

66 initiated by the Dover Society with the involvement of the District Council, Dover Harbour Board, East Kent Initiative, the National Maritime Museum and Greenwich University and several other partners. A great deal of work was done and much was achieved, so this decision is a great disappointment to all those involved.

However, all is not lost. The Commission has invited the Dover Millennium Steering Committee to apply again with a revised proposal in the next round of applications. It is hoped that this will be possible as it would be a great shame not to carry on while we have the momentum and the partnership support.

The Future of Connaught Park

There is discussion of the possibility of obtaining funding from the Sports and Leisure slice of National Lottery money to improve and develop Connaught Park. Mike McFarnell would like to collect the views and opinions of Dover Society members.

You may remember that, in answer to the Newsletter Questionnaire on The Future of Dover, one of our members, June Dyer, put forward her views in Newsletter 19 (page 28)

"At present the park is scenic and under-used. There is no reason why the park should not be nearly as well-known as the Castle.

The top entrance needs to be emphasised and enhanced – in fact it should be rather grand and conspicuous. Thousands of Castle visitors – among others – would find it easy to use the top gate. From there the Park would be enjoyed, going down, leading visitors to the town."

The suggestion included ideas for a tea terrace with wonderful views and the development of botanical gardens, like those at Ventnor, I.O.W. The advent of National Lottery funding for such projects could make these dreams reality.

Items for consideration are as follows:

- (a) improved public access.
- (b) use of present facilities (e.g. tennis courts) and
- (c) development of additional features.

If you have any opinions you would like to put forward please write to me and I will collate the views of Society members. We intend to distribute a questionnaire on this subject at the October meeting, but if you have detailed and interesting ideas to contribute you may wish to let us know earlier than October. This is yet another opportunity to improve Dover's image and the Dover Society will support it with enthusiasm.

EDITOR

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTORS

The Editor welcomes contributions and illustrations. Interesting drawings are particularly welcome. The deadline for issue No. 24 – for publication on 1 December is Monday, 30th October.

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