

PROJECTS

UPDATE by JOHN OWEN, Chairman of the Projects Committee

RAIN BENEFITS LYDDEN POND

— an Award and a Thank-you

MUCH water and wildlife recently suggest that with a little help from the *Dover Society Restoration Project*, mother Nature is beginning to re-assert herself.

Permanent water in the pond becomes more and more likely with the passage of time and the consolidation of newly laid clay lining, it would seem. Certainly it is good to see what amounts to the longest period of water presence for some considerable time. Reported sightings include ducks, dragonflies, frogs and numerous varieties of birds. Known and unknown contributors who have helped towards the re-stocking of the pond with surplus flora and fauna from their own ponds are thanked for their interest. Nominated by Lydden Parish Council, a BBC Radio One Country File Award has been jointly gained by the Society and Lydden School for their work at the pond. This is very



The Society's stand and some very important people.

pleasing to all the volunteers who have put in a lot of effort during the last two years. Also a letter has been received by the Society from the Vice-Chairman of Lydden P.C., Mrs Pamela Hewlett, in which she thanks all our members who have helped with the restoration

In August 1992 the *Dover Society* set up a stand at Lydden Fête and succeeded in enrolling a number of new members.

Our winter work schedule started on 4th October with

Peter, Ernie, Glyn and John and Dick, Pam and Ann who turned up a little later. We cleared excess summer growth, cleared gullies, planted daffodils and generally tidied up. The daffodils will add to the bluebells planted by the local schoolchildren last year and hopefully they will produce a good show in the spring.

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, 13th December – from 10 o'clock till noon.

Editor's Note:

Working at the pond is good fun and is quite rewarding. AND it demonstrates to all and sundry that the *Dover Society* cares for the community and the environment.



JOHN OWEN AND THE CHILDREN OF LYDDEN SCHOOL AT THE PRESENTATION

WOODLAND WALK ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Lousyberry Wood regeneration has proceeded apace this summer; as predicted, quite a lot naturally.

Our task is to ensure that the beech, maple and cherry which the Society planted in 1990 compete successfully with other more vigorous species and the brambles; thus ensuring the continuance of the traditional character of the area – that of a predominately beech wood.

You are welcome to join us on a 'Bramble Blitz' during National Tree Week on Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th December from ten o'clock till noon.

RIVERSIDE WALK IMPROVEMENT

A summary of the Society's submissions for the improvement and extension of the Riverside Walk on the town stretch of the River Dour is issued for information .

- improved access upstream at Pencester Road with signposting, steps to be replaced by a ramp.
- Pedestrian access from Brook House car/coach park via new footbridge to Edwards Road and GPO.
- New access at both Ladywell and Castle Street bridging points.
- Upstream, improved lighting.

The Society is keen to support in any way it can the progressive improvement of this valuable town centre amenity.