

The Misses East were the daughters of W.H. East of the School of Art, the man who had painted my mariner great-grandfather Goodfellow alongside their brother. I understood that Mr East had designed Eastlea, their house in Maison Dieu Road which, with its purpose-built studio, must rank in all senses as the town's best true Arts-and-Crafts house; it would fit so easily into Bedford Park, London's proto-Arts-and-Crafts suburb, or into the artier parts of Hampstead. One of the sisters always seemed very frail but the other, though slight, was alert and upright. She had been a Guider, one of those to whom my mother, who was a keen Guide and a first-rate Guide Captain, always deferred as "Madam". That was how you addressed Guide Commissioners; their smart uniform was more than a cut above a Guide Captain's sensible gear. Miss Elnor also fitted that category. She was very much "Madam". Her house was Leyburne House, opposite Chaldercot, a well-positioned, discreetly understated and consequently rather superior detached house. Miss Elnor's father, Canon Elnor, had been Vicar of St Mary's and therefore Dover's senior Anglican clergyman. Patricia Elnor (can she have been named after

Princess Patricia of Connaught? Dover seems to have taken a proprietary interest in the Connaughts ever since the young Duke had briefly lodged, while on duty, in Waterloo Crescent) had one other claim to fame: she kept a uniformed maid, as I discovered when taking a note from my mother to Miss Elnor and the maid opened the door and told me to wait. That really was a glimpse into an already vanished world.

There could be no better place than to end this excursion into memory than with Leyburne House at the end of Leyburne Road.



Leyburne House

COWGATE CEMETERY

Jeremy Cope

Our maintenance work continues as usual with the cemetery looking well – a lovely spot overlooking the town and well worth a visit. For those who would like to join our working parties do please contact me – my contact details are on the front inside cover. Usually we work the first Thursday and second Saturday in the month from 9.00a.m to noon with of course a tea/coffee break.

Preliminary diary is:

Month	Thursday	Saturday
November	2nd	11th
December	7th	16th
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January	4th	13th
February	1st	10th
March	1st	10th