

A visit to... FRIENDS OF CONDETTE CASTLE

By Jack Woolford

On Saturday 11th August, Dover Society members Alan and Lorraine Sencicle, Pat Sherratt, Pat Hooper and myself, accepted the invitation to revisit Condette. This is what genial Daniel Dutertre, President of the Friends, (after a champagne aperitif and extended lunch in the Dunes Golf Club) said (I translate). *Dear Friends: A few words to say how happy we are to welcome you, to Condette in the Dunes Golf Club Clubhouse ... I wish to repeat that all our members were delighted with their visit to Dover and Canterbury last June. The reception, in the ancient and magnificent Dover Town Hall, in the presence of our respective mayors, was a very great success ... As I have recently told you, the restoration of Condette Castle, both medieval and Victorian, started this year. One remembers that two Englishmen formerly contributed to the safeguarding of this monument: Sir John Hare who became owner in 1848 and Sir John Whitley, founder of the Hardelet seaside resort, who bought it in 1906. The castle is to become an Anglo-French cultural centre, principally for young people. We are delighted by this evolution and its inauguration at the end of 2008 will provide for many meetings and exhibitions ... I lift my glass to our two societies ... Long live England and France!*

French hospitality so delayed our departure that we missed our booked ferry ...



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