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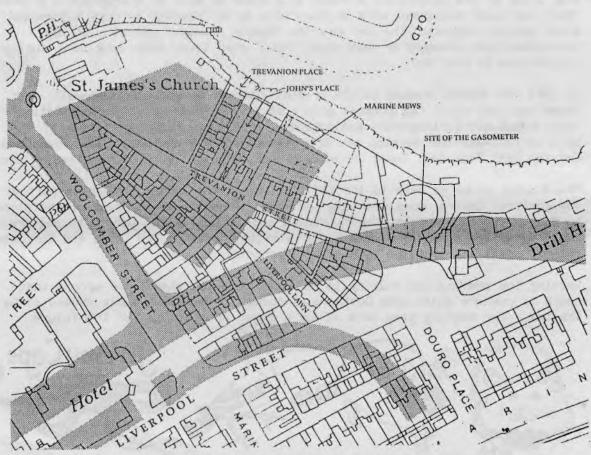
Visit to Dover Castle in March

It is a a pleasure to record another successful Society occasion, organised by our Social Secretary Lin Clackett: the evening visit to Dover Castle on Monday 13th March. It was one of Dover's very clear nights (they are always cold!) and the close-up view, as we arrived, of the flood-lit Keep under the starry sky was arresting. The visit had to be limited to seventy - we squeezed in seventy five but some late applicants had to be disappointed.

We were welcomed on arrival by Ken Scott, representative of English Heritage and responsible for Dover, Deal and Walmer Castles. We divided into groups, led by Philip Wyborne Brown and Patrick Cunningham respectively, and toured the labyrinth of the Castle for an hour. The custodians were most informative and humorous and clearly could have told us even more had time permitted.

But a collation awaited us in the Keep restaurant, with mulled wine, an ideal drink after viewing the glittering lights of Dover by Night from the top of the Keep in the northwest wind. Mr Brisdon, the Caterer, had produced an attractive and ample spread and the whole evening, despite the temperature, was a warm occasion which the Chairman would have enjoyed, but he was away at Wye representing our interests on another committee. John Gerrard did the honours in his stead.

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