THE CORPORATION BUILT A GUILDHALL IN THE MARKET SQUARE.



DICKENS CORNER TEA ROOM OCCUPIES THE SITE OF THE OLD ESTABLISHED BAKERS, IGGLESEN AND GRAVES, MENTIONED BY CHARLES DICKENS IN DAVID COPPERFIELD.

THE DOVER MUSEUM IS ONE OF THE OLDEST MUSEUMS IN KENT, FOUNDED OVER 150 YEARS AGO IN 1836. IN 1991 THE MUSEUM WAS RE-HOUSED IN A NEW THREE-STORY BUILDING BEHIND ITS ORIGINAL VICTORIAN FACADE.

THE DOVER MUSEUM IS PRIVILEGED TO HOST ITS FAMOUS BRONZE AGE BOAT IN THE ACCLAIMED BRONZE AGE BOAT GALLERY.



THE WOODEN PREHISTORIC BOAT, DISCOVERED IN SEPTEMBER 1992, IS THOUGHT TO BE SOME 3,000 YEARS OLD. THE BOAT'S EXCAVATION WAS AN INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY. AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION, THE DOVER BOAT IS BACK IN DOVER AND PROUDLY ON DISPLAY AT THE DOVER MUSEUM.



THE MILLENNIUM PLAQUE ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE MUSEUM COMMEMORATES THE RAID ON THE GERMAN OCCUPIED BELGIUM PORT OF ZEEBRUGGE BY THE BRITISH ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY 1918. THE ROYAL NAVY BROUGHT BACK THE BODIES OF SAILORS AND ROYAL MARINES WHICH WERE PLACE IN A TEMPORARY MORTUARY IN WHAT WAS A COVERED MARKET (NOW THE MUSEUM) BEFORE HONOURABLE BURIAL AT ST. JAMES CEMETERY, DOVER (MARKET HALL, ZEEBRUGE RAID 1918).



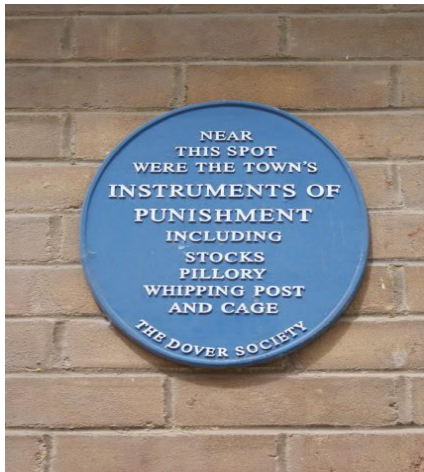
TO THE LEFT OF THE MUSEUM, THE SILVER SCREEN CINEMA SHOWS THE LATEST IN DIGITALISED FILMS.





THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES THE DOVER DISCOVERY CENTRE AND LIBRARY STARTED LIFE AS THE WHITE CLIFFS EXPERIENCE, A VISITOR CENTRE TRACING THE HISTORY OF DOVER. MANY OF THE ORIGINAL

AUDIOVISUALS AND DIORAMAS ARE STILL ON DISPLAY TODAY.



WHILE IN THE MARKET SQUARE TAKE A LOOK AT THE MILLENNIUM PLAQUE ON THE SIDE WALL OF BARCLAY'S BANK. THE TOWN'S STOCKS AND PILLORY STOOD NEARBY RECALLING THE CRUEL PUNISHMENTS GIVEN TO MINOR CRIMINALS.

CASTLE STREET

CASTLE STREET WAS MOSTLY CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN 1830 AND 1835 BUT WAS NOT OPENED INTO THE MARKET SQUARE UNTIL 1837.



PAST

ON THE WALL OF THE DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL GATEWAY OFFICES (CASTLE STREET), THE MILLENNIUM PLAQUE MARKS THE SPOT WHERE THE LAST OF THOUSANDS OF SHELLS FIRED FROM GERMAN GUNS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE FELL ON DOVER IN SEPTEMBER 1944. IT MARKED THE END OF A REGION OF TERROR FOR DOVER THAT BEGAN IN 1940.



PRESENT



ASHEN TREE LANE

FIRST SHOWN ON AN 1851 MAP, ASHEN TREE LANE RUNS FROM CASTLE STREET TO MAISON DIEU ROAD. A DAIRY EXISTED ALONG THIS LANE IN 1671 AND APPARENTLY A LARGE ASH TREE STOOD IN THE GROUNDS OF THE DAIRYMAN'S HOUSE THAT STILL STANDS ALONG THIS LANE TODAY.



MAISON DIEU ROAD

PRIOR TO MAISON DIEU ROAD RECEIVING ITS OFFICIAL NAME, 153 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A TRACK, KNOWN AS CHARLTON BACK LANE, A 10FT WIDE CART TRACK.

TODAY MAISON DIEU ROAD, TAKING ONE-WAY TRAFFIC, STRETCHES FROM CHARLTON GREEN TO ST JAMES STREET.

DIEU STONE LANE



DIEU STONE LANE IS OFF MAISON DIEU ROAD. THIS OLD LANE ORIGINALLY RAN FROM ST. MARY'S CHURCH TO MAISON DIEU ROAD AND MARKED THE BOUNDARY OF THE MAISON DIEU LANDS. FOR MANY YEARS IT WAS APPARENTLY CALLED DEE STONE LANE SINCE THERE WAS A BOUNDARY STONE WITH A "D" ON IT.

PENCESTER GARDENS AND PAVILLION



PAST



PRESENT

PENCESTER GARDENS OPENED IN 1924, AS WELL AS THE USUAL LAWNS AND FLOWERBEDS THERE IS ALSO A PLAY AREA AND SKATE PARK. THE GARDENS HAVE BEEN A PLEASANT GREEN SPACE IN THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN SINCE THEN, AND HAVE PROVIDED A VENUE FOR MANY FETES AND FUNFAIRS. IN 2000 THE PENCESTER PAVILION WAS BUILT TO COMMEMORATE THE NEW MILLENNIUM, A PLATFORM FOR BAND CONCERTS AND OTHER PERFORMANCES. THE MILLENNIUM PATH, WHICH RUNS AROUND THE PAVILION, WAS COMPLETED IN 2001. THE PATH IS MADE UP OF 100 FLAGSTONES EACH COMMEMORATING AN EVENT IN DOVER'S HISTORY, EACH ONE SPONSORED BY A LOCAL RESIDENT OR BUSINESS.

PENCESTER ROAD

PENCESTER ROAD RUNS FROM MAISON DIEU ROAD TO BIGGIN STREET.

BUS INTERCHANGE LOCATION IS ON PENCESTER ROAD.

LADYWELL



PAST



PRESENT

LADYWELL JOINS HIGH STREET TO PARK PLACE AND PARK STREET. THE WELL OF OUR LADY WAS IN THIS LANE AND ITS WATERS APPARENTLY CURED SICKNESSES. 'PURE LADYWELL WATER' WAS APPARENTLY SOLD IN THE STREETS. THE WELL BECAME THE TOWN'S FIRST DRINKING FOUNTAIN WHEN A PUMP WAS ADDED AROUND 1834. A REMNANT OF THE WELL WAS UNEARTHED IN THE 1970S. THE LANE WAS 14 FEET WIDE IN 1839 AND LITTLE MORE THAN A FARM TRACK, BUT IT BECAME A COBBLED STREET AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAISON DIEU LANDS. IT WAS WIDENED IN 1903 BY REMOVING THE NORTH SIDE.

BIGGIN STREET

BIGGIN STREET TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE BIGGIN GATE IN THE OLD TOWN HALL. THE STREET RUNS FROM THE SITE OF THIS GATE (AT THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD) TO THE MAISON DIEU (TOWN HALL). THE BIGGIN GATE WAS DEMOLISHED IN 1762. THE STREET WAS SO NARROW IN



PAST



PRESENT

PLACES THAT A HAND CART PARKED IN THE ROAD OR A GOODS VEHICLE DELIVERING TO A SHOP COULD CAUSE A LINE OF TRAFFIC TO BUILD UP THE LENGTH OF THE STREET. THE ROAD WAS WIDENED BY A DECISION MADE BY THE CORPORATION, DEMOLISHING BUILDINGS ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE STREET AND REBUILDING THE FURTHER BACK.



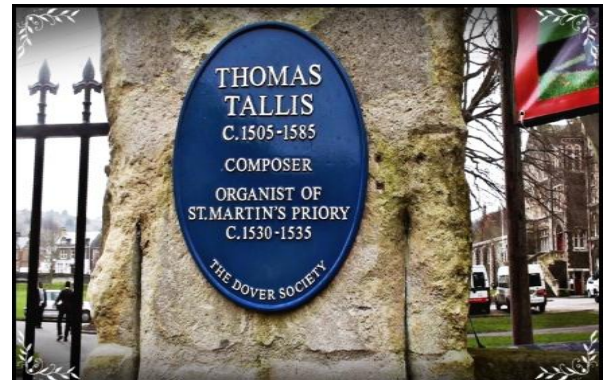
PAST



PRESENT

MAISON DIEU HOUSE THAT IS POSITIONED NEXT TO MAISON DIEU (TOWN HALL) ON BIGGIN STREET WAS ONCE THE HOME OF THE GENT VICTUALER, IT IS THOUGHT TO BE ONE OF THE OLDEST BUILDINGS IN DOVER. A PRIME EXAMPLE OF JACOBAN ARCHITECTURE, IT NOW HOUSES THE DOVER TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES.

EFFINGHAM CRESCENT, EFFINGHAM PASSAGE, EFFINGHAM PATH AND EFFINGHAM STREET



EFFINGHAM CRESCENT RUNS FROM PRIORY ROAD TO DOVER COLLEGE. IT WAS BUILT BY PARKER AYERS IN 1847. LADY EFFINGHAM WAS A FREQUENT VISITOR TO DOVER AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE COST OF BUILDING CHRISTCHURCH, WHICH WAS BUILT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE CRESCENT.

EFFINGHAM PASSAGE CONNECTS THE FOLKESTONE AND MILITARY ROADS FOR PEDESTRIANS. PROBABLY DATING FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY ROAD AND ENDING OPPOSITE EFFINGHAM STREET, THESE STEPS ARE NOW CALLED CHRISTCHURCH STEPS SINCE THEY WERE ADJACENT TO CHRISTCHURCH UNTIL IT WAS DEMOLISHED.

EFFINGHAM PLACE WAS ON THE CORNER OF FOLKESTONE ROAD AND EFFINGHAM STREET AND BUILT AT THE SAME TIME.

EFFINGHAM STREET IS OFF FOLKESTONE ROAD. IT WAS CALLED ST. MARTIN'S STREET FROM 1847-1872 AND WAS RENAMED AFTER LADY EFFINGHAM.

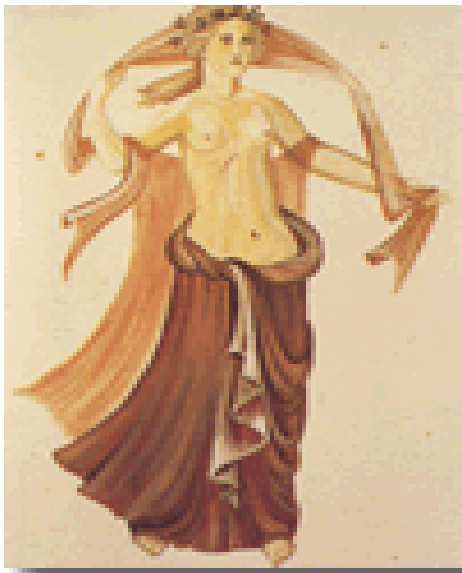
NORMAN STREET

NORMAN STREET WAS BUILT ON PRIORY FIELDS IN 1846.

TAXI RANK (OUTSIDE BOOTS THE CHEMIST), BIGGIN STREET, DOVER

WHEN FOLLOWING BIGGIN STREET, TO JOIN CANNON STREET, IF YOU WANTED TO POP INTO THE ROMAN PAINTED HOUSE, PLEASE GO DOWN NEW STREET, ON YOUR RIGHT, IF NOT JUST FOLLOW CANNON STREET DOWN TO THE MARKET SQUARE.

THE ROMAN PAINTED HOUSE



THE DOVER ROMAN PAINTED HOUSE IS A UNIQUE TOURIST ATTRACTION AND WELL PRESERVED MUSEUM IN THE HEART OF DOVER TOWN SHOWING WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE IN THE DOVER, DEAL AND SANDWICH AREA IN ROMAN TIMES. EXCAVATED AND RESTORED IN THE 1970'S, THE HOUSE WAS BUILT AROUND AD 200 AND PROBABLY SERVED AS AN INN FOR TRAVELLERS.



CANNON STREET

IN ANCIENT DOCUMENTS, CANNON STREET IS REFERRED TO AS THE KING'S HIGHWAY. THE STREET WAS WIDENED IN 1858 AND AGAIN IN 1893. IT WAS PEDESTRIANISED IN 1981.



PAST



PRESENT

CANNON STREET - ST.MARY'S CHURCH

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN IS A NORMAN CHURCH BUILT BETWEEN 1066 AND 1086. IT WAS RESTORED IN VICTORIA'S REIGN BETWEEN 1843-1844. ST MARY'S WAS PROBABLY BUILT ON THE SITE OF A SAXON CHURCH, BUT WAS CERTAINLY BUILT ON TOP OF AN EVEN EARLIER ROMAN STRUCTURE. THE 'LADY CHAPEL' IS IN THE RIGHT-HAND AISLE, THE ORGAN IN THE LEFT. THE GRAVEYARD (CHURCHYARD, CEMETERY) WAS CLOSED FOR BURIALS IN 1854.