



THE MARSH MOSAICS



CHURCH OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, DYMCHURCH TN29 0LD

The original Norman design of the church stood until 1821 when the building was enlarged to accommodate the flourishing congregation of the town.

Inside the church, the magnificent Norman chancel arch remains, while outside two medieval scratch dials can still be found - one inside the porch and one on the south wall of the nave.

This beautiful church was built on an artificial mound to raise it above flood level.

The great black backed gull is the largest gull in the world.

Flags depict symbols from the church: The keys of St. Peter and the sword of St. Paul; the historic octagonal font; and zigzag mouldings from the original Norman doorway.

The Sandwich Tern is a rare visitor to the area and is an important conservation priority due to habitat loss.

Donkey rides once entertained visitors to the famous sandy beach.



The fishing village of Dymchurch became associated with smuggling, inspiring Russell Thornecliffe's *Dr Syn* novels. In the books, the lead character is the Vicar of Dymchurch.

The Albert Medal was awarded to Reverend Charles Cobb for saving lives at sea in 1867, following the shipwreck of the *Courier de Dieppe* off the coast here.

The oyster catcher is a wading bird. Sea holly is a distinctive coastal plant. A Martello Tower stands behind; a defensive fort built during the Napoleonic Wars.

The sandy beaches and seaside amusements at Dymchurch have drawn visitors for many years. The famous Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch steam railway also stops at the village.