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EDITORIAL

The presentation of its first AWARDS by THE DOVER SOCIETY on 4 October was a popular occasion with both recipients and audience. The framed Award certificates are obviously prized possessions of the General Manager of Wiggins Teape Buckland Paper Mill and of the Kent County Council Planning Authority Architect responsible for the Magistrates' Court. A report appears later.

THE CHRISTMAS GATHERING WITH MUSIC on 9 December in the beautiful Norman Refectory of Dover College, by kind permission of the Headmaster, was an undoubted success with the seventy guests. Leo Wright has contributed an article on it.

On 12 December the Committee was pleased to be invited to a special presentation by John Clayton, Director of Planning and Technical Services about THE WHITE CLIFFS EXPERIENCE and found it interesting and informative.

On 20 December the Committee is to be given a presentation on his proposals by Brian Philp, the Director of the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit

An invitation, as you will know from the letter sent to you, is extended to all members of the Society and their personal guests, for Tuesday, 10 January at the Council Offices. Please be there as we want a large audience for this presentation of THE WHITE CLIFFS EXPERIENCE. As numbers are limited to 150 please send in the slip provided on the letter immediately if you can come. If you are not sure how to get there see p.

The Dover Society is, of course, very interested in the proposed HERITAGE CENTRE and very concerned that Dover should have the best possible complex. We consider it is both desirable and necessary for the town and the district, although the time allowed for consultation is regrettably short. We hope for a tourist-oriented scheme which is archaeologically and historically sound. The excellent work of K.A.R.U. has established the centre of Dover as a place of the greatest archaeological importance. The graphics - Sidney the Seagull, Corporal Crab etc - give cause for concern; the drawings seen at the Town Hall display are very poor, those seen at the presentation better but we hope that the concept of cartoon characters will not cheapen the whole thing.

Parking in the vicinity, especially for coaches, is obviously vital to the success of the centre and we await the Council's detailed plans for it.

The Committee of The Dover Society feels strongly that the design of MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS must be improved. They do not have to be user-UNfriendly concrete mazes, dark, smelly and threatening. It is time that designers realised that when people are not in their vehicles they become pedestrians who need safe walkways to and from exits. Stairways should not instil anxiety as they so often do. Multi-purpose buildings are obviously possible and the design of the exterior is very important.

Do you know which parts of Dover are designated CONSERVATION AREAS? If not, please see p.15.

A member, who lives in St Margaret's, strongly recommends that everyone should keep a careful watch on PLANNING PROPOSALS in their locality to ensure that the density of housing by infilling does not become too great. Once Planning Permission has been given it is too late to object. There is particular concern in St Margaret's Bay about the activities of a developer.

Despite a certain reluctance on the part of many members to offer suggestions for the 1989 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS we think that you will enjoy what we have arranged. Please note the dates.

A section of wall, which may well be part of the MEDIEVAL TOWN WALL, has been brought to my notice. It is visible from the car park in front of the Painted House as one looks towards the rear of the Cannon Street properties.

MEMBERSHIP continues to increase but it is obvious that many more people would join if given the necessary information. Please try to introduce at least one new member. There is a membership form on the last page of this Newsletter.

Best Wishes for 1989

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