

The British Newspaper Archive is a wonderful resource for following up enquiries and inevitably one gets side tracked by other interesting snippets.

Whilst searching for information about Horace Spelman Marriott, who it seems built Hazel Hurst in Stonestile Lane, I came across the following items which I found of interest from the Hastings and St Leonards Observer of 1st March 1882.

“Creche at Hastings

A meeting was held on Thursday at Miss Kingsbury’s, Torfield House, to arrange the preliminaries for a crèche or “day nursery” to be founded for the benefit of the mothers of the Old Town.” It goes on to list the ladies and one gentleman, a Mr Colpoys, possibly two as the Rev Foyster opened the meeting.

“ suitable gifts of cots (or their value 30s), Kitchen utensils, crockery, toys and old linen. Any gifts will be thankfully received by Miss Kingsbury.” Miss Kingsbury herself together with Mrs Lucas Shadwell sent their apologies for not being present at the meeting due to ill health.

Tying in with the advertisement in the Almanack there was a report about a Hastings family recently moved to Canada. Mr Breach had left for Canada with his wife and family and the Editor was pleased to report that “Miss Breach, who readers will remember had a fine voice had been putting it to good purpose in her new home.. From a Winnipeg newspaper to hand ... Miss Breach and Cannon Coombes were one of the best pieces of the evening” at a concert for the inauguration of St Johns College Winnipeg.

The Lady’s Pictorial is quoted as saying “ In addition to the natural sunshine and dryness of the climate for which ‘sunny’ St Leonards is famous, the society is bright, gay and cheerful. Although St Leonards has been to a certain extent affected by the general depression of everything connected with pecuniary interests throughout the world, the number of visitors has not been less this season”.

“ A new Hastings and St Leonards and County Social Club is to be opened in a few months time in the fashionable part of St Leonards. A great addition to this *distingue* and delightful watering place. A pleasanter, more cheerful, sociable place than Hastings and St Leonards and their surroundings cannot be found for well known families: or others with introductions.”

The paper also records concerts in aid of Halton Boys School and Ore Working men’s Institute, and a lecture by Mr W Dine on ringworm and its cure to the Hairdressers Association, dwelling on the four kinds of ringworm and showing the means to be adopted in order to destroy them.

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The adverts are also from the Almanack for 1883 December given with the Hastings and St Leonards Observer of December 30th 1882.