

months convalescing, some of it in South Africa, he returned to North Africa to take up a position as political liaison officer with the Arabs in Jordan. This involved dressing and living as an Arab for two years, until the end of the war.

Ivan died, aged 91, on 10th February,

2004. His funeral service, attended by many friends and colleagues, was held on 19th February at St. Mary's Church. He was a truly remarkable man, a gentleman and a real character, who was a great conversationalist with a good sense of humour. He will be sadly missed by many people.

## Leo Wright 1915-2004

*from Jack Woolford*

**LEO WRIGHT** was born in Manchester in 1915 and won a scholarship to the Manchester Grammar School and from there went on to St Edmund's College at Oxford. His degree was in French and German but he also became a skilled and enthusiastic oarsman. At the beginning of the war he was a schoolmaster in Dublin but immediately volunteered for army service, becoming an intelligence officer at the highest level in Egypt. There, he met and married his wife Marjory, also in the intelligence service. At the end of the war he returned to schoolmastering and was appointed to Dover College where he served as sailing-master and housemaster as well as teacher, until his retirement forty years later. He was a most devoted family man to his children and grandchildren.

He was a founder member of the Dover Society in 1988 and he became Secretary in the following year. He was a scrupulous minute-taker and a skilled correspondent until his retirement in 2002. In all those years he missed only one of the monthly committee meetings. With his wife he played a full part in every activity of the Society, including Dover Festivals, and he was a frequent contributor to the Newsletter. In particular he initiated the links

developed with two environmental organisations in Calais, liaised with the Channel Tunnel company which sponsored two orchestral concerts in Dover, and with Dover College for the use of the Refectory for Christmas feasts. He represented the Dover Society on the Dover Town Council Twinning Committee, and was a dedicated member of the Society's Planning Committee, tireless in tracking and commenting on planning applications. He was an active member of the St Peter and Paul Church in Temple Ewell and delivered, first, parish and then village, magazines for many years until very recently. He was deeply involved in the preservation of St Edmund's Chapel in Dover. He was an ardent gardener with a positive taste for heavy labour in his steep and chalky garden. He was devoted to music and his piano was very recently re-tuned. He was most hospitable, with a fine taste in wines. He was also a very good, though unobtrusive, neighbour.

In all these activities he was nevertheless a quiet and modest man, with a quiet but marked sense of humour. His unending loyalty to his boyhood school, his college, to St Edmund, to Dover College - and to the Dover Society - were indeed exemplary.