

VISIT TO CRABBLE CORN MILL

On Saturday March 10th almost one hundred members of the Society visited Crabble Corn Mill. We had no idea how many would be coming but this was quite a magnificent turnout.

The Society was impressed by the restoration work carried out and in recognition of this had asked to present the Crabble Corn Mill Trust with a framed certificate together with a cheque for Fifty Pounds. Mr Jack Woolford, Chairman of the Dover Society, paid tribute to the hard work that had clearly been put in and on behalf of the Society wished success to everybody concerned with the scheme.

Receiving the award on behalf of the Trust, Ian Kilberry thanked the Society and promised that the framed certificate would be displayed in a prominent position when the Mill was opened to the public this Spring.

This was the first weekend that the builders were working Saturday and the Royal Engineers were also swarming all over the place. In addition a large consignment of plasterboard had been delivered the day before but despite all these problems we still managed to welcome our guests, show them some slides followed by a rather claustrophobic tour of the building and to cap it all provide refreshments. Many thanks to our splendid ladies here.

Our Chairman, Mike Prout, said a few words about the fund-raising work of the Friends of Crabble Corn Mill in consequence of which our membership received a noticeable boost. The generosity of the Society members was also shown by individual donations totalling over One Hundred Pounds.

We hope to see the Dover Society again in the not too distant future when it should be possible to show you Crabble Corn Mill as a fully restored working mill museum in all its former glory. Thank you once again for your interest and support.

Clive Taylor Member of Committee

CHAIRMAN JACK WOOLFORD GETS 'WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRY GUIDED WALKS' OFF TO A GOOD START

On Sunday 14 April at 2.0pm the Chairman of The Dover Society though claiming no absolute right to a Dover passport in spite of his forty one years' domiclity, ascended the Town Hall steps and addressed the ninety strong assembly.

The occasion was that of the first of thirteen walks to take place this summer in and about Dover and organised by Dover District Council. Who better to set the ball rolling than local historian Jack Woolford?

Dealing with the Maison Dieu and Connaught Hall he took us back through the centuries to its early history and the naval connections. Passing along Effingham Crescent (Lord Howard of Effingham perhaps?)