

delivering. We went to the forecourt by the Lord Warden and parked at the end of the platform between sets of railway lines. Old Mac went off and I held the horse's head. The horse was enormous: I dreaded the advent of a train. But they came and went, snorting, hissing, clattering, smoking and my old horse was quiet as a mouse. Wonderful – especially as he rarely went down to the station. Each train was just a few feet away from us. I was proud of him!

On foggy days a gun was fired intermittently and fog horns blasted mournfully into the grey atmosphere. Every time a gun went off the seagulls left the comfort of cliff ledge, wailing and sighing.

One really delightful sight was that of the red-sailed barges, battling against tide and wind, as they came, through the Eastern Entrance, into the sanctuary of the harbour. They carried grain and had only three crew; skipper, mate and cabin boy. The herring boats, with tallish smoke stacks, belching out black smog, came dipping and leaping, into the haven of the Granville Dock, where they discharged their catches to waiting lorries and made ready for sea again. I somehow thought they were the real sailors, their every trip fraught with danger. If you were lucky a shilling would get you a basket of herrings. But herring have to be followed and after a week or two they were all gone.

I remember in Spring, above the Packet Yard, a beautiful red fox would lie, sunning herself, or himself, in the warming sunshine. To me the sight of him expressed all the desires of the world that we live peacefully together. Man and Nature ◇

## *The Millennium Project for Dover – Update*

Since our last report on this matter, a Steering Committee of five members has been set up and has formulated a comprehensive statement of objectives for the Project, together with a detailed brief for the proposed working group.

The aim is to prepare a bid to the Millennium Commission by Easter 1995. It is estimated that the cost of this will be in the region of £50,000. It is intended that the bid will be made by Dover as a whole and funded jointly by local concerns.

As a result of the Dover Society Questionnaire and with reference to Millennium Commission guidelines, it is thought that the project should consist of a 'package' of different inter-linked elements all based around the WELCOME TO BRITAIN theme with a strong European flavour.

More news in the next issue. ED.