

The Christmas Feast

THE STANDARDS and traditions of the Society's "Christmas Feast" were this year well-maintained. The usual excellent meal of marvellous choices was again served in the appropriate setting of the Dover College Refectory. The introduction of a system of lettered tables helped to reduce the length of the queues at the groaning serving tables.

Our Chairman controlled the events of the evening in his customary professional manner despite the unfortunate injury to his right hand and arm which has meant long, and often painful treatment. At the start of the evening he welcomed members and guests, including the Town Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs W. V. Newman), Mr David Elms, the former Chairman of the now-defunct River Dour Association, Miss Christine Waterman, Curator of the Dover Museum, Mr and Mrs David Shaw and Councillor and Mrs Brian Cope. Unfortunately the President-Elect, Brigadier M. A. Atherton, was unable to attend.

Among the members present was Lin Clackett, the former Social Secretary, who originally set the pattern for the "Christmas Feast". Whilst enjoying just being-at-table Lin was delighted, as were we all, that Joan Liggett, her successor, had organised the evening so efficiently.

The entertainment provided by "The Canterbury Waits" was preceded by the "Jeremy and Sheila Raffle", which is really part of the entertainment. This year Lady Luck proved to be very capricious and sent a stream of prizes to the embarrassed diners on the top table. Still, there were plenty of prizes and I think nearly every table had at least one before Sheila had no more to hand out to those lucky enough to have bought winning tickets.

"The Canterbury Waits" played during the meal in true mediæval style and afterwards gave a performance which included a description of the various instruments which they have now mastered. It was both entertaining and instructive.

The "Feast" concluded with the anticipated carol singing led by Delysia Berry. The response, as usual, was very hearty, the men singing, we thought, particularly well!

Thus ended another "Feast" leaving us with the thought, "Tis now the Season to be Jolly!"

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Ivan Green makes a number of interesting points and the Editor welcomes comments and suggestions from the Society's membership