

102 Marina and rich Europeans as well as all those thousands of folk who would have played Bingo all those years ago.”

“Of course we had to make better access to the Western Heights and the Plan envisaged the futuristic lift which you see climbing the cliff just by the Grand Shaft. You will see that the lift takes one right up to the top of the Elegant Building (as Zoe calls it) and with the binoculars you can see that there is a revolving restaurant there. Sacrilege and more sacrilege: that restaurant is built right on top of the Drop Redoubt – but it does have magnificent views.

“Now look, they have just switched on the LASERS from the CASINO to welcome the ‘Pride of Dover’. The LASER used to read ‘Welcome to Dover – Gateway to England’ but it now reads ‘Welcome to Dover – Gateway to Europe’.”

“Another thing, Paul”, said Grandad, “there is the latest ‘Virtual Reality’ up there. You have no need to travel the world. You just relax in the Studio and ‘Virtual Reality’ takes you there. Jolly good for the sick and the lame but do you know that some super-fit youngsters prefer to sit in ‘Virtual Reality’ to take in all those lovely walks around Dover. I don’t know what the younger generation is coming to.”

Grandad was talking to thin air . . . Paul and Zoe had gone to the café for an ice-cream.

A FOOTNOTE:

Historians requiring more information about the two great British inventions of the late 90’s which brought thousands to the sea-sports in the safety of Dover Harbour and many more to the Grand Shaft, should contact me through the Editor.

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Congratulations

Dover Society Member, Mrs G. M. Janaway, has won the *Dover Express* competition to name the platform of newly-formed land under Shakespeare Cliff

which has been constructed with soil
from the excavation of the Channel Tunnel.

The name of the platform is to be SAMPHIRE HOE.
