

typing of the inscriptions is less easily readable. Researchers will, therefore, have a choice when locating graves recorded by her.

So, the Society has achieved its aim of recording all gravestones, and mapping them. A word of warning, however, Miss de Bourbel recorded over four hundred graves and this Society only slightly less. Yet there must be many graves where the headstone had already succumbed to the elements before (or since) Miss de Bourbel set the ball rolling twenty years ago. For

any family researcher it will be a matter of luck whether their forebears are in one of the graves or tombs where information has been captured. If not, then they must seek information from the full register of 7250 people buried in the cemetery between 1837 and the 1950s. A call to Madeleine Whitcombe at Dover District Council or via "burials@dover.gov.uk" with details of the name and date of death should yield at least the grave reference and (with the help of the Society's maps) the approximate location of the grave.

## THE RIVER DOUR

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The beautiful Dour in the evening sunshine

Since my last report matters have slowed somewhat. An important matter that should have been resolved in the early days is the legal relationship between the members of the Group. For a body involving itself in construction projects and maintenance of the river, members have to be quite clear of their commitments, legal responsibilities and liabilities. Matters are complicated because any work will be carried out on other people's property.

Following discussion on a draft constitution Jeremy Burgess of the



Two young girls  
enjoying the Dour

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Environment Agency, Nick Delaney of Dover District Council and myself were asked to make a proposal to the Group. The proposal has now been circulated and I hope will enable us to resolve the matter. In the meantime work on the river has ground to a halt. I am not entirely sure why, although the absence of a constitution is quoted as the reason. I trust that our proposals will allow us to resume activities and that my next report will be much more positive.



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