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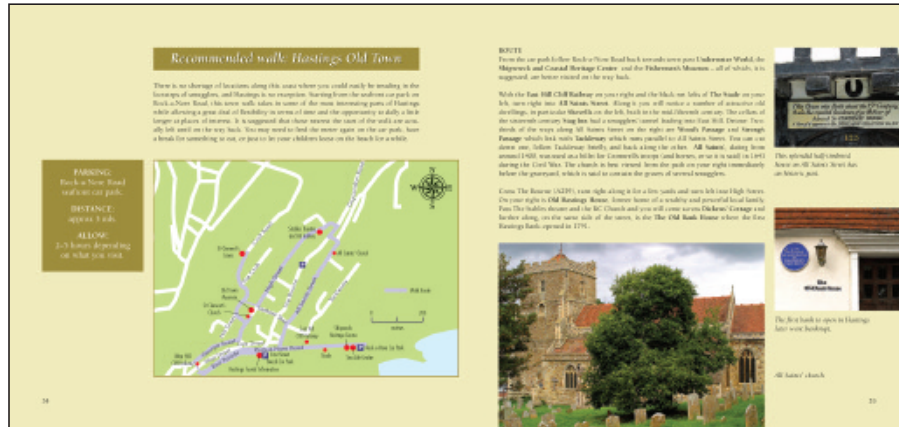
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Some examples of double page spreads.



Left: The Royal Military Canal at Hythe is a major recreational resource for the town's inhabitants and visitors.

Right: The Mermaid Inn is one of Rye's most famous landmarks.

Far right: Dover Castle is perhaps the most impregnable castle in the UK.

Above: St Margaret's at Cliffe, with its unusual boathouse.
Left: Strand Gate was part of the defences of the 'new' Winchelsea after the original settlement was washed away by the sea.

Smallhythe Place was the home of the Victorian actress Dame Ellen Terry for the last years of her life and is now a museum dedicated to her career. It is owned by the National Trust.



The Stade at Hastings is, and always has been, the main focus for its fishing community.

