

Two late Reports on March Meetings

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Members' Meeting, 13 March

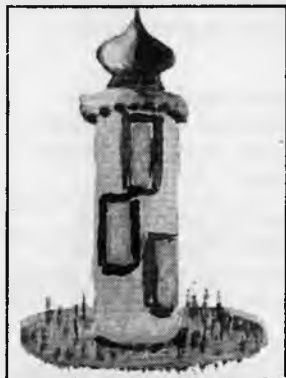
The Members' Meeting on 13 March began with a talk by **Keith Parfitt** on the excavations at Buckland Anglo-Saxon cemetery during the summer of 1994. Keith had already written an article for us, which was published in *Newsletter* No. 21, but it was so much more interesting to hear him talk about the enterprise and fill-in the details. It is fascinating to reflect on the thriving and well-established Anglo-Saxon community living peacefully in Dover round about 500-600 A.D. and to learn more of them by a study of the artifacts found in Dover in 1994.

After refreshments and a raffle, organised as usual by **Sheila and Jeremy Cope**, members divided into small groups to discuss various topics of local interest and to express opinions and suggest ideas for future Society outings and events. This method

of group discussion, used at previous members' meetings, is always a most valuable exercise and very useful to the Social Planning Committee.

One of the topics discussed was the provision of poster columns in Dover. Pictures were shown of columns in other towns. It is understood that DDC will be installing columns later this year. Members favoured tall cylindrical columns, without surrounding seats that might prevent people reading the notices. It is not known how many columns will be erected but members suggested more than a dozen locations. Members also asked for more information on choice of materials, responsibility for the columns once they were installed and the control of fly-posting.

The picture shows a column in a French town.



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Dover and Europe in the New Millennium

This meeting was scheduled to be held on 20 February but, unfortunately, had to be postponed, due to unforeseeable circumstances. However, members were notified in plenty of time and the gathering, on the revised date was fairly well-attended. Members were pleased to have an opportunity to meet our MEP, **Mark Watts**, and to hear him speak on Dover's place in the European Union, giving us a wealth of interesting information and food for thought on a number of important issues.

After refreshments and a raffle, **Lawrence Gage**, Chairman of the Society's Planning Sub-Committee and also Chairman of Dover's Millennium Project Steering Committee, provided us with an update on the proposals to the Millennium Commission (see page XX) for a grant towards the plans for Dover's Millennium Project, an exciting prospect for Dover's future in the year 2000.

A full account of this Meeting will appear in Newsletter No. 23