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One of the boons of now operating a website is that the SRS is able to respond to helpful comments, additional information and corrections submitted by readers of our printed volumes. We are becoming, in the jargon, more 'interactive' ...

It is inevitable that volumes will contain errors, for editors are human and the material with which they are dealing is complex, and often difficult to read; the process of proof-reading at the end is fraught with problems. As computers have developed, they too have grown a mind of their own and often seek to 'correct' our grammar, spelling and punctuation for us!

Several helpful corrections have been noted in the short life of Volume 98:

We would like to thank Roger Davey for spotting that the caption to Illustration 4 on page xx should read 'North Marden' and not 'Northchapel' at the end of the line. This is a sad example of where the editors have failed to observe one of the late Roy Hunnisett's golden rules: always proof read captions separately from the text.

Readers who live on the border between East and West Sussex should check in which archdeaconry they fell before complaining to us that their parish is 'missing'. Don't blame us, blame the officials operating in the seventeenth century.

On a more serious note, Richard Standing kindly alerted us to the fact that we have confused holders of the living of Kingston Gorse with those of Kingston Buci, some miles away in East Sussex. Likewise, we have confused the holders of the living of East Preston in the West with those of East Preston in the East. This is what comes from attempting to provide extra information not contained in the documents on the tricky matter of incumbents and patrons!

Thankfully, Mr Standing has confirmed that our survey transcriptions for East Preston, Ferring and Kingston Gorse are correct. Even more helpful, given problems with isolated names in the difficult document relating to 1602, he has confirmed that Richard Snelling was the 'farmer' of all three livings.

Richard Standing is the undoubted expert on these parishes and we would refer readers to his *East Preston and Kingston An Illustrated History*, published by Phillimore in 2006. In that he notes that 'Kingston chapel was eaten up by the

sea in the 1630s' (p.27) and that the problem had been reported on for some years. By 1641 it was reported by the churchwardens in an Easter Bill that 'our chappell is utterly ruined and demolished by the sea, and wee do constantly resort to Ferring to service being the mother church.' (WSRO: Ep.I/22/1). Here is thus another of those Sussex churches lost to the sea, like Middleton further along the coast, as noted in our introduction.

Do please keep queries and comments coming....