

# WINE & WISDOM

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## EVENING

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*Reported by E. Merrill Johns*

ON THE EVENING OF 19th February 2001 we met in the hall of St. Mary's Church for our annual Quiz evening, which was well attended with 13 tables of 6 making the teams. In the kitchen were the faithful few who work to ensure the evening is a social occasion.

We were led, as always, by Clive Taylor, our popular Quiz Master, supported by his wife as well as the recorder of scores. We had nine rounds, the fifth one being the Dingbats round, ensuring that when we stop to eat we do not let our brains rest as well! For our team the one which evaded us was "Only Fools and Horses" and the fact that we saw the crazy bit as well as the horses did not help us in the final solution.

One new bit of knowledge which was recalled in steps by our team was R.A.M. as Random Access Memory. It seems to me that it sums up all our best efforts on these evenings, as memory is so often random and the biggest challenge is accessing what we ought to know!

We were also unable to decide who was the unfortunate person designated 'worst actor'. It would be nice to think that it was kindness and not ignorance which failed to name Sylvester Stallone. Alas, we have no such excuse. We felt the meal in the interval was exceptionally well presented this year, the smaller platter leaving more room for the Dingbats sheets to be seen and shared.

The top 3 teams were very close with Clueless third with 85 points, Toddlers second with 86 and Four Tops first with 88. Congratulations are in order, but we must thank losers as well as winners, for without them, there would be no competition.

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## FESTIVAL 2001...

### *a Sneak Preview!*

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For 2001, Dover District Council is once again holding its Art & Soul Festival, which will take place from 26 May - 3 June across the Dover District. For this year's Festival an Open Art initiative is being introduced. This will build on the success of last year's Open Studios, Artist Houses and Exhibition Scheme and extend the scope of the Festival events by including temporary public artworks.

To complement the Open Art scheme, a programme of musical events in concert halls, the open air and on the streets will get your feet tapping! **Nine Below Zero** will perform classic R & B and an acoustic blues set in their own inimitable style and **Herbie Flowers**, renowned musician, associated with the

likes of Bowie and Bolan will bring back a taste of the 70s to the Astor Theatre in Deal. The **Stray Horns** will provide the big band sound in an open-air concert on De Bradelei Wharf Quay and you can catch the **Royal Marines Band** indoors at the Nye Hall, Duke of York's or in their more traditional setting, on the sea-front in Walmer. The beautiful surroundings of St. Mary's Church in Sandwich will provide the perfect ambience for a classical guitar concert, from the much acclaimed **Proarte Trio** - held in partnership with Kent County Council's Guitar Festival. Sandwich is also the place to catch Salsa in the Square, with carnival street band **Brew Ha Ha** - creating South American sounds and African rhythms. Finally, to see the Festival week out in style, join the

**18 Centenary Trio** for a dinner-date at the Churchill Hotel on Dover Waterfront.

A 'Year of the Artist' project called **Poets on the Piers**, reaches its climax during the Festival week, with an evening of performance poetry and music on Deal Pier. The evening will include a 'fish & chip' supper and a mix of home-grown talent and Brighton based performers. During the week an evening of Poetry & Pints will be held in a Deal pub to encourage people who want to develop their poetic talents to come along and get involved and for younger budding poets there will be a poetry workshop in Deal library

The fabulous **Loop Dance Company** makes a welcome return to the Dover District with a two-day dance workshop followed by an evening performance at

the White Cliffs Theatre, Astor School, Dover. Get your dancing shoes on and join the dance, or come along for an evening of breath-taking performance from one of the region's leading dance companies.

The Art & Soul Festival contains a full programme of workshops, with something for all ages and tastes to get involved in. Ever fancied making it big in the music business? Now is your chance to spend a day learning from the experts at the **Music Business & Technology** workshop. Alternatively, if you are looking for something more 'hands on', join the **DJ** workshop or the **Blues Guitar** afternoon. Why not try your hand at making craft and jewellery from scraps and junk at either the **Mermaids & Sea Monsters** workshop or the **Disco Diva Jewellery** workshop. For those interested in perfecting their skills with the pen and pencil, there will be **drawing and life** classes on offer and a chance to join a **heraldry or calligraphy** workshop.

The Festival Week reaches its finale with the **Wild Weekend at the White Cliffs**. This is a family weekend of walks, demonstrations and entertainment at Langdon Cliffs, in partnership with the National Trust. Events on offer will include Green Gang children's activities, guided walks and cycle rides, rare breeds, wildlife art exhibition, 'build your own bird box', organic produce and the launch of the Sustrans Time Trail, to name but a few.

A full Festival programme will be available from the end of April at all local outlets, including libraries and Tourist Information Centres or log onto the Arts & Events website on [www.dover.gov.uk/events](http://www.dover.gov.uk/events).

If you would like to receive a copy of the **Art & Soul Festival Guide** in the post, please call the Festival Hotline on **01304 375192**.

