Lighthouse Views

These late 20th century photographs are of some of the lighthouses referred to in the Show a Light article.

The remains of the lighthouse tower at Dover which was erected by the Romans around the end of the 1st century AD and claims to be the oldest lighthouse in the British Isles.

(Lighthouses, F Ross Holland, 1995)
This is the Hook Point light at Waterford and dates from medieval times, being the oldest light still in use in the UK and Ireland (Holland)
This is the original St Catherine’s Point light tower on the Isle of Wight which in medieval times used a brazier enclosed in a lantern for illumination. It was taken out of service around 1785 (Holland)
A coal lighthouse was built on the Isle of May in the Firth of Forth in 1635. In 1816 Robert Stevenson designed and built the new lighthouse shown here which was then converted to oil (Holland)
The North Shields lighthouse. Records show there were two lighthouses here in 1540. Both used a single tallow candle. In 1613, the towers were heightened and each light doubled to two candles. When rebuilt in 1727 the number of candles increased to three.
The white two-storey structure is all that remains of the 1792 Dungeness lighthouse. The black and grey structure is the 1904 reinforced concrete tower. The slender black and white column in the distance was built in 1961 (Holland)
The Spurn Point lighthouse of 1895 in Yorkshire (Holland)
The South Foreland lighthouse at Dover was the first in England to use mains electricity and in 1922 the first to use filament lamps.