

My Fair Lady

DODS' SPRING PRODUCTION
as part of the Dover Festival

A very successful innovation for this year's Festival was to arrange for DODS to put on their spring production at the same time as, and part of, the Dover Festival.

'My Fair Lady,' at the Town Hall from Monday to Saturday, 16 - 21 May was a scintillating production and must be one of the best to date. The audience on the opening night took the cast to their hearts, applauding every scene with enthusiasm. The main characters were well cast: Eliza delightfully common, then deliciously transformed; Higgins appropriately pompous then surprisingly bewitched by his creation; Freddie suitably lovelorn and Doolittle predictably a doubtfully reformed dustman. It was constantly entertaining and the audience showed their appreciation of the acting, the singing, the stage sets (especially the Ascot scene) and the chorus. All the seats were sold out on the first night which I attended, and, I imagine, on every other night of the week.

Merril Lilley (199)

Dover Town Trail Quiz

Twenty-nine people, including a number of children, formed nine teams for the Dover Town Trail Quiz on Sunday, 22 May. The weather looked unpromising in the morning but the afternoon saw brilliant sunshine.

The participants set out after being presented with question pamphlets containing seventy-two questions, many based on sketches relating to architectural and historical features along the trail. How many of us fail to notice such delightful embellishments as the man with the page-boy hairdo at the entrance to the Maison Dieu, or the strange pairing of down-pipes on the buildings on the east side of Cannon Street? We had never before looked up to see the words HAVANA HOUSE above Barrett's shoe shop, a reminder from years gone by of the former tobacconist in business there.

After a fascinating hour and thirty minutes the teams met for tea and biscuits at the White Cliffs restaurant where Sheila and Jeremy Cope and Joan Liggett were declared winners, each receiving a voucher for £5. However, it was a close contest with four teams scoring over 70 points out of a possible 75.

Our thanks to Philomena for organising this enjoyable event and for researching the well presented question pamphlet.

Dorothy and Michael Weston (102/03)