



## Planning Matters

**The Stade** This picture is part of one showing behind the desk at the History House. It well illustrates the degradation of the boating lake and amusement park area since 1965.

HBC have refused a certificate of Lawful use for 'an enclosed amusement park' between the current enclosed area and the western end of the site.

It was only when I read the Officers report on the planning portal that I realised

the area of the go cart track had been granted enclosed amusement park status last year on appeal. I would imagine there will almost certainly be an appeal to the planning inspectorate on this application too. As yet there has been no decision on the application for alterations to the lake, footpath, buildings etc.

**Brewery Yard** I am delighted to say that the application to demolish two units (including the only remaining Victorian one) and replace them with flats was refused. Once again the Officers report made interesting reading, it was very thorough, having had a good archaeological report [funded by the applicant] as part of the application. It is possible this decision will also be appealed against. We still await adjudication on the Right of Way issue.

## New Exhibitions

For Old Town Carnival Week opening on 28th July both the History House and the Fishermen's Museum are having new exhibitions. At the Fishermen's Museum, the new exhibition is '***Hastings Harbours Past, Present & Future***'. Bob Arrowsmith will be doing a **Boats in Bottles demonstration** throughout the day on Saturday 4th August. We are also promised that Andy will be serving teas/coffees/soft drinks and food from the 'up turned boat' throughout the week.

The new exhibition at the **History House** produced by Marilyn Saklatvala is '***Hastings: Hotbed of Women's Emancipation***' *"Miss Matters wasn't the only suffragette locally - it seems Hastings was something of a hotbed for the movement."* (Pamela Haines)

Marilyn writes 'Lord Curzon blamed women writers - and Hastings had a number of them, many of whom wrote on women's matters, others wrote novels, plays or poetry, and some wrote assiduously to the local newspapers. The exhibition features some of these, (not forgetting to mention some of the men lending their support) and the events which surrounded them, as well as offering a brief history of the suffragette movement in relation to Hastings. The accompanying slide show features many cartoons and posters of the time, as well as Hastings related photos'. Many thanks to Marilyn for her work on this.

**Hastings Local History Group** as part of a HLF funded project are putting together an **exhibition on Marianne North** which will open at the History House on 4th September. There will be other events in connection with Marianne North during Heritage Open Days which follow. These include the Cream Tea path walk and Bohemia Walled Garden having a Victorian themed day. Also as part of the project Sacred Heart School are doing a film and an information board. There will also be two talks at Hastings Museum, and a free booklet.

I didn't realise until Heather Grief put it in one of her excellent newsletters for the Local History Group, that Hastings had turned down the offer of Marianne North's paintings and a gallery for them. A trip to Kew is well worth while - the bust of Marianne pictured right, is in her Gallery there.

