

# Refurbishment Committee

Jeremy Cope

Upper Road Pathway. Why don't I cut out the optimism when writing these reports? Last time I expressed optimism that we were making progress with the path. Although things have improved, Mike Weston and I think we have an even better alternative with less of the path alongside Upper Road but we got a very negative response from KCC Pathways. However we don't intend to give up and will continue to work at this.

We hope to have the DDC litter enforcement man present at one of our meetings to hear how he sees his job, what success he has had and what more there is to do. We do have ideas we want to feed back as to how the problem may be better contained and to speak of the practical problems we all come up against. We received a report from a member who found Gravesend in a much worse state than Dover which helps us keep things in perspective but I am afraid that sense does not help if you see litter and dog fouling in your neighbourhood and town. It's an aspect of modern life that I feel can so devalue an area. Again I urge any member with a problem to contact DDC. Finally on this subject: an award, Alan Sencicle is one of our stalwarts with ideas as well as a commitment to collecting litter left by others. Well done and keep it up.

Another plea. You will have seen from our March issue Jenny Olpin's article on the Society's liaison with Dover Police. Do please let Jenny: [jenny.olpin@uwclub.net](mailto:jenny.olpin@uwclub.net) or Joan Liggett: [liggettjoan@yahoo.com](mailto:liggettjoan@yahoo.com) know of any anti-social problems.

The greening of Dover town. In my last report you will have gained the idea that Sylvie Parsons had given up on her work on planters and flower beds in the town. I know the idea seemed ridiculous knowing Sylvie's commitment and so it has proved. Sylvie is back as enthusiastic as ever and now starting on a project to plant parts of Priory Station. This is being done under the aegis of the Society and Dover Big Local. Another award then to Sylvie and her helpers.

Listed buildings: another of our tasks is to research the history of local historic buildings and to publish articles in the newsletter. I feel this is of importance – Dover's history is so rich and we should shout about it from the rooftops. Due to various problems this work has been in abeyance for the last few months but I hope a restart is now under way.

Dover Big Local. A reminder – Dover is to receive £1m to be spent over 10 years on the town centre and the Society plays its part as "treasurer" with many of our members involved. We are currently working hard to create our plans based upon local people's ideas. Once the plan is approved the money will be available to start and make an impact and help our town be a more vibrant and positive place in which to live, work and visit. Even so, through our limited start-up funds we have been able to provide funds for several projects including the forthcoming Dover Music Festival. We give a platform at our meetings to speakers from local organisations and I admit to hearing of many groups I did not know exist. It encourages me greatly to hear of so much

good work being done in Dover, a great deal of it carried out on a voluntary basis. Why not come to our meetings? I can easily email you meeting details.

If you need to learn any more of matters contained in this report please do not hesitate to contact me (for details see inside front cover)

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## PEBBLES KIOSK

Merril Lilley

On the promenade at East Cliff, on Thursday April 17th Pebbles Kiosk and the adjoining refurbished toilets were officially opened.

The sun shone, the sea was calm and around fifty people attended the opening. Sue Jones, the manager of the kiosk, invited the mayor of Dover and the Chief Executive of the Port of Dover, Tim Waggott, to cut the ribbon and the kiosk was declared open.

The visitors enjoyed a drink and admired the shop, which has a variety of attractive souvenirs. I was among them and bought a 'Gateway to Dover' bag, some tea towels and a thimble for a friend who collects them.

At the kiosk visitors can buy tea, coffee, soft drinks, ice cream and snacks. They can also hire deck chairs and the use of a locker.

The use of the toilets costs 20p.

Toilets and kiosk are open every day from April to October from 10am until late afternoon.

Several members of the Dover

Society attended the opening. Sue told me that the Dover Society was instrumental in helping the project get off the ground and that many of the Dover Society members were regular visitors.

So find time for a walk on the promenade and a visit to Pebbles Kiosk.



*Opening of Pebbles Mayor of Dover, Sue Jones & Tim Waggott Port of Dover Chief Executive Dover 17th April 2014*