

# St. Martin's Emmaus at Archcliffe Fort

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TERRY SUTTON

The first Companions have now moved into Archcliffe Fort — even before the centre has been officially opened— and they have been busy plastering and painting the rooms.

At the time of writing the Trustees have not obtained written permission to take over the Henry VIIIth-built fort, but English Heritage has verbally given permission.

It was a big disappointment for the organisers that English Heritage declined to spend, or contribute, money towards the estimated cost of £110,000 to make the fort wind and water tight. As a result proposals for the conversion of buildings have had to be curtailed.

Generous benefactors have already given over £90,000 and Dover District Council has made a grant of £35,000 to provide improved access.

A bid has been made to the National Lottery Charities Board but, so far, without success. Charitable Trusts are also being approached. The Trustees say there is

still a need to raise about £200,000 to complete the project so that the community can become self-financing.

Miss Kendal Beasley has taken up duties as co-ordinator at the fort, where she is now living. She came from St. Thomas's Hospital where she was a senior staff nurse. Her family home is at Northbourne, near Deal and her parents, brothers and sisters have already demonstrated their support for the project. Kendal has spent time, training, at other Emmaus communities.

The Trustees have set up a panel of speakers to tour schools, churches and organisations to explain what the Emmaus project is about.

Christians Together in Dover, members of which initiated the project in Dover, are organising a fête in Pencester Gardens on 22 June in aid of St. Martin's Emmaus.

The centre now has a large van for the collection of unwanted items (practically anything) and Miss Beasley or the Companions will collect from your home. Offers, please, to 01304 204550.

## One of the last Hereditary Freemen of Dover

**HARRY SIDNEY FAGG**, lately Dover Society member [ ], was one of the last remaining hereditary Freemen of Dover. Born in Dover on 13 April 1901 he spent his boyhood in the town and was a pupil at Barton Road School. He served in both world wars but spent much of his civilian life in a North London suburb. In 1968, after the death of his wife Marion, he returned to East Kent, to a house on the outskirts of Eythorne where he lived until 1988 when advancing years forced him to move nearer to his family in Deal. He was very active until he died on 18 November 1995. His cheerful disposition and his ready wit will be sorely missed.

BUDGE ADAMS:

### *"On the subject of the Newsletter ..."*

*Since we changed to a smaller type size and a two-column format — to ease the pressure on space — I have been acutely aware of the loss of legibility the change brought about and have searched widely to find a suitable replacement.*

*At last I discovered "Veljovic" — with a name like that it could have originated in central Europe or maybe in the poly-racial USA. It is straight-forward and well-balanced and the "x-height" has a happy relationship with the ascenders and descenders. The "c"ness of the lower-case e's and o's and a's should make reading easier and it condenses well. I hope you will like my choice.*