

of Tilmanstone colliery came up with a scheme that carried coal the seven and a half miles from Tilmanstone to Dover docks by aerial ropeway.

This ropeway, with 600 buckets, strode across the green fields of East Kent and

then through a tunnel in the cliffs to a bunker at the end of the Eastern Arm to feed calling ships.

Jim scotched the myth that one or more of the Betteshanger coal seams was mined under the sea.

Refurbishment Committee Jeremy Cope

Of the matters of interest to us I update some of them below.

First I am very pleased to report the funding cut to Police services has been rescinded. Chief Inspector Barlow will not be moving which, given his work for Dover, is good news. Jenny Olpin and John Cotton will continue to hold regular meetings with CI Barlow to express concerns. If, at time, you have any matters which you believe should be brought forward do please contact Jenny on jenny.olpin@uwclub.net

The replacement of street lights is something, we believe, should reflect the nature of the area in which they are situated. For example Castle Street with its buildings has a particular aspect and changes need to be compliant with that sense. We do recognise that the style of replacements is very much one of taste and also in this day and age of cost. However the more of us content with changes the better. DDC with its recent building on the corner of Castle Street and Woolcomber Street gave the design such consideration and is, to many of us, a happy result.

We have been in correspondence with Tim Waggott, Chief Executive of Dover Harbour Board. Our first concern was for the Jarrett Plaque situated on the Prince of Wales Pier. The plaque is a brass geographer which aligns with Dover landmarks and thus

requires correct positioning in any relocation. Our concerns have been noted together with the need for a proper location if it is to "work". The second matter was that in any redevelopment of the Western Docks that the Dour outflow is unimpeded allowing for migrating fish to freely enter and leave the river. We also seem to be attracting seals into the Dour - obviously an increasingly popular place for sea creatures to visit. We received assurance that the flows would be similar to that currently experienced.

Jenny Olpin is now taking up the task of searching for funding appropriate signage to the pathway from the Castle via the Bleriot Memorial to the Cliff pathway. The present signage is fine if you are a walker with the proper maps but not too helpful to most locals and particularly visitors. For those unacquainted with the path it offers a much safer alternative to walking alongside of Upper Road.

If any of our members have any issues or problems with regard to litter enforcement then please contact Jenny Olpin. Tel: 01304 825011 E-mail: jenny.olpin@uwclub.net

Lastly we are looking forward to a talk in February from Andrzej Kluczynski "AJ" who leads the litter enforcement team. It should be very interesting to hear how the team works, its problems and how the public can help.