

# Friends of Marlipins Museum

**Winter Series of Lunchtime Talks**

## **“Vanderbilt & the London to Brighton Stagecoach”**

**An illustrated talk by local Historian, Alan Barwick**



American millionaire, Alfred Vanderbilt, came to England in 1908 bringing with him some 80 of his horses in order to re-create the atmosphere of the old coaching days before the railways took away much of the trade in the 1840s. On 22nd April 1908, he made a trial run of the journey from London to Brighton in the stagecoach “Meteor” with himself driving. The regular service, using Vanderbilt’s coach “Venture”, started on 4<sup>th</sup> May. The coach trip ended at the Hotel Metropole.

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 12.30 pm**

**Marlipins Museum**

**ENTRANCE: side entrance in Middle Street**

**Entrance Fee: Members £3 Non-Members £4**