

MEMBERSHIP NEWS Sheila Cope

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE (if you do not pay by Standing Order)

£10 joint for two members at the same address, £6 single membership.

Standing Order payments are always most welcome.

An increasing number of members now wish to pay by bank transfer and so here are The Society's bank details. Only the sort code and account number are essential but it is helpful to use your membership no. as a reference. (Just phone or email me if you have lost it). Barclays Bank, Dover Branch, Ashford Group
Sort code 20-02-62 Acc. No. 80864803

We now have a membership database set up, although it still needs tweaking. I shall continue to run the paper records alongside for some time yet.

We number 466, approximately the same as this time last year. In spite of our marketing efforts, which we hope to increase, our new members always seem to balance our leavers.

Unfortunately we have recently lost Jim Francis who with Mary regularly

supported our events in the past. His 4 part autobiography "Going to Sea" appeared in nos. 74, 75, 76 and 78 of our Newsletters. He was a valued town centre newsletter distributor.

In addition to losing our former President Brigadier Maurice Atherton and also Jeremy Fox, both mentioned in November, the following members have also died: Mrs Pamela Sayers, Mrs Shirley Dowle (see Shirley's memories of old Dover in Newsletter no. 11), Mrs Roberta Emms, Mr Leon Vaughan, Mr Mike Sharp, Mrs Audrey Wood and Mr Leonard Southwood. We send condolences to their friends and families.

Welcome new members include: Alain Black, Mr Ben & Mrs Michelle Harding, David & Kim Burton, Rhian Pamphilon, Clive Pilcher, Mr Andrew & Mrs Danie Page and Mrs Janet & Mr Paul Dagsys, Mark Kerr and Joan Idris.

COWGATE CEMETERY Jeremy Cope

With winter our working sessions are very much subject to the weather. However we manage to work most of our programme with the result that the cemetery looks fine for the time of year. And to cheer us up nature has prompted the primroses to make a start – the first are coming into flower and it will not be long before we see the usual lovely display.

If you would like to join our happy band then please contact me on 01304 211348 or email jeremycoppe@willersley.plus.com. We usually work the first Thursday morning and the second Saturday morning in the month but this may vary according to the weather and holidays.