

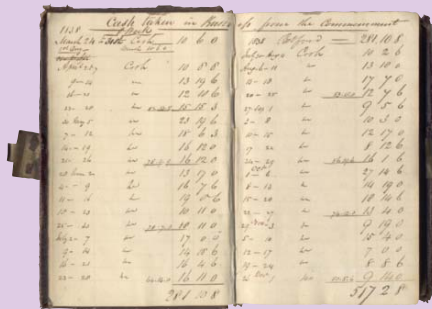
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Kent & Sons at 104 High Street, Colchester, pictured between 1860 and 1878



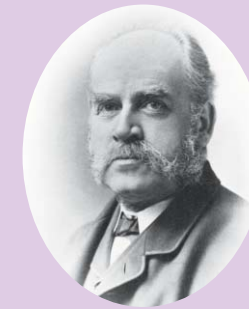
John Kent: founder, owner and partner, 1838-96



John Kent's original cash book



Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887



Edwin F Blaxill – John Kent's partner from 1867



... and Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897

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A lease was taken out on 3A High Street in 1906



Anna Blaxill: proprietor in 1896 and partner 1897 to 1900



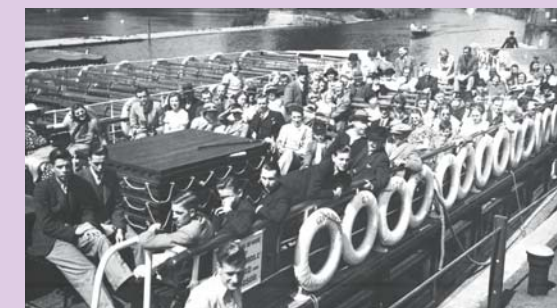
The pre-First World War delivery service



Ben Kent: managing director 1897-1935



The delivery fleet in the 1930s



Staff outing in the late 1930s was a Thames boat trip. A train was hired to take staff to London

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A delivery lorry in 1938



E Alec (Alderman) Blaxill: Mayor 1909-10 and 1937-38



Queen Mary visited Colchester in 1938 when E Alec Blaxill was mayor. He is seated to her left



Alec E Blaxill: MD, 1935-52



Donald Blaxill: joint MD



John Kent: joint MD



Mary Blaxill, wife of chairman Dr Bernard Blaxill, opens the Layer Road site

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The opening of the Layer Road showrooms in 1966



Christopher Blaxill: MD from 1963 to 1989



Harold Whybrow: general manager in 1954



John S Kent: KB's first sales director



Simon Blaxill: MD since 1989



175th anniversary: deputy prime minister Nick Clegg visits, accompanied by Colchester MP Sir Bob Russell



The launch of the KB Kings Lynn branch in 2017