

It is with much regret we report the death of Freda Bastin. Many of you will remember that Freda was Treasurer of OHPS for many years. After a career in banking Freda was ideal to take this role on. A lovely lady and a highly valued and generous member of the Society.

We are also sorry to record the death of David Padgham. David was not a member of OHPS but he supported the aims of founding the History House as an officer of Hastings Area Archaeological Research Group and member of the Hastings Local History Group. He gave us a generous deal on the purchase of his collection of street directories, allowed us to copy his local postcards and gave us much of his local research material. He will be missed as a fount of knowledge on all things local of a historical nature.



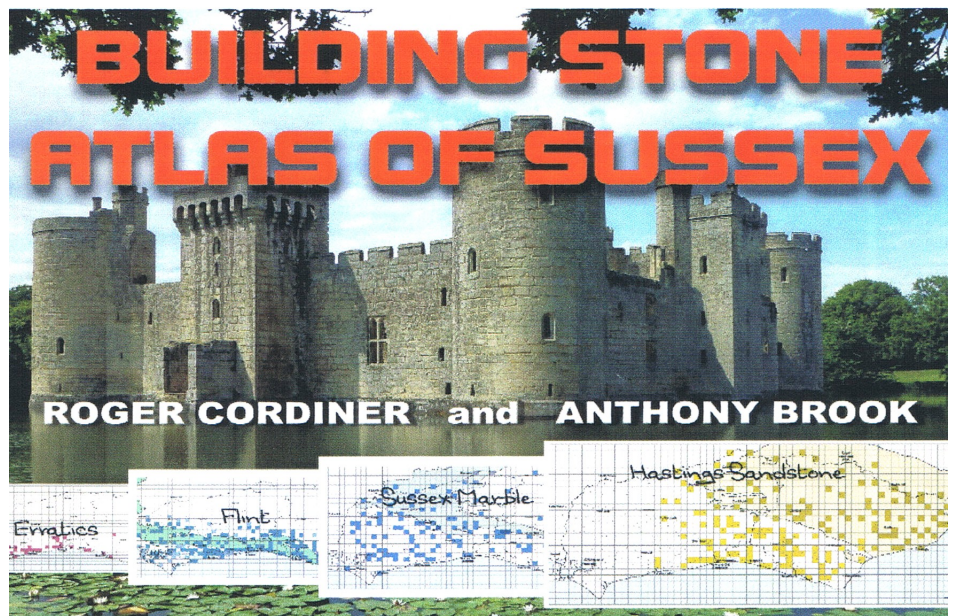
Have you met the new residents at the Fishermen's Museum yet? In the natural history corner there you will find a recent donation of a collection of seabirds.

I remember when the museum was first being catalogued it was distinctly unfashionable to hold a collection of stuffed birds or animals. Fortunately the interest in the Hastings Rarities saved the collection at Hastings Museum which is also of great interest to young visitors.

The stones our towns, villages and churches are built from is a topic that certainly interests me.

The new Atlas [right] is a beautifully produced, easy to understand, well illustrated exploration of the subject. Ideal to accompany visits around our wonderful county.

It can be ordered from (rogercordiner@gmail.com) at a cost of £35 [including P and P] or copies available from Hastings History House at a cost of £28. We will have a limited stock so please ring first and we will put one aside and/or order more.



### **A Pier without Peer - a History of Hastings Pier by Steve Peak**

Copies of this in hardback are available from Hastings History House and the Fishermen's Museum at a bargain price of £10. As well as Steve's work there are chapters by Andre Palfrey-Martin and Hannah Collisson.

Hastings Pier is a great achievement and needs continuing support to survive.

Right: an interesting picture of the dragons teeth being removed after the second world war along Rock-a-Nore. Next time you walk along Rock-a-Nore Road or the Winch Road see if you can find the one that is still in place.

