

in 1967 that they were reluctantly united into the Borough of Hartlepool with one council and one mayor, but by that time both had declined. The shipyards and steelworks could compete neither for size nor cost with European and Asiatic builders, then oil and gas discoveries and closure of all the local coal mines killed coal exports and timber imports. Overfishing destroyed yet another staple. Apart from some light industry (and a nuclear power station) only the resort option was left. Hartlepool has virtually been demolished and rebuilt with a marina, a museum, a pub and restaurants, superstore, historic boats moored by historic quays, churches converted into art galleries or indoor swimming pools with a pub and a night club. Even the image of the monkey has been revived. Tourism feeds on publicity.



## WINE & WISDOM FEBRUARY 2002

*Reported by Ken Wraight*

On February 18 some 90 Dover Society members and friends gathered in St. Mary's Parish Centre for the annual Wine and Wisdom evening. Clive Taylor and his team provided the questions and organised the marking and scoring which, as always, was impeccably done.

During the interval, while we pondered over what a Dingbat box with several Es in it could possibly mean, a splendid Ploughman's Lunch was provided with wine or soft drink.

The winning team, with a score of 80%, certainly deserved to win the annual, much-coveted prize of engraved glasses (many thanks again to The Trophy Shop for completing the engraving in record time!) and the three teams which tied for second place with a respectable 72% had to be content with bars of chocolate.

Our thanks to Joan Liggett and all those who helped to make the evening a success.