

OBITUARY

Sir CLIFFORD JARRETT

K.B.E.

John Gerrard

Sir Clifford was born in Dover in 1909 and his father owned a photographer's shop which had the distinction of being the only house in Dover to have been bombed out during the first world war. As a result the family moved to Canterbury where Clifford received his early education.

They moved back to Dover just after the war and he won a scholarship to Dover County School, from where, having demonstrated outstanding academic ability he won a scholarship to Sidney Sussex College at Cambridge.

After leaving Cambridge he joined the Civil Service and had a distinguished career, rising to the rank of Permanent Secretary. One of his more interesting achievements was in dealing with the negotiations for the

handover of Simonstown Naval Base to South Africa.

He was Chairman of Dover Harbour Board between 1971 and 1980 during which time he formed a splendid alliance with the then Managing Director and Register Kenneth Davis and between them they played a major rôle in the modern development of the port.

He married Hilda Alice Goodchild in 1933 and they had two daughters Pamela and Susan and one son Paul. His wife died in 1975 and in 1978 he married Mary Beacock and enjoyed many happy years with her at Menston in Yorkshire.

He loved Dover and always said that his rôle as Chairman of Dover Harbour Board was the most enjoyable job that he ever had. He was always keen to visit the port and each year we would see his smiling face and know that we were in for some very detailed cross examination of just how things were going at the port. Thankfully, notwithstanding his illness, he was able to maintain this lively interest in the port until the very end of a full and fruitful life.

DAVID ENNALS

Jack Woolford

David Ennals, former Liberal and Secretary of the United Nations Association, and who had a distinguished war record, became Labour MP for Dover in 1964, narrowly defeating Sir John Arbutnot by 418 votes. In order to be better informed about the minutest details of his constituency, imitating Tony Benn in Bristol, he founded "The New Dover Group" and recruited by invitation well-informed members of the public onto committees on e.g. Transport and Education to inform and advise him on constituency matters.

As I explained at this year's AGM, I was organising a Local History Exhibition in 1964/5 for the then Dover Borough Council, and seeking a Plan and Model for "Dover 2000". I applied to the New Dover Group which immediately coopted me as Chairman of a new Planning Group with John Peverley

and Jim Williams, both Dover-born and recently qualified architects and planners, as members. It was David Ennals who chaired and briefed the first meeting and who dashed into and out of our Sunday morning meetings, encouraging but not interfering. Indeed he must have been too preoccupied with other constituency matters and with his meteoric rise towards the Cabinet to do more. Our model, built by the boys of the Borstal, was displayed for many years in the Museum. The concept of the Plan and parts of it, including the Riverside Walk, were influential.

David Ennals was narrowly defeated in the 1970 general election by Peter Rees. By this time the Group had adopted the Civic Trust model constitution for an amenity society, which meant that membership was open, and Peter Rees was soon persuaded to succeed David Ennals as President. It was therefore pleasantly appropriate to have them, both ennobled to life peerages, as Vice-Presidents of the Dover Society in 1988/89.

MAY ELVEY BRADLEY

Lillian Kay

The death occurred recently of Mrs May Elvey Bradley, a few weeks before her ninetieth birthday. Mrs Bradley had contributed a number of articles to our *Newsletter*, and left many written memories of her early life, from which we hope to publish extracts in future editions.

May Wilde was born on 2 May, 1905 and was brought up in her parents' confectionery and tobacco shop in Townwall Street.

Two of the dominant interests in May's life were the Girl Guide movement and Camping. Through their mutual interest in Scouts and Guides she met and married Frank Prescott, of the well-known Dover Shipping Agents, in 1935, and together they explored England in their caravan. During the war she lived in a cottage in the woods at Betteshanger; she ran the Eastry

Brownie Pack, worked on farms, served in Vye's, drove their van around the district, and was appointed Commissioner for Dover Rural Guides. Later she was awarded the honour of the Guide's coveted Thanks Badge. She joined the Ashley and Studdal W.I., of which she was Treasurer, Secretary and eventually President.

May's husband Frank died suddenly in 1957. She continued her many interests, and became Secretary of the Dover and District Music Club and became Secretary for the Trinity College of Music in Dover; she also organised the town's 'Meal on Wheels' service. In 1969 she married Eric Bradley, a retired dentist from Canterbury, with whom she and Frank had spent many camping holidays. They toured the Continent many times in their caravan. After a few years living in Kingston, near Canterbury they returned to The Gateway in Dover. Eric died in 1992 and May in March 1995, when Dover lost a well-known and public-spirited citizen.

Membership News

Many thanks to all members who paid their subscriptions promptly. Our numbers hover around 400 which seems to be a sticking-point as new recruits have balanced the retired. We produce an informative leaflet about the Society, its aims and the advantages of belonging. This is freely available to all, alternatively, the *Newsletter* can serve as a good means of introduction to potential members.

We have recently welcomed Mr K. Smith, Mr & Mrs T. Glyn Thomas, Lt. Cdr. J. & Mrs Waterman, Mrs A. Kirk, Mrs M. Cox, Mr & Mrs F. Martin, Mrs B. Johnson, Dr & Mrs R. J. Davis, Mr D. Man-Cheung, Captain and Mrs R. Levy, Mr S. Bannister, Mr & Mrs M. Jukes and Mrs J. Pain.

You may have noticed the new form of our application form on the last page of the *Newsletter*, which invites members to help the Society in various ways. If you can help in any of the areas mentioned please contact me or the Editor.

As the Society has now decided not to release our mailing list to any other society or enterprise, it will not be necessary to ask members to indicate their wishes on this matter and the last paragraph on the application form, dealing solely with Data Protection is therefore redundant and will henceforward be omitted.

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