

Exhibitions Currently - Hastings Connections and Hastings and St Leonards Literary Connections - Agincourt, Waterloo and commemorating 1066.

From 17th March to 24th April Sussex Gardens Trust will be displaying some of their researches on the **Gardens of Hastings and St Leonards**. We are blessed with so many green spaces and a dedicated group looking into their history. There will also be some



of the **Alexandra Park** display which was created in 2013 (the display that is, not the park!).

1066 commemorated -throughout the year we will have something at History House and welcome any help to progress an informative display/event. Do look at **The Saxon Times-on this day in 1066** which David Clarke has put on his **www.historywalksblog.wordpress.com**. A book of these articles should be out in May.

Steven is pricing up a short break to York for a small group (2/3 nights to include 25 September). We will join Stamford Bridge Society and York Civic Trust in their commemorations of the events of 1066, including visits to battlefield sites in association with English Heritage. If interested please e-mail (pompress@hotmail.co.uk) . (The York trip is not being arranged on behalf of OHPS.)

If you are interested in **local archaeology and local history** HAARG have found a treasure trove of back journals. These are being sold at £1 each and buy 5 get one free. There is an index of topics which you can browse to find what interests you. The proceeds from these will be split between HAARG and OHPS.

Visit In the hope of repeating the success of the exchange visit with Rottingdean Preservation Society last year, I am arranging a coach trip for OHPS members and guests to Clayton (near Hassocks) in association with the Jack and Jill Windmills Society.

The date of the trip is not yet agreed, but likely to be towards the end of May, or first week of June. Cost of a seat on the coach will be £12 – maximum of 28 persons. Attractions in the Clayton village area include the two windmills (Jill has been restored and will be opened for us to view), the partly Saxon church, the castellated house over the entrance



to the railway tunnel, and Chattri War Memorial. The Jack and Jill Inn has agreed to accommodate us for lunch (optional extra). The Jack and Jill Windmills Society may come to Hastings Old Town later in the year. If you would like the finalized details for the coach trip, please e-mail (pompress@hotmail.co.uk) or contact Anne. *Steven*



Books Books Books Jill Bradley has kindly agreed to organise a **book sale to run from the 19th –21st February**. We have lots of good quality interesting second hand books for sale so come and buy.

New Books — Hastings Local History Group have published **The Hastings Omnibus by David Padgham** - a comprehensive and well illustrated book available from Hastings History House price £12

A Survivor of Storms Hastings Old Town An Architectural History to 1750 by David and Barbara Martin, Christopher Whittick with Jane Briscoe has just been published priced at £30. This book has been many years in preparation and we are delighted it has now been printed. We have a copy at the History House that can be consulted and we would very much like to stock it for sale which we are trying to arrange. It is currently being reprinted and will be available from www.domtom.co.uk or phone 01444 247766

Exploring History in Hastings Cemetery - the project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund has to finish in March. The First World War book is currently being proof read, the A-Z database of memorials will be available on CD. A book of some of those lives we have explored is also in preparation. I anticipate these will be available from April. The web site is being continually updated and I hope to be able to fix dates for walks later this year. If you would like a copy of our trail leaflet we have them in stock – free. www.friendsofhastingscemetery.org.uk

Old Town Carnival Week 30th July to 7th August

There have been many changes to the Hastings Old Town Carnival Committee this year and I understand there will be discussion as to how things might be improved. Many of you know that the OHPS started Old Town Week in 1962. The month changed over time but has now landed about the first weekend in August. It is the Society's major fundraising event of the year and we are very grateful for the community support in this event. Forms for events organised during the week will be circulated in April and also be available on line.