

there, several young ladies remembered 'Hen nights' and the popular karaoke evenings at the *Castle*. I was also told that Cliff Richard and The Shadows used to frequent the Inn whilst playing at the Grenada and there is certainly evidence to show that Cliff Richard was top of the bill at the first stage show on April 25, 1960 after the Grenada was renamed the ABC. In recent years the Inn has fallen on hard times with the closure of the ABC Cinema, Southern Television Studios and the demolishing of much of the local area



The Castle Inn

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prior to its regeneration. It closed in February 2008 but recently reopened in November 2010 with Paul McMullan as the Licensee.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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We number 447, thanks to all those who have paid their subscriptions and to those who have introduced new members. The Society's work in connection with the Port of Dover privatisation has also advertised our existence to a wider number of people.

Finn Christian Stumoen, a much-respected friend of the late Budge Adams died in February. He was the last member of the 52nd (Norwegian) Minelaying Flotilla which operated out of the port from 1942-5. To commemorate their service and their lost comrades he gave the conifer in the memorial garden at the end of Pencester where the Union flag and the Norwegian National flag are flown side by side. He also donated annually the Christmas tree in the Market Square.

We have regrettably lost two founder-members Ken and Delysia Berry who contributed much to our Society in its early days. Ken took over from Norman Willis as Treasurer and his gentle sense of humour was an antidote to any excess of earnestness at committee meetings. Del contributed her musical gifts to events such as the Christmas Feasts.

Apologies are due to the families of Mr Ronald Robertson and Mr Graham Beer whose names were omitted from the March list of obituaries.

The good news is that we have a record number of new members who are all most welcome:- Mrs J Bishop, Mr & Mrs P Beresford, Mr C Taylor & Ms S Taylor-Whale, Mr K Langsford, Mrs J Cox, Mr J Lambert, Mr J & Mrs D Wiggell, Mr T Porter, Mr P Cairns, Mrs S Hillen, Mrs P & Mr D Brivio, Mr P Eyden, The Hon. R Hamilton, Mr W & Mrs S Browning.