

# Letters to the Editor

28 November 2004

Dear Editor,

I should like it to be known that in October 2004 I submitted to English Heritage a nomination for the Copt Hill cemetery sites in Dover to be listed in the cemetery section of its National Register of Parks and Gardens.

This is a little known accreditation but one which in my opinion, as their tour guide and exponent for the past five years fully merits such a grant and honour.

We, as the inheritors from our forebears of this historic site chosen in the first place (1855) for its stunning natural situation, owe it to our descendants to ensure the protection for them of all its riches not to mention the fact that it is the last resting place for so many of our citizens past, present and future. I therefore would like you to publish the English Heritage response to my nomination.

I am gratified that my recommendation is recognized and holds out hope for a listing.

I should like to urge the Dover Society therefore to use its influence to maintain English Heritage's consideration as well as the Dover District Council who own and maintain the sites.

I should also like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Society for all its help in supporting my love and interest of the subject since I first brought it to their notice in 1999.

Yours sincerely,  
Martyn Webster

ENGLISH HERITAGE

Dear Mr Webster

REGISTER OF PARKS AND GARDENS:  
COPT HILL CEMETERY, DOVER

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2004, and for the information about Copt Hill Cemetery that you kindly enclosed.

From the information you have provided, the site appears to be of significant historic and landscape interest, and may well be a candidate for registration. However, our Cemeteries Project has now been completed and this has led to the addition of over 100 cemeteries to the Register nationally. The resources of the Designation Team are at present heavily committed to the review of heritage protection legislation that we are undertaking in conjunction with the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. Consequently, our normal programme of spot registration will be on hold for the next two to three years, except where sites are seriously threatened, for example by unsympathetic planning proposals.

We have therefore added Copt Hill Cemetery to our longer term review list, and will carry out a full assessment when resources permit. In the meantime, if any serious threat to the cemetery should emerge, please let us know.

Thank you again for bringing the site to our attention, and for all the information and site photographs you supplied. This was most helpful.

Yours sincerely,

David Conway  
Heritage Protection Department

## *Tribute to Budge Adams...*

Dear Editor,

I have just finished reading 'Dover Tribute to Budge Adams' and would like to say it is a truly wonderful revelation and insight into Dover's glorious and ancient past.

Mr. Adams was indeed a most remarkable gentleman and the book makes me proud to be a Dovorian and, of course, a member of the Dover Society.

Sherifa Rashidally

Dear Editor

The pleasant and unexpected gift of the "Dover Tribute" brought back so many childhood memories I was inspired to record a few of these, as enclosed.

I am always happy to receive the Newsletter. Though it is good to be nearer my family I still miss my home town.

Bessie Newton



Sketch by Sherifa Rashidally

### ***Split the Lark Poetry Festival***

**LOCAL COMPETITION JUNE 2005**

**for poems on the theme of**

### ***Sea Fever***

The title of John Masefield's famous poem gives us our theme for this year's local competition.

Take it any way you like - from a passion for the sea to just feeling a bit queasy.

#### **NO ENTRY FEE**

No entry form required. Poems up to a maximum of 40 lines each to be typed on a single side of A4 paper. A separate sheet of A4 should contain the titles of poems, name, address and phone number of entrant.

*Closing date for entries 15th May 2005*

**Trophy for best entry ~ Second, third and fourth prizes to be decided**

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