

Letters to the Editor

From: Joe Harman

Your picture on the front cover of Newsletter 50 shows the clock tower on the old Harbour Station. I am not sure if it ever had a clock. The story goes that someone missed his train and it was removed. Certainly it was not there when I started on the trains in 1929. When the roof was removed it was to put a light on top which was used by the captains of the train ferries when they entered the dock.

(Editor's Note. Apologies to Anthony Lane for this mistake. The caption on the cover should have been placed with the picture on page 15.)

From: Sherifa Rashidally

As a child I lived at 'Chaldercot', 1 Leyburne Road, Dover, and this home has always been dear to me, remembering the happy hours there with my late mother. I do have a few aerial photos of 'Chaldercot' but I have no close-up photos which show the house clearly in detail.

I am wondering if you know anyone who may be able to help me obtain such a photo. It would be much appreciated and, of course, I would cover the cost and p&p.

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From: Jeane Dutton-Hill

Return to Cowgate

On Sunday 8th August I took my fiancé Jeremy to visit Cowgate cemetery as he hadn't been there before, he just had to put up with me telling him how nice it was! He wanted to see where Arthur Beresford Pite was buried. My article about Pite in Issue 50 of the newsletter generated much interest in him, I received queries from as far afield as West Yorkshire. I now have a website about his life, work and where he is buried in Dover, which can be found at www.members.lycos.co.uk/askjeane

It was a gloriously warm and sunny day and we spent a very pleasant morning having a look around. Pite is interred in the Mowll family vault. The volunteers are doing an amazing job in their never-ending task of keeping the place tidy. Hopefully I can encourage more people to visit not only to see the interesting memorials but to enjoy the wonderful wild flowers, birds, butterflies and tranquillity.

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Note from May Jones, Proofreader

Did anyone notice the two mistakes which slipped through the net in the August Newsletter?

1. Batemans, Kipling's home, if near Burwash, on the Weald, not Burmarsh on Romney Marsh near Hythe.
2. Reginald Koettlitz, the explorer, must have travelled down the Blue Nile to Khartoum and Cairo. The Nile must flow down to the Mediterrean Sea.