

Ryde hotels and shops



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The Mentone Apartments

The Mentone Apartments, on the Esplanade. The views show both sides of Union Street, named after the 1801 Act of Union joining Britain and Ireland. Circa. 1920s.



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Yelf's Hotel

Yelf's Hotel in Union Street dates to 1784 (it was altered in 1805 and again in the mid-19th century). Built by John Cooper, a brewer in the town, it was renamed Yelf's after Cooper sold it to Robert Yelf. Circa. 1920s.



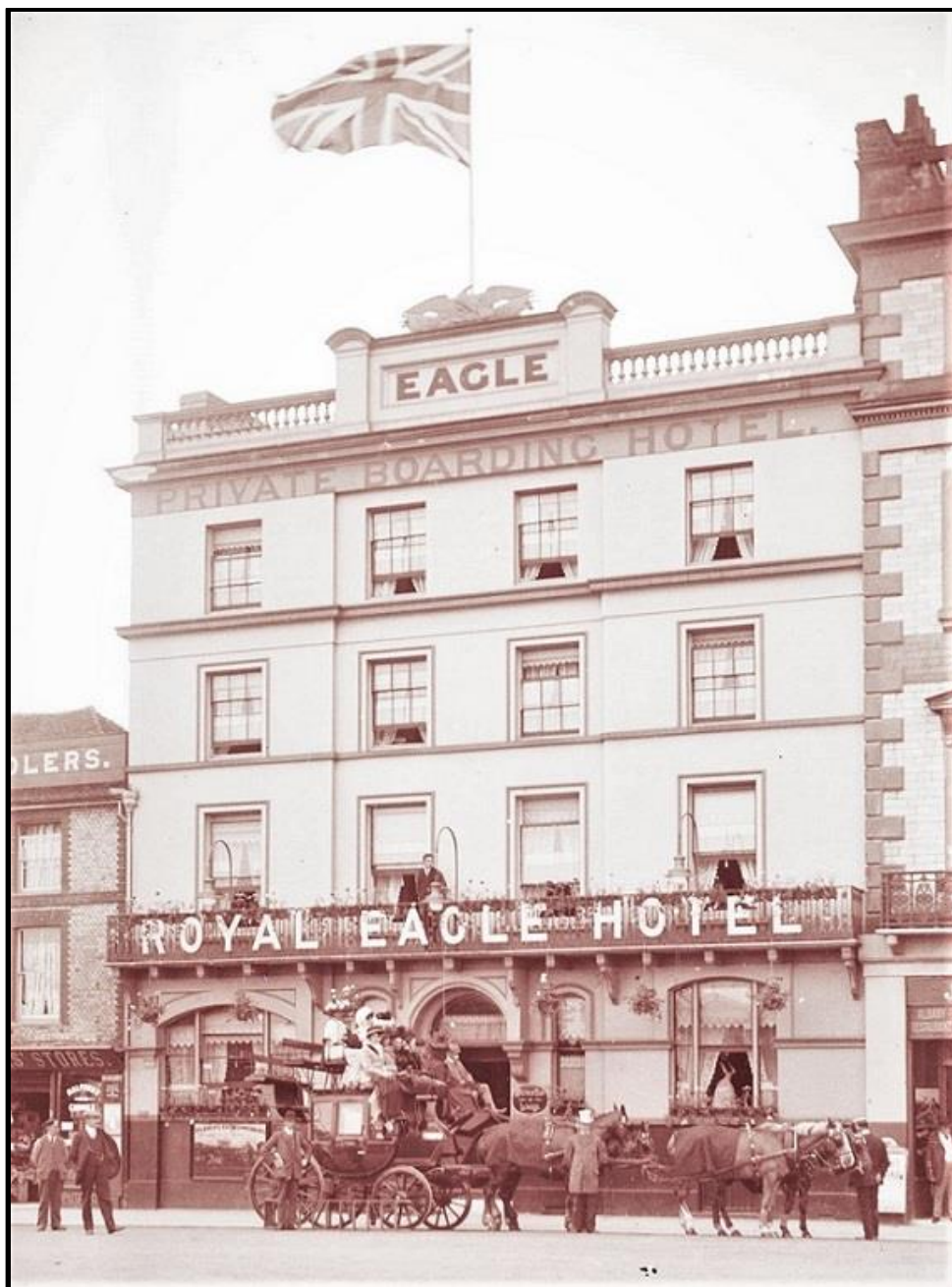
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Colman & Sons shop

View of Colman's Boot Shop, 59 Union Street.

The building was built circa. 1830/40.

Circa. 1920s.



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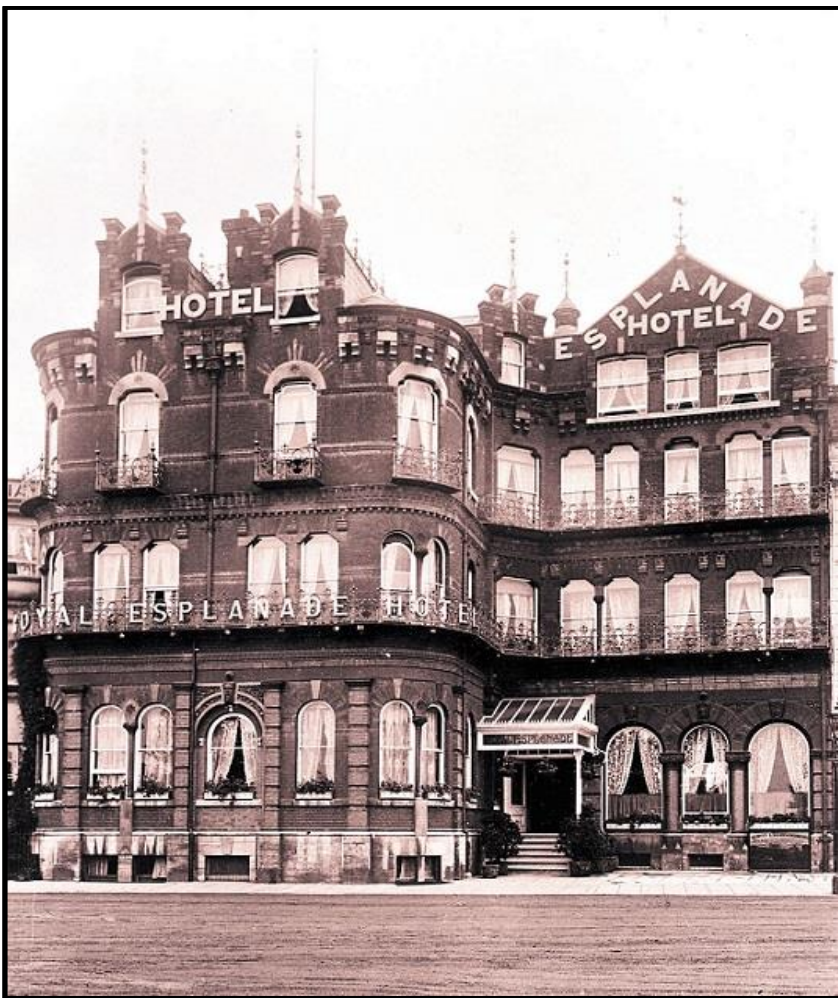


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The Royal Eagle Hotel

Situated on the Esplanade the Royal Eagle Hotel faced the pier and railway station.

Circa. 1910/20s.



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Royal Esplanade Hotel

The "Esplanade Hotel" was built by a local builder called *Parsons and Saunders* and opened in 1867.

In the mid-1890s the hotel was sold and renamed the "Royal Esplanade Hotel" by the new owner Mr W. Bowland Cross.

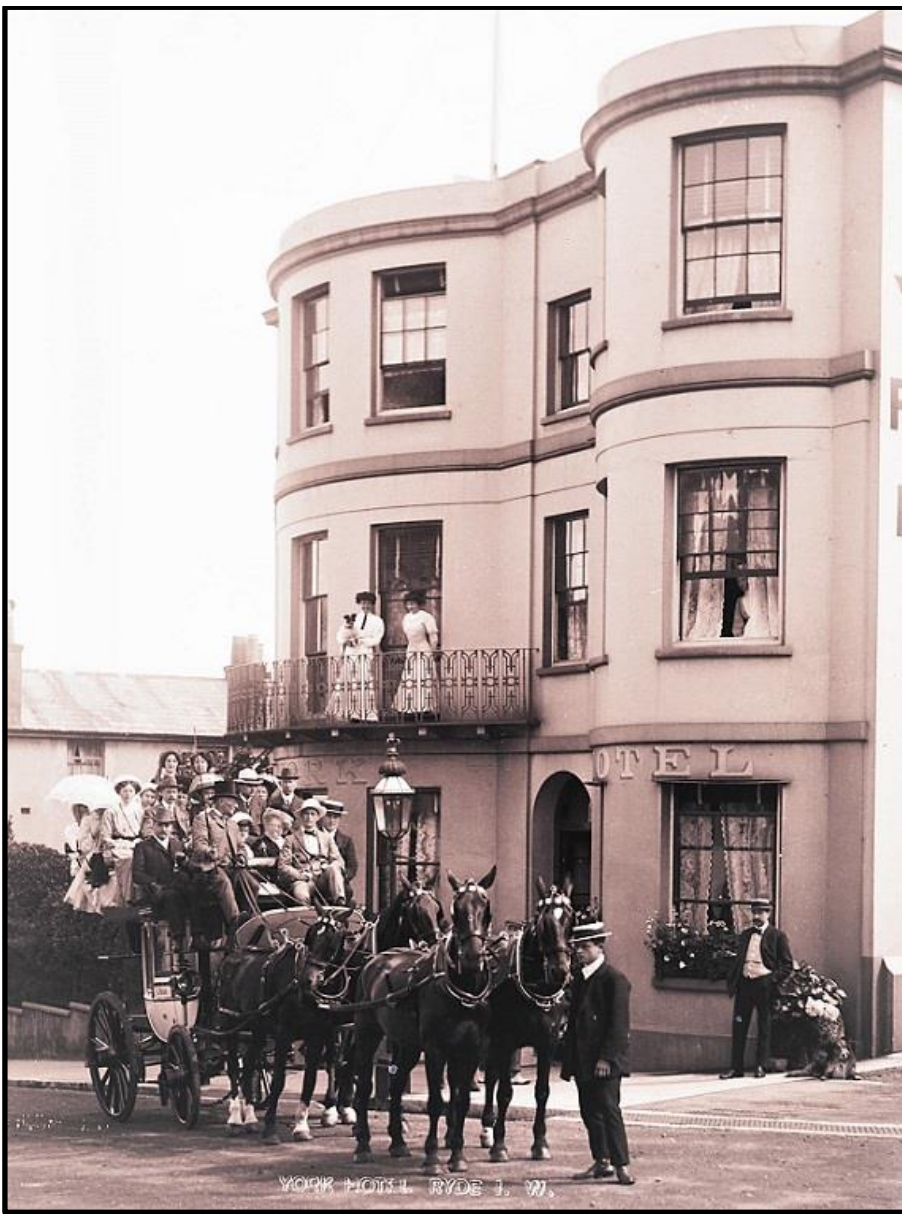
During WW II, part of the hotel was used as a naval supply office.

Circa. 1920s.



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The 1911 Kelly's Directory lists the Refuge Assurance Co as being located at 84 George Street. Circa. 1920s.



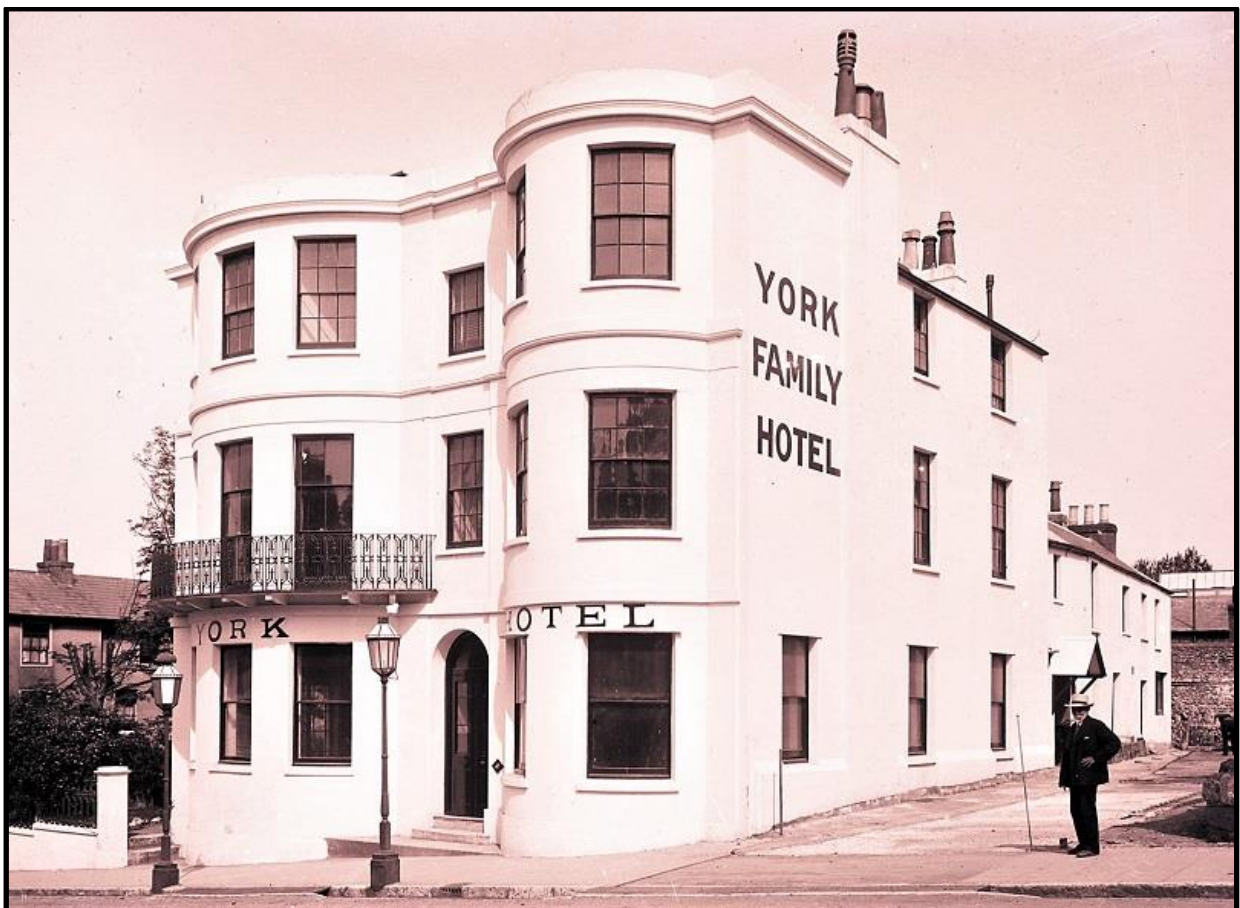
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York Family Hotel

Around 1812 the York Hotel was built in George Street.

On 8 September 1870, the *Empress Eugene*, wife of *Napoleon III*, Emperor of France, spent a night in the York Hotel. She had left France to escape the rioting citizens who were demanding a Republic.

Circa. 1910s 1920s



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