

He covered all the inquests for his newspaper. He regretted that no longer were there any newspaper offices in Dover and explained he was currently working from his home. He had always tried to ensure that every successful Channel swimmer got a mention and, during the height of the immigrant arrivals, had worked to calm the situation by giving a positive message when others were expressing negative views.

Graham spoke of the many disparate organisations and people working for the good of the town and suggested it needed someone to bring them all together.

His audience heard that Graham, as part of his work, should that evening be enjoying a night on board one of the cruise liners visiting Dover that day. So, by keeping his Dover Society date, he was missing out on a gala dinner and on-board first class entertainment.

Questioned about his future, after retirement, Graham said he was not going to be rushed into anything. But one of his duties would be to continue playing the organ at his church, a task undertaken for the last 50 years.

Graham has been replaced by Victoria Chessum, a 21-year-old who has just graduated from university.

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Sheila R. Cope Membership Secretary

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We number 465 at present and have been pleased to add: Ms C Bond, Mr B & Mrs V Clark, Mrs C Faraone, Ms J Graeme, Mrs D Harber, Mr J. Richards, Mr L Melville, Ms J Stavrietsky, Miss K Taylor, Ms M White and Mrs P Wood.

As usual at this time of year we send our condolences to the families and friends of:- our late Vice-President Miss Lilian Kay, Mrs Jean Walkden, Mrs Muriel Goulding (who self-effacingly provided refreshments at meetings), Miss Marjorie Bullock and Mr Charles Nelson.