

financial assistance from the Trust. In recent years, the Trust has awarded an average of £16,000 per year in total to successful applicants. Since its inception the Trust has paid out over £400,000.

The current trustees are all people with a local connection: Anne Angell, Andrew Lamb, Mary Sherred, Simon Gibbons and the Revd John Philpott (the latter on the point of retiring as a trustee after serving the Trust faithfully for many years). All the trustees are volunteers who give their time and expertise freely to the important task of providing grants for the young people of Dover who are about to enter higher education. The Trust has close links with the town's secondary schools, and it is these links that facilitate the exchange of information enabling eligible students to apply and receive benefit from the Trust. The trustees rely on the Heads of Sixth Form in the schools to bring the Trust to the attention of their students and encourage them to apply.

It will be appreciated by Society members that if they have family members who are wishing to attend higher education they should be encouraged to speak to the person in their school or college who liaises with the Dubris Trust and put in an application to assist in paying for books or other materials required for the course(s) expected to follow. All applications are made through the schools.

Dover is a town that is blessed with several charities, trusts or organisations that exist for the benefit of the people of the town and for which many people offer their services on a voluntary basis to the benefit of others. Knowing the existence of such organisations is invaluable since contact is usually easy, and decisions are made locally and without any bureaucratic delays. So, for health and educational support among other opportunities, where better to live than in this wonderful Cinque Port town of Dover?

Organiser Required for Newsletter Distribution

Jeremy and Sheila Cope have decided that it is time to step back from organising the distribution of the Dover Society Newsletter.

The task, which is best for 2 people or a team to share, involves:

- Collecting 3 or 4 boxes of newsletters from Adams Printers, three times a year.***
- Printing and attaching labels to envelopes and stuffing and sealing them.***
- Sorting filled envelopes into categories for distributors and stamping postal ones.***
- Delivering batches to distributors, some of whom collect from the house, after contacting them beforehand.***

If you would be willing to undertake this task for the Society then could you please contact Jeremy or Sheila to discuss further.

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The former United Reformed Church building is also being converted to flats. Although we objected to the quantity of sixteen, preferring the nine as originally proposed, we nevertheless look forward to the completion of work also as this too has been an untidy site for some time in such a prominent position.

Roman Painted House:

This amazing historic monument was reopened to the public on 14th September as part of the Heritage Open Days event, having been closed for over a year. DDC has carried out remedial works to make safe and improve visitor access and plans to have the site open free of charge every Saturday until the end of November. DDC is now committed to a major investment program for the site including re-excavating the Roman Bath House and improved access across the Roman Lawn. This is no longer a distant dream but a genuine commitment subject to a successful funding bid. The Dover Society fully supports the scheme and looks forward to helping where we can to bring this all to fruition.

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and, in the meantime, enquiries would be made respecting the watch.

In February, 1902, Arthur John Roberts, licensed victualler, was summoned for keeping open the *Gothic Inn* during prohibited hours, for sale of intoxicating liquor to persons not being bona fide travellers or lodgers.

Mr. Vernon Knocker, who appeared for the prosecution, remarked that although it was not a very strong case the authorities were bound to take action and called PC Roberts, who stated that at midnight on Sunday January 26th, he was passing the Northampton Street entrance to the *Gothic Inn* when he heard a door latch rattle. Finding the door fastened he turned his lamp on to the glass and peered in. By the aid of the light, he distinguished a man standing at the door leading to the Snargate Street bar, whilst two other men and the landlady were crouched

down just behind the door. It was not before he had knocked four times that a woman admitted him. She said she was rather frightened, and did not like to open the door when first requested. The men gave their names as Bdr. Buchanan, RGA, Fort Burgoyne, Edward Harrall, Bench Street, and Philo Harrall, who was stated to be a lodger. Supper was laid in a room at the back of the bar. The landlady said that the men were friends.

For the defence, Mr. Mowll called evidence to prove that it was a perfectly genuine bona fide entertainment to friends. The landlady said that she was naturally frightened on finding the constable knocking at the door.

The Magistrates dismissed the case, but said that they considered the Constable acted properly in reporting the facts.

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Westland Scout, South Africa Museum

At this stage another hazard showed itself, the presence of large discharges of static electricity whenever the skids touched the roofs. However, they pressed on, and the refugees were bundled aboard the Scout and down to the welfare centre established on high ground. Loading requirements were forgotten. On one flight, the tiny cabin was

crammed with twelve Chinese women and children. The helicopter continued a shuttle service until fatigue and lack of fuel forced them to return to base. The score of rescued persons then stood at seventy-eight.

Immediately the Scout was refueled and with Captain G. M Dainty at the controls and with L/Bdr G. J. Ritson as crewman, resumed the operations. A further forty five people were plucked from the roof-tops before darkness came, when the rain stopped, and the waters began to subside.

The four people mentioned each got a "Tie of Merit". Major Holtom was awarded the Air Force Cross (AFC) and the other two officers received Queens's Commendations.

The Tie of Merit was instituted in 1968 and was awarded for good deeds in Army Aviation.



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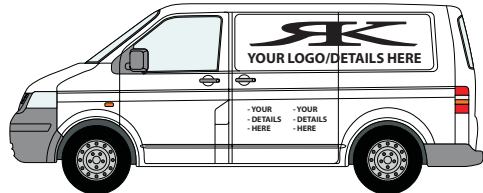


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