

be respected and protected from encroachment on their habit. John mentioned dormice and bats as an example, an important aspect of any project of this magnitude.

For John the project has been a fourteen-year journey working with the Western Heights Preservation Society, Dover District Council, Kent County Council and various other agencies. There have been three design options with a public consultation in 2018. Funding, of course, is of paramount importance with a budget of twenty million pounds envisaged from various funding sources.



Proposed War Memorial Section of Wall

In conclusion, John's enthusiasm and efforts for the project were clearly visible. We would wish that his fourteen-year

journey has a successful conclusion. The benefits for Dover and the wider community will be a worthy legacy for years to come.

New Summer Social Secretary

Rodney Stone

Hello - I have taken over from our dear Patricia, valiantly backed by Patrick, as organiser of the Society's summer events. Equally, I will be supported by my Doreen. The events consist of trips usually put together by our friend Iain of Leo's Pride Coaches. Enclosed are details of three proposed trips for this year, agreed by the Executive Committee from suggestions by Iain based on his wide experience of taking parties to such places. May I ask members, please, to give early consideration and, where they wish, to sign up to those outings that appeal to them. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions and/or

expressions of interest if for the moment you are unable to commit. The Society has to go firm on trips well in advance of their dates for the sake of hosts and participants.

My being thus involved in the Society is something of a coming home for me. While I have lived much of my life in West Kent, my father was born at 309 London Road and my grandfather reputedly was Head Postmaster of Dover and Warden of Charlton Church between the Wars.

Beverley will continue so ably to organise the winter events.

Good wishes to all members.

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