



Just Grand: East Kent Child Witness Service at the hotel's charity tea

Picture by ANDY JONES

Witness to a late party

STAFF at The Grand hosted a Christmas charity party, complete with log fire and crackers, a month after the big day.

As the original event had to be called off owing to the heavy snow, volunteers from the East Kent Child Witness Service were joined by local dignitaries for the tea last week.

Mayor Tom McNeice, town centre manager John Barber and Channel Chamber of Com-

merce manager Sezen Zeki all thanked volunteers for their work supporting vulnerable young people in the court system. EKCWS was the Grand's chosen charity last year and manager Robert Richardson intends to keep up the support in 2011.

He said: "I genuinely believe that you cannot manage the Grand and not acknowledge a responsibility to our local area

and I hope that by proactively helping to raise money to help continue the work that the EKCWS does I am living up to that aim.

"The belated Christmas party, with pianist, food and drinks, was a thank-you for the tremendous work they do for our area every day."

Patsy Phillips, from EKCWS, thanked the Grand for a "wonderful afternoon".