



Curious picture of a flock of pigeons roosting on two net shops in January. Why these two particular Net Shops I wonder?

Hastings Local History Group are working on a project on Marianne North. They are planning an exhibition and a Cream Tea Path walk for Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, with a call in at the Bohemia Walled Garden for cream teas as part of Heritage Open Days.

You will see from the groups meeting listed on the events page that there are several Marianne North themed meetings. So do join if you are interested.

CARE: Campaign for A 'Roof for Edith. [the statue of Harold and Edith at West Marina gardens]

This aims to "design and install on site appropriate signage, information and screening facilities; to design and erect some form of protection for the statue in its current location; to achieve these mainly through running public design and fundraising activities; to use the resulting installations as a focus for continuing awareness and research on Edith and her milieu. You can support this and find out more on Facebook and Twitter **@roof4edith**

Leafing through one of the books that came in for the book sale, '**Taking the Cure**' by **E S Turner**, I turned to the chapter on *Choosing a Climate* where the author talks about William Harwood's pamphlet of 1828 [see below]. Harwood distinguished five climates in the town. He suggested that living 200 or 300 ft above sea level was unsuitable for consumptives as the temperature on these levels was reduced by a whole degree of latitude.

The High Street benefitted weak lungs in winter but was no good for scrofula. Apparently booking ones rooms for a cure needed detailed examination of terrain and climate, some guides going so far as to detail house numbers. Searching for this title on line [a reprint appears to be currently out of print] I came across the references below which maybe of interest

<http://www.sussexrecordsociety.org/dbs/biblio/subjects/HealthP/>

***On the curative influence of the southern coast of England: especially that of Hastings: with observations on diseases in which a residence on the coast is most beneficial***, by William Harwood, M.D., published 1828 (326 pp., London: Henry Colburn) accessible at: [British Library](#) & [West Sussex Libraries](#) & [East Sussex Libraries](#)

***On the adaptation of various parts of the town of Hastings as places of residence for invalids in different states of disease***, by William Harwood, M.D., published 1829 (40 pp., London) accessible at: [British Library](#)

***Effectual prevention of epidemic diseases. An account of means adopted by the Sanitary Aid Association of the borough of Hastings.***, by a member of the Association, published 1873 (16 pp., London) accessible at: [British Library](#)

***On the Mortality and Public Health of Hastings***, by William Alexander Greenhill, published 1890 (11 pp., Hastings: F. J. Parsons) accessible at: [British Library](#)

**Problems of Hastings water supply**, by S. Little, published 1 January 1952 in *Journal of the Royal Sanitary Institute* (vol. 72, no. 1, article, pp.34-41)

**Harriet Torrance - The Hastings Plague!**, by Lisa Smith, published June 2015 in *Sussex Family Historian* (vol. 21 no. 6, article, pp.257-259) accessible at: [W.S.R.O. \[Lib 15860\]](#) & [The Keep \[LIB/508876\]](#)