

ODE TO EASTBOURNE JULY 2010

by Herbert Savory of the North East England Branch
(and many others!)

Eastbourne, ee hi worra luvly place it is,
dead posh isn't it?
Wa here for the 104th Dickens conference
Thi howld one ivory year somewhere different
each time.

Eastbourne, what a lovely place it is
and so up market.
We are here for the 104th Dickens Conference
They hold one every year in a different location.

Waa hosts for this one are Eastbourne Branch
Of The Charles Dickens Fellowship. Led by
Maggie de Vos n a team of merry workers.
Our hosts this year are Eastbourne Dickens Branch
Led by Maggie de Vos and her team of merry helpers.

By laad they've done thasells proud they really hev,
Lovely accommodation, first class food, full attention
from everyone, nowt was too much botha.
They really have pushed the boat out for us
Lovely accommodation, first class food, full attention,
nothing too much trouble for anyone.

Wiv met up wi lots o owld friends and made stacks
A new uns. Dickens would have been in his element,
Plenty of people to study and make note of.
We have met up with lots of old friends and made
many more new ones. Dickens would have been in his
element, plenty of people to study and make note of.

The speakers wo forst class, as usual, wi lots o
interesting talks and th kept we well amused
N yi aalwaays larn somic from them yi knaa.
The speakers were first class, as usual, with lots of
interesting talks, they kept us well amused
and you know what? We always learn something new.

We had lots of great trips oot here there ivorywhere
N Maggie saved the best till last, which is usually the
Best thing to dee.
We had lots of great trips out here there and everywhere
But Maggie saved the best till last, always the best thin to do.

Aa felt as though Dickens was there w we as wi
Aal settled doon for th Old Time Music Hall.

It was brilliant, but sadly all good things must come to an end, and it was all too soon we were saying our good byes to ivory body, promising to keep in touch and looking forward already to the next Charles Dickens Conference.

I felt the spirit of Dickens amongst us when we settled down for the Old Tyme Music Hall. It was brilliant.

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