

**A first reminder that subscriptions will be due in January. The rates remain at £10 for an individual and £15 for 2 people at the same address.**

We are looking forward to having a new exhibition on Places of Worship to accompany a book which is in progress on Churches In Hastings and St Leonards. Hopefully the exhibition will be up sometime in the new year, although the book might take rather longer.

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A recent enquiry was regarding iron working in the area of Elphinstone Road. The name of Blacklands would indicate some industrial process and John Baines in Historic Hastings says that, in conjunction with Pondbay Bridge in the same vicinity, it seems there is evidence of a dam to provide power for such workings. There is no date attached to such workings, but evidence of iron slag has been found.

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'Pollins' Sweetshop in Queens Road, and a Mrs Vidler who ran a B and B on the seafront were two more of our recent enquiries. A quick search in the street directories has not located these yet.

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It was good to welcome  
The Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports,  
Sir George Zambellas,  
to the Fishermen's Museum on  
1st November.

He was in town to be enrolled into  
the Winkle Club.

At the door of Half Sovereign Cottage  
is Stephen Roberts-Pratt,  
our new Shipkeeper at the Museum.  
We are hoping to add a new fishing  
boat to the Museum's collection. She  
is the 'Roebuck', the last registered  
boat to fish from Bulverhythe Beach



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In my Royal Horticultural Society magazine for October there was an article on the Herbarium at Wisley. The curator there is trying to trace a 'Papillon' who purchased some rare orchids. I have emailed details of the local Papillon family to them, so maybe these rare plants survive at Crowhurst Park or Catsfield.

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One of our visitors is proposing to display a collection of Hastings prints in March 2025.

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Marilyn Saklatvala has been working on a weather exhibition to go up later this month, by which time we hope to have a new printer to do the pictures justice.

**WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2025**