

Sutton's regular press reports also help to keep The Society in the public eye and we continue to provide a Dover Society article in the Dover Life magazine. We have resisted so far Facebook or tweeting!

Representation

As usual I represented The Society at the moving St. George's Day commemoration of the Zeebrugge Raid and we also laid wreaths at the Remembrance Services at the Town war memorial and at The Society's plaque to the Unknown Warrior at the Western Docks. Several of us attended the moving Dove of Peace event at Christmas at the former Marine Station.

Thanks

In my report I have mentioned a number of people, but have not thanked that essential backroom boy, our efficient treasurer, Mike Weston, who will shortly dazzle you with his annual accounts, and Yvonne Miller, who has the thankless task of taking the Executive minutes, and every other member of the Executive for their efforts. I must also thank our Audit Committee and all those members who have contributed in any way to the work of this great Society. That concludes my report of yet another very busy year.

I submit my report for your consideration.

Retirement of our President Brigadier Maurice Atherton CBE



Maurice and Wendi Atherton Dov Soc AGM 2015

Maurice has decided that it is time to retire as our President. Maurice succeeded the Countess of Guilford in 1993 since when he and Wendi have taken a keen interest in all that the Society does and have supported the Executive in a

number of ways including hosting a lunch annually at their lovely home. Maurice will be difficult to replace, but I am sure you will continue to support us from the 'back benches'.

The Society would like to show its appreciation with this gift of a tree *Prunus 'Accolade'* [ornamental flowering cherry]

Prunus 'Accolade' is an excellent flowering tree with a superb display of pale-pink, semi-double flowers that signal the arrival of spring. The colourful flowers appear even on young trees and mature trees can be absolutely smothered in pink blossom. The leaves are dark green in summer, with some orange/red autumn colour.

Wendi was also presented with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Society by our youngest member Denise Lee.