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EDITORIAL

Greetings for 1991 to all our members and other readers.

Since the publication of our last Newsletter we have enjoyed several well-supported and successful events: WINE & WATERWORKS, the presentation of our AWARDS and the MEMBERS' MEETING, at which we report on current projects and concerns and hear members' views. The CHRISTMAS FEAST attracted the maximum number and was, again, a great success.

The TREE PLANTING in Lousybery Wood, which brought together members, other Temple Ewell residents and local school children, co-ordinated by John Owen, is an achievement of which we are proud.

Our case against further visual encroachment on the WESTERN HEIGHTS skyline by the Home Office, in building the new Young Offenders' Accommodation Block, is being seriously considered by the Ombudsman. Dover District Council retrospectively criticized the building materials used.

We hope that members will find it helpful to see some of the details of the new A20 IN DOVER. There are various views on the transport of NUCLEAR Waste through the Port. Letters in this and the previous Newsletter should help to

clarify some of the aspects of this vexed issue. We also note the strong disquiet about the TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS through Dover and would like to hear from members on the subject. 47

The disposal of SEWAGE is of vital current concern, not only because of the health hazards resulting at present from its discharge into the sea (with consequent damage to marine life and fouling of local beaches) but also because of its unfortunate effect on tourism. E.C. regulations demand improvement. Decisions will be made SOON. PLEASE try to attend our 'SAVE OUR SEWAGE !' meeting on 4th February. Do you favour landfill, incineration, composting, full treatment and discharge to the sea — or just a longer pipe ? Do come and hear the experts, give your views and ask questions. The problems of drought and the RIVER DOUR and the Riverside Walk will also be aired.

We congratulate the Committee of DOVER TRANSPORT MUSEUM on its collection and on the events it organises. The disused Connaught Water Pumping Station it currently occupies has a splendid building, which should be protected, but it is not entirely suitable and the lease is soon to expire. We strongly support their search for another site which we hope will be in Dover and, preferably, near another tourist attraction. We know that D.D.C. is supportive and we hope the Museum will be incorporated in the Local Plan.

We are delighted that, again, at our invitation PRIMAVERA will enrich the cultural life at Dover with the concert in April.

Although, as a Civic Society, it is part of our function to criticize the local Council when we consider it necessary, we continue to maintain friendly relations and to receive useful information.

The Committee has protested against the proposed imposition of entry charges to the MUSEUM and hopes that the matter will be reconsidered in due course by D.D.C. It does, however, seem likely that there will be concessions for local people.

The Castle Street Society is to be congratulated on organising the painting of the Christmas mural, by students of the Kent Institute of Art and Design at Canterbury, on the dreary former B & Q building. It is a pleasing improvement to the street scene.

We recognise that not all members have time or inclination for major involvement in our activities (though, of course, we greatly welcome it) but we hope that everyone can take some part, however small. Please introduce more people to the Society by showing the Newsletter to them or inviting them to an event. Do apply for 'Wine and Wisdom' soon, if you wish to come, as places are limited.

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