

## October 2015 Parish News

### Old Town Surgery

Part of the attraction of living in the Old Town is that so many services and facilities are here. This is especially true for our doctors surgery. The changes and growing complexities of providing a General Practice service are now a huge challenge. In particular the recruitment of permanent G.P.s is a current key issue. The breadth of front line services to ease pressure on the Conquest Hospital is another key issue. The current building cannot be successfully modified within a reasonable cost so something must be done.

The proposal is to re-locate to the former Ice House building in Rock - a - Nore Road. If the hopes and ideas can be achieved this community will have a much more comprehensive set of facilities. Included could be :-

- space for about 6 G.P.s
- 23 clinical rooms
- a healthy eating restaurant
- a gym
- a pharmacy
- PLUS physiotherapy; a dentist; and an optician.

The end result will provide a One - stop shop with better integrated services for patients.

*COME TO A SPECIAL OPEN MEETING AT STADE HALL ON FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 7.00 TO HEAR DR CRAIG NAMVAR EXPLAIN THE IDEAS.*

### Old Town Hall Museum

Following a meeting at the History House on 10<sup>th</sup> September it has been agreed to seek expressions of interest from both groups and individuals. We need to learn what activities might be offered. At this early stage of negotiations with Hastings Council our key ambition is that this building will become a Community Asset. Any organisation that runs this building will need to fund costs like utilities, insurance and maintenance.

As a cautious first step we hope there can be a trial period of up to 24 months. In the long term a 25 year lease will be sought. This makes it essential to recruit younger active people to turn this into an attractive, busy building for the whole community to use.

If you wish to EXPRESS AN INTEREST please drop a note to Anne Scott at the History House, Courthouse Street OR send an email to [dick@hotra.org.uk](mailto:dick@hotra.org.uk). The deadline for this is 1<sup>st</sup> November.