

Prizes are on their way to lights winners

Tower Hamlets Forum held a Christmas Lights competition.

Winners and highly commended properties were in Castle Avenue, Frith Road, Salisbury Road, Noah's Ark Road, and Tower street. Prizes of Morrisons vouchers are on their way.

Turners model shop, B and H fireplaces and Manhattan hairdressers were winners and highly commended in the business section of the ward.

Forum chairman Chris Tyler said: "Many thanks to all the householders and businesses who made the ward look so lovely and thanks to Ann Jenner, Alison Beaumont and Mick Banks who toured the ward to carry out the judging."

■ The Christmas lights display at Hawthorne Close, River, has raised £3,661.

Spokesman Carol Capon said: "Many thanks to all who visited our display. Thanks also to the Co-op River and the Co-op Dover plus Morrisons and all the neighbours and friends who donated sweets.

It was a pleasure to see the kids faces, so to date we have raised £50,523."

Remembering the Holocaust

Holocaust Memorial Day will be marked by a service of commemoration in the garden of St George's Church in Deal High Street on Friday, January 27.

A display by pupils of Goodwin Academy will be on show in the town hall before the service at 10.30am.

Deal mayor Cllr David Cronk will be laying a wreath at the new memorial stone. Others may bring flowers.

MP meets with leading French politician to forge closer links

Efforts made to boost tourism

Dover and Deal MP Charlie Elphicke has discussed boosting business, tourism and border security in a meeting with a leading French politician.

Mr Elphicke met with Xavier Bertrand, president of the Hauts-des-France region, at the Best Western Plus Dover Marina Hotel in December.

The two worked together over the summer to get the Calais Jungle dismantled and now the migrant camp is gone, they want to boost business and tourism in Dover and Calais.

They also discussed the importance of making border security on both sides of the Channel water-tight – and increasing trade without gridlock on the roads.

The hotel's managing director Trevor Bond also discussed potential business opportunities between the two regions.

Mr Elphicke said: "It was fantastic to welcome Xavier Bertrand to Dover with an excellent lunch at the Dover Marina Hotel.

"We had a really good chat about the amazing opportunities there are to make Brexit work for Dover and Calais.

"Mr Bertrand is very keen to



work with us in making both Dover and Calais top tourist destinations. He also wants to boost business between the regions.

"It just goes to show that Brexit was about giving the boot to Brussels, yet keeping Britain open for business. This means exciting times for Dover and Deal."

MP Charlie Elphicke, right, met with Xavier Bertrand, president of the Hauts-des-France region, centre, at the Dover Marina Hotel owned by Cllr Trevor Bond, left, to discuss tourism and business

Duke of York school's new head arriving from Germany

The Duke of York's Royal Military School has appointed Alex Foreman as its new principal.

Mr Foreman, 41, joins the Dover school this month from the mixed 450-pupil King's School at Mansergh Barracks, Germany, where he had taught since 2007.

He had joined as assistant head teacher and was promoted to head teacher in 2014.

Mr Foreman is originally from Rutland in the East Midlands and is married with two children.

He said: "I am very excited to be given the opportunity to build on the many successes of the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

"The school's aim of 'looking forward with confidence – looking back with pride' contains a powerful message about collaborating effectively to ensure the best education for all young people."

Mr Foreman takes over from Chris Russell, who retired at Christmas.

During his time at the school, Mr Russell has overseen a £24.9 million refurbishment, built on the school's military ethos and enhanced the school's international reputation.

He also successfully campaigned to win back the Royal Warrant and Crown, which was lost when the school became an academy in 2010.

DOYRMS governors' chairman, Dr Geoffrey Soar, said: "Alex Foreman joins us from a school with many similarities to our own, one which also has strong links with the military community, and where he has



Alex Foreman, new principal of Dover's Duke of York's Royal Military School

a strong record of successful leadership. "We welcome Alex and his family to Dover, to continue the excellent work at the school."

■ For more information about the school, visit www.doyrms.com.

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