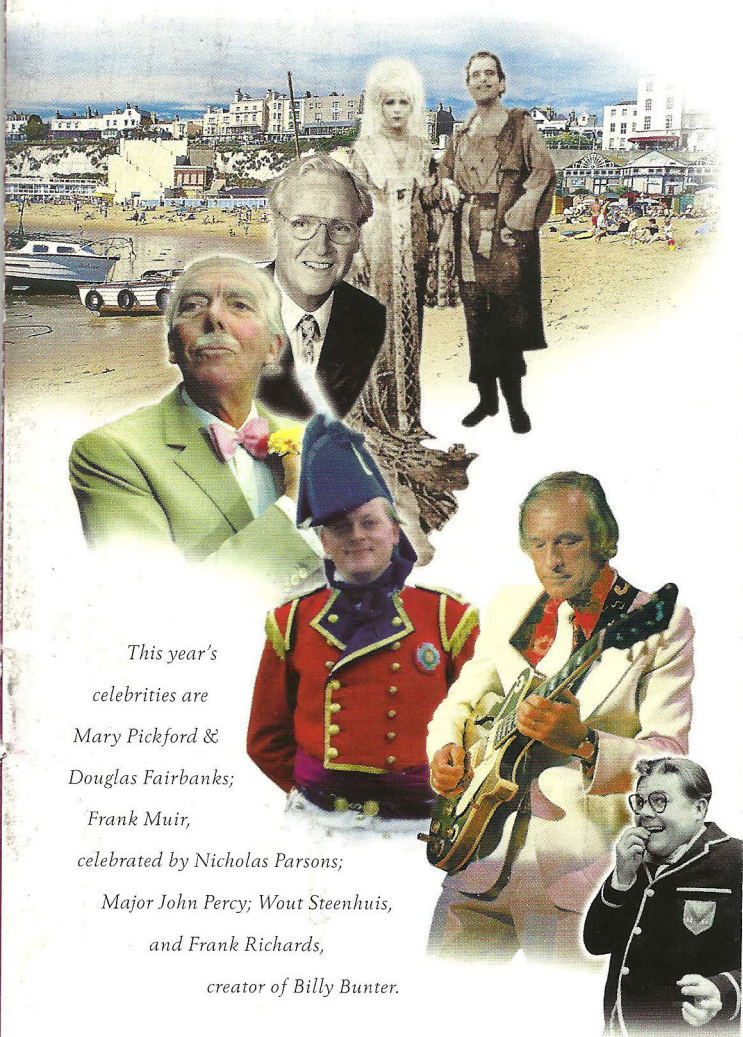


Celebrity Connections

*A Festival
applauding past
visitors and residents
of Broadstairs and
St Peter's*

EXHIBITIONS - SHOWS - TALKS
QUIZZES - FILM - CHILDREN'S CLUB

23rd - 29th October 1999 - AUTUMN HALF-TERM



*This year's
celebrities are
Mary Pickford &
Douglas Fairbanks;
Frank Muir,
celebrated by Nicholas Parsons;
Major John Percy; Wout Steenhuis,
and Frank Richards,
creator of Billy Bunter.*

This programme of events is FREE

A WELCOME FROM THE FESTIVAL CHAIR

Welcome.

We are very proud of our town and its many famous residents and visitors and we hope that you find this second 'Festival of Celebration' both entertaining and informative.

My thanks to all those who have assisted in making this week possible.

Pat Craddock

Chair of Celebrity Connections Festival

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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

This will be the second year of the festival, which was the idea of the Town Council to celebrate the town's famous sons and daughters.

The highlight of the inaugural 1998 festival was a visit by **Sir John Mills** who talked about his famous sister **Annette**, and her work with Muffin the Mule.

To book for the festival week, or to find out more information about our lovely town of Broadstairs, on the South East coast, contact the Tourist Information Office, 6b High Street, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 1LB. Tel: 01843 862242 or visit our web site at **www.broadstairs.gov.uk**.

An up-to-date **Newsletter** will be produced during the festival, giving background information and any last-minute programme details. Available at the Tourist Information Centre, Festival Centre, and Venues.

FRANK RICHARDS and GERALD CAMPION

The celebrated creator of *Greyfriars School* and the *Billy & Bessie Bunter*, *Harry Wharton*, *Bob Cherry* and *Huree Jamset Ram Singh* characters, **Frank Richards**, was the pen name of **Charles Hamilton**, born on 8th August 1876.

Charles lived at Kingsgate and the Bunter books appeared each year until his death in 1961.



Gerald Campion as Billy Bunter

Mary Cadogan is the editor of *'The Collectors Digest'* and an authority on Frank Richards' work.

Peter Mahoney is also a writer, and a Frank Richards enthusiast.

John Wernham is the curator of the Charles Hamilton Museum at Maidstone.

Una Hamilton-Wright is Charles' niece and enjoyed the Fat Owl's Meal as our guest last year, returning this year to impart more knowledge of her famous uncle.

Gerald Campion

Gerald Campion portrayed *Billy Bunter* in the television series during the 1950s, and he will be the Guest of Honour at the Fat Owl's Meal.

MENU

Cream of Wild Mushroom Soup
Fillet of Smoked Haddock with a Welsh Rarebit Topping

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Home-made Steam & Kidney Pudding
Fresh Vegetable Bake

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Apple & Blackcurrant Crumble Tart with Cream
Treacle Pudding with Custard

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Coffee

TUESDAY 26th October

Celebrating

Frank Richards and Frank Muir

- 10.30 -12.30 Baptist Hall, Queens Road** £1.00
Children's Club - Billy Bunter with Hurley-Burley Theatre
- 11.00 -12.30 Royal Albion Hotel** £2.50
Talk on Frank Richards with John Wernham
- 14.00 -16.00 Baptist Hall, Queens Road** £2.50
Animation - A Talk on how it's done
- 14.00 -16.00 Merriland Hotel** £2.50
Frank Richards Forum with Mary Cadogan,
John Wernham, Ursula Hamilton Wright, Peter Mahone
- 20.00 -22.30 Marchesi's** £14.00*
The Fat Owl's Meal with Special Guest Gerald Campion
Advance Bookings Only - Space Limited. Tel: 01843 868718

WEDNESDAY 27th October

Celebrating

Frank Muir and Frank Richards

- 10.30 -12.30 Baptist Hall, Queens Road** £1.00
Children's Club - *What-a-Mess* with
Hurley Burley Theatre
- 10.30 -14.30 from Pierremont Hall** donations
Walk with Monica Headley to Port Regis and
Percy Avenue, Kingsgate (with a break for refreshments)
- 11.00 - Transport from Pierremont to arrive 11.30** £2.00*
Port Regis visit to Frank Richards Collection
- 11.00 -12.30 Merriland Hotel** £2.50
Talk on Frank Richards with Peter Mahone
- 14.00 -16.00 Baptist Hall, Queens Road** £2.50
Readings from Frank Muir's Children's Stories
with Fixtures & Fittings
- 14.00 - 16.00 Merriland Hotel** £2.50
Talk on Billy Bunter by Mary Cadogan
- 20.00 - 23.00 The Pavilion** £8.50*
One-Man Show with NICHOLAS PARSONS
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EXHIBITIONS

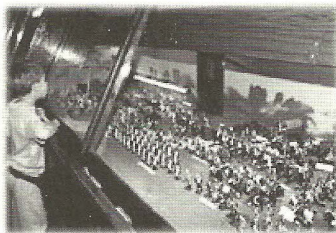
The **Kent Costume Trust** will show a superb collection of **wedding dresses** from the 20s and 30s in celebration of the wedding of **Douglas Fairbanks** and **Mary Pickford**. These will be housed in the Council Chamber at Pierremont Hall, which will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm daily (except Sunday).

Lights, Camera, Action is a glimpse into media history of the fabulous early movie era, and is running in conjunction with the Movie Centre - a newly opened museum in Ramsgate.

The **Broadstairs Exhibition** will be in the Festival Centre in Harbour Street.

The Frank Richards Collection of artefacts and memorabilia, on view at Port Regis on Wednesday 27th October only, with some items on display at the Festival Centre throughout the week, kindly loaned by Mr R. F. Acraman.

The Waterloo Museum in Crow Hill offers a wealth of history of the Napoleonic times, together with fascinating toy soldiers and memorabilia.



The Waterloo Museum

MOVIE MOMENTS

A Mini Exhibition

Take time out during the day to enjoy Celebrity Coffees, Luscious Lunches and Billy Bunter Style Teas - with Movie Memorabilia and Music of the 20s and 30s, at Daisy's Coffee Shop opposite Pierremont Park in the High Street, which will be open from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm.

GUIDED WALKS

A series of guided walks have been designed especially for this year's festival, led by a very keen local walker, **Monica Headley**. The walks are connected with the celebrity themes and will take in places of interest along the way to the various destinations where our celebrities lived or worked.

An information sheet will be available prior to the festival. Most of the walks will take from one and a half to two and a half hours, to include breaks for refreshments

Programme of Walks

All Walks begin at 10.30 am setting off from Pierremont Hall
FREE - Donations welcome

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| Saturday 23rd | Walk to Reading Street
where Mary Pickford & Douglas Fairbanks
honeymooned |
| Sunday 24th | Town Trail Walk around Broadstairs |
| Monday 25th | Walk to The Derby Arms, Ramsgate
where Frank Muir was born |
| Wednesday 27th | Walk to Port Regis and
Percy Avenue, Kingsgate
to see the home of Frank Richards and the
school which is said to have been the
inspiration for ' Greyfriars ' |
| Thurs 28th | Walk to Seven Stones Drive
where Wout Steenhuis lived and worked |
| Fri 29th | Napoleonic Broadstairs
to celebrate Major John Percy |



Broadstairs on The Isle of Thanet

The historic resort of Broadstairs & St Peter's has received visitors for generations, and is famous for its warm and friendly welcome.

With excellent road and rail links, we're easy to get to from London or Europe, so why not make the connection...

GETTING HERE:

By Road: M2/A299 or M20/A249/A299

By Rail: Victoria or Charing Cross

By Coach: Victoria Coach Station

FESTIVAL TICKET INFORMATION

Season Tickets are available in advance for the Children's Club and for the Frank Richards Events. Many tickets will be available at the door. Events marked with * are available in advance from: Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council Offices, 1st Floor, Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs, CT10 1JX

Tel: **01843 868718** Fax: 01843 866048

<http://www.broadstairs.gov.uk>, and from : The Festival Centre, Harbour Street, Broadstairs. The Festival Centre will be open from Wednesday 20th October to Friday 29th from 10.00 am to 16.00.

This Programme of Events is correct at the time of going to press. However the organisers reserve the right to make any changes where necessary. Tickets will not guarantee entry after the performance has begun.



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FRANK RICHARDS

Notes for members of *The Collectors Digest*

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

If your time in Broadstairs allows, the following are well worth a visit:

The Albion Bookshop (Secondhand)

- Alan Kemp 29 Albion Street Broadstairs

The largest stock of secondhand books in East Kent. They are putting on a special display of Frank Richards items for the appropriate days.

Gillicraft - Gill and Mike Faulkner, The Bear Shop (Also accessories) 15 Albion Street Broadstairs

Dickens House Museum Victoria Parade, Broadstairs

Well worth a visit for anyone interested in the life and works of Charles Dickens.

Any further queries you may have regarding your visit to Broadstairs, please do not hesitate to contact:

Pam or Kim at the Town Clerks Office

Pierremont Hall Broadstairs,
Kent CT1 0 1 JH

Telephone: 01843 868718 Fax: 01843 866048

e-mail: bstc@globalnet.co.uk Internet: broadstairs@gov.uk

WHERE TO EAT:

Broadstairs is well endowed with places for lunch and afternoon tea. The following are highly recommended:

The House of Coffee

1 John Street Broadstairs

Morning coffee - a range of hot cold lunches & afternoon tea.

Cup'n Cakes

39 Albion Street Broadstairs

A range of healthy lunches as w 11 as afternoon teas (Including cream teas!)
- *may be closed in October ?*

[Also see programme for Mini-Exhibition details at

Daisy's Coffee Shop, High Street, Broadstairs, also serving snacks, lunches and teas]

HOTELS:

Royal Albion Hotel

6-12 Albion Street, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 1LU.

Tel: 01843 868071 Telex: 01843 861509

Winter terms not available at this time. Based on their summer terms, suggest that it would be approximately £60 per night, room only. *Every facility in the town centre.*

Castlemere Hotel,

Western Esplanade, Broadstairs, Kent CT10 1TD

Telephone: 01843 861566 Telex: 01843 866379

DB&B Double room around £70, single £40.

Half a mile from town centre. First class in every respect.

Hotel Lancaster

82 West Cliff Road, Broadstairs, Kent

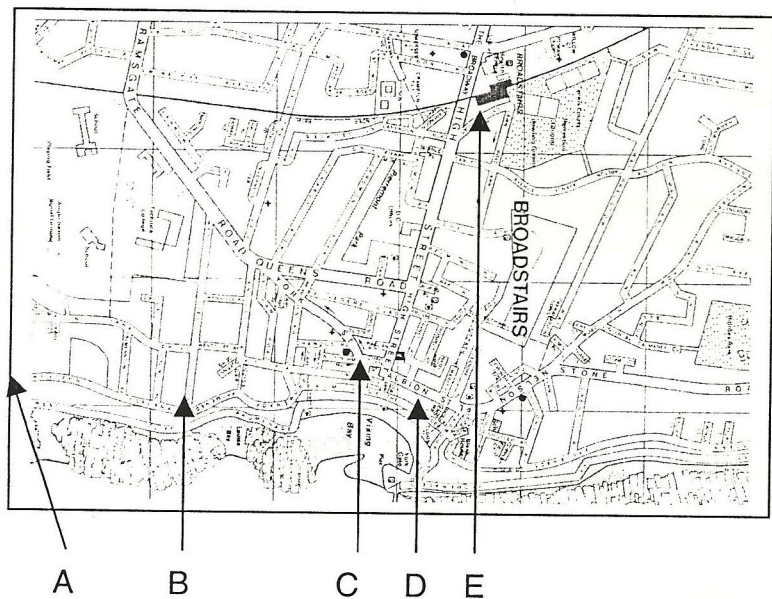
Telephone: 01843 862025

*Accommodation more than adequate. Food **first** class.*

5 minutes from town centre.

[Other hotels and guest houses available – details from the Tourist Information Centre, see *Celebrity Connections* brochure]

MAP OF BROADSTAIRS CENTRE



- A. Castlemere Hotel
- B. Hotel Lancaster
- C. House of Coffee
- D. Albion Street - Royal Albion Hotel
–Albion Bookshop
–The Bear Shop
- E. Railway Station

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Naveed Haque

OCTOBER 23 - 29 1999

CANADA

16 September 1999

Dear Naveed Haque

Thank you for your fax regarding our FRANK RICHARDS DAYS during the 1999 Celebrity Connections festival.

I am sorry that you are unable to attend the festival this year, I enclose a programme, although it gives only the bare bones of the events we are planning I am afraid.

The Frank Richards Collection will be on show at *Port Regis* (thought to be the original *Greyfriars*) and contains memorabilia donated to the town by Mr Bob Acraman, Chairman and Secretary of The Greyfriars Club. These items include:

A writing desk, typing desk, typewriter, stool, bookcase, cine camera, case and projector, Greyfriars plaque, photographs, many volumes of books, self-taught language books, printing plates, Opera music and words, novels, old newspaper copies, pages of sketches and artwork, postcards, chess and board games, and a small wooden box.

Mr John Wernham of the Charles Hamilton Museum in Kent may bring some items with him, but we do not know exactly what as yet.

I hope you find the enclosed programme of interest, and that when we feature Frank Richards again that you will be able to plan a visit. (I have taken the liberty of adding your name to our FR mailing list for the future) and have you visited our website yet at :

www.broadstairs.gov.uk

I also enclose some newspaper cuttings from last years festival which you may find a good read. Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely,

Pam Porritt
Festival Administrator