

# More Big Guns

—Terry Sutton—

There was a range of big guns based near the cliffs, the first installed for defence and later as offensive weapons.

The first were the 14-inch guns, Winnie and Pooh. The first was named after Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the second came from the story of Winnie the Pooh.

At Wanston other big guns were named Clem (after Churchill's wife Clementine) and Jane after the Daily Mirror's pin-up girl Jane (who kept on losing parts of her skimpy clothing!)

There were also other, slightly smaller, guns including at Lydden Spout the so-named Gladiator, Scene Shifter and Peace-Maker.

The enemy had a number of larger cross-channel guns, originally manufactured for their battleships, fired from France at Allied shipping and the Dover area.



*Winnie 14 inch Coastal Gun west of St. Margaret's at Cliffe*

## Dover Society Christmas Lunch 2022

**Denise Lee – Raffle Co-ordinator**

In early December over eighty society members and their guests met at The Marina Hotel on Dover's waterfront for their annual Christmas lunch. Here, in a friendly and light-hearted atmosphere, and after their welcome drinks they enjoyed an excellent meal.

We then held the raffle, with many thanks to all who donated a prize towards the draw. This turned out to be our best Christmas raffle yet with £267,50 raised. For the first time The Society decided to donate the entire takings to a local charitable organisation, this year we chose Dover Food Bank.

Following on from the raffle we were then entertained, with a selection of songs, by the vocalist Peter Whibley accompanied on the keyboard by Aileen Dickinson. Instead

of receiving their entertainment fee Peter asked for the Society to make a donation to the Snowdown Colliery Band to this end we sent them £75.

Donating the raffle takings to a local good cause looks set to become the normal thing in future years. I am already looking forward to next year's lunch and trying to beat this year's record total. As the refurbishment of the Maison Dieu is unlikely to be available for our 2023 Christmas Lunch it will probably be held at the Marina Hotel again.

The event went off without a hitch thanks to all who helped with the planning and organisation. I would also like to thank the staff for their friendly hospitality and high level of professionalism.