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House before a residential home in Herne Bay. This was not the end of her travels for she then went to Abbeyfield in Walmer before asserting her independence and moving to a flat in St Margaret's at Cliffe but ending her days in Alandale in Whitfield where she died. She did, however, during the Mayoral year of Diane Smallwood, come down into town and watch the switching on of the Christmas lights in the Market Square by sitting with the Mayor in Dickens Corner and following events from behind the window of that café.

She was a very clever lady, developing much of her learning late in life, was also an active member of the Methodist chapel and a fluent French speaker. While she learned how to swim in her 60s she never drove a car. She shone at poetry, obtaining a merit award in America in 1999 for one of her poems from 1980, "Lexically Speaking", and having published a recollection from the 'England of yesteryear' entitled "The Real Father Christmas". As she approached the end of her life she was still providing samples of poetry:-

Samphire Hoe

*I marvel that the mind man
Dared to emulate the Creator
Devising a landscape in the sea
The cliffs arising from its base
Protected now from the sea's embrace
How strange that we now can walk
Where no foot trod before
On the Channel Tunnel's elemental chalk*

Dorothy Bushell, a Mayor to remember and in whom the town should have considerable pride, led the way for subsequent female Mayors.

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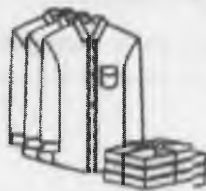
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