

miniskirts, hot-pants and the development of mobile phones all were referred to in a wide ranging address in which Terry also commented on the highs and lows of reporting as a journalist over the last sixty years, mentioning in the latter category the Herald of Free Enterprise, the 25th anniversary of its sinking having only recently been commemorated in Dover before his talk and fresh in peoples' minds. On a contemporary note Terry mused on the progress that had been made by people in material terms but built up on the mountain of debt that would be with us for well into the future. It was a bravado performance in which Terry expressed his regret over a decline in morals over the period in question and the decline in the fortunes

and current state of his home town. In many ways his talk gave credence to the view that, in respect of the sad state of the town in 1952 and 2012, everything changes and yet remains the same! There followed a question and answer session which Terry coped with in masterly fashion.

The President of the Rotary Club of South Foreland, Keith Playforth, both introduced Terry before and thanked him after his talk inviting him back on another occasion and commented on his foresight in bringing his own supply of whisky to add to the water he was drinking during his talk. No wonder Terry gave an interesting talk on the fortunes of Dover over sixty years - for it was clearly delivered with spirit!

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COWGATE CEMETERY

Jeremy Cope

This winter's dry weather meant I guess, that plant growth has been slowed so that we are able to fool ourselves a little with the idea that we are getting in control. Does anyone control nature for long? But our volunteers really are doing well and the cemetery looks fine. A very real reward is illustrated by an email from Art Brewer, a Canadian, who wrote "So, my thanks to all of the volunteers in the Dover Society for their good work. Visiting the site of my five-times great grandfather, his wife and several of their children was a very moving experience for me." Art also very generously gave a donation for the Society's work for which we are very grateful.

We welcome volunteers - either phone 01304 211348 or email me at jeremycope@willersley.plus.com

Cowgate working parties 2012

Thursday 2nd August
 Thursday 6th September
 Thursday 4th October
 Thursday 1st November
 Thursday 6th December

Saturday 11th August
 Saturday 15th September
 Saturday 13th October
 Saturday 10th November
 Saturday 15th December