

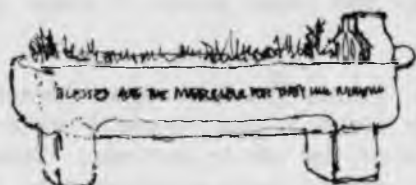
happening almost continually in order to keep pace with the increase in passenger and vehicular traffic. A new overhead carriageway to separate incoming and outgoing traffic is nearing completion; a new immigration and customs hall (strange to walk through without passports or anything to declare) was recently opened, and a new office block for freight-forwarding firms is well under way. The good functional design and cleanliness of these DHB buildings contrasted very strongly with the grubbiness of Barnacles.

Our tour concluded with a visit to lorry drivers' territory - the Wheelhouse restaurant and lounge, customs examination area and associated offices. By now we had covered everything, and we left feeling we had seen a very well planned and efficient system in operation. Some visual improvement might perhaps be made by tree planting to screen the parking areas and flower beds to delineate pedestrian areas.

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Have members any constructive ideas for use of the huge caverns under Langdon Cliff? Please note that next year's programme includes a tour of the Western Docks conducted by John Gerrard. Don't miss it!

Editor



## THE TROUGH

While looking through old copies of the "Dover Express" for 1884 I discovered the story of the Horse Trough which is now in the Market Square. In the issue of June 27th of that year I noticed in the Dover Town Council minutes the offer of a trough from Mr and Mrs Johnson. They had sold the "People's Café" in Snargate Street and were offering the sum of one hundred pounds to provide a drinking fountain.

The first idea was to place it just beyond Buckland Bridge and it was suggested by Alderman Stiff that it should be near the "Gate Inn". In the next week's paper Alderman Finnis proposed a position on the town side of the Priory Station. By August 8th Councillor Dickeson felt that it should be placed near the Old Crabble Toll Gate. On consulting the issue of August 22nd I note that there was an objection from Mr A. Leney (who lived in Buckland House) to the site opposite the "Three Cups". On September 12th Councillor Birch suggested siting it near the Museum. There had been another suggestion to place it below the terrace at Buckland opposite Councillor Frye's House, but he countered with a proposal to put it outside the "Prince Albert". Finally we read that Mr Murray Lawes of Old Park had vetoed the site at Buckland. The report on October 10th agreed that it should be put near the Elms Vale junction and the Surveyor promised to have it placed within a week. He must have kept his fingers crossed hoping that there would be no more change of heart. The Trough spent some time in the nursery at Connaught Park after its removal from Elms Vale corner, but the spot is still known as "The Trough"!

Joe Harman

Buckland House, beautifully restored, is now part of Buckland Paper Mill. Ed.