

Haunted Dover

Reviewed by Terry Sutton

Another member of The Dover Society who is also proving a busy author is Lorraine Sencicle whose latest book *Haunted Dover* (The History Press: £9.99) provides an interesting read. Lorraine has selected a score of ghost stories in and around Dover that over the years have grown and expanded until many people believe them to be true.

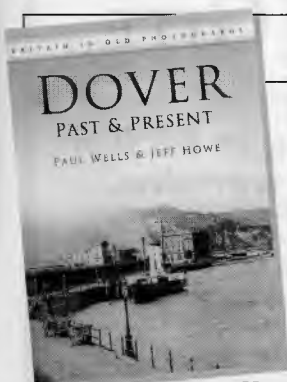
Her well-illustrated paperback includes the yarn that the ghost of Peter the drummer boy still haunts the Western Heights while, down at the cruise terminals at the western docks, passengers have seen the ghost of a soldier who sailed from Dover to die on the battlefields of Flanders.

A more traditional ghost story is about the

old woman in grey who still haunts the town council offices at Maison Dieu House, as told by Richard Barham in his *Ingoldsby Legends*.

Lorraine submits that Dover is inhabited by more ghosts than most towns, and about that, I would not be at all surprised. Don't read just before going to bed, unless you want a sleepless night!!

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Dover Past and Present

Reviewed by Alan Lee

This latest book on the rich and varied history of our town takes a slightly unusual direction. The authors Paul Wells and Jeff

Howe seek to compare the old with the new and the book is amply illustrated with over 150 images each accompanied by some informative text.

The nostalgic images of Dover past when compared to the modern views beg the question. Has the town improved for the better? I for one think that the answer is an emphatic no. Many different areas of the

town are covered and the comparison between the old and the new photographs is sometimes startling. The older photographs recall a time when the town was thriving and people enjoyed more simple pleasures. Dover at war, the Western Heights, the town, harbour, seafront, castle, cliffs and the garrison they are all here.

This will prove to be an excellent read and with the large number of differing views of the town, there should be something for everyone as well as another must for those with an interest in our local history.

Priced £12.99 the book is available from local retail outlets, Dover museum or Paul Wells, e-mail: paulwells75@btinternet.com or tel: 07771 550730.