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COVER ILLUSTRATION: This is probably a 19th cent. wood engraving after an original painting by Vincent VOLPE in Hampton Court. Another version, engraved on metal by James Basire from a drawing of the original by Samuel Hieronymous Grimm, may be seen in Dover Museum, 

Hand-written titles in this and previous Newsletters are by Philomena Kennedy as are some of the drawings.

EDITORIAL

Since Christmas we have enjoyed the second of John Gerrard's interesting talks on THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOVER HARBOUR and been entertained by WINE AND WISDOM. Our Social Secretary, Lin Clackett, has, as usual, made a major contribution to these events.

On 4th February we organised a very well-attended public meeting entitled SAVE OUR SEWAGE, RESCUE OUR RIVER. So as to ensure that Dover gets the best sewage system possible it is essential that the outfall area be classified as 'Sensitive.' **Please write to:** Peter Herbertson, National Rivers Authority, Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road, Worthing, Sussex BN11 1LD requesting this, as soon as possible.

At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING our Chairman was able to detail an ever-growing list of activities and concerns in which we are involved. John Owen and the PROJECTS COMMITTEE have succeeded in winning an award for tree re-planting in Lousyberry Wood. Plans to develop the RIVERSIDE WALK continue and we are in touch with the anonymous donor of a generous sum towards it. This offer was made through 'Terry's Column' in the *Dover Express*. We also hope to see the

improvement of the **Pencester Gardens** stretch of the River Dour.

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The **PLANNING COMMITTEE** under Adrian Galley has extracted a promise from the **S.E. Kent College of Technology** to clean their Ladywell premises to match the adjoining Town Hall renovations, have gained the assurance that the **Eurotunnel Cooling Plant** at Aycliff will now lowered, have been associated with the listing of the **Mortuary Chapels** in Charlton Cemetary and supported the protection of the **St. Margaret's Bay** area from infilling. They have protested against the placing of hoardings, now removed from the A2, the development of yet another **amusement arcade**, have supported the red route for the **Whitfield Bypass** and the appointment of an **Economic Development Officer** by D.D.C. The Society is strongly supporting the **T.A.G./Maclaren** proposals which are enlarged on in this *Newsletter*.

Unfortunately **failures** have to be recorded: the **British Rail Tourist Office** at Priory Station closed, the **Museum** is being required to charge for entry (although with concessions for local people), the **Halifax Building Society** premises are being extended, **fly-posting** continues in the town.

We are pleased to see the **TOWN HALL** unveiled in all its newly-cleaned and restored glory.

Dover should be very proud of its **MUSEUM**. Excellent use is being made of the new, well-designed premises for both permanent and temporary displays of a very high standard. **Christine Waterman**, the Curator (a member of the Society), and her colleagues are to be congratulated. Please note that membership of the **Friends of the Museum** allows free entry to several other local museums too.

The town's major new tourist attraction, **THE WHITE CLIFFS EXPERIENCE** has just opened. We hope that it will be very successful indeed in bringing more visitors to Dover. The modern complex, which includes the Museum and a small cinema, is an exciting architectural addition to the townscape, The centre contains some excellent scenes, in particular 'Dover 1944' and 'Grommet's Challenge.' We have reservations about various aspects but trust that in due course some features will be improved. The Council has undertaken to offer off-peak reductions on the entry fee for local people.

We applaud D.D.C.'s renovation of two shops in Cannon Street and very much hope that it presages further improvement in the town centre.

Following Nan Wilkie's letter in the January *Newsletter* concerning the **TRAM SHELTER** at the junction of Folkestone Road and Elms Vale Road, we were assured that detailed proposals for the refurbishment of the shelter were to be put before the D.D.C.'s Technical Services Committee. On 11th March we were delighted to hear that the shelter is to be restored. Encouraged by Edna Littlehale's Letter to the Editor we should be very pleased to know that people living near it might be willing to organise a 'Neighbourhood Watch' scheme to help protect it and would be very happy to offer space in future *Newsletters* to promote it.

The Society is most grateful for another generous gift from Vice-President **MRS MARION HORSFIELD**. The Committee is considering, in consultation with Mrs Horsfield, how it might best be used.

The resignation from the Committee of Vice-President **PETER JOHNSON** was accepted with great regret. **WE** miss his good advice and balanced judgement and

IO4 sincerely hope that his health continues to improve. We also thank ANNEMOLE and NORMAN WILLIS for their work on the Committee. It is with pleasure that we welcome back CLIVE TAYLOR.

We are grateful to JOAN SIMMONDS for the work she has done in organising our advertising in the *Newsletter*.

Vice-President and committee-member 'BUDGE' ADAMS has taken over the **distribution** of the *Newsletter* and other literature in addition to all the work he does in connection with their production. With this *Newsletter* you will have received a sticker bearing the **Dover Society Logo**: please display it in a window of your car or house. It will help to get the Society more widely known and recognised.

The Society is very anxious that the WESTERN DOCK WAR MEMORIAL should remain in Dover and the Secretary is contacting British Rail with this request.

The Committee would welcome more assistance. Please read 'CAN YOU HELP' and try to if you can. Suitable PRIZES for raffles, etc would be gratefully received by the Social Secretary.

Please do tell us what you think of the events we arrange and the *Newsletter*; FEED-BACK is helpful.

It may not be too late to apply for CONVIVIALITY & CONUNDRUMS if you have not done so already. It would help to have a knowledge of Dover for the Quiz, but it is by no means essential.

Please note the changed arrangements for contributions to *Newsletter No. 11* under EDITORIAL DEADLINES.

Finally, greetings to all members, new and established. MEMBERSHIP is now over 300 but, with a population in the region of a hundred times that figure, it should be possible to recruit more people who are interested in promoting the well-being of our town and villages and enjoying themselves as well. Please respond to Merrill's request to introduce at least **one new member** during the year so that we can be even more effective. If you have not yet paid your annual subscription please do so now.

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Deadline

for CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note that *Newsletter No. 11* will be edited by Merrill Lilley, 5 East Cliff, Dover CT16 1LX. The DEADLINE is 1st August 1991.

Contributions suitable for the *Newsletter* are welcome. Illustrations to articles and other appropriate visual materials are particularly appreciated.

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