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EDITORIAL

IT IS with great regret that we announce the loss of our President, the Rt. Hon. The Countess of Guilford. Sadly, her illness prevented her from participating in many of the Society's functions she would dearly have liked to attend, but we knew that we always enjoyed her moral support. Peter Johnson, our senior Vice-President writes an appreciation in this issue and I am sure the sentiments he expresses are those of all of us.

With our new publication date of 1st December, this year we are able to wish members a Merry Christmas as well as a Happy New Year. We hope to see many members at the Christmas Feast on 12th December, which promises to be as enjoyable as ever.

The complete programme for 1993 is now available and is presented on the inside back cover of this issue. The first meeting in the New Year will be on 18th January when Keith Parfitt of the Canterbury Archæological Trust will talk on the archæology of the A20 construction. The February meeting will be a Wine and Wisdom Evening. Make your own team of six or eight if you wish, or join one when you get there on the night. The March meeting will be a members' Meeting, partly to replace the meeting lost by the November Dickens Evening and partly in response to members asking for more members' meetings. This will give members another chance to discuss local issues, to give their views on the Impact scheme and to see some more local slides. If members have slides or pictures which may be of interest please bring them with you. Budge Adams will be bringing his ancient epidiascope to the meeting and will be able to project any photographs provided they are not bigger than about 6" x 8".

In relation to the Impact scheme, introduced at the October meeting, it is important to stress that we, as a Society, may have a crucial rôle to play in the future planning of town improvements, as we have already established links with the Impact team and look forward to playing a prominent rôle in the formulation of a forum team in 1993.

With less time than usual between issues, there are only three events to report; the visit to St. Omer, the Impact meeting and the Dickens Evening. Thank you to everyone concerned in the organisation of these events and, in the case of the

St. Omer outing, particularly to our Secretary, Leo Wright, for liaising with the French contacts in the town. Thanks are also due to the members who have written reports for the *Newsletter* and also to all contributors to this issue, both regular and new writers. In addition we are grateful to Christine Waterman, Curator of the Dover Museum, for allowing us to use the four photographs of the Bronze Age Boat in our centre pages and to the Editor of the *Dover Express* for permission to use the cover photograph.

The discovery of the Bronze Age Boat must be the most important news in Dover since our last issue and we will look forward to hearing more about it from Keith Parfitt on 18th January.

The publication date for the next *Newsletter* will be 1st April and the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be included in that issue. The date of the Annual General Meeting will be 26th April, therefore any nominations or items for inclusion on the Agenda should reach the Hon. Secretary, Leo Wright, by 11th April (14 clear days before the meeting) but preferably sooner than that to facilitate the printing of the Agenda in time for distribution with the April *Newsletter*.

Our Society is going from strength to strength, with a current membership of over 350. Please continue to introduce new members. Free spare copies of *Newsletter* 14 are available for you if you feel that handing a copy to friends or acquaintances will help you gain an extra member. You could pick up a copy at any meeting or collect one or two from Budge Adams, tel. 208008. Please note that from 1st you will be able to pay your subscription by Standing Order should you so wish. This facility has been introduced at the request of several of our members.

1993 may be seen as a turning point for Dover, heralding major changes. The completion of the A20, the development of the Wellington Dock and the beginning of the Impact scheme, spending money on town centre regeneration, will all contribute to the start of a face-lift for the town, which we welcome with optimism and enthusiasm. We hope the Society will play a major rôle in shaping Dover's future.

IMPACT MONEY:

How would YOU spend it in Dover?

The *Dover Society Planning Committee* is compiling a list of members' suggestions for improvements to our town. If you missed the IMPACT meeting on 12th October and cannot wait until 22nd March to give us your views about town re-generation, please write to the Editor.