

**Question 6.** How should the Dover Society mark the Millennium?

Suggestions: Perhaps donate an object, like a clock, or contribute to a project, like restoring the Gateway water fountain, or provide a riverside walk ramp, or help to restore the beauty of Connaught Park in some way.

Alternatively to find out what plans the DDC have and contribute to those.

In addition maybe have a lunch time party for Dover Society members!

**Additional questions provided by the Town Clerk**

1. Where KCC and DDC budget cuts are threatening to reduce services in Dover,

should the Town Council concentrate on lobbying these bodies to maintain the services in question. (An example given was the provision of Salt for the Salt Bins) or should they take over these services themselves?

*Answer:* Continue to lobby for KCC or DDC to maintain the services.

2. Is there a project in the town which the Town Council should pursue in partnership with Dover District Council?

Suggestions:

- (a) Clean up litter in key spots in the town.
- (b) Tidy up Cowgate Cemetery.
- (c) Discuss making more of the Western Heights.

## Plaque to the Unknown Warrior

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Readers may like to refer to pages 14 of *Newsletters* No. 28 and 9 of No. 29.

Two notable additions have recently been made to the assemblage that forms Dover's only reference to the homecoming of the Unknown Soldier- the plaque on the wall of the Cruise Terminal near to the spot where the body as landed. A few days before Armistice Day the photograph displayed on an easel near the plaque at the time of its dedication, now beautifully mounted and framed, was hung above the plaque by Dover Harbour Board.

On the 8th November members of the Federation Nationale des Combattants de Belgique (formed in 1922) and of the F.N.C. [London] (1945) were at Westminster Abbey at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where the Dean lit the Torches which are the branches' sign and signal. The Torches were then taken to the Belgian Embassy where they rested for the night.

The following day the combined party left for Ostend and Brussels and stopped off at Dover, as it had for many years, for a ceremony which this time was in the Cruise Terminal. A shield with the insignia of the F.N.C. was fixed above the photograph and a wreath of poppies was laid below. Now with the status of a memorial the assemblage is formed from the shield, the framed photograph, the plaque recording the return of the Unknown Soldier and a smaller plate that gives credit to the Dover Society for its part in the implementation of the whole project.

The photograph was taken by John Gerrard

