

the way from Beaconsfield if not Bridge Street. The traffic congestion is insoluble but improvement of run-down premises and of street furniture - like the promised Tower Hamlets clock and seat at the Bridge St/London Rd junction - as with the HERS and former IMPACT schemes - could be greatly increased. A detailed and costed agenda must be on offer: false expectations should not be aroused.

We congratulate Dover Town Council for relocating caravan parking on the seafront and on the take-up of commemorative stones round Pencester Pavilion. We hope, however, that they will reconsider their attitude to the replanting of street trees which we have suggested.

We have joined, although not unanimously, in the protests against the Drug and Alcohol Service Centre in Castle Street and suggested alternative premises. We continue objecting to a second amusement arcade in Biggin Street and hope to persuade Dover District Council to improve the quality of conversion into houses of former commercial properties. Recent bad examples were in the Folkestone Road/Lascelles Road area. We are bemused by Dover District Council's refusal, despite an earlier undertaking, to permit members of the public to speak at planning meetings and remain unpersuaded that the so-called 'Cabinet' system differs palpably from its predecessor.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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It may hardly seem possible but ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE AGAIN.

Please note that, for reasons of economy, acknowledgement is provided, even for cash, only on receipt of an s.a.e. Also, annual membership cards are unnecessary although I am always happy to re-stamp or provide new ones for members who pay their subs at the AGM. Economy needs to be the theme of the moment. The committee has considered two proposals:- to increase our subscription and to ask an entrance fee at meetings instead of holding a raffle. Both ideas were rejected, however, and the membership fee remains at present £6 for one person and £10 for two who live at the same address and share a Newsletter.

During Budge's lifetime we were well aware of the vast amount of work he did for our Society and how much money he saved us, particularly in regard to the Newsletter. With subscriptions unchanged we must scrutinise all expenses incurred in Newsletter production and distribution. We remain grateful to our distributors who save us so much in postage costs and particularly thank Bessie Newton (Whitfield) who has retired from the task after many years of duty. We are looking for new distributors in Whitfield. We also thank Marian Satterley (Deal) who was the distributor there until a year ago, when Merrill and Bruce Lilley took over the Deal round. We also appreciate the consideration of several outlying members who add extra money to their subscriptions to cover postage. Another current task is the revision of our database which forms the backbone for address labelling. Please check particulars on your envelope and inform us if any errors have crept in.

We have recently welcomed: Mr J. Mavin, Mrs F. Smith & Mr S. Thomsett, Dr A. Lane, Mrs S Timmins, Mrs M. Evans, Mr D. & Mrs R Benton. Sadly, in addition to Budge Adams, the following members have died since March 2000 and we send our condolences to their families: Mr Edward Court, Mr John Bartlett, Mrs Heather Larsen (who was a distributor in the St Margarets area), Mrs Pauline Johnson and Mr Terrence Vardon. Many music loving members will recall that in May 1996 in the Chapel of Dover College Terry gave a memorable organ recital 'Music for the Iron Voice' sponsored by the Dover Society in aid of the East Kent Hospice.

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