

notably generous offer and quite uncalled for, since beyond occasionally shaking hands and saying "How d'you do" I had never spoken to him, but it testifies to the generosity of the man who was to endow the Dubris Trust and whom Terry Sutton was to recall in 1969 as one who "quietly, could be very kind and helpful".

And yes, I had thought of Law as a possible career but James A. Johnson's offer was not taken up because in December 1957 I was awarded a scholarship to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Any thought of Law turned rapidly into History and Law and even more rapidly into History on its own, which is where it has remained. I did, however, become a member of the college's flourishing Law Society and I have never ceased to be grateful that this

Town Clerk made that offer, and with such tact. It was a tremendous boost to a teenager's confidence.

A postscript might be in order: 1969 was when James A. Johnson received Dover's Honorary Freedom. Nearly eleven years earlier, on 15 May 1958, my grandfather had also been admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Dover. I still have the oak casket which was presented to him. It contains the vellum record of the Council's resolution to convey that honour. It was proposed by the Mayor, Alderman Williams, a Conservative, and seconded by Councillor Eckhoff, who had been my grandfather's Deputy Mayor. And it was signed by James A. Johnson. Those two Freedoms testify to an honourable post-war partnership in civic responsibility.

Dover Society AGM Invitation



The Dover Society are pleased to announce that they are streaming their Annual General Meeting on-line via Zoom on Monday 26th April 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

This will be a free event as usual and will be available for our Members to join. That said, the Event will be recorded and after the meeting will be available for ALL members of The Dover Society on their Web Site at:

<http://thedoversociety.co.uk>

To attend the Meeting we ask that you request a 'ticket' by email from Jeremy Cope at jeremycop@willersley.plus.com by Friday 23rd April and you will be forwarded a link to The Dover Society Zoom AGM.

(It is recommended that you download the free Zoom App from their Web Site – just search for Zoom!)

The meeting will cover the last two years. See the Meeting Notice and Agenda on page 24 of this newsletter.