

by Mrs De Bourbel. Whilst DDC held a full list of burials there was no plan. 7624 bodies were interred from 1837 with up to 12 bodies per grave. Even fallen headstones were lifted temporarily to expose well-preserved inscriptions. In 2003 the Society provided the historical text for an interpretation panel at the cemetery and contributed £100 toward the cost. By 2004 the whole two acre cemetery was being maintained and the recording of inscriptions was completed after 3 years. In addition maps of the eight plots were made with the location and grave number of each recorded headstone. In addition the information was donated to the museum and a second book of maps was presented to DDC. The Kent Family History Society also made the information available on microfiche. The incredible maintenance project, coordinated by Jeremy Cope, continues.

Although a closed cemetery, the final burial occurred in 2006 when William Ebenezer Petchey, the last surviving member of the family of sextons who had maintained the cemetery for three generations was interred in the family plot.

2001

Budge Adams project



2001 started sadly with the death of Budge Adams in January at the age of 91. At his 90th birthday celebrations he said that his best present was having his driving licence

renewed for another three years, but sadly he did not make full use of it! The Newsletter contained tributes by the Chairman and both Vice Chairmen - a good man with a deep and lasting love of Dover who loved to look back but was also forward thinking; a man of strong views who expressed them. Budge maintained that he needed to live until he was 120 to do all that he wanted to do; it was not to be, but he had a jolly good try!

Budge's collection of over 100 books, maps and memorabilia plus more than 2000 slides were donated by the Adams family to the Society. This became quite a project. First, everything was catalogued over one winter. Then, in order to make them available to the public, the books and maps went on permanent loan to the library and the slides to the museum. Many of the slides were taken by Budge whilst others were borrowed and copied. Society volunteers, Bob Hollingsbee and Derek Leach, then scanned the slides onto the museum's database. The final stage was to publish a selection in book form as a tribute to Budge. Dover Tribute appeared in 2003. It proved immensely popular; members received a free copy and the public bought the rest within three weeks, making a reprint necessary, which also sold out.

DHB produced a highly controversial Westport project plan to cope with the expected increase in traffic by 2015. This was to be to the west of the Admiralty Pier with the loss of Shakespeare Beach.

At the 2001 AGM Jeremy relinquished the Chair after three years and Terry Sutton took over. Bill Naylor replaced Leo Wright as secretary who retired after 10 years at the age of 85. Hugh Gordon took over projects and Jack was made a Vice President.

Triangle Publications, now without Budge, decided to publish another book, entitled *Dover and the Monarchy 1066-1688*, based

upon Ivan Green's Newsletter articles which was launched in October. This was soon followed by a third book researched and written by members Julia and Peter Burville called *White Cliffs of Dover*, which told the story of the community that lived in cave dwellings in the famous cliffs, including some of Peter Burville's ancestors.

The Society did not take kindly to the hotel eventually built on the site of the imposing Marine Court, describing it as of industrial design, concrete blocks, factory-type roofing with a cylindrical attachment resembling an industrial water tower! Plans for the conversion of the closed White Cliffs Experience into the Discovery Centre housing the library and adult education centre with a cafe and theatre were welcomed.

2002

On the planning front plans to dual the A2 from Lydden Hill to Dover, already 25 years behind schedule, were resurrected, but it was not to happen before 2008 - and never has happened despite the desperate need to relieve Townwall Street of lorry congestion and pollution. Welcome news was DDC's Dover Town Centre Conservation Area Character Appraisal - analysing the wealth of listed buildings and the potential for enhancement. Plans for development on the Western Heights were opposed by the Society and rejected by DDC. John Peverley had previously saved the moats in the 1950s from the Borough Council's plan to infill with domestic rubbish! An invitation from DHB to join the Port Consultative Committee was accepted.

The Society joined the campaign 'to save our public loos' which were under threat of closure due to DDC cuts. We also objected to the 45% cut in the museum's budget

with curators reduced from three to one, fewer custodians and the loss of temporary exhibitions. Tourism staff were reduced from five to one. Even the Town Hall was under threat. A good piece of news was that the idea of a riverside walk, first mooted by the New Dover Group 40 years before, had been taken up by KCC and DTC. In despair about some of Dover's eyesores, the Society decided to shame them in a letter to the local newspapers, naming Burlington House, Woolworth, Premier Inn, B&Q, the Townwall St/Bench Street corner, some King Street shops, the derelict Crypt site and rubbish behind shops in Biggin Street. On the other hand De Bradelei Wharf was praised.

2003

A plan to convert Buckland Flour Mill into flats could open up its millpond as part of the riverside walk; however, the application was rejected and when revised and represented there was no public access. The planning brief for Buckland Paper Mill was also released with a mixture of housing and employment plus access to the river hidden for so many years underneath the mill buildings. We waited eagerly to see the site redeveloped, but had to wait until 2011 for a start!

With a new managing director DHB did an about turn on its idea for a Westport outside the present harbour. Instead it proposed a new 30 year masterplan to cope with a doubling of traffic - first maximising use of the Eastern Docks and then redeveloping the Western Docks when necessary.

River Dour Steering Group

The Society asked DTC to finance a survey of the river to identify opportunities for improvement and how best to achieve them. The report raised concerns not only about rubbish but also pollution from upstream.