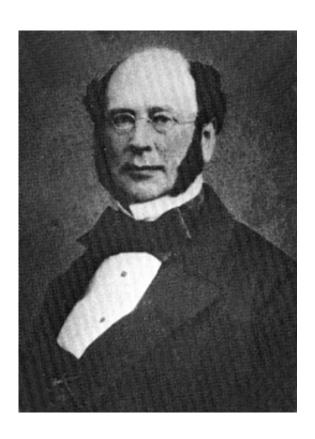# RYDE SOCIAL HERITAGE GROUP

DR BENJAMIN KENT

Benjamin Kent worked as a successful doctor in England but in the mid nineteenth century decided to move to Australia with his wife and young family and make his fortune. He became a medical pioneer in Australia, giving the first anaesthetic there. He became rich and famous, then decided to retire and returned to England. He thought Ryde, Isle of Wight would be a pleasant place to move to and had a wonderful house built in St. John's Park, (Easthill Rd) Sadly he died not long after his retirement. His family had a very impressive tomb erected to his memory in Ryde Cemetery.