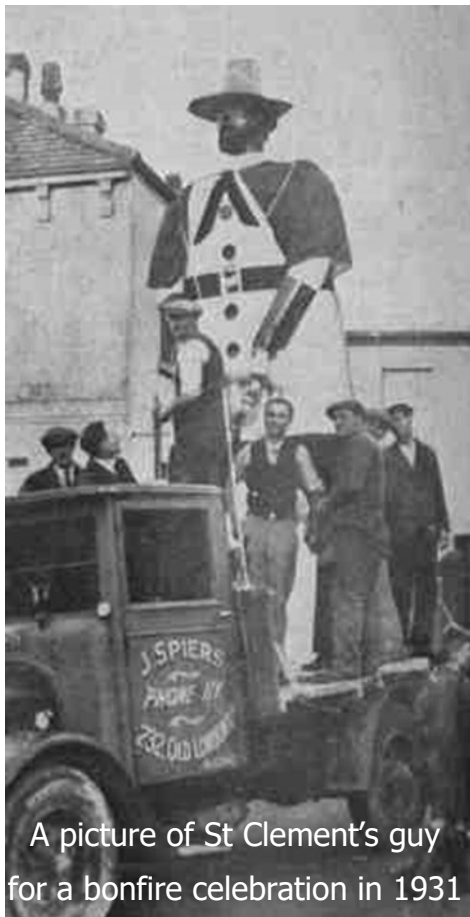


The Society subscribes to the British Newspaper Archive and there was an interesting item in a recent newsletter about superstitions. It concerned putting on clothes inside out. This apparently is lucky, but only if you continue to wear them that way and did it by accident.

This superstition is said to date from 1066 when William put on his coat of mail the wrong way.

His men said it was a bad omen but William replied it was a good omen, meaning that he would be changed from a Duke to a King.

It is not noticeable on the illustration of the Bayeux Tapestry, which we currently have on display, our usual exhibition for October.



A picture of St Clement's guy for a bonfire celebration in 1931

The Queens Hotel

The postcard below tells its own story, but what of the former Queens Hotel?

On Crown Estates land near the site of the old Customs House, it was designed in 1862 by Crown Architects, Reeks and Humbert, and opened two years later, as the first "high class" hotel in Hastings.

In 1940 it had 200 bedrooms, a dining room for 200, a banqueting hall for 400, and a new ballroom.

The Queens Hotel Stade was where the large pleasure yachts like the Albertine departed and was also favoured by humbler craft.

There was no roadway on the seaside until Sydney Little built the new promenade in the 1930s, which stopped the use of this mooring place.

During WW11 it was taken over by the military and in 1943 the roof was hit by a bomb which went on to demolish the Albany Hotel next door.

It suffered damage in the 1987 hurricane with a chimney falling in, which resulted in a death and the closure of the hotel.

