



NOTES FROM THE MUSEUM

*Does anyone know anything about
the Pig and Whistle?*



This small watercolour entitled "The Ruins of the Pig and Whistle Aldeburgh" hangs in the Moot Hall and has prompted enquiries as to where this public house stood. It was painted by Ellen Churchyard in 1856 and was presented to the museum by Mayor E Lynn-Allen in 1993. The appearance of the background in the painting suggests that the Pig and Whistle might have been near marshland. Very little is known about it and an exciting hint of more information in

the Museum contents file only led to an invoice for payment when the picture was cleaned and spruced up in 1994. The only helpful thing is a bald reference to 'Slaughden' and 'Fort Green' but just the names, nothing more. Others scrutinising the picture have suggested that it might have been situated to the North of the town with a glimpse of the sea in the background. Why not come to the museum for a closer inspection. Even if we can't find out where our Pig and Whistle stood, it would still be interesting to learn more about the name. It seems to be rare amongst pub names, and why should a pig be associated with a whistle?

If you can shed any light on this please contact the museum which is open daily from 2.30 to 5pm in September and October, email enquiries@aldeburghmuseum.org.uk or phone Diana Hughes on 01728 452652.