

JOURNALS

History is history even if it's only a day old! That's why another key piece of our work is documenting local newspapers. We have a large database of news items concerning Marden from Kent newspapers - mainly Kent and Sussex Courier, Kent Messenger, Wealden Ad and Downs Mail. It's a treasure trove of information for researchers of all creeds from historians, writers and journalists to those with a personal or casual interest.

Each week one of our team searches local newspapers for any mention of Marden - news items to sports news, adverts, planning applications and public notices. Each item is cut out and given a unique reference number. The number is then entered, along with names of key people / organizations and a brief summary of the article's main point(s), into separate fields of an on-site form to make a record that's easily searchable by any of the above criteria or desired term. For instance, entering 'Kent County Council' in the Search Bar will show a list of all the records where the council has been mentioned anywhere in the Journals database, with links to view them. There are also options for entering numerous terms. A full description of a record is given in the Journals database [here](#).

Recent publications date continually from 2010, but we have a small number from the previous decade and a smattering from the 20th century, with rare national newspaper pieces such as from the Daily Mail. Prior to this our Maidstone Journal entries cover 1830 - 1846, and the South Eastern Gazette 1876 - 1906.

All this and so much more about Marden is at your disposal if you enrol to become a web member for a small fee. Click [here](#) for details.

Much of our growing contemporary hard copy collection is now in binder form by month and year and viewable to members of the public, who will need to see them to consolidate their research. Our opening times are [here](#) so please feel free to drop in and browse through it at your leisure. No appointment is necessary.