## History Talks from David Clarke

## Explore and Discover St Leonards on Sea

There is more to St Leonards on Sea than the Promenade.

There is much to admire along the front but hidden away behind the houses in St Leonards on Sea, is a story of a dream to build a New Town which in 1841 was said that "None but the unrivalled crescents of Bath and Bristol is superior to the Marina of St Leonards".

This talk will first lead you through the Regency splendour of the rich and wealthy, on past Mercatoria and Lavateria, built to service the grand houses before venturing into a green St Leonards hidden away behind the houses, on the very edge of the town, and a history that stretches back at least a thousand years.

Landing places for Duke William's fleet, a Saxon Manor house, the finest racecourse in the South-East and a Church hidden away in an ancient wood are all part of the legacy of St Leonards on Sea.

It is an engaging account of a walk around the history of St Leonards on Sea.