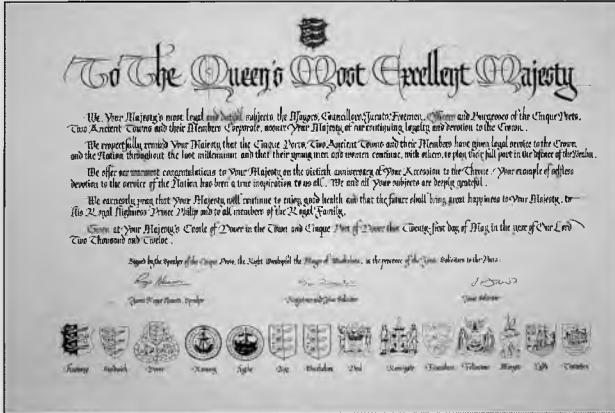


# DIAMOND JUBILEE

— Commemorated by Confederation of Cinque Ports —

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Loyal Address

On Monday 21st May Dover was the venue for two significant events in the life of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports and Two Antient Towns. In the late afternoon in the Council Chamber of the Dover Town Council the Standing Committee of the Confederation, comprising the Mayors and Officers of the Ports, Towns and Limbs, was convened to confirm the presentation of a Loyal Address to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee. At the same time those attending witnessed the transfer of the Speakership from the Mayor of Hastings to the Mayor of Winchelsea. The Lord Warden and Constable of Dover Castle, Admiral The Lord Boyce KG GCB OBE DL was present at the event.

Later, in the early evening, after a Brigade Reception hosted by Brigadier Simon Wolsey OBE Commander 2

(South East) Brigade, a ceremony was held in the distinctly breezy and chilly grounds of Dover Castle when the Loyal Address was formally handed to The Lord Boyce for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen and the Registrar and Seneschal of the Cinque Ports, Ian Russell, read out the wording of the Loyal Address to an audience comprising not only the Mayors and Officials of the Cinque Ports, but also representatives of the army and local people invited to the occasion. Also handed to The Lord Boyce was a commemorative fine bone china tankard, numbered 1, to be presented to Her Majesty. The tankard was one of a very limited number of 250 especially commissioned by the Confederation to celebrate the historic event of the Queen's 60 years as Monarch, an achievement only exceeded by her great great grandmother Queen Victoria in 1897.

The Lord Boyce was also presented with a tankard, number 2, for himself by the Speaker of the Cinque Ports, the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Winchelsea, while Lady Boyce was presented with a book on the Cinque Ports.



Tankard

Following the ceremony Brigadier Simon Wolsey OBE gave a brief address to those present and introduced the band of the Brigade of Gurkhas with the Pipes and Drums of 1st Royal Gurkha Rifles who proceeded to give a programme of music and a marching display concluding with Beating of Retreat to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The salute was taken by The Lord Boyce in his capacity as Lord Warden and Constable of the Castle.

The specially commissioned fine bone china Tankards, which are destined to become collectors' items, were made available to all members of the Confederation and some members of the general public were fortunate to be able to acquire this memento of an historic achievement by our Monarch.

The text of the Loyal Address read as follows:-

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty*

*We, Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayors, Councillors, Jurats, Freemen, Officers and Burgesses of the Cinque Ports, Two Ancient Towns and their Members Corporate, assure Your*

*Majesty of our continuing loyalty and devotion to the Crown.*

*We respectfully remind Your Majesty that the Cinque Ports, Two Ancient Towns and their Members have given loyal service to the Crown and the Nation throughout the last millennium and that their young men and women continue, with others, to play their full part in the defence of the Realm.*

*We offer our warmest congratulations to Your Majesty on the sixtieth anniversary of Your Accession to the Throne. Your example of selfless devotion to the service of the Nation has been a true inspiration to us all. We and all Your subjects are deeply grateful.*

*We earnestly pray that Your Majesty will continue to enjoy good health and that the future shall bring great happiness to Your Majesty, to His Royal Highness Prince Philip and to all members of the Royal Family.*

*Given at Your Majesty's Castle of Dover in the Town and Cinque Port of Dover this Twenty-first day of May in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve.*

The address was signed by the Speaker of the Cinque Ports, the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Winchelsea, in the presence of the Joint Solicitors to the Confederation and it bears the arms or seals of each of the member towns, in addition to the arms of the Confederation.