

# Florence Healey Trophy

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The Florence Healey Trophy is awarded annually for the best video relating to Dover by members of the Dover Video Camera Club.

There were five videos entered in the competition to be judged by Donna Sowerby, Arts & Events Manager, Dover District Council, Derek Blackman former Chairman of the Deal Video Camera Club and myself, representing the Dover Society.

We were given a voting slip requiring points to be given for camera work, content, entertainment, editing and sound track. I chose not to use the voting slip and opted to see all the videos before I made any judgements. I can see the merits of the slips but you do need previous experience of judging a similar competition.

Video 1 - Fortifications on the Western Heights and video 2 - Samphire Hoe, produced by Brian Joyner were informative and interesting with excellent commentary. They scored 68 and 70 points respectively. They set the standard which put video 3 - White Cliffs of Dover at a disadvantage, because although good in its way, it lacked the dialogue and scored 50 points. It consisted of scenes of the White Cliffs and Harbour to cover the jazzed up song of the same name.

Video 4 - City of London II, a team entry by Ray Skelton and Roy Edwards, came second with 72 points. Three video cameras were used to cover the visit by the Duke of Kent to launch the new RLNI rescue boat. It is very difficult to record speeches and obtain ideal camera angles at an event where background noises spoil the best and only careful editing will convey a satisfactory report.

We awarded first place to video 5 - **Dover Harbour Board - Preparing for the future** with 87 points. This video by Roy Buddle was about the building of the second cruise liner terminal. A tremendous amount of research had gone into the subject and this showed in the steady shots and the awareness of background considered as important as the narration. Despite a couple of glitches, which hopefully will be edited out before being shown again, the judges all selected it as their first choice.

The Dover Video Club meetings are held at the Three Links Club in Pencester Road on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. If anyone is interested they can contact: The Secretary, Dover Video Camera Club, Roy Edwards, 75 Harold Street, Dover, Kent CT16 1SB. Tel: 01304 212224.

## Newsletter Binders

With the co-operation of Members we will be able to supply "Cordex" Binders for the Newsletter. The burgundy coloured binders have a capacity for 13 copies and are lettered on the spine "The Dover Society Newsletter" in gilt foil.

The minimum order we can place is 100 and a list is being compiled of those who would like to have one. (At the moment we have fifteen names). When the list has, say, eighty names the binders will be placed on order. The cost, (likely to be a few pence more than last time's figure of £3.00) does not include postage for out-of-town members.

To add your name to the list write a note to the Secretary, Leo Wright, at "Beechwood", Green Lane, Dover CT16 3AR.

## Society Badges

*The wearing of a Society Badge reminds the general public (who really do have eyes to see) that the Society is a viable and energetic non-political voice for Dover. The beautiful little enamelled Lapel or Brooch Badges are to Philomena Kennedy's original design, in black on a white ground, surrounded by a gold line defining the shape of the badge and are available from the Treasurer, in either type, for £2 post free.*

*Just contact the Treasurer, Jennifer Gerrard, at 77 Castle Avenue, or phone her on 206579 (with a cheque or P.O. if possible) and she will very quickly ensure that a badge is in your hands.*