The Goldfinger route



From St. Margaret's go via Deal and the A258 Sandwich in the reverse order of course. Rochester. James Bond drove from London to Then take the A2 to Faversham, Chatham and harbour, then the A253 and A299 to Reculver. to Sandwich. Follow the A256 to Ramsgate



Ramsgate

melancholy forsaken reaches of the Thames to Sandwich because he wanted to take a quick and leave his bag at the Channel Packet, have an which Goldfinger had chosen for his parish. He look at Goldfinger-land-Reculver and those would then cross the Isle of Thanet to Ramsgate early lunch and be off to Sandwich." "He had chosen the A2 in preference to the A20

Reculver / Ramsgate

Bond heard the roar of their into the earth. With half his mind, below his right hand horizon as if they were diving three Super Sabres came in to land. They skimmed Manston sounded away on his right. A flight of dainty teleworld of Herne Bay. The howl of "Another five miles and Bond was through the

the signpost said RECULVER. the hangers. He came up they landed and taxied in to with a crossroads. To the left

sign for Reculver church. Bond slowed, but didn't jets catch up with them as Underneath was the ancient monument

stop. No hanging about. He motored slowly on,

keeping his eyes open. The shoreline was too

exposed for a trawler to do anything but beach or

those famous dry martinis

"Shaken, not stirred"

anchor. Probably Goldfinger haa clump of trees between the used Ramsgate. Quiet little France. There was a thick port. Customs and Police brandy coming over from on the look-out for who were probably only

and lowers a thin plume of light smoke or steam." roofs and of a medium-sized factory chimney with road and the shore, a glimpse of

> Rolls Royce Silver Ghost. into Ramsgate was moulded into new door panels for his business. Here the gold imported from India by his trawler was the factory from which he ran his gold smuggling Behind Auric Goldfinger's house at Reculver, The Grange,

> > "... the same tacky smell of old shoes and

Sandwich

links at Sandwich Bay. the larks still sing over the the high road to Challock and and celandines still flower on in East Kent. The bluebells lan Fleming's favourite month May really does seem to have been



the greatest seaside golf-course in the world." Fleming describes it simply - "a game of golf on a chapters of Goldfinger, stroke by stroke, hole by hole written from the heart and occupies two whole memorable episodes in all the Bond books. It was match between Bond and Goldfinger is one of the most Goldfinger it features as Royal St. Mark's. The golf Royal St. George's was Ian Fleming's club. In beautiful day in May with the larks singing over



Royal St. George

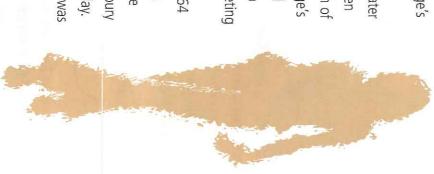
to the left of the bay window, until six o'clock struck, clubhouse using his favourite leather-backed wing chair 9 or 18 holes before tea. This would be taken in the significantly for the plots and detail of many of his Guilford Hotel at Sandwich Bay with his bridge and golf bachelor days. Then he stayed at the now demolished when it would be time for Thunderbird to Royal St. George's on a Friday and play he would drive down from London in his Ford des jeux de hasard, to give it its full title. After the war future James Bond books - Le Cercle gastronomique et friends who formed a group called Le Cercle — or more lan Fleming had played at Royal St. George's since his

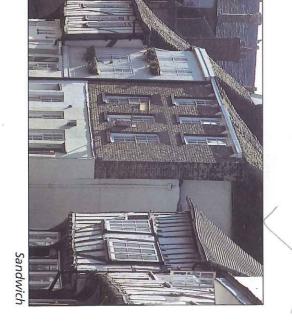


the fairways - perhaps even in the changing room. The bay-windowed clubhouse, the thatched-roof shelters, Alfred Whiting in real life, Alfred Blacking in Goldfinger bothered to disguise the name of the professional —

> it a tradition of the most famous golf clubs socks and last summer's sweat. Why was Sandwich Bay, accessible by car through the across the course starts from the beach at Quay car park. Alternatively a shorter walk course itself is the private property of the club public footpath which runs across the course luckily, can be traced well enough from the that their standard of hygiene should be Sandwich the path starts conveniently at the provide a very enjoyable walk. In the town of but from the footpath enough can be seen to from the town of Sandwich to the sea. The The golf game in **Goldfinger** is a classic and that of a Victorian private school?"

died in Canterbury elected Captain of half-mast. lowered to The club's flag was the following day heart attack. He when he had a 11th August 1964 there on committee meeting had attended a for 1964/5 and Royal St. George's was central to life. He had been lan Fleming's later Royal St. George's





map - more detailed map inside Simplified Goldfinger route

