

Dover Society Christmas Lunch

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Those of us who spent our teenage years at school in Dover may well remember being marched down to the Town Hall and lined up, shivering, in the Stone Hall, in preparation for the annual Speech Day rehearsal. How could we have imagined that, years later, such a drab, chilly place was capable of being transformed into a large welcoming dining room? For the Society's Christmas lunch this year, the Stone Hall was filled with tables colourfully decorated with crackers and greenery. There were tall shining Christmas trees too and, above all, it was warm!

After our welcoming drink and the chance to greet friends and buy raffle tickets, we sat down to the three-course meal of our choice, shared wine and added to the sound of conversation as the voices rose. Val and her young team served us cheerfully and the enjoyable meal

concluded with mini mince pies and tea or coffee.

We were entertained by Three's Company, singers Judith Smith and Peter Whibley accompanied by pianist Julia Mook. They are an accomplished group and we relaxed as we listened to songs from the shows and popular operas. These duets and solos, together with a Christmas miscellany as a finale, were very much appreciated.

Our Queen of the Raffle, Denise, assisted by her family, ensured that the raffle was a success. Members should know that a good raffle is an insurance against the event running at a loss and, in similar fashion, the raffle pays for the cost of the hall at our winter meetings.

Above all, our grateful thanks are due to Beverley who unobtrusively managed the whole event. Beverley enrolls the assistance of her sister and her friend on the day but the amount of unseen organisation which precedes such an occasion is formidable and should be properly recognised.



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Footnote; Three's Company give all proceedings of their performances to charity. On this occasion they contributed to the local branch of Parkinson's UK. Their next concert, which will include other performers, will take place at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Minnis Lane, River, on 6th July.