

# A Trip to Le Touquet

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**T**HIRTY-ONE MEMBERS OF THE DOVER Society boarded the P&O ferry Pride of Burgundy, at 7.30. on Saturday, 19th July for the trip to Calais, arriving at 10.00 a.m. (French time) after a pleasant crossing.

Our escort for the day on our Cardinal coach was Dave. We were soon on our way, with Dave pointing out interesting sights, marble quarries and pottery centres.

We joined in a £1 coin raffle, organised by Jeremy and Sheila Cope. As the Society could not attend the annual fete this year, it had been decided to donate the proceeds of raffles on summer outings to the Buckland Hospital Fund. Our Chairman, Jack Woolford, won the first prize of £10 with the first coin out of the hat and told Jeremy to put it back, but when a second attempt revealed Jack's name once again we told him he was meant to win! The raffle raised £25.00. With £52.00 from previous outings this made a total of £77.00 for

the hospital. (It was later decided that the Society would donate a further £23.00 to bring this figure to £100.00.)

By this time the views were becoming greener and soon we were passing through pine forests and approaching Le Touquet.

We had some time to stroll around the town before meeting for lunch at Auberge L'Arlequin, chosen for us by our Social Secretary, Joan Liggett, - menu 90 francs, traditional food and good service.

Afterwards we had two-and-a-half hours to ourselves to explore the town, sit on the promenade surveying the miles of white, sandy beaches and, if we wished, paddle in the sea.

At 4.15 p.m. we returned to the coach to be whisked off to Eurocity, which has 150 shops and the cheapest wine ever in Tesco's Wine Store. An hour there sufficed before we boarded the coach for our homeward journey.

# Emmaus Up-date

TERRY SUTTON

**A**n important new stage in the St. Martin's Emmaus project at Archcliffe Fort, Dover, has just been reached, with the bringing into use of the ground floor of the large Victorian barrack block, following extensive work.

The ground floor of the block now provides an excellent community dining room, three residential flats, a large kitchen and other facilities.

It means that there is now pleasant living accommodation for three more companions, taking the total to a dozen, towards the final target of twenty-one residents. Next will be the repair and refurbishment of the first floor above, to provide the rest of the residential accommodation.

Fund raising continues. The latest details show that only about £32,000 remains to be raised towards the original target of £400,000 - although the Trustees accept that a little more than the £400,000 will be required to complete the venture.

The shop at the fort continues to be busy, with average weekly takings of around £540. The Companions, who have been working hard bringing into use the Victorian barrack block, and the Coordinator, Kendal Beasley would welcome more visitors to the shop and to the fort, which is undergoing such a dramatic transformation.