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Kent's Seaside Resorts Through Time

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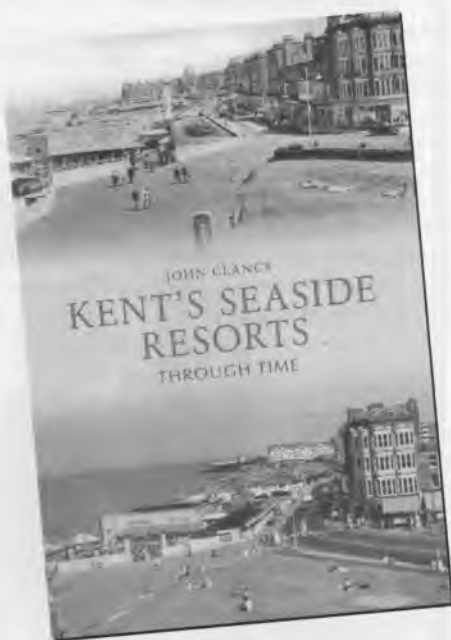
This is the latest in a series of interesting books by various authors that compare old photographs with those of today.

As Kent has one of the longest coastlines in the country John has had a wealth of material to choose from to show his readers the many similarities and differences between today and previous years.

The sepia and coloured photographs, interspersed with interesting text, provide a fascinating insight into the many changes that have taken place in our seaside resorts. Few have retained their high numbers of visitors and old world charm. Many have lost major landmark properties like piers, stations and bathing pools. A few that have managed to retain some of the fun of the seaside are still prospering; sadly many now display little of their former grandeur.

Dover although it is not strictly a seaside resort is covered in the book. The Esplanade can be seen to have undergone a tremendous transformation. Not all for the better. Virtually all small boats have vanished from the beach, as have most of the piers and jetties. The views of the Admiralty Pier also show a marked

contrast before the Marine Station was built. This book is full of fascinating old photographs and well researched text and well worth a read.



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