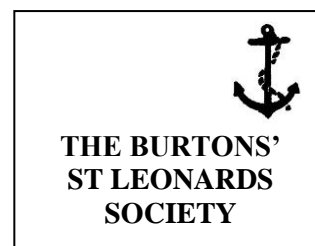


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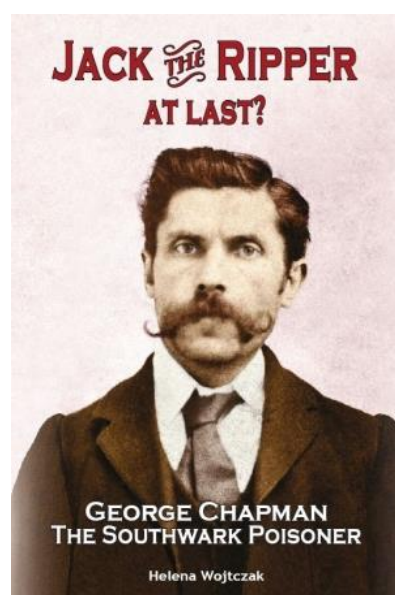
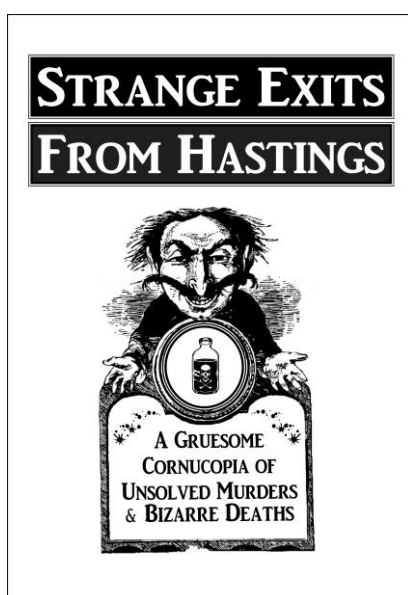
**Death at Caterina Villa
The First Murder in Burtons' St Leonards, 1848**

Sunday 23rd February 2020

Helena Wojtczak

Royal Victoria Hotel 4 pm

Helena Wojtczak was born in Sussex but her family moved to London when she was a child. She moved to St Leonards in 1992 and studied for a degree while working as a railway guard and ticket inspector. After an accident ended her 20-year railway career Helena took up local history as a hobby, specialising in the lives of women in the Victorian era. She wrote and published four books on the subject, and one on the history of female railway workers.



After discovering that a serial poisoner and Jack the Ripper suspect once lived and worked in Hastings, she branched out into a new genre and wrote a study of his life and crimes. Her works have gained critical acclaim and won awards, as well as leading to speaking engagements and induction as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in 2016. Her latest book, *Strange Exits from Hastings*, will be launched at the talk.

Tickets: £2.50 members; £5.00 non-members - Bookings/enquiries:

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