

Millennium with the first two installed in 2002. This has since become a permanent project with one new plaque a year with Jeremy still leading until this year.

Behind the scenes, since 2001 Jeremy, together with wife Sheila, has organised the distribution of Society newsletters three times a year to nearly 500 members.

Other organisations - Jeremy's community activities were not confined to the Society: 1998-2003 local treasurer of Dover Red

Cross, 2000-2007 Treasurer, then Chairman, of Dover Citizens' Advice Bureau, then Vice-Chair of Dover/Deal combined, 2013-2016 Secretary of Dover Big Local and 2011-2020 Treasurer, Rotary Club of Dover.

I am sure you will agree that Jeremy, born and bred in Dover, is well worthy of this privilege and honour. He will join Society members Adeline Reidy, Terry Sutton, Mike McFarlane and Patrick Sherratt who are Honorary Freemen.

John Lockyer

Terry Sutton

When the Romans arrived in Dover they used rocks and other masonry to protect a base on the Western Heights. When they departed and Dover was in need of protection from sea-borne raiders, the masonry remaining on the Heights was rolled down the hill into the Dour valley to build coastal defences.

When Dover expanded the former coastal defences were pulled down and the ancient masonry was re-used, and still is, imbedded in the structure of some of Dover's remaining historic buildings.



John Lockyer

This was the controversial belief of author John Lockyer, a member of *The Dover Society*, who died in February 2022 in Hove, aged 93. He had been wheelchair bound for many years.

John had a great love for Dover where, when young, he lived in Snargate Street where his parents ran a restaurant next to the Royal Hippodrome. His first published book, *Beyond the Foreshore*, details the exciting life he enjoyed in Dover and its environs in the 1930's, focusing very much on the Western Heights that towered over his Snargate Street bedroom. He also recalled how he and his pals would misbehave on the quayside stacks of timber which was imported through Dover in those days.

In the months before his death John was completing another book, *Her Fortress*, which his family are hoping to publish.

John, educated at the now-demolished St Mary's School in Queen Street, always had high hopes for the future of Dover. One of his dreams was for it to achieve city status.