

British killed and 1,500 Zulu's killed.

The regiment remained in South Africa for the 1st Boer War (Transvaal Rebellion) 16th December 1880 to 23rd March 1881.

Phil then mentioned a small number of people, connected to the regiments, who are buried in St Mary's Churchyard. Then went on to talk about 6 ex-pupils from the Duke of York's Royal Military School at Dover who died on active service. They were;

J Jackson 2nd Bn 3rd Foot (The Buffs) probably in the Xhosa (Frontier) War 1878.

Col Sgt Frederick Henry Wolfe 1st Bn 24th Regt killed at Isandlwana.

Pte William Gregg 1st Bn 24th Regt killed at Isandlwana.

Pte Charles Samuel Lowe 1st Battalion 24th Regt killed at Isandlwana.

Pte Richard Lowe 1st Battalion 24th Regt killed at Isandlwana. (Brother of Charles Samuel Lowe).

Cpl William Henry Morris 2nd Bn 24th Regt killed at Isandlwana.

Phil ended his most interesting talk with a Michael Caine quote "Not a lot of people know that."

Rorke's Drift was known as kwaJimu "Jim's Land" in the Zulu language. It was a mission station and the former trading post of James Rorke, an Irish merchant.

Lieutenant John Chard (1847-97), commanded part of No 5 Field Company, Royal Engineers. There were also a few Natal colonial troops at Rorke's Drift.

The Zulu force was led by Dabulamanzi kaMpande (1839-86). He was King Cetshwayo's half-brother and had commanded the Undi Corps at the Zulu victory at Isandlwana the day before.

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together with a dowry for its upkeep.

In 2018 the 33-acre site was placed at auction through Savills. As there was no sale, I contacted the Director responsible for the sale of the citadel and received a reply: *"The sale is progressing so not yet sold"*. I also contacted the Ministry of Justice who replied, *"I can confirm that the former Dover IRC is sold subject to contract"*. Upon contacting DDC confirmed *"We are aware that, following a public sector procurement process, we are expecting that an announcement may be made in the near future."*

This would suggest that, if purchased by the prospective developer, in due course planning details will be available. Due to the importance of this site, we are hopeful that full pre-planning consultation takes place with the community and we shall be keeping a very careful eye on proposals for

the development of this important historical site.

Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO's) and deprivation levels in Dover:

I reported in some detail in the last Newsletter and some items have been mentioned in items above. Graham and I will be doing some additional research and hope to produce a factual document in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Of interest, a planning application in Dover for a one bed house was refused by DDC as not providing adequate accommodation. The applicant appealed against this decision and the Planning Inspectorate over-ruled the DDC decision. This type of decision by the Planning Inspectorate does little to encourage DDC to adopt a policy of good quality housing in Dover.



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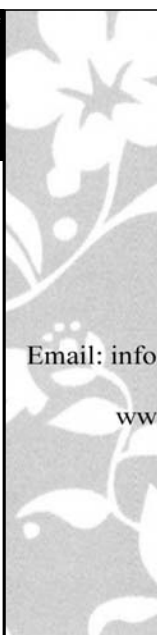
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Warden or the military, except when in danger of being seized by the enemy. Destroy your maps. (Details are given on how to put a vehicle out of action).

If you bury money or valuables, make sure there is no sign of recent digging in the garden.

Defending yourself: You have the right of every man and woman to do what you can to protect yourself, your family and home.

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announced in January 2019 by the limited leafletting of 215 local households. An item ensued in the local press. A consultation event was then held at the school in February and again in July but to an invited audience. There has been no wider general public consultation to display pictures etc. of the replacement buildings let alone any press publication of such images. For an outstanding building such as this more might have been expected in the opinion of this writer. The final decision on the demolition and planning application was made in Maidstone by county councillors none of whom were local representatives nor, so far as can be ascertained, had actually visited the site. This final decision was subject to referral to Historic England for a determination upon any listable qualities the building might have. It is understood that the result was negative together with that of a declined separate private listing

application. An online petition to save the building has however been in place. It must now therefore be left to the people of Dover to agree or otherwise with one county councillor's desultorily supercilious remarks at the planning application hearing "It is time to pull a shroud over its face".

This school building is the Alma Mater to countless thousands of pupils who over time have scattered across the country and the world to a diversity of lives and circumstances enriched by their education there and the masters who taught them. Let it be said that we in our present time have done our very best for the school as a school and not only as a building at its moment of challenge in a way that Fred Whitehouse might have approved in accordance with its emblem and motto, the Roman Pharos, "Fiat Lux" - Let there be light.

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he sometimes likened to "herding cats") and his input to these events will be much missed by the Cinque Ports. He also played a major role in developing the new institution of Lord Warden's Cadets, helping the young people concerned to perform with confidence and precision which has reflected great credit upon their units and the whole Sea Cadet Corps. I am personally very grateful to him for his support over the last 15 years. He will be a very hard act to follow."

The Lord Boyce KG GCB OBE DL pays the following tribute, "It is my pleasure to have had Pat Cunningham as my Admiralty Sergeant from the time of my Installation as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports in 2005. He is a mine of information on my Admiralty, most especially on Dover Castle of which I am Constable, and I have learnt a huge amount from him. He is also an engaging and most pleasant person

with whom to be associated and his invariably smart bearing and positive outlook on life are greatly to be admired. In addition, his impeccable knowledge of how ceremonies should be conducted to the highest of standards has been a boon to me - and, indeed, to all the Cinque Ports. My Lord Warden Cadets, two appointed every year, have also benefitted from his wise and sensible advice and mentoring, as I am sure all thirty who have held the post would readily acknowledge. In all, I could not wish for a more accomplished and reliable Officer to fill his position. The Cinque Ports and I are most fortunate."

High praise indeed for a man of whom Dover should rightly be proud.

Since the above article was submitted for publication it has been announced that sadly Pat Cunningham passed away during the night of 30th January 2020.

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